



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16, 2018

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Heaven on earth!

Monday, September 17

8:10 a.m. +Lloyd Morehead
+Charles Cameron

Tuesday, September 18

8:10 a.m. +Robert G. Kiser
+Margaret Ball

Wednesday, September 19

8:10 a.m. +Cassandra Cooper
+Mary Jane Scott

Thursday, September 20

8:10 a.m. +Roger Welty
+Gene Hayden

Friday, September 21

8:10 a.m. +Jim & Linda Brink
+Rita Kiser

Saturday, September 22


8:00 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions
5:00 p.m. +Marcia Holdridge

Sunday, September 23

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for J.P.
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS:

Weekdays: Before Mass
Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:45 PM
Sundays, 7:30 - 7:45 AM and 9:30 - 10:15 AM

 **Wee Worship, Children's Liturgy,**
during Sunday 10:30am Mass, 4yrs thru 1st
grade. Daycare for 1-3yr olds for all of Mass is
also offered at this Mass, in St. Joseph's Room.

Head Count at Mass last weekend: 550

Contributions for September 9, 2018

General Collection at Mass	\$	6,011.63
General Online Giving	\$	8,660.50
Debt Reduction	\$	345.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	920.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	270.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	95.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	40.00

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

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

Ministry Fair coming this weekend! Sept 15/16

Be sure to stop over at the school gym after a Mass this weekend! Representatives from volunteer groups of our parish family will be there to give you an idea of what their group does. Browse the tables ... you'll see some of the ways we use our interests, talents, and gifts ... which we do because we care about each other, and out of love for Our Lord! Tables will be set up with all kinds of information, things to take home, and other fun things. For instance, the Spring Dinner table will invite you to enter your name into a drawing for a Champagne Basket!

And... **while the Ministry Fair is going on**, the Knights will be offering a dinner after the Saturday Mass, and a breakfast after the Sunday Masses!!! Free-will donation. How great is that???

RCIA will begin Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00pm. If you have questions, call Earl or Laura, 235-3510. **RCIA is for:**

- Non-Catholics interested in joining the Catholic Church
- Adult Catholics who have not received First Communion or Confirmation
- Non-Catholics who just want to see what the Catholic Church teaches
- Catholics who want a good study in the basic (and some not so basic) teachings of the Catholic Church

CCD has begun for grades 1-8 These religion classes are held at St. John's School, and are for students who are attending a public school. Sundays at 9:00-10:20am, making it quite convenient to attend Mass either right before class, or right after! If you have not registered yet, you can do so in the school gym when you bring your child on Sunday. Please contact Pam Duzik, 980-4474, if you have any questions.

The 8th grade class would like to thank their parents and the parishioners for their support in building the St. John the Baptist School float for the Plattsmouth Harvest Festival. We would like to especially recognize Josh & Maria Schmidt for offering their facility for us to use during construction. We were very proud to represent the school at the annual event and very excited that we were able to win three trophies: Grand Overall, King & Queen's Choice, and Best Use of Corn, for our school. We know that our parents donated their time, talents, and treasures to create a float that would demonstrate our commitment to the Plattsmouth community. We appreciate that they are such awesome role models for us. Thank you to everyone who supported us.
-St. John the Baptist 8th Grade Class

PCCW Meeting Thursday, Sept. 20 at 6:00pm in St. Joseph's Room. We invite all the ladies of the parish to join us, and don't forget to stop by our table at the Ministry Fair this weekend!

Our school collects:

General Mills box tops
Our Family & Best Choice UPC's
Country Hearth Bread UPC's
Village Hearth Bread UPC's
No Frills receipts
Hy-Vee receipts (*if dated Sept-Dec*)

Send them to school with your child or drop them off into the designated collection box in the Commons. Thank you for all continued support!

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!

Adult Choir New Day! New Time! All we need now is new members! The Adult Choir will meet on Monday evenings at 6:00pm in the Church. We rehearse for about an hour, and sing at Mass once per month at the 8:00am and 10:30am Sunday Masses. New musicians are ALWAYS welcome. If you sing or play an instrument, come check us out this Monday evening! We would be happy to have you!

