



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 11, 2018

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Glorify the Risen Lord!

Monday, November 12

8:10 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Aylor and Bergmann families

Tuesday, November 13

8:10 a.m. +Ray & Mary Olberding

Wednesday, November 14

8:10 a.m. +Robert Gillen

Thursday, November 15

8:10 a.m. +John Joseph Pleskac

Friday, November 16

8:10 a.m. +Gene Hayden

Saturday, November 17

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased member of PCCW

5:00 p.m. +Dan Montgomery

Sunday, November 18

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish


10:30 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions

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: 621

Contributions for November 4, 2018

General Collection at Mass	\$	8,757.30
General Online Giving	\$	2,624.00
Debt Reduction	\$	765.00
Debt Reduction <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	15.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	340.00
Teachers/Staff <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	90.00
Propagation of Faith	\$	45.00

Contributions for Nov 1 All Saints Day

General Collection at Mass	\$	2,219.75
Debt Reduction	\$	286.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	15.00
Propagation of Faith	\$	25.00

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!

To be on the Holy Hour of Adoration schedule, please leave a message for Sue at 296-5047.

Bishop Conley is encouraging the faithful to consecrate or re-consecrate themselves to Jesus through Mary according to the method of St. Louis DeMontfort on Dec 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The 33 day preparation period began November 5th. (You can catch up!) To that end, the Rosary Crusade (specifically Br. Julian, KHE) has made video meditations for each day as a way to go deeper with our consecration this year. Begin with Bishop Conley video: On youtube.com, search for: "Consecration To Mary - December 8th, 2018". It should come up at the top on the listing. Then in the description below the video is a link that will take you to Daily Meditations. A source for Daily Prayers and Readings from St. Louis is: <https://totalconsecration.newevangelizers.com/schedule/#part-i>

Winter help During the month of November, our CDA will have a large basket 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.

Diaper Drive Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to the LDCCW October diaper drive. We collected 2,586 diapers, which is 394 over 2017. *Thanks again!*

Church cleaning reminder: For Nov 17 (at 9:00am): Salazar, Salazar, Sand, Sand, Sarraillon, Scanlan, Scaturro

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

PCCW Meeting Thursday, Nov. 15 at 6:00 pm in St. Joseph's Room. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us!

Great News!! The Franciscan Sisters in Nebraska City have purchased a beautiful 10-acre parcel of land just north of Arbor Lodge Historical State Park and east of Arbor Day Farms. The entire acreage is enclosed by trees, affording an atmosphere of quiet prayer and meditation. Their goal is to build their new Motherhouse and Ministry Center on this site.

Be the first to see the property and help the Sisters! **On Saturday, November 17, starting at 10:00am** (weather permitting) a crew of workers are needed to help clear some of the dead trees and brush. The address is **6157 Park Road**. Please bring along your chainsaw, hand saws, pole saw, wheelbarrows and gloves if you have any of these. The plan is to have a bonfire, roast hot dogs and enjoy s'mores. All High School students are invited to assist in this clean-up effort as well. Service hours will be given.

Please let the Sisters know if you are willing to help by either email: fs93813@gmail.com or by phone: 402-873-3052 so they can better plan for the event. Thank you in advance for your help and assistance with our Religious Sisters.

“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 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, Dec 3: Chrissy Faller, Dec 5: Irene Warga, Dec 6: Monica Yankus

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, Bibles, some Advent items, Baptism cards, First Communion cards, ornate Holy Cards, and other objects. Additional items will be rotated in at different times. Check it out!

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 19th** ***. 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.

This week’s featured Seminarian: Jonah Brox from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2017 and is now in College 3 at St. Gregory the Great. 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.

2nd Annual Christmas Sock Exchange Party after the 8:10am Mass on December 3rd in the Commons. Please bring a wrapped pair of inexpensive Christmas socks. Be sure to put your name on it so you don’t grab your own socks out of the basket. You are also invited to share a Christmas memory from your past. (This is optional, of course.) Donuts, coffee and juice will be provided. If you can attend, please sign the sheet at the table in the Commons.

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966 / George Johnson GK 235-3518
Fall Fund Raiser Winner – Last week’s winner from the NE vs Ohio State game was Vince Zoucha. Thanks, Vince, for your support!

November Breakfast – The Knights will be serving breakfast after the 8:00 and 10:30am Masses, Sunday, November 18th. 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.

Officer’s Meeting – in the St. John’s gym between meals, Sunday, Nov 18.

