



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 10, 2019

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE *ENTER THE MASS! Glory to God forever!*

Monday, February 11

8:10 a.m. +Mildred Reinig
+Robert Gillen

Tuesday, February 12

8:10 a.m. Special Intention for D & A
+Louis Gunia

Wednesday, February 13

8:10 a.m. +Mildred Johnk

Thursday, February 14

8:10 a.m. +Mary Jane Scott
+Willard Gochenour

Friday, February 15

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

Saturday, February 16

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of PCCW
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, February 17

8:00 a.m. +Peter & Helen Halmes
10:30 a.m. +Don Garnett

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: 632

Contributions for February 3, 2018

General Collection at Mass	\$	9,045.23
General Online Giving	\$	2,243.00
Debt Reduction	\$	970.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	15.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	359.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	15.00
Utilities	\$	515.00
Southern Nebraska Register	\$	390.00

2018 Contribution Statements are ready to be picked up. Please find your statement in the Commons after a weekend Mass or during the week at the Rectory Office (9:00am to 4:30pm Monday - Friday). Your financial support of Church of the Holy Spirit is one measure of your generosity to the Lord. We are grateful for however close to the biblical tithing you were able to financially give this past year.

This might be a surprising accomplishment to you: (and it's a call for your help)

Our *Holy Spirit Catering Service* has been in this serving ministry ever since we built our current St. John the Baptist School gym! And there is one event in particular that we have annually catered since 1995. – We are happy to be able to say that:

This Coming Tuesday Will Be The 25th Wiles Brothers Dinner That We Have Catered!

Wow! In fact, we want to celebrate that fact with extra joy! Here is the “call for help” part: As it sits right now, for some reason the number of volunteers to be a catering worker for that night is quite a bit too low. PLEASE... consider signing up today to work at catering in some compacity this coming Tuesday, as we celebrate our long-time relationship with the Wiles Bros., serving our 25th time for this annual event! Choose your area to help, and logon to SignupGenius.com (see below), sign up in the Commons, or or call Joy Scanlan at 669-2455. You are very, very, very much needed for this (and all) our events.

Holy Spirit Catering

Sign up to help! Next Events:

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



Sign up for Financial Peace University. This nine-week class will teach you how to pay off debt, master budgeting, and plan for your future. Do you have questions or would you like to help teach the class? Contact Kenny and Beth Staskiewicz, 402-297-9244. The classes will be on Sundays beginning February 17th, 4:00-5:30pm in the church Commons. Group Link: <https://fpu.com/1085576>

“Over 55 Luncheon” Last day to sign up is Feb 15 (so we can get a head count – and to qualify for a drawing). Luncheon is 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.

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

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

Church cleaning reminder: For Feb 16 (at 9:00am): Weeda, Wehling, Welch, Wessel, White, Whitmore, Widman, Wiese

Save the Date for Sunday, April 7th!

St. Gregory the Great Seminary is holding its first Benefit Banquet to help support the seminarians and various projects at the Seminary. The "Table of St. Gregory" will begin at 5:00 p.m. with sung Vespers (evening prayer) presided by Bishop Conley, followed by cocktails and Open House, and concluding with a plated dinner at 6:30 p.m. served by the seminarians. To make reservations or to find out more information, please call the Seminary at 402-643-4052 or email us at: events@sggs.edu

Camp Kateri: Summer Camp Registration

Registration is now open for SKY Camp (Grades 5-7), SKY Teens (Grades 8-9) and Leadership Camp (Grades 6-9). For more information, or to register for these camps, go to www.campkateri.org.

SKY Camp & Leadership Camp Volunteer Counselors Needed

Camp Kateri is now accepting applications for high school volunteer counselors for SKY and Leadership Camp. For more information, or to download an application, please go to www.campkateri.org. These fill fast! Get your application in very soon!

This week's featured Seminarian: Rev. Mr. Allan Phan from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2011 and is now doing an Apostolate assignment at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Seward. 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.

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

General Business Meeting – Thursday, Feb 14, at 7:00pm in SJR.

February Breakfast - Will be held February 17 after the 8:00 and 10:30am Sunday Masses. The Knights will be serving sausage gravy and biscuits, scrambled eggs and fruit salad. Chicken pot pie will be served after the 10:30 Mass. The proceeds from the breakfast will go to the Knights' charities.

At St. Luke Czech Catholic Shrine in Loma, Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, Feb 17, at 4:00p.m. The Ostry Family Singers will provide the music.

Some upcoming dates:

February 17 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast after both Masses

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

February 19 – Holy Helpers, 10am – Noon

March 2 – Children's Choir sings at 5pm Mass

March 6 – Ash Wednesday

March 7 – Kindergarten Roundup, 7pm

March 8 – First Lenten Fish Fry

March 17 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast after both Masses

March 9-24 – St. Joseph's Altar food drive

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.

