



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**March 17, 2019**

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**PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

**ENTER THE MASS! *Jesus will be there!***

**Monday, March 18**

8:10 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions  
 +Lou Balboni

**Tuesday, March 19**

8:10 a.m. Special Intention for J.A.  
 +Dan Montgomery

**Wednesday, March 20**

8:10 a.m. +Robert Gillen

**Thursday, March 21**

8:10 a.m. +Eileen Morehead  
 +George & Rosemary Miller

**Friday, March 22**

8:10 a.m. +John & Marcia Holdridge  
 +Michael Rice

**Saturday, March 23**

8:00 a.m. +Charles Cameron  
 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

**Sunday, March 24**

8:00 a.m. +Loretta Sarraillon  
 10:30 a.m. +Sean Kelly

**CONFESSIONS:**

Weekdays: Before Mass  
 Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:45 PM  
 Sundays, 7:30 - 7:45 AM and 9:30 - 10:15 AM

**Contributions for March 10, 2019**

<b>General Collection at Mass</b>	\$	<b>8,977.16</b>
<b>General Online Giving</b>	\$	<b>9,813.00</b>
Debt Reduction	\$	855.00
Debt Reduction <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	970.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	375.00
Teachers/Staff <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	95.00
Combined Relief	\$	250.00
Combined Relief <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	50.00
Utilities	\$	35.00
Utilities <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	40.00
Southern Nebraska Register	\$	120.00

**Contributions for Ash Wednesday**

<b>General Collection at Mass</b>	\$	<b>595.00</b>
<b>General Online Giving</b>	\$	<b>560.00</b>
Debt Reduction	\$	100.00

**A Lenten Spiritual Exercise** Are you looking for a spiritual exercise this Lent? Fr. Danek would like to take you on a journey of prayer by exploring some of the historic and theologically rich churches of Rome. Inspired by the book "Roman Pilgrimage" by George Weigel, we will explore the spiritual vastness of Roman churches. Each church will have particular Scripture readings to reflect on along with a history of the church. This exercise will give us a greater understanding of the ancient Lenten practices by our Christian brothers and sisters and will give us the opportunity to allow the Lord into our hearts in a deeper way this Lent. Meetings will be in the main church area **Sunday evenings from 7-8pm**. The remaining dates are as follows: **March 17, 24, 31 and April 7**. If you missed the first one, still come for the rest! Father looks forward to seeing many of us there!

**The Annual St. Joseph Altar Food Drive** .... through the March 23/24 weekend. For canned and dry goods donations. All donations go to the Food Bank right here in Cass County, helping families in our community.

**The Hot Lunch Program for St. John's School** is looking for a cook and volunteers for next school year.

The cook position not only cooks, but is in charge of clean up, as well as various other duties. The hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 to about 1:00.

Volunteers are needed for Mondays and/or Thursdays from 11:00 to about 12:45. People can volunteer weekly, monthly or any combination. Their duties include serving and washing dishes. These hours count towards the school's requirement of stewardship hours.

Both positions require a strong back to be able to stand for long periods of time and be able to lift 20 lbs. If you have children or grandchildren at the school, you can eat lunch with them, also! Please contact Lisa Platt at the school for more information.

**Catholic Education Scholarships – Apply Now** With the recent announcement of The Good Shepherd Scholarship program for Catholic education, families can apply for scholarships through one application for all Catholic schools in the Lincoln Diocese. The Good Shepherd Scholarship, the Family Cap Scholarship and local school scholarships help to keep Catholic education affordable for any family. The Good Shepherd Scholarship is available to any student, regardless of religious affiliation. The application deadline is Mar 31. Go to [www.goodshepherdscholarship.com](http://www.goodshepherdscholarship.com) or your local school website to apply.

**St. John the Baptist School registration,**  
**all grades including Pre-School...**


...has begun. See the school website, [www.stjbcatholic.com](http://www.stjbcatholic.com) or call the school office, 402-296-3620, with any questions! For Kindergarten: they must be age 5 by July 31, 2019.


**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 - 4:30pm. Many rosaries – some are brand new, some slightly used, some so old that they are a treasure! Also, Bibles, a crucifix, Baptism cards, First Communion cards, ornate Holy Cards, and other objects. Additional items will be rotated in at different times. Check it out!

