



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

The Baptism of the Lord

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! We worship Our Lord!

Monday, January 14

8:10 a.m. +Josephine M. Warga

Tuesday, January 15

8:10 a.m. +Liz Lauer

Wednesday, January 16

8:10 a.m. Special Intention for L.R.

Thursday, January 17

8:10 a.m. +Christine Yankus-Eng

Friday, January 18

8:10 a.m. +Rita Kiser

Saturday, January 19

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

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, January 20

8:00 a.m. +Eileen Morehead

10:30 a.m. +Six Pathfinders from the 101st, KIA

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: 579

Contributions for January 6, 2018

General Collection at Mass	\$	7,638.50
General Online Giving	\$	2,243.00
Debt Reduction	\$	640.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	15.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	575.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	15.00
Flowers	\$	315.00

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

We have a great team set up – thank you! Jan 14: Nicolette Kerns, Jan 16: Kacie Groshans, Jan 17: Monica Yankus, Jan 21: Bonnie Seyfer, Jan 23: Deb Warga, Jan 24: Nicole Ernest, Jan 28: Glennia Sand, Jan 30: Gay Lepert, Jan 31: Sandy DiSomma

PCCW Meeting Thursday, January 17 at 6:00 pm in St. Joseph's Room. All ladies of the parish 18 years and older are members of PCCW and are welcome to join us!

Bus Drivers One of our parish bus drivers is retiring from his long-time volunteer role. We thank George Johnson for transporting our students who attend Nebraska City Lourdes High School, and for St. John's/Parish events. So now we are looking for a volunteer bus driver to work with George Sachs, who is our morning route driver. Please contact the Church office if you would like to be a bus driver for our parish. You will need to have a commercial driver's license. If you do not yet have a CDL, the parish will pay the fees associated with obtaining it. Is God calling you to help?

LAST CHANCE

To Tickets Purchase Wine Event Tickets

The last day to purchase tickets to the January 18th "Fruit of the Vine" Wine Tasting event is **Tuesday, January 15th**. Tickets are \$35 each and will be available to purchase after Masses this weekend. Or, you contact Deb at deb-walton@cdolinc.net by Tuesday, January 15th.

We are still in need of items for our raffle basket drawing. If you have an item you'd like to donate, you can drop it off at the school **by Tuesday, January 15th**. We appreciate your support.

My Neighbor's Closet will be offering a free bag of clothes to anyone during January. They also will do that for emergency needs throughout the year. The thrift store is open on Thurs, Fri & Sat, 10am to 2pm. Thank you to all who support My Neighbor's Closet with donations and purchases. The proceeds from sales truly help those in need.

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.

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!

Do you have a new address or phone number?...

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

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 List?....

...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

*A change of direction...
a southern breeze is stirring ...*

Spring Dinner 2019 - Southern Soirée

*All Committee Meeting - Jan 16
(7:00 pm in the Commons)*

This week's featured Seminarian: Scott Nemec from Seward, who entered seminary in 2015 and is now is in College 4 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.

Church cleaning reminder: For Jan 19 (at 9:00am): Thompson, Todd, Toman, Trebon, Trent, Ulrich, Ulrich, Vaccaro

Convenience of Online Giving: Do you pay your bills online? Do you do online banking? If your answer to these questions is yes, then why not give to your church online? It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. Getting started is easy – orange colored worksheets are in the Commons. And then just visit our website at www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com and click Giving Program, then our Online Giving link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. So what are you waiting for, give it a try TODAY! If you don't use the computer, but would like to try online giving, call Noni at the parish office, 296-3139, and she will be glad to help.

Annual PCCW's "Over 55 Luncheon"



February 18. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 11:00am, with luncheon to follow in the school gym. If you are age 55 or more, please come to this very enjoyable event! Please sign up in the Commons so that we have a head count to plan the luncheon.

PCCW Dues Reminder that dues (\$10.00 per year) are being collected after all Masses. Please come by the table in the Commons. If you have collection envelopes mailed to you, you may use that one, or use your own envelope clearly marked "PCCW dues" and place in the collection basket. Thank you!

CDA would like to thank everyone who bought raffle tickets for the Christmas pecan basket. The winner was Irene Warga. CDA dues can be paid after the weekend Masses or at the CDA meeting on January 15, 12:30pm in the Commons.

Holy Spirit Catering

Sign up to help! Next Events:

Friday, **February 8**, Plattsmouth Military Ball

Tuesday, **February 12**, Wiles Bros. Dinner

Wednesday, **March 27**, Chamber Award Banquet

Thursday, **April 4**, Plattsmouth Community Foundation

Saturday, **April 27**, St. John's Spring Dinner

Friday, **June 7**, Knights of Columbus 100 year banquet

•To help, look for all Holy Spirit Catering events at SignupGenius.com
Click on the search symbol in the upper right. Search by email:
holyspiritcatering@gmail.com



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

KofC Christmas Dinner: Last Sunday was the Knights' annual Christmas dinner and Church appreciation dinner – a wonderful evening was had by all. Thanks to Mike Vaughn for all his coordination efforts, his shopping skills and setup. Thanks to Steve Dodd, Dan Rubin, Bill & Tracy Bohan, Mike & Pat Vaughn and Pat & Brenda Carroll for cooking the prime rib. Thanks to Bob Kamphaus for preparing the chicken. Desserts and appetizers were made by Pat Vaughn and Velora Riese. Thanks to Steve and Velora Riese, George and Dianne Johnson, Barb Toman, Paul Savick and Larry Jensen for helping set up for the event.