Children's Choir

Children's Choir is open to ALL 3rd-8th grade students in the parish. We meet Monday afternoons in the church and sing at Mass once per month. Registration is required, please contact Renee Spicka at reneespicka@gmail.com for registration link or for more information.

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966 / George Johnson GK 235-3518

Football Fund Raiser Winner – This week's winner of the NE vs Colorado game was Gwen Adam.

Harvest Festival – Thank you to all the parishioners who visited our food wagon this year. Thank you also to all the Knights who helped out in our Food Wagon and/or was able to donate items for this year's event. We had a good year and look forward to other events this fall.

Free-Will Donation dinner! At the same time as the Ministry Fair, Saturday, September 15 in the gym. Pasta and red sauce or sloppy joes, salad, & garlic bread.

September Breakfast – Cinnamon Rolls – The Knights will be serving breakfast after the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses on Sunday, September 16th in St. John's gym. We will be serving the rolls, egg bake and fruit cocktail. After the 10:30 Mass, chili will also be served. This will be while the Ministry Fair is going on.

Officer's Meeting – Thursday, Sept 27th, 7:00pm in SJR.

Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough As a fundraiser, St. John's students will be taking orders for cookie dough now through Sept. 12. Orders will be delivered around Oct 17. If you'd like to place an order, just ask a St. John's student or parent!

Church cleaning reminder: For Sept 22 (at 9:00am): Monahan, Morehead, Morley, Moser, Muhvic, Murdoch, Myrtue, Neels

Lourdes Central Catholic School is preparing to install a donor recognition tree for all those who generously donated to the Lourdes 2011 Capital Campaign. A letter was mailed to all donors requesting name verification for printing on the tree. If you are a donor and you have not received a letter, OR, you have not yet replied, PLEASE email Patrice Wulf at patrice-wulf@cdolinc.net noting how you would like your name displayed; If you would like to be anonymous, please note that in your message. Once created no changes can be made due to the style and design of the display. We will be sending the completed list to the design company on Tuesday, Sept 16th.

This week's featured Sisters in Formation: From the Carmel of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph: Sr. Martha from Redwood Falls, MN and Sr. Bridget from Minneapolis, MN. Both are Postulants. Please pray for all our sisters in formation, and for our seminarians, especially Adam Bohan from our parish.

Some upcoming dates:

Sept 15/16 – Ministry Fair in the gym after all the Masses!
Sept 15 – Knights free-will donation supper in gym after Mass
Sept 16 – Knights free-will donation breakfast in gym after Masses
Sept 18 – RCIA begins, 7:00pm.
Sept 19 – Liturgy meeting, 6:00pm in SJR
Sept 19 – Wednesday Bible classes begin, 10am in SJR
Sept 19 – Stewardship meeting, 7:00pm in SJR
Sept 19 – Fall Festival meeting, 7:00pm in Commons
Sept 20 – PCCW meeting, 6:00 in SJR.
Sept 20 – Thursday Bible classes begin, 7pm in the basement
October 4 – St. Francis Feast Day, Blessing of Pets after school
October 7 – Fall Festival, Dinner and Games!

For a more detailed list of upcoming church events and meetings, please visit www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com and/or check the front table in the Commons.

Our Fall Festival is just around the corner!

October 7th

Raffle tickets will be for sale in the Commons beginning this weekend. Tickets are \$1 each.

Prizes are:

- 1st - \$1,000
- 2nd - iPad
- 3rd - Ring Video Doorbell 2
- 4th - Husker game tickets for November 10th
- 5th - Vala's Pumpkin Patch family 4 Pack and Mug

Volunteers needed to help with all areas of the festival -- great stewardship opportunities! Go to Sign up Genius and search ChsFallFestival@gmail.com and 2018 Fall Festival will pop up. There will be sign-up sheets in the Commons, also. We are still looking for donations of: non-perishable items, plant starts and chance baskets. Please bring donations to the church or school office. If you have questions, call Beth or Kenny Staskiewicz, 297-9244.