**Heart of a Priest** Relic Pilgrimage of St. Jean Vianney's Incorrupt Heart: Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln, March 20; St. Cecilia Cathedral in Omaha, March 21. Both days: Mass at 10:00am, Veneration until 2:00pm.

**Church cleaning reminder:** For Mar 13 (at 9:00am): Bateman, Baumert, Baxter, Bear, Beasley, Beavers, Becklun, Beckman

**This week's featured Seminarian:** Tony Schukei from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2016 and is now in Theology 1 at St. Charles Borromeo. 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.

 **Fish Frys:** We are in the season of Lent! Now is your chance to attend our time-honored tradition of the Lenten Fish Fry. The Fish Frys are on the Fridays in Lent through April 12. The dinners includes walleye, carp, jumbo shrimp, grill cheese, and all the fixings. Soups, mac and cheese, desserts and beverages will also be available. Family prices as well. Live entertainment and raffles. Come join your community for great food and fun!

 **Donations of homemade desserts & cases of pop** are needed. For desserts, please bring cookies, bars, or cupcakes that are wrapped individually. Or you can also bake cakes and we will cut them the evening you bring them. Please keep in mind that they will be sold for 50-75 cents apiece. For pop, Pepsi or Coke products sell best. THANK YOU!

**Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect** Nebraska law requires all suspicions of child abuse or neglect to be reported to law enforcement or DHHS (Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-652-1999).

**Reporting Misconduct** Notify the Diocese of Lincoln of any misconduct involving diocesan personnel by calling the misconduct hotline: 1-844-527-0596.

**PCCW Meeting:** Thursday, March 21 at 6:00pm in St. Joseph's Room. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend!


**"Stewardship of Talent" Dinners for Fr. Houlihan and Fr. Danek:** We have a great team set up – thank you! Mar 18: Sandy Kerns, Mar 20: Kacie Groshans, Mar 21: Monica Yankus, Mar 25: Bonnie Seyfer, Mar 27: Deb Warga, Mar 28: Nicole Ernest, Apr 1: Chrissy Faller, Apr 3: Glennia Sand, Apr 4: Gay Lepert

**Rosary Repair Sundays** March 9 - April 14 (Palm Sunday). 9am-10:30am and 11:30am - Noon. If you want to bring in broken rosaries during the week, please put the pieces in a baggie and label with your name and phone number.

**Knights of Columbus** – Council 1966 / George Johnson GK 235-3518  
**March Breakfast** – Will be held, March 17<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00 and 10:30am Sunday Masses. The Knights will be serving cinnamon rolls, egg casserole and fruit salad. Corned beef, cabbage and potatoes will be served after the 10:30am Mass. The proceeds will go to Church Maintenance.

**Officer's Meeting** – will be Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in SJR.

## Spring Dinner - A Southern Soirée

 **What does one wear to a soirée?** Spring Dinner is a celebration and a chance to get gussied up Southern Style. Think Kentucky Derby, Cotillion, cocktail party, dress up... or semi-formal.

**On Sale NOW** - Tickets for the Grand Raffle – \$100 each – at the fish fry or from a St. John the Baptist student.

Beginning March 23, through Easter Sunday, April 21:

~Dinner Tickets

~Raffle Tickets

~Drop off contributions to auction wish list

...All will be available in the Commons at the Spring Dinner Table. Stop by!!!

### **Holy Spirit Catering**

**Sign up to help! Next Events:**

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](http://SignupGenius.com)

Click on the search symbol in the upper right. Search by email:

[holyspiritcatering@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritcatering@gmail.com). Or text or call Laurie at 402-679-2457.



### **Remaining Stations of the Cross dates this Lent:**

Wednesdays at 5:30pm: Mar 20, 27 & Apr 3, 17

Fridays at 1:45pm: Mar 22, 29 & Apr 5, 12

Good Friday, Apr 19 at Noon

### **Some upcoming dates:**

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

March 17 – A Lenten Spiritual Exercise with Fr. Danek, 7-8pm

March 20 – Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm

March 20 – Grades 4-8 Spring Concert, in the gym, 7pm

March 22 – Stations of the Cross, 1:45pm

March 22 – Fish Fry, serving 5:00 – 7:30pm

March 24 – A Lenten Spiritual Exercise with Fr. Danek, 7-8pm

March 27 – Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm

March 29 – Stations of the Cross, 1:45pm

March 29 – Fish Fry, serving 5:00 – 7:30pm

March 31 – A Lenten Spiritual Exercise with Fr. Danek, 7-8pm

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.

