



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 4, 2018

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## PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**ENTER THE MASS! Glorify God!**

**Monday, November 5**

8:10 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions

**Tuesday, November 6**

8:10 a.m. Safety of babies in the womb

**Wednesday, November 7**

8:10 a.m. +John & Marcia Holdridge

**Thursday, November 8**

8:10 a.m. Special Intention for J.B.

**Friday, November 9**

8:10 a.m. +Rev. Paul York

**Saturday, November 10**

8:00 a.m. +Norman Brakenhoff

5:00 p.m. Special Intention for J.P.

**Sunday, November 11**

8:00 a.m. +Andrea Prather


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 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: 604**

## Contributions for October 28, 2018

General Collection at Mass	\$	7,940.50
General Online Giving	\$	1,812.00
Debt Reduction	\$	400.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	15.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	82.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	15.00
Propagation of Faith	\$	414.00

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

**Do you have a new address or phone number?...**  
...Please let us know at the parish office. 296-3139

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

**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!

## Join Bishop James Conley and thousands of Adorers.

**THIS Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.**

(In place by 2:30pm.) There will be 4 Altar Areas on the southside of the Capitol, and our parish is assigned Altar Area #3, starting south of the Capitol at H St & Goodhue Ave. **We plan to take a bus, leaving at 1:10pm! Please sign up in the Commons.** If you plan to drive separately, please let us know so that we can get a good head count.

~~~ also going on THIS Sunday is: ~~~

### Discipleship Concert by Jacob Rudd

**Sunday, November 4th, 1:00-2:00PM**

**Church of the Holy Spirit, Plattsmouth, NE.**

Jacob Rudd is a Catholic Musician from Oshkosh, WI. and husband of Calena (Morehead), who as a child graduated from St. John the Baptist School in Plattsmouth. He weaves scripture, stories of the Saints and his own journey through life with catchy melodies and intricate finger-style guitar. Between songs, Jacob will share his testimony, vocation story, and his experience as a foreign missionary with his family. A free-will offering (no pressure) will be taken to support his music and upcoming family mission trip to Mexico.

**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 held on Wed, Nov 7 at 5pm in SJR. For more information, call Teresa Rolfson at 619-0028.

**A variety of Religious goods** for you to choose from, for a free-will donation! They are displayed in the Rectory Office, Mon-Fri, 9:00am - 5:00pm. Many rosaries - some are brand new, some slightly used, some so old that they are a treasure! Also, two Bibles, some Advent items, Baptism cards, Communion cards, ornate Holy Cards, and other objects. Additional items will be rotated in at different times.

**It's time for "Living Faith" pamphlet renewal** If interested in subscribing, at bulk rate (\$5.00 / year), to the quarterly Living Faith pamphlet, contact Sue at the rectory office by \*\*\* **November 19<sup>th</sup>** \*\*\*. Subscriptions will run Jan 2019-Dec 2019. As with the Magnificat, these will not be sent to your home; instead, you will need to pick them up at the rectory office. You can put a check for \$5.00, made out to Church of the Holy Spirit, in a clearly marked envelope via the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the rectory office.

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The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska is your partner in learning how to give charitably to the organizations that are important to you while still providing for the financial needs of your family.

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**This week's featured Seminarian:** James Beran from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2013 and is now in Theology 2 at St. Charles Borromeo. 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.

**Rummage Sale** Thank you to the ladies who helped set up and take down tables. Also, thank you to all the ladies and the two gentlemen who worked during the rummage sale preparing for it and packing up on Saturday. And finally, thank you to our parishioners for your generous donations, including the many who gave monetary donations. Total sales were \$3,583.24. The money will be used towards purchases for the church.

**A \$88.92 donation** to Church of the Holy Spirit has been issued from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between July 1 and September 30, 2018. Thank you for putting a "smile." in front of any amazon.com orders, and designating Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth as your chosen charity!

**Church cleaning reminder:** For Nov 10 (at 9:00am): Rose, Rozier, Rubin, Ruffcorn, Rusnak, Ryan, Sachs

**CDA's Pecan or Pumpkin pies** From now, through the weekend before Christmas, you can order your Thanksgiving and/or Christmas holiday pie! See their table in the Commons.

**Winter help** During the month of November, our CDA will have a large basket out in the Commons for donations of gloves, mittens, hats and scarves to be given to Open Door Mission or a similar organization, for them to distribute to the homeless.

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

