



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 30, 2018

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## PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**ENTER THE MASS! You'll see Jesus!**

### Monday, December 31

8:10 a.m. +Virgil Johnson

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

### Tuesday, January 1 Holy Mother of God

9:00 a.m. Safety of babies in the womb  
 +Don Garnett

### Wednesday, January 2

8:10 a.m. +Stephen Ptacek

+Emil & Dorothea Schmidt

### Thursday, January 3

8:10 a.m. +Michael & Margaret Traxinger

+William & Ella Halmes

### Friday, January 4

8:10 a.m. Special Intention for D & H

+Eileen Morehead

### Saturday, January 5

8:00 a.m. +Charles Cameron

5:00 p.m. +All Souls Day Intentions

### Sunday, January 6

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. +Barbara Lois Wilimon

## CONFESSIONS:

Weekdays: Before Mass

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:45 PM

Sundays, 7:30 - 7:45 AM and 9:30 - 10:15 AM

## Head Count at Mass last weekend: 459

### Contributions for December 23, 2018

General Collection at Mass	\$	11,677.75
General Online Giving	\$	8,461.33
Debt Reduction	\$	945.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	307.50
Teachers/Staff	\$	325.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	290.00
Flowers	\$	95.00
Flowers Online Giving	\$	50.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	20.00

## Head Count at Mass for Christmas: 1,026

### Contributions for December 25, 2018

General Collection at Mass	\$	11,018.60
General Online Giving	\$	2,035.00
Debt Reduction	\$	150.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	100.00
Flowers	\$	75.00

**Giving Tree** Thank you all for your generous donations. We were able to share joy this Christmas with 10 families.

## Mary, the Holy Mother of God

### Holy Day of Obligation

**Mass: Monday, Dec 31 at 5pm & Tuesday, Jan 1 at 9am**



## Attend "A Better Plan" Educational Presentation – January 14<sup>th</sup>

Discover why charitable giving isn't just about philanthropic giving, but about improving your financial position, both today and in the future. Expand your outlook and broaden your understanding of personal financial opportunities by attending an educational presentation and complimentary dinner, hosted by the *Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska*:

**"A Better Plan"** Educational Presentation and Dinner  
 Monday, January 14, 2019  
 Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Educational Presentation: 7:15 p.m.

Located in the St. John the Baptist School Gymnasium

During the presentation, you'll gain insightful information about:

- How to tap valuable assets for retirement income
- Using appreciated assets for charity instead of cash
- Avoiding or delaying unnecessary taxes, while fully benefitting favorite charities
- Keeping more of your money for you, your family and the community
- Moral decision-making consistent with Catholic teaching

If you'd like to attend the presentation, please sign up on the sheets in the Commons. Or contact Deb Walton at 402-296-6230 or [deb-walton@cdolinc.net](mailto:deb-walton@cdolinc.net). Please RSVP by Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

**General Business Meeting** – Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in SJR.

**KofC Christmas Dinner:** The Knights will again have their annual Christmas dinner at the Beaver Lake Club house, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This event will be held in conjunction with other members of the CHS Parish invited by Father Houlihan. The meal will be provided, not pot luck. *Please use the signup sheet in the Commons to sign up and see details.*

**The Council will be conducting a census** after the Masses this weekend. We will be trying to update emails, phones and addresses. Additionally, you can pay your dues and receive your 2019 membership card. This will save the council time and stamps. Bring your checkbook and stop by.

**January Breakfast** – Will be held January 20<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Masses. The Knights will be serving pancakes, French toast, ham and scrambled eggs. The proceeds from the breakfast will go to the Nebraska Knights of Columbus's One Rose, One Life Campaign, which supports pro-life activities in the state of Nebraska.



**"Fruit of the Vine"** wine tasting presented by Slattery Vintage Estates, the amazing event will feature wines, paired with light appetizers, inspired by the country and region. Tickets are on sale until December

31<sup>st</sup>, only \$30 each. Afterwards, tickets are \$35 each. Stop by their table in the Commons after all Masses to purchase tickets. Or, you can contact [deb-walton@cdolinc.net](mailto:deb-walton@cdolinc.net).