## PASTOR'S NOTES:

Today is, of course, the Second Sunday of Lent. With all due respect to the Apostle of Ireland, home of at least half of my ancestors, it is not just an occasion to eat corned beef and drink green beer. If we want to honor St. Patrick, we would do well to honor the God-Man Whom he served. This is the day for the "Penitential Rite," the rite for people who are preparing for their first confession and their reception into full communion with the Catholic Church (through Profession of Faith, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. This is simply a blessing given to those on their journey. Godspeed! Today we read the Gospel of the Transfiguration.

Tuesday is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, and we will be using the Gloria and the Creed in honor of the universal patron of the Church, the foster-father of Jesus and husband of Mary. He has no recorded words in Sacred Scripture, but in sharing a home with the two just mentioned, what would he need to say? Joseph is also remembered for his dreams, much like his namesake in the Old Testament Book of Genesis. He is also the patron saint of working people. St. Joseph, pray for us!

There will be Stations of the Cross at 5:30 on Wednesday evening and 1:45 on Friday afternoon (with the school children). You are welcome to either or both.

Friday is a day of abstinence from meat for Catholics aged 14 and older. In order to assist you in your abstinence, there will be delicious fish and all the trimmings in the gym that evening.

Special thanks to Pat Vaughn and Velora Riese for straightening out the rectory kitchen. Job well done!

This week also marks the official beginning of spring. It should be noted that the word "Lent" originally was tied to the notion of spring, related to the word "lengthen," as in the lengthening of days. We should not view it with repugnance, but embrace it with hope. This is the chance we have to go back to our early love for and commitment to the Lord.

I often write most of this "column" a few weeks (or months) in advance, due to the fact that there are some weeks when there is little time to do much of this. I do want to update you on renovations in the "parish plant" that have taken place or will take place in the near future. Most of these things were planned during the strategic planning process that started when Fr. Grell was the pastor. Having received the money from the Joy of the Gospel campaign's Francis Fund, we finally had the wherewithal to take

care of some long-festering issues. Here is what is done: The windows on the west side of the commons have been stabilized along with the floor--the PCCW is responsible for the new blinds there. The basement of the new school addition has been properly sealed and is staying quite dry, allowing the interior to be corrected as well--no water! Our biggest project, the replacement of the church roof along with many of the attached windows, is in the process of being done (this spring?). I should also mention that the Knights of Columbus have graciously replaced the rectory roof last summer. Still waiting for final things before proceeding (as of this writing): the new confessionals, the insulation of the adoration chapel, the sidewalk replacement/landscaping on the east side of the complex. Other things that are slated for future work: rectory window replacement, fixing stucco siding and painting on the exterior walls, parking lot restriping--these are a few of the things that come to mind. Even though we are working for Someone eternal and unchanging, we live and work in a world that is constantly changing and requires maintenance and upkeep. That goes double for the human beings that make up the "Church" with a capital "C." That is even more of a challenge than the church buildings with a small "c."

As of this writing, our duties to our two new parishes of St. Paulinus in Syracuse and Holy Trinity by Avoca have been limited to working with the people there on certain parish activities (First confession and First Holy Communion and other sacramental preparations--such as baptisms and weddings, planning for Holy Week, signing checks, etc.). Fr. Danek has been visiting the shut-ins and saying a 6 P.M. Mass on Wednesday evenings before CCD classes, and helping parishioners with various needs. We have been able to use some outside priests to say Masses on weekends there. Forty miles is a relatively long way for a mission parish, but the other priests who are closer are able to help with emergency calls that may come up. We hope to have them back with a resident pastor by June. The people that I have worked with there remind me a lot of many people here--eager to work with other parishioners and the priests--and very devoted to the Lord. Let us pray for each other!

**Father Houlihan**