

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14, 2018

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## PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**ENTER THE MASS! Receive the Lord!**

### Monday, October 15

8:10 a.m. +Janice E. Kirkendall  
 Living & Deceased members of the  
 Pepperl family

### Tuesday, October 16

8:10 a.m. +George Lee  
 +Herb Rubin

### Wednesday, October 17

8:10 a.m. +Robert Gillen  
 Health of J.J.P

### Thursday, October 18

8:10 a.m. +Dick & Stacey Case  
 +Clara Windham

### Friday, October 19

8:10 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the  
 Morehead family  
 +Robert G. Kiser

### Saturday, October 20


8:00 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions  
 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

### Sunday, October 21

8:00 a.m. +Dan Montgomery  
 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased members of CDA

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>  
 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: 638**

## Contributions for October 7, 2018

General Collection at Mass	\$	9,322.87
General Online Giving	\$	11,644.50
Debt Reduction	\$	870.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	1030.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	652.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	95.00
Franciscan Sisters Online Giving	\$	15.00
Propagation of Faith	\$	300.00
Prop'n of Faith Online Giving	\$	140.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	40.00
In Memory of Jane Scott	\$	5,000.00

**Prayer requests?** Please call or text 943-9959, or  
 call 296-3039, or email [chsprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:chsprayerchain@gmail.com)

## Some upcoming dates:

- October 16 – “Holy Helpers”, 10am-Noon (see note in this bulletin)
- October 20 – Legion of Mary Aux. Appreciation B'fast, 8:45am, Commons
- October 21 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast, in gym after Masses
- October 21 – Corporate Communion for CDA at 10:30 Mass
- October 21-24 – Set up / donate for PCCW Rummage Sale
- October 25-27 – PCCW Rummage Sale in school gym
- October 27 – Parish Day of Recollection, 2-4pm, sponsored by KofC, CDA
- October 27 – Cornhole Tournament
- October 27 – Trunk or Treat, 6:00pm in the parking lot

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

## “Stewardship of Talent” Dinners for Fr. Houlihan and Fr. Danek:

Thanks to all who have volunteered. If you signed up at the Stewardship Fair to help out, you should have received an email or mailing with guidelines, etc. We have a great team set up – thank you! Oct 15: Gay Lepert, Oct 17: Sandy DiSomma, Oct 18: Carla Wehling, Oct 22: Chrissy Faller, Oct 24: Bill/Nancy Boyle, Oct 25: Liz Rubin, Oct 29: Irene Warga, and Oct 31: Monica Yankus

**Collecting for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Diaper Drive** PCCW is helping with the October Pro-Life Diaper Drive going on in each of the Lincoln Diocesan parishes throughout the month of October. A baby in one year will use approximately 2,100 diapers. Donations will be shared with the Pregnancy Centers approved by the Bishop's Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities and Catholic Social Services across the Diocese and St. Gianna Women's Homes. The Centers we serve advise that the Diaper sizes 4, 5 & 6 are in greatest demand. Your diaper donations are greatly appreciated. There is a playpen in the Commons in which to drop them off. Thank you!

**Looking for people to join and help a new outreach program.** “Holy Helpers” will be creating hats, scarves, mittens, blankets, etc., for Plattsmouth community members in need. Join us monthly, beginning on Oct 16, 10am – Noon in the church basement. Contact Karen Beckman, 297-1556, for more information.

**We're already doing this,** but just to let you know... Bishop Conley encourages priests and laity to publicly pray the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel at the conclusion of Masses in the Diocese of Lincoln. The decision on whether to pray this prayer is left to the discretion of the parish pastor. Since the prayer is not a proper part of the Mass, it should only be said after the conclusion of the final blessing and dismissal. In order to promote uniformity across the diocese, the version of the St. Michael prayer that is part of the diocesan curriculum for our Catholic school and CCD students should be used:

“Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

**This week's featured Seminarian:** Jonathan Allder from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2014 and is now in Theology 2 at Mount St. Mary. We pray, too, for Adam Bohan from Plattsmouth, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015. Please keep all our seminarians and sisters in formation in your prayers.

**The Quilters** would like to thank everyone who bought chances for the Fall Quilt Raffle. We appreciate everyone helping with our efforts. The fall quilt was won by Irene Warga of our parish, and the Quilters have donated \$1,000 to the church.

**"All Souls Day Mass Intentions":** The Mass is the highest form of prayer and it is good to pray for the deceased at Mass! We will again this year have the All Souls custom where you list (in the Commons beginning later this week) the names of all those who have died for whom you want to pray, and, in the marked box put whatever amount you deem appropriate as a stipend. Or put the stipend in an envelope clearly marked for that purpose, and drop it in the collection basket. Names and stipends will be collected through October. The names are put together as one "All Souls Day Intentions" and the stipends collected are divided into the standard \$10 Mass stipends. That many Masses are then offered throughout the year for all those listed. This way, probably on a weekly basis, one of the priests' Mass intentions will be for all these departed family members and friends.

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

**October Breakfast** – The Knights will be serving breakfast after the 8:00 and 10:30am Masses, Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. The Knights will be serving pancakes and French toast, sausage and apple sauce. The proceeds will support our seminarian.

**The Legion of Mary Auxiliary Appreciation Breakfast** is on Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am (after the 8am Mass). Please join us for food, fellowship, a video and comments from Fr. Danek. All Legion of Mary Auxiliary and all parishioners are invited to come.

**Junior Legion of Mary** gives students a way to actively live their Catholic faith. Members pray the rosary and do works of mercy and charity. An informational meeting will be coming soon. Please watch the bulletin for more details. For more information, call Teresa Rolfson at 619-0028.