A Five-Week Lenten Study on the Gospel of St. John, held at the Convent (1503 4th Corso, Nebraska City). THE TURNING POINT: Eight Encounters With Jesus That Will Change Your Life. Presented by Dr. Allen Hunt. Discover that Jesus is your true spiritual home and develop a more significant relationship with Him in your every day life.

* Thursdays (9:00 – 10:30 AM) beginning March 7

* Sundays (6:30 – 8:00 PM) beginning March 10

* Wednesdays (6:30 – 8:00 PM) beginning March 13

Select the day that best fits your schedule. Call the Franciscan Sisters (402-873-3052) to register for the class.

St. John the Baptist School ~ Honor Roll ~ Jan. ~ 2019

6th Grade "A" Honor Roll

Claire Laney
Murphy Roby – Lilly Thayer
Nathan Rain
Piper Isham
Lauren Benedict

7th Grade "A" Honor Roll

Emily Zitek
Miles Poppleton

8th Grade "A" Honor Roll

Carter Moss
Mathew Zitek
Peyton Blankman
Kevin Sohl
Daniela Rozier

6th Grade "B" Honor Roll

Joey Bryant
Izabel Widman
Grace Thayer
Sydney Barnes
Henry Baumert
Kellen Barker

7th Grade "B" Honor Roll

Skler Herring
Jayger Haag
Kennedy Ludwig

8th Grade "B" Honor Roll

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

PASTOR'S NOTES:

I was once criticized for teaching people about “shame.” That is too bad, because shame can be a very helpful tool in helping us to change—unless you are absolutely happy about everything in your life right now—and, if you are, we can take down the statue of the Blessed Mother in the church and put a statue of you up instead. Shame which drives one to despair (as with Judas Iscariot, for example) is certainly not helpful, but shame which drives one to a change of heart (“metanoia”) and a change of habit and life (as with the Apostles Peter or Paul or Mary Magdalene) can be a new lease on life. After all, if there is nothing that needs changing or fixing or saving, there is no need for a Savior. Given the great advances in industry and medicine and agriculture, we have comforts and luxuries now that were unthinkable in other times (and still are, in other places), and we may think that we have all discomforts and diseases and distresses on the run for good, but bad and even horrible things happen by human choice every day, and evil seems firmly ensconced in our world—although, as we often reason, in everybody but me, who am just fine. Sin is here, but it is not the “last word” or the greatest force in creation. It is subservient to the greatest force of all—God, Who is love, according to one of the letters of St. John in the New Testament. We see the drama played out every day between good and evil, but we have read the last page of the story, and we know how the story comes out—there is a happy ending, by the way. It is painful to experience that struggle within us, but it is the way that God purifies us and teaches us not to depend on ourselves, but on Him (see 2 Cor. 12:7b-10). Although we are made in the image and likeness of God, the pinnacle of His Creation (since we are made in the image of the Son), we want to avoid the mistake of Adam and Eve and Lucifer—the mistake of depending on our own knowledge and wisdom only, instead of being humble before the Creator, for we are only creatures still. Shame on those who refuse to use shame in a good way!

I read occasionally that “self-esteem” is some kind of Holy Grail for parents and educators to give to their charges, but research points to the fact that students who have high “self-esteem” (as it is defined and measured for research) are often the ones who are the most unhappy and who do

not fit into society very well. The reason is that these persons seek happiness only in their own will being done—which, in the real world, is not possible. People who never advance beyond the moral depth of a two-year-old are bound for a world of hurt and disappointment. Humility, on the other hand, is being “down to earth,” down with the “humus” or soil, and knowing one’s real strengths and weaknesses. When we can take a realistic assessment of ourselves (as God sees us), we have the knowledge to do great things—by ourselves in some areas, certainly, but also realizing the strengths of others that complement our own personal weaknesses—isn’t that what happens with married couples?—and learning to work with others in a “team” effort. That is how the Church is supposed to work, and that is what enables advanced civilizations to make the best use of the many and varied talents and abilities of the individuals within. I am certainly not advocating that we not love ourselves (for God has made us lovable!), but that we worship God, and not ourselves (as two-year-olds will do). One of the beauties of the Church of the Holy Spirit is the wonderful diversity of talent and ability found among our people—many are quite happy not being self-sufficient know-it-alls, but being people who can contribute even some little amount of time, talent, and treasure to the good of the whole. It is the model that works! Do not let your “esteem” come from only your own point of view, but find out how you can add your own special ingredient to the stew that God is making and that can be shared all around.

We still have a few weeks until Lent begins this year (March 6). In previous years, there was a Church season that was a kind of pre-Lent called Septuagesima, starting with Septuagesima (70th) Sunday, followed by Sexagesima (60th) Sunday and Quinquagesima (50th) Sunday, marking a kind of countdown for the forty days of Lent. The Sundays before this were simply the “Sundays after Epiphany,” in some variable number. This is all called “Ordinary Time” now, time to reflect on the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church today. Soon, we enter the time of our Redemption—Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost. God bless you always!

Father Houlihan