



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 18, 2018

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## PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**ENTER THE MASS! Encounter Jesus!**

### Monday, November 19

8:10 a.m. +Rita Kiser  
+Mildred Reinig

### Tuesday, November 20

8:10 a.m. +Leo & Mary Ellen Monahan  
+Jim & Linda Brink

### Wednesday, November 21

8:10 a.m. +Stephen Ptacek  
+Marcia Holdridge

### Thursday, November 22 Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. +Mike Traxinger  
+Tillie Reineke

### Friday, November 23

8:10 a.m. Special Intention for K.S.  
+John & Shirley Aschenbrenner

### Saturday, November 24

8:00 a.m. +Mildred Johnk  
5:00 p.m. In thanksgiving

### Sunday, November 25

8:00 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions  
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: 593**

## Contributions for November 11, 2018

General Collection at Mass	\$	7,534.59
General Online Giving	\$	9,320.50
Debt Reduction	\$	795.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	920.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	170.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	95.00
Propagation of Faith	\$	5.00
Propa'tion of Faith Online Giving	\$	15.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	40.00

**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!

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

**Last call for "Living Faith" pamphlet subscriptions** If interested in subscribing, at bulk rate (\$5.00 / year), to the quarterly Living Faith pamphlet, contact Sue at the rectory office by **\*\*\* Monday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> \*\*\***. Subscription will run Jan 2019-Dec 2019. These will not be sent to your home; instead, you will need to pick them up at the rectory office.

**We give thanks** for the Cloistered Sisters of our diocese, our beloved Pink Sisters in Lincoln, and the Carmelite Sisters near Agnew. The collection taken up at the Thanksgiving Day Mass will be for them unless you otherwise note your donation.

**'Tis (almost) the Season** Rediscover the joy of Christmas with BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. In Advent, you'll receive short inspirational videos, practical tips, and real-life encouraging stories. [DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp](http://DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp).

**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.

**Decorating Church and rectory for Christmas** We will be putting up decorations on Monday, Dec 17, after the morning Mass. If you were on the decorating team last year, you are very much welcome to help again! ☺

**Fall Festival Report** Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with this year's Fall Festival. The Fall Festival serves our Church as a community-building event. We want to give our parish and school families opportunities to be together and celebrate all the blessings God has given us through the years. In spite of the rainy day, this event still had a great turnout! We would like to thank our parish supporters, CDA, PCCW, Quilters and the KofC for their generosity and support. This year's Fall Festival netted \$9,770. We will begin planning the 2019 festival next May, and encourage anyone who would like to be involved in this casual, family-friendly event to contact us at [chsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:chsfestival@gmail.com). May God bless you! – from FF Chairs Beth and Kenny Staskiewicz

**"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 19: Nicolette Kerns, 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, Dec 10: Katie Bourret, Dec 12: Kacey Groshans, Dec 13, Nicole Ernest

## Some upcoming dates:

November 18 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast in gym after Masses  
November 19 – "Living Faith" renew or newly ordered deadline  
November 30 – 40 Hours devotion begins, 5:30pm  
December 2 – First Sunday of Advent  
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](http://www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com) and/or check the front table in the Commons.*

**This week's featured Seminarian:** Robert Froeschl from Falls City, who entered seminary in 2014 and is now in Theology 3 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.

**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.

**Church cleaning reminder:** For Nov 24 (at 9:00am): Scheer, Scherlie, Scherlie, Schlichtemeier, Schlichtemeier, Schlueter, Schneider

**A fun time! 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Sock Exchange Party** after the 8:10am Mass on December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Commons. Bring a wrapped pair of inexpensive Christmas socks; 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  
**November Breakfast** – The Knights will be serving breakfast after the 8:00 and 10:30am Masses this 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.  
**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.

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## **PASTOR'S NOTES:**

This Thursday is that most American of holidays, Thanksgiving. I am sure that many who do not believe in God partake of the traditional meals and family get-togethers that the rest of us do (and we are glad that they do!), but it does call us to mind that we do indeed depend upon God for all that we have that is good. The Native Americans certainly understood this very well, and the Pilgrims were reminded of this when they nearly starved after getting off their ship at Plymouth Rock in 1620. Farmers and gardeners and others still are keenly aware of our dependence on God as they observe the seasons and the cycles of nature. It is fitting that we celebrate on Thursday, not only so that we can have "Black Friday" at shopping centers and now even "Cyber Monday" on the internet, but also because Thursday was the day of the first Mass (Holy Thursday), when we "give thanks" (which is what another word for the Mass, Eucharist, means, to the Father for what He has done for us in Jesus Christ, His only-begotten Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit. You are invited to join us for Mass at 9 A.M., a little later than usual for a weekday, but still early enough to get home for food, festivity, and family. To show gratitude for our own blessings, I invite you to take part in a traditional Offertory procession—our faithful ushers can take a little bit of a break—when you are welcome to bring food or paper products for the Plattsburgh food pantry. Although I am writing this early, I am hoping to have the same people as last year help deliver this after Mass or in the next day or so. Financial donations are also welcome for this cause, and should be appropriately marked as such—bring these up as well at the same appropriate time—and the official collection that day (marked as such or any monetary donations that are not marked) is for the Cloistered Sisters of our diocese, our beloved Pink Sisters in Lincoln, and the Carmelite Sisters near Agnew. We have no "obligation" from Church law to come to Mass that day, but many are motivated by a need to "give thanks" to God for the many blessings that have been given to them in their lives. Thanks be to you for what you do!

I want to invite you to a renewal of our love for the Lord in the Eucharist during our Forty Hours devotion in two weeks. As we did last year, there will be an opening talk on Friday evening, followed by

exposition of the Eucharist in the main body of the church (as opposed to the adoration chapel) during the weekend. As in the adoration chapel, we will "pause" for Mass, and we will conclude at the end of the 10:30 Mass on Sunday with a short procession through the church (as we do on Holy Thursday). This should be a little spiritual booster for our faithful adorers and the rest of the parishioners as we begin the season of Advent. Fr. Lee Jirovsky, who served here with Fr. O'Byrne in his first priestly assignment, will be our leader, and he will speak at all the weekend Masses (he left here to join me at St. Michael's in Hastings for a couple of years). As we jump into all our Christmas preparations, we will try to make the most important preparation of all in our hearts. God bless!

The Knights of Columbus invite you to their monthly breakfast in the gym following the two Sunday morning Masses. You are their guests—freewill donations only. Come and join them!

Thanks to you, we have met and surpassed our goal of \$15,740 for the Bishop's Appeal for Vocations, as of my writing this. If we had not met this goal, the balance would have come from general parish funds. This has been the means by which our 42 seminarians have been helped in their academic preparation for the priesthood. You are the "secret weapon" that our diocese has in fostering vocations to the priesthood. Thanks for your prayers and financial support over the years. Many things do not work in our world today, but this works—God bless!

There is no school scheduled on Wednesday, Thursday (Thanksgiving), or Friday this week. Enjoy the break!

The official Mass census count for the diocese was: October 6 & 7: 647 out of 1237 registered parishioners (52.1%), and October 13 & 14: 638 out of 1237 (51.6%). Not quite as bad as Europe or the East Coast, but not great either. Please pray for those who do not understand the importance of the Lord's Day in Catholic Christian faith and practice. God bless those who come!

**Father Houlihan**