**PCCW Meeting:** Thursday, October 18 at 6:30pm in St. Joseph Room. All women of the parish are invited to join us.

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly NE**  
**A Healing Retreat with Father Craig Doty**  
**Nov. 2-4, 2018**  
**"Jesus, Please Heal Me!"**

**Know the Loving, Healing Presence and Power of Jesus**  
A retreat for men and women of all ages. Begins Friday Nov. 2 at 8:00pm with rosary and First Friday Mass; ends Sunday Nov. 4 with Mass & lunch.

**Magnificat subscription re-order time.** The current subscription for those who are receiving the Magnificat missalette with the parish bulk rate will end with December's issue. To renew or to newly subscribe, call Sue at the rectory office, 296-3139, **no later than Monday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>**. (Or put a note & money in a clearly marked envelope into Sunday's collection basket.) The bulk rate is **\$32.00** for the year, rather than its regular \$47.00 rate. Please make the check out to Church of the Holy Spirit. The missalettes are sent to the church, for you to pick up there. Father Houlihan highly recommends Magnificat as a great way to enter into the daily Mass readings, as well as Magnificat's many nourishing and faith-building meditations.

**Church cleaning reminder:** For Oct 8 (at 9:00am): Peterson, Peterson, Pfeiffer, Pohlmeier, Pohlmeier, Pollmiller, Porter, Poutre

# Eucharistic Procession



3:00pm  
**Sunday**  
Nov. 4, 2018

## Around the Capitol

Goal: 5500 people  
Please be in place by 2:30pm

Join Bishop James Conley and thousands of Adorers...

As part II of the Eucharistic Family Rosary Crusade, Bishop Conley is leading a diocesan-wide *Eucharistic Procession* on Sunday, Nov. 4 at 3:00pm around the State Capitol. Plattsmouth will be in the group #3, starting south of the Capitol at H St & Goodhue Ave. Bishop Conley is hoping that Church of the Holy Spirit will have 75 people in the procession.

Please be in place by 2:30pm.  
Diocesan goal: 5500 people.

## **PASTOR'S NOTES:**

Today another great Pope is canonized in Rome—officially declared to be among the saints of God in heaven. It is true that only God can make anyone a saint—it is not because of anything we have done, but because of God's grace—but there is a great formal process of discernment such that if he is not saint, there is not much hope for the rest of us either (but there is hope!). He was the second Pope presiding over the Second Vatican Council (1962-65). Pope St. John XXIII (1958-63), christened Angelo Roncalli, and Pope St. Paul VI (1963-78), christened Giovanni Batista Montini, were the two Popes. Pope Paul, among other things, wrote about social justice--the universal destination of material goods and the need for economies to benefit all peoples, not just some. We might call that being a good steward of what God has entrusted to us. He also reaffirmed traditional Christian teaching about contraception—still not popular, but still true and prophetic even for our modern times. Doctrinaire and unbending “liberals” and “conservatives,” in other words, each found some Church teachings that they liked and some that they disliked. By the way, that is probably a sign that he was on the right track—he spoke the truth without regard to popularity. Pope St. Paul VI, pray for us!

Friday is the memorial of the North American Martyrs—in Canada, they are called the Canadian Martyrs, although they lived, worked, and died in places that fall into what is now both the United States and Canada. They lived in what was (at the time) in the same place that included what is today's Cass County, Nebraska, namely, New France, which extended from what is now eastern Canada to the Great Lakes and down the Mississippi and up its tributaries (including the Missouri) to modern Louisiana. The French (according to one of our distinguished local historians) were most likely the first Europeans in our area, in 1714. The eight brave Jesuit priests and brothers who were martyred at different times and places (between 1642 and 1649) remind us that there were many fervent and dedicated disciples of Christ that preceded us and are praying for our success today from their place in heaven. The witness of their martyrdom was the “seed” of the Church in North America, which grew and flourished because of them.

Stewardship, as I have said many times, is a way of life. It is a way of unifying and making sense out of the many threads of our spiritual lives.

The concept, from the Gospels, is very simple. We owe everything that is good in our lives to God and come to recognize that everything has been given to us only for a limited time and for some special purpose. For example, the people that we have encountered, good and bad, but especially those that we cherish, touch our lives and send them in a certain direction or affect the path of that direction. No one that we meet, however, is going to be with us forever. Either the other person will go out of our daily lives (especially by death) or we will go out of the other's life. We are grateful that we have the opportunity to encounter this other person, but we cannot cling to him or her because there will come a time when we must let go. We should also remember that our Christian hope is to see those who have died some day again. No matter how short or long the time that we are given together (as with a spouse, for example), we should remember that it is always a gift from God. Our glass is never half-empty, but is always at least half-full, and, usually, full to overflowing. The reason we give back to others, then, is to show our gratitude. It is true that God does not need anything from us (after all, He gave it to us in the first place), but we have a need to give and other people, whom God also made, need things from us--by God's provident plan, we need each other! I should also mention that the more that we give of ourselves, the more that we end up with (by the laws of heavenly math, so to speak—see Mk. 4:24, Lk. 6:38, and also see Mt. 7:2). The Parable of the Talents reminds us that we cannot squander what we have been given—we have to make it grow for the Master. Many people are, even unconsciously, trying to practice stewardship—the Gospels make clear to us why we do this. What Jesus is teaching could be called “common sense,” but it actually seems to run counter to “common sense”—the more we give of ourselves, the more generous we are to others, the more we end up with. Thanks to all of our parishioners who responded to the request for a commitment to stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. Your generosity is paying off in spiritual and material ways both, including your lives. God bless you!

**Father Houlihan**