Christmas Cards – The knights will again support “Keeping Christ in Christmas” and will be selling Christmas Cards starting this weekend after the Masses. All boxes will be discounted \$1.00 as part of our pre-advent special.

The Nebraska City and surrounding town’s Middle School

Youth Group is traveling by bus to Lincoln Sunday, November 18th for Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas, service at Matt Talbot Kitchen, and lunch in Lincoln. This outing is limited to 20 students, please sign up by contacting Mrs. Brooke Chaney at brooke-chaney@cdolinc.net or 402-873-6154.

Turkey Bingo at St. Joseph’s in Paul, NE. Nov. 18. Lunch from 12-1pm, Bingo 1-3pm.

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
December 2 – First Sunday of Advent
December 2 – 40 Hours, presenter: Fr. Jirovsky
December 3 – Christmas Sock Exchange Party, after 8:10am Mass
December 8 – Holy Day of Obligation, The Immaculate Conception
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.

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PASTOR'S NOTES:

Fr. Danek is scheduled to be back from his trip next weekend. Please pray for safe travel and Godspeed.

Today (if the date did not fall on a Sunday) would be the commemoration of St. Martin of Tours, the first generally-recognized saint who was not a New Testament figure or a martyr. Because he came from a military family and was a soldier himself for some time in the armies of Rome, he is a patron to those who serve in the military. Coincidentally (or is it divine providence?) his feast, the eleventh day of the eleventh month (November 11) was also the occasion of the armistice that ended the First World War in 1918, exactly one hundred years ago today. The “war to end all wars” was just the beginning of a dangerous world situation that was not resolved completely until the Second World War ended in 1945 (and, as we know, other situations developed from this and are still developing in human history). In any event, the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the time when the armistice took effect, became Armistice Day and, later, Veterans’ Day. This observance is moved to Monday by the civil authorities, but we do want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have served or are currently serving in the military and their families. There are such things as Christian pacifists, and some branches of Christianity (the Quaker and Anabaptist traditions come to mind, as does the Adventist Medal of Honor winner portrayed in the movie “Hacksaw Ridge”) that are known and respected for their stance. No one is in favor of killing, but there has always been a realization in mainstream Christianity that self-defense of oneself, one’s family, or one’s community and nation, can also be considered to be in keeping with Christ’s teachings—the Lord did not “shun” the Roman centurion who demonstrated great faith in asking Jesus to heal his servant (Mt. 8:5-13, Lk. 7:1-10 and cf. Jn. 4:46-54), and it was another Roman centurion, at the crucifixion, who opened the Lord’s side with a lance and proclaimed: “Truly this Man was the Son of God!” (Mk. 15:39, and also Mt. 27:54; cf. Lk. 23:47 and Jn. 19:34). A third “soldier,” a

Roman centurion named Cornelius, said to be “devout and God-fearing” was baptized, along with his household, by St. Peter (Acts 10) in the earliest days of the Church. Those who are willing to lay down their lives for their fellow countrymen are certainly worthy of our respect. Thanks to all who have served or are serving, and their families!

The feast of St. Martin (“Martinmas”) was also around the time that Advent begins for some western Catholics of the Ambrosian Rite (from the city of Milan, where St. Ambrose was bishop) and the Mozarabic Rite (from Toledo in Spain). These “rites” are much like the so-called Roman Rite with some slight variations in liturgical custom and practice which have been preserved up to the present time in some dioceses and parishes. In these two rites, Advent is six Sundays before Christmas instead of four (as in the Roman or Latin Rite). This time still has some aspect of penance and fasting, in imitation of Lent, but the core focus of the season is still the joyful and watchful accent on the “coming” of the Lord—in history (past), in mystery (present), and in glory (future). In all the hustle and bustle of the “holidays,” we do not overlook or ignore this part of our spiritual life. God bless us, each and every one!

Special thanks to some very dedicated people who made the calls during our phonathon last month in following up our stewardship renewal: Pat Vaughn, Dan McMahon, Jim Ulrich, Patty Coleman, Carla Wehling, Barb Toman, Patti Wynne, and Sue Stevens. Our goal was to contact all those who had not yet responded to our renewal request. Thanks to all who have responded—we have strengthened some existing ministries (such as the jail) and even added new ones (thanks to Gay Lepert and the Stewardship of Talent dinners for the priests). We are happy when the call to serve is awakened in the heart of an individual. God bless!

Father Houlihan