**"Stewardship of Talent" Dinners for Fr. Houlihan and Fr. Danek:**

We have a great team set up – thank you! Dec 31: Sandy DiSomma, Jan 2: Bill Boyle, Jan 3: Carla Wehling, Jan 7: Chrissy Faller, Jan 9: Liz Rubin, Jan 10: Carla Wehling, Jan 14: Nicolette Kerns, Jan 16: Kacie Groshans, Jan 17: Monica Yankus, Jan 21: Bonnie Seyfer, Jan 23: Deb Warga, Jan 24: Nicole Ernest

**Church cleaning reminder:** For Jan 5 (at 9:00am): Starke, Staskiewicz, Steele, Stevens, Stodola, Strokan, Sweredoski, Tegtmeier

**PASTOR'S NOTES:**

The Pope's intention for the month of January: Young People and the Example of Mary. That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world. The Priest Intention: Pray for the Holy Father. Thank you for your continuing prayers for these intentions and for each other. God bless!

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family, a fitting time to celebrate Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and to remember that this family was about as perfect as it gets. When we compare our own family situations with theirs, we may get discouraged and disheartened, but it should simply remind us of how good God has been to us, and if we are thoroughly enjoying the company of all of the family gathered together during this time of year, all the more so. Each person should remember that he or she is not alone—that we all belong to some branch of the human family, but we are all part of the same family tree. No man is an island, and each one of us is bound by ties to many others, whether of blood and kinship or affection and friendship. And, most of all, we belong to the Father, Who has chosen us as His own by adoption.

Tuesday, New Year's Day, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It is a holy day of obligation in the United States, and there will be two Masses here for people to attend—Monday evening (New Year's Eve) at 5 P.M., and Tuesday morning (New Year's Day) at 9 A.M. Mary's oldest feast is a fitting way to begin 2019. Mary's title, given to her by the faithful long before the ecumenical Council of Ephesus enshrined it in Church teaching in 431—that if Jesus is one Person, both true Man and true God (the "hypostatic union"), and Mary is His mother (as Man), then she is the mother of the Person Who is Divine—she, a creature, is truly the Mother of God. The Council wanted to clarify and teach that Jesus is a Divine Person (the Second Person of the Holy Trinity), Who has both a divine nature and a human nature. Mary is not just the Christotokos, the Christ-bearer, but truly the Theotokos—the God-bearer. This feast reaffirms the Incarnation (the Word became Flesh and made His dwelling among us) and the human ties that bind Jesus to Mary and therefore to all of us as well.

**This week's featured Seminarian:** Matthew Kovar from David City, who entered seminary in 2014 and is now is 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.

**Please note:** Contributions received during the **Jan 1<sup>st</sup>** Holy Day of Obligation Masses will be toward 2019's contributions, unless dated 2018 or are cash in an envelope clearly marked 2018.

Mary was not just the physical "vessel" in which the Savior came, but even more importantly, she was the first and greatest disciple that He had (cf. Mt.12:46-50, Mk. 3:31-35, Lk. 8:19-21, and also Lk. 11:27-28, but also Lk. 1:28, 42, and 48). "Round yon virgin, mother and Child; holy Infant so tender and mild"—so we sing of this truth in the beloved carol "Silent Night." God is here!

Monday morning we celebrate St. Sylvester, the first Pope after the Church emerged from the catacombs; Wednesday is Saints Basil and Gregory Nazianzen, two of the three Cappadocian Fathers (the third is St. Gregory of Nyssa, a brother to Basil); Thursday is the Most Holy Name of Jesus (which He received at His circumcision on the eighth day, see Lk. 2:21 and also Lk. 1:31 and Mt. 1:21); Friday is St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; and Saturday is St. John Neumann. These last two are American saints—Mother Seton was the first American-born canonized saint, although she was a British subject when she was born in 1774 in New York City, and Bishop Neumann was born in what is now the Czech Republic, but worked as a missionary on the American frontier before becoming the Bishop of Philadelphia. Both of these saints were instrumental in helping to set up the wonderful Catholic school system that has been a great blessing to our Church and to our nation. Enjoy a blessed Christmastide!

No school this week. Friday is the First Friday of January and the priests will be visiting the homebound with the sacraments. The First Friday of the month holds special place for those devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as taught by St. Margaret Mary and others. Friday is always a day to remember the Passion and Death of our Savior—He died for us, and that was the reason He came into the world in the first place. Thank you, Lord!

I want to take this opportunity to thank the faithful acolytes who have been (and continue) bringing Holy Communion to some of the shut-ins on Fridays (except First Friday, when the priests do so) and those who have, in the last few months, been bringing Holy Communion on the Lord's Day, on Sundays, to most of them. May God bless your generous hearts!

**Father Houlihan**