



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 1, 2018

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Glory to God forever!

Monday, July 2

8:00 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions

Tuesday, July 3

8:00 a.m. Safety of babies in the womb

Wednesday, July 4

8:00 a.m. +George Miller

Thursday, July 5

8:00 a.m. +Joe Gradoville

Friday, July 6

8:00 a.m. +Mary Lou Kocanda

Saturday, July 7

8:00 a.m. +Stacey Case

5:00 p.m. +Rev. Melvin Rempe

Sunday, July 8

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. +Arvilla Scanlan

CONFESSIONS:

Weekdays: Before Mass

Saturdays, 3:30-4:45 PM

Sundays, 7:30-7:45 AM and 9:30-10:15 AM

Head Count at Mass last weekend: 631

Contributions for June 24, 2018

General Collection at Mass	\$	7,347.88
General Online Giving	\$	7,802.33
Debt Reduction	\$	925.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	277.50
Teachers/Staff	\$	52.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	265.00
Peter's Pence	\$	185.00
Peter's Pence Online Giving	\$	175.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	20.00

Prayer requests? Please call 296-4404 or 296-3039 or email chsprayerchain@gmail.com

Do you know of anyone who is no longer healthy enough to be able to come to Sunday Mass and would like to be on the Sunday Communion Call list?....

Do you have a new address or phone number?....

...Please let us know at the parish office. 296-3139

Are you new to the parish? Welcome! Come in to the rectory office to register, or...Registration Forms are in the Commons. Bring or mail it in, or put it in the collection basket at Mass!

Church cleaning reminder: For July 7 (at 9:00am): Jacobo, Jensen, Jessen, Jeys, Johnson, Johnson, Johnston, Jones

Are you traveling this summer? You can find the Mass times for most anywhere you go: www.masstimes.org

My Neighbor's Closet Thrift Store, "Christmas in July." Every Thurs/Fri/Sat all through July: 1st bag – FREE; 2nd bag - \$2.00; 3rd bag - \$4.00. The store is open 10am - 2pm.

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966 / Pat Carroll GK (402) 296-4706
General Business Meeting – Thursday, July 12th, 7:00pm in SJR.
Rectory Roof – COMPLETE! – Thanks to the Knights and parishioners who were part of the Rectory roof project. We were able to remove the old roofing material, patch up a few weak spots and reroof it entirely this weekend. Thanks to the many talented carpenters who lent their expertise and the many hands who did whatever was needed! Hopefully Father will stay dry now!!! Thank you everyone for all your time and labor!!!

July Breakfast – The Knights will be serving breakfast after the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses on Sunday 15th. The proceeds from this breakfast will go toward cost overrun for the rectory roof. The Knights will be serving pancakes, French toast, sausage, scrambled eggs and apple sauce.

Rectory roof replacement The Knights of Columbus took on the project of removing and replacing the roof over the rectory. The project would have cost \$18,500 if we had hired a roofing company to do it all. The Knights did a fine job, and we very appreciatively thank those who helped or donated materials: Dean, Jacob & Matthew Zitek, Keith Weise, Larry Rolfson, Mike Vaughn, Jon Deacon, George Johnson, Leo Peterson, Earl Culek, Dave & Hunter Blankman, Nolan Cherek, Tom Lepert, Bill Bohan, Andrew O'Shea, Mark Schuette, Bryan Carroll, Brian Evans, Mike Yankus, Bob Kamphaus, and Pat Carroll. *Thompson and Thompson Roofing* donated \$650 of materials. Again, you deserve a great thank you!



St. John the Baptist School Band... We are building up our band program and would like to have a variety of instruments on hand for the students to try out. If you happen to have a band instrument that you would like to donate to the school's program, we would so greatly appreciate it.

Can you help with a part of the Fall Festival? Please come to the next meeting, July 12 at 7pm in SJR.

This week's featured Sisters in Formation: From the School Sisters of Christ the King: Sr. Fiat Marie Eller from David City, NE, and Sr. John Marion Feldman from Kearney, NE, who both have made their 1st Vows. Please pray for all our sisters in formation, and for our seminarians, especially Adam Bohan from our parish.

PCCW's July Rummage Sale Collection of donations is next Sunday, July 8th, 1-5pm and Monday, July 9th, 9am-7pm. Sale dates are Wednesday the 11th and Thursday the 12th, 8am-7pm; and Friday, July 13 at 8am-1pm.

Some upcoming dates:

July 8-9 – Set up / donate for PCCW Rummage Sale

July 12 – Fall Festival mtg., 7pm in SJR

July 11-13 – PCCW Rummage Sale in school gym

July 15 – Knight's free-will donation
Breakfast in the gym after Masses

Be sure to check the front table in the Commons for most current notices' details

Summer lunches for children. A group of Plattsmouth people are organizing them to be served Mon-Wed & Friday for the weeks of July 9 through August 6 at the Methodist church in town. Many people and organizations are working together to make a meal available for those in need this summer. Stats show that many kids go without breakfast and lunch when school is not in session. Their goal is to alleviate that for the Plattsmouth community. Meals are served 11:30-12:30. For more information, call Donna Tilson, 298-8148.

Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Every July 8-16, the Carmelite Sisters welcome the faithful to join them in their preached Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The Holy Masses offered during these days are for the intentions brought to Our Blessed Mother and for all those who participate in the Novena. They invite you to an evening pilgrimage to their chapel at 9300 West Agnew Road in Valparaiso, and to participate in this Novena, this year conducted by Rev. James Gordon. Mass is at 7:00pm each evening, except Sundays, at 9:30am. On July 16th, feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mass 5:30pm, with Bishop James D. Conley presiding.