January Breakfast – Will be held January 20th 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.

Officer's Meeting – will be Thursday, January 24, at 7:00pm in SJR.

The annual Villa Marie Benefit Dance, Silent Auction, and Raffle—“55 Years of Angels Among Us”—will be held on Friday,

January 25th from 6:00 – 11:00pm at Pla Mor Ballroom, 6600 West O Street, Lincoln. Music will be provided by Malpractice and dinner will be catered by Valentino's. There is no ticket price, but free will offerings will be accepted. Please call Jenny at 402-874-0577 or go to our website www.villamarieschool.com for more information.

Some upcoming dates:

January 14 – “Life Planning” dinner and presentation

January 16 – Spring Dinner, all committee mtg, 7pm in Commons

January 18 – Wine Tasting Event, gym, 7-10pm

January 20 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast after both Masses

January 26 – Walk for Life, Lincoln, 10:00am

January 27 – Children's Choir sing at 10:30 Mass

January 27 - February 1 – Catholic Schools Week

February 18 – Over 55 Luncheon, in the gym, following 11am Mass

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.

PASTOR'S NOTES:

Today, the last day of the Christmas season this year, is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, a moment which is also celebrated on the Epiphany. This is the “moment” when the Lord begins His public life, in dramatic fashion, with the Father speaking as the Son is baptized by his cousin John the Baptist, and the Holy Spirit descends in the form of a dove. This is the moment when the Holy Trinity is made manifest. Jesus, at thirty years of age, begins His public life and mission for which He came—to live, suffer, die, and rise for us. Although the “Epiphany” themes echo in the liturgy for the next few weeks, we are beginning our transition to the center of the liturgical year—Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost—the story of our redemption. It was for this reason that the Child was born to us, the Son was given to us—to bring us back from the sin and death that we brought into God’s good Creation, and to bring us back into the Father’s loving embrace. This is not something that we can do on our own—the power to do this originates in God and extends to us to “reel us in.” The Holy Trinity is the reality of a God, our Father, Who extends Himself, through His Son and in the Holy Spirit, to bring us back to Himself. This is the simple, beautiful truth at the heart of our faith. The Holy Trinity is not some obscure form of theological math (“Three in One”), but the reality of our God, Who is “for us.” Without any need on His part, He wants us to share in His goodness, His life, and His love. Jesus was not in need of “baptism,” since that sacrament brings God’s life to our souls, and He is God Himself. John’s baptism was only a preparation for the sacramental baptism that brings God’s life anyway. John’s baptism took away no sin. Jesus, by being baptized in the waters of the Jordan, was not sanctified by the waters (He is sinless!); rather, His baptism made the waters a source of sanctification for us. It is a public announcement of His mission to the world—to redeem it and bring it back to the Father.

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for allowing the parish to include some classes of volunteers as guests at their Epiphany dinner last weekend. If you did not receive an invitation, please know that we may be intending to include you in future years. We will have to go on at least a

three-year rotation to be able to include most of the groups that we have identified. Perhaps we will never be able to offer thanks properly to many people, but this is a small beginning of trying to do so. We are blessed in our parish to have an active and involved membership—people reaching out in service as stewards of the time and talent given to them by God to others. This is a great problem to have! We thank the Knights of Columbus for allowing us to be a part of an existing activity, and we thank the great volunteers in our parish—known and unknown, sung and unsung heroes of our community. Special thanks to Brother Dan Rubin for making sure food donations at Thanksgiving made it to the local food pantry. May God bless all of you!

You are invited to attend an informal evening in the Commons on end-of-life issues and estate planning, sponsored by the Catholic Foundation and the Church of the Holy Spirit. Fr. Steven Major, the pastor in Crete, is a moral theologian and was well-received by the parishes in Hastings when he made presentations there. Because of the great advances in technology, there are many people who have questions about “extraordinary” means and “ordinary” means, for example, and working with medical personnel and trying to do the “right” thing can be very challenging for families today. Fr. Major can help clarify the big issues. In addition, there will be some information presented to help families to continue their generosity for favorite charities even after their passing. We hope to have some local experts available on some of these things as well. A meal will be provided for those who are registered, courtesy of the financial underwriting by the Foundation and the labor underwriting by our parishioners. This program is open to all, but is especially useful to those who have yet to make “end-of-life” arrangements. Thanks to Deb Walton, our parishioner and the development director for the school. All are invited—no “strong-arming” will be allowed!

Father Houlihan