



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 14, 2019

Holy Week Schedule

Sacred Triduum April 18-20

Holy Thursday, April 18 7:30pm *"Mass of the Lord's Supper"*

Good Friday, April 19 7:30pm *"Good Friday of the Lord's Passion"*

Easter Vigil, April 20 8:30pm *"Mass of the Easter Vigil"*

Easter Sunday April 21

Easter Sunday, April 21 8:00 & 10:30am *"The Mass of the Lord's Resurrection: The Mass of Easter Day"*

Extra Confession times before Easter

**-Sunday, April 14, Penance Service, 3:30pm,
with about 8 priests available.**

and:

-Tuesday, April 16, 4:00-5:00pm

-Wednesday, April 17, Noon-1:00pm and 7:30-8:30pm

-Thursday, April 18, Holy Thursday, 4-5pm; after Mass until finished; 9pm until finished; 10pm until finished; 11pm until finished

-April 19, Good Friday, after each service (which are: Morning Prayer at 8am, Stations at Noon, Seven Last Words at 3pm, Liturgy at 7:30pm) until finished

PLEASE NOTE:

-Holy Saturday, April 20, No Confession times scheduled

-Easter Sunday, April 21, No Confession times scheduled

Special Services

Wednesday, April 17, 5:30pm, Stations of the Cross

Holy Thursday, April 18, 8:00am Morning Prayer

Holy Thursday, April 18, after the 7:30pm Mass, Adoration in "The Garden."

All parishioners are asked to come for one hour of adoration. Families with names beginning: H-L 8:00pm - 9:00pm; M-R 9:00pm - 10:00pm; S-Z 10:00pm - 11:00pm; A-G 11:00pm - 12:00 Midnight. If you are unable to attend at the hour specified, feel free to come anytime until Midnight.

Good Friday, April 19, 8:00am Morning Prayer

Good Friday, April 19, Noon, Stations of the Cross followed by Medical Description of the Passion

Good Friday, April 19, 3:00pm, Seven Last Words

Holy Saturday, April 20, 8:00am Morning Prayer

Holy Saturday, April 20, after 8:30pm Mass, and Easter Sunday, April 21, after both morning Masses: Blessing of the... Easter bread, children's Easter baskets, and food for Easter dinner. There will be a table near the altar.

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, March 30: Remember that it is a day of fast and abstinence.

Adoration In remembrance of Our Lord's time in the tomb, we do not have formal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance from all of Good Friday until after the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday evening. You may certainly come to our Chapel to pray(!), but there will be no Exposition, nor a requirement to have someone in attendance, so *no regularly scheduled Holy Hours during that time.*

Easter flower memorial envelopes are available in the Commons. If you'd like to give an Easter flower offering in memory of a loved one, you can use these envelopes.

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Receive the Lord!

Monday, April 15

8:10 a.m. +Fowler Stevens

Tuesday, April 16

8:10 a.m. +Stephen Ptacek

+Marcia Holdridge

Wednesday, April 17

8:10 a.m. +Bud & Rosemary Ulrich

Thursday, April 18 Holy Thursday

7:30 p.m. +Lowell Daisley

Friday, April 19 Good Friday Service

7:30 p.m. (The Lord's Passion Communion Service)

Saturday, April 20 Easter Vigil

8:30 p.m. +All Souls Day Intentions

Sunday, April 21 Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. +Don Garnett

CONFESSIONS:

Weekdays: Before Mass

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:45 PM (Not Holy Saturday)

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

Head Count at Mass last weekend: 592

Contributions for April 7, 2019

General Collection at Mass	\$	9,441.00
General Online Giving	\$	10,152.00
Debt Reduction	\$	620.00
Debt Reduction <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	920.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	295.00
Teachers/Staff <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	95.00
Southern Nebraska Register	\$	30.00
Holy Land	\$	30.00
Combined Relief	\$	655.00
Flowers	\$	190.00
Utilities	\$	40.00
Fransican Sisters	\$	491.00
Fransican Sisters <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	75.00

This week's featured Seminarian: Anthony Tran-Le from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2017 and is now in College 2 at St. Gregory the Great. We pray, too, for Adam Bohan from Plattsmouth, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015.

Holy Thursday – Collection for Catholic Social Services Please note that the collection at this Mass will go to CSS in Lincoln, to assist them in our diocesan work for the poor.

Good Friday – Holy Land Collection Pope Francis has asked us to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. When you contribute to this Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Thank you to No Frills, who donated supplies for our school and parish families who need help for the cleanup from the flood. It was a kind and thoughtful offer.