**Fall Fund Raiser Winner** – Last week's winner from the NE vs Bethune-Cookman game was Mike Vaughn. Thanks, Mike, for your support and all you do for the Knights!

**General Business Meeting** – Thursday, Nov 8, 7:00pm in SJR.

**November Breakfast** – The Knights will be serving breakfast after the 8:00 and 10:30am Masses, Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The Knights will be serving biscuits and sausage gravy, scrambled eggs and fruit salad. Chicken pot pie will also be served after the 10:30 Mass. This month's breakfast proceeds will go to the Church Debt Fund.

**Intellectual Disabilities Campaign-** The Council thanks the 20 Knights and 8 Cass County Special Olympics members who helped with our highly successfully drive. The drive was conducted October 26-28 at various locations in Plattsmouth. Cass County Special Olympics will be the recipient of 50% of the receipts. Additionally, thank you to all who donated to this worthy cause.

### **Some upcoming dates:**

November 15 – PCCW meeting, 6:00pm in SJR

November 17 – Vendor/Craft fair, 10am – 2pm, school gym

November 18 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast in gym after Masses

November 19 – "Living Faith" renew or newly ordered deadline

*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:** 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! Nov 5: Kacey Groshans; Nov 7: G. Lepert; Nov 8: Bonnie Seyfur; Nov 12: Glennia Sand, Nov 14, Deb Warga, Nov 15: Patti Wynne, Nov 19: G. Lepert, Nov 21: Sandy DiSomma, Nov 26: Carla Wehling, Nov 28: Bill Boyle, Nov 29: Liz Rubin

## St. John the Baptist School Honor Roll ~ October 2018

### Congratulations!

#### **6th Grade "A" Honor Roll**

Claire Laney  
Lilly Thayer  
Piper Isham  
Murphy Roby

#### **6th Grade "B" Honor Roll**

Nathan Rain  
Lauren Benedict  
Sydney Barnes  
Izabel Widman  
Grace Thayer  
Henry Baumert  
Joey Bryant  
Kellen Barker

#### **7th Grade "A" Honor Roll**

Emily Zitek  
Miles Poppleton  
Skyler Herring

#### **7th Grade "B" Honor Roll**

Jayger Haag  
Kennedy Ludwig  
Cole Evans

#### **8th Grade "A" Honor Roll**

Carter Moss  
Peyton Blankman  
Kevin Sohl ~ Mathew Zitek  
Ella Wilson  
Daniela Rozier

#### **8th Grade "B" Honor Roll**

Kaelyn Monahan  
Ben Laney  
Isabella Hajek-Jones  
Maddax Alexen  
Mia Fox

## **PASTOR'S NOTES:**

If you came an hour early today, you forgot to “fall back” and get your extra hour of sleep. As we can learn from this end of “daylight saving time,” not just one hour but every hour is a free gift to us from our heavenly Father. We have no right to claim any time as our own, for every moment we live and breathe is a gift of God. Use every moment of every day as an undeserved blessing, and remember to “give back” to the Lord the Lord’s Day.

Tuesday is Election Day, and I would remind you of your duties as citizens of this great republic. St. Paul told the people of New Testament times to pray for the Emperor and other government officials because of the duty their subjects have to them. Although we live in a republic, the duty would be the same toward our elected and appointed officials. Since we are collectively responsible for choosing our leaders, we might remember the words from an old comic strip that satirized politics (“Pogo”): We have met the enemy and he is us. Citizens have the ultimate responsibility for our current state of affairs—there is much polarization and demonization of the “other side” and an inability to listen and dialogue, because most fall into set patterns in imitation of others in their “tribes,” and instead of talking to each other, we tend to talk past each other, if we talk at all. We do not always agree with each other, but we do have an obligation to work for the “common good.” Please pray for each other and for the political health of our dear nation. It is the last, best (political) hope of mankind.

Thanks to all who came to the house for Halloween. Any leftover candy will be used by St. Nicholas during Advent—his feast day is December 6. We do not have to throw it away.

Thanks to Renee Spicka, our music director, for arranging for us to get a baby grand piano. The older upright piano has gone to the school. We are happy to have our musicians help us lift up our hearts and voices to the Lord.

I should also mention another saint who was canonized on October 21, namely Archbishop Oscar Romero, the bishop of San Salvador, El Salvador, who was murdered while he was celebrating the Mass in his country in 1980. Many people remember the troubled times in that country

and others nearby—the four women raped and murdered later that year (three religious missionaries and one lay woman) in Guatemala in 1981, the massacre of over 800 at El Mozote in 1981 in El Salvador, the murder of parish priest Blessed Stanley Rother (a priest raised on a farm in Oklahoma) in Guatemala in 1981, the murder of six Jesuits, a housekeeper and her daughter in El Salvador in 1989, among other incidents. Archbishop Romero became personally involved in “the troubles” of his native land when a friend, Fr. Rutilio Grande, was tortured and killed. He used his position to challenge some of his countrymen who were being asked to carry out immoral actions by certain elements of the government during that time. He was not seeking to be “political,” but to be a good shepherd to his people. The Lord Himself was crucified for similar reasons. It is good to remember that there are still very good witnesses among us today. There are always saints and witnesses that God raises up in every age to bring us courage and hope. It has been noted that there were more Christians tortured and killed in the twentieth century than in all the other centuries of Christianity combined. Think especially of those who suffered under the Nazis and the Communists. Martyrs (“witnesses,” generally defined as those who were killed based on a hatred of the faith) remind us of the great treasure of the gift of our faith—if there is nothing worth dying for, there is nothing worth living for. Please pray for our companions in the faith (and not only Catholic Christians, but Protestant and Orthodox as well) still suffering in places like the Middle East and China. Tertullian, a priest and influential Christian writer of the second century, said that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church. The suffering and witness of these people, in other words, is the basis for the growth of faith—no one can deny the power of people witnessing to their faith in this way on other people.

**Father Houlihan**