PASTOR'S NOTES:

Thanks to Mr. Thomas Jorgensen, we were able to establish a structure for promoting the concept of stewardship in our parish. Stewardship is a way of life, and it comes from recognizing that all good things in our lives (health, people, financial resources, etc.) come from God, and that we need to respond in gratitude, to give back something of what we have received (everything!) as an offering of ourselves. The Biblical norm is the “tithe,” which is 10%, but making any committed and conscious kind of return is a good thing, provided that it is decided in a prayerful way. For example, part of our “tithe” is to give God back one of the seven days that He gives us each week—the Lord’s Day is, indeed, His day, and we give Him the worship He is due, and then use the day as a day of family and rest (recognizing that some professions require work on that day, for the common good). In giving the day to God, we end up having things we do not have on other days—freedom to enjoy those we love, freedom to rest from our usual routines, freedom from work, freedom to worship. I hope that you will take the opportunity to visit our ministry fair in the gym this weekend, when we have a chance to “tithe” our time and talent to the work of the Church, the work of the People of God as they witness to the Lord in the world. Thanks to Patti Wynne and all the people of the stewardship committee for getting this project done. It is a chance for the people who are active in various “ministries” to “show off” (in a humble way, of course) and to solicit “new blood” in some of the things that our people are doing already. Each of us has a unique contribution to make which no other can do (see 1 Cor. 12), and the harmony of the many gifts makes a pleasing whole. Each has something to offer that the rest need, and each has an important contribution to make. The Body of Christ (with Christ Himself as the Head) is made up of many parts which are all vital to the good of the whole.

We are, of course, most delighted to welcome Fr. Timothy Danek to our parish as our new assistant. Father Danek is from the Cathedral parish in Lincoln, where he attended school (along with Pius X High School). I am, of course, delighted to have another priest here at Plattsmouth, and I look forward to Father being a part of many things here in our wonderful parish. I have been privileged to work with many good priests over the years in parish work in McCook, Lincoln, and Hastings during the last 31 years, and

it will be a joy to have a good young priest in our midst. Fr. David Azambawu was young also (in my book!), but he only overlapped with my assignment here for a few months before he returned to his native Ghana to become a pastor there. There are many things that I am anxious for Fr. Danek to become involved in here in our parish, and we are in the process of getting him acquainted with us. He is the middle of five siblings and he was taught at Pius X High School by (among others) Fr. Cyza of Nebraska City Lourdes, and he was a high school classmate of my last assistant in Hastings, Fr. Stephen Graeve. I understand that he is a very talented man with many gifts to offer us and I look forward with you to getting to know him. Welcome!

Comparing the last two fiscal years (those ending on June 30 in 2017 and 2018), we had an increase of offertory (envelope) income of about \$120,000, from \$605,730.96 to \$726,043.85, an increase of 20.0%. This is good news that is very welcome. The scary news (if any) is that we are being subsidized now by the diocese (through the Francis Fund of Joy of the Gospel) to the tune of \$160,000 per year, so just to cover the loss of the subsidy (in the next year or two, we do not know for sure), we are still short of even that much, let alone increases in costs of other expenses, such as utilities. Tuition in the school has risen (and, most likely, will continue to rise), and we are proud of the families that have tried to give more sacrificially (especially school families). The diocesan subsidy has given us breathing room to make some of these adjustments, and is currently helping us spend money on long-postponed but needed projects. After some good and necessary drainage work around the school, we found other issues (with the membrane) that need be resolved when the rest of the work is done—an added cost, but with “final” resolution of the perpetual school basement problem now in sight. We were not able to schedule the church roof and windows with the contractor this building season, and the design sketch for the sidewalks and landscaping is just now finished and being sent to bid. The doors and handicapped-accessible entry is in the process of being bid now. And the settling which was disrupting our windows on the west side of the Commons is now fixed. Slowly, but surely, we are making progress, thanks to all of you. God bless our good stewards!

Father Houlihan