Saturdays! Five great opportunities!!!

Of the seven great Saturday opportunities mentioned in last week's bulletin, we are now down to five. They are opportunities for you to expand and/or solidify your prayer time with a quality hour of prayer in the presence of Jesus Himself!

Do you want/need to be more structured and dedicated to a prayer routine so that too much time doesn't slip by without remembering to sit quietly in prayer and contemplation of God's goodness, generosity and mercy, or maybe of God's gifts to you – past, present and future?

If so, please consider the opportunity our parish provides, with joint cooperation of scheduled Adoration Hours, – the privilege of having Perpetual Adoration, with the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the monstrance!

Along with two hours on Friday, and one on Sunday, the five Saturday opportunities are five hours each Saturday that we do not currently have a regularly scheduled adorer. So we must get substitutes each week because we are required to have someone in attendance at all times. It gets to be a little hectic some weeks, to arrange this.

So... to help lessen the hecticness, as well as to add richness to your prayer time, would you please consider having one of these weekly hours to be YOUR hour?

Please call Sue at the rectory office, 296-3139 or at 214-4967, and let her know which hour you would like. (The non-Saturday open hours are Sunday, 11:30am-1:00pm and Friday, 1am & 2am.) May God bless you, and may God bless our parish!

The 2018 Spring Dinner Benefit Committee would like to extend its sincerest thanks to all of the volunteers who donated countless hours of their time, talent and treasure to make this year's dinner and auction a huge success. The event is the largest fundraiser for our incredible school and church. This year we raised \$82,468.95 after all expenses have been paid -- an amazing feat that would not have been possible without the generosity of our patrons. So, thank you. And while raising funds for our school and church is a huge part of what this event is about, it's not everything. It's also a great opportunity to meet people, build relationships and take care of required service hours while still having fun. All while working towards a great cause -- making sure the mission of our school and church continues on for generations. If this sounds like something you are interested in being a part of, please reach out to Traci Schuette at 402-297-2295 for volunteer opportunities. Again, thank you to everyone involved. Here's looking forward to 2019!

PASTOR'S NOTES:

Wednesday is a national holiday, of course, the Fourth of July (which they also have in England and other countries, by the way—they just do not celebrate it), Independence Day, on which we remember the 242nd anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. It is not a religious feast, of course, but we certainly encourage you to make it one by coming to morning Mass at 8 A.M. to pray for ourselves, our fellow citizens, and our country. Our Republic has been called the last, best hope for the human race in terms of government, and I am reminded of Winston Churchill's observation that democracy is the worst form of government—except for all the others that have ever been tried. Although we sing songs on this day that are considered “patriotic,” we always refer all things to God, the Source of all good. We celebrate not with proud “jingoism” but with humble thanks for the many blessings we have received. The sacrifices of so many people, especially in time of war, give us pause and remind us of the ultimate Sacrifice in all of history—the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross on Good Friday on behalf of the whole human race. Our strength is not primarily in military arsenals or firepower (although they are certainly welcome at times), but in the character and moral courage of a free people. Our freedom does not mean license—doing whatever we want to do—but rather, it means the freedom to do what is right. We might compare being an American to being a believing Catholic Christian—it is not so much that we are “better,” but that we have received a precious gift that we are privileged to share with the rest of the world. May God bless the United States of America. Let us pray for our leaders on the local, state, and national levels, whether or not we agree with them on every issue or voted for them in the last election, and let us continue to find inspiration in our faith in God, our hope for the future, and our charity for our fellow citizens and for all other peoples. We do not say “my country right or wrong” but “my country—I will work to make it right because I love it.” Happy birthday, America! We also salute our neighbors to the north, who are celebrating Canada Day (formerly, Confederation Day) today. In fact, all our neighbors to the south, as well as our neighbor to the north, are technically all “Americans” in some sense. All the people of the “New World”

came here from the “Old World,” we are told. We are glad to have good neighbors as well!

This coming Friday, I hope to visit most or all of our shut-ins for the First Friday of July. At this writing, I am hopeful that many of these people are now receiving Holy Communion at their homes on the Lord's Day with the rest of us who are receiving at Mass in the Church. Thanks to our dedicated acolytes who are helping with this, not to mention the ones who have been doing it (and continue to do it) on Fridays. It is comforting to be able to watch the Mass for shut-ins on television, but for those who are able to attend, it is not a substitute for the real thing. There are legitimate excuses for “missing Mass,” such as illness, weather, obligations related to work or family due to charity, and so forth, but we ought not to excuse ourselves merely for the sake of convenience or preference or taking a vacation from our vocation. God gives us all time. He asks that we give back one day for His worship and for our own personal rest and sanity. That is being a good steward. Jesus said that the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. We no longer use the “seventh day” (Saturday) as that special day of rest and worship, but the “eighth day,” the day on which the new creation began with the Resurrection of the Lord. Sunday is the “Lord's Day” now (and, of course, in the traditional notion, a new day begins not at midnight but at sunset the evening before, hence, Saturday night Mass, even though it is certainly before sunset this time of the year—no matter, it is there as an option for us to fulfill our “obligation”—or, should we say, our “privilege” to be with our brothers and sisters in the Lord!).

The reason for “First Friday” communion, of course, is tied up with the promises that were made to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. “Nine First Fridays” of receiving the Lord worthily in Holy Communion is no guarantee of heaven, of course, but it certainly is a sign of hope and predestination to that place. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Your love will see us through anything and everything!

Father Houlihan