Flood For those individuals & families impacted by the flood, we want to help! Your Knights of Columbus Council stands ready to help with clean up, demolition or any other tasks that needs help. Please contact the Church Office, or George Johnson at 402-235-3518. *Last weekend, when 6 of our Knights were helping clean up the outside of a parishioner's flooded home, our CDA surprised them by sending a representative with coffee and donuts. ☺*

"Stewardship of Talent" Dinners for Fr. Houlihan and Fr. Danek: We have a great team set up – thank you! Apr 15: Bill Boyle, Apr 17: Irene Warga, Apr 18: Kacey Grosshans; Apr 22: Nicolette Kerns, Apr 24: Deb Warga, Apr 25: Nicole Ernest

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery guidelines for Spring Cleanup of decorations

◆Prior to the start of spring cleanup, all decorations from winter must be removed from graves by April 1st * except those in permanent vases. No shepherd hooks, statues, figurines, eternal light, etc. are allowed from April through November unless they are permanently and correctly installed in the minimal 4" foundation ribbon of the headstone. * This year, our parishioners who maintain the cemetery grounds will wait until April 15 to clear out the above stated objects that should not be in the cemetery April-November. Before the 15th, please check any cemetery areas where you have placed decorations to make sure they are kept within the guidelines. If in doubt, please remove any objects, or call the rectory for clarification.

Parish Council Elections: *A way to serve God and our parish is by being on the Parish Council.* The application form can be found on our information table as you enter the Commons. The candidates should be dedicated to the welfare and spirituality of our Parish. All applications must be turned in by April 15. If you have any questions or are interested in running for council, contact Sean Gillen, 510-0486 or Pat Vaughn, 980-9086 or Carol Tilson, 943-9959.

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966 / George Johnson GK 235-3518
General Business Meeting – will be Thurs, April 11th, 7:00pm in SJR.

April Breakfast – This Sunday, April 14 after the 8:00 & 10:30 Masses. The Knights will be serving pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs & applesauce. After the 10:30 Mass, they will also be serving brats and sauerkraut. The breakfast proceeds will go to KofC charities.

Officer's Meeting – will be Thursday, April 25, at 7:00pm in SJR

2019 State Convention – April 26-28 in Kearney, NE

Looking for additional cemetery mower volunteers. Please come to the new volunteers meeting Monday, April 15 at 6pm in the Commons. If you are a previous volunteer and can still mow this year, please contact Larry Rolfson to let him know.

Spring Dinner - A Southern Soirée

Can't Wait! Spring Dinner now just 2 weeks away!

*Showcased for this year's Special Project will be:
Church and Campus Restoration:
Entrance beautification, landscaping, security*

You will have an opportunity to donate at the event or visit Qtego to make a pledge: <https://www.qtego.net/qlink/sjbs> You can register now; items will be continually posted up to the Event!

More ways you can get in on this:

- Sign up to Volunteer
- Create and donate a silent auction basket
- Sponsor an oral auction item
- Donate bottles of wine or craft beer or soda
- Bid on silent auction items via Qtego
- Attend as a guest and have a terrific time!

A fabulous fun event is in the works - don't miss out on this annual opportunity to support our school and parish!!

Some upcoming dates:

April 14 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast after 8:00 & 10:30 Masses

April 14 – Penance Service, about 8 priests hearing confessions, 3:30pm

April 15 – Meeting for new cemetery volunteers, 6pm in Commons

April 15 -- PRE-EVENT all-committee Spring Dinner mtg, 6:30pm in SJR

April 16 – "Holy Helpers", 10am-Noon, church basement

April 17 – Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm

April 18 – Holy Thursday Mass, 7:30pm

April 19 – Stations of the Cross, Noon

April 19 – "Seven Last Words", 3:00pm

April 19 – Good Friday Service, 7:30pm The collection at the Service will help Christians in the Holy Land.

April 20 – Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30pm

April 21 – Easter Sunday Masses, 8:00am and 10:30am

April 27 – Mass will be at 4:00pm instead of 5:00pm

April 27 – Spring Dinner, "A Southern Soirée"

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.

Holy Spirit Catering Sign up to help! Next Event:

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. Or text or call Laurie at 402-679-2457



PASTOR'S NOTES:

I know of at least one Protestant minister who, not having all the extra liturgies and devotions that we have during Holy Week, used to come to ours and was deeply moved. What happens over the days from Passion ("Palm") Sunday through Resurrection ("Easter") Sunday is truly moving to those who take part in the celebration of the mysteries. It moves the heart as well as the mind. I point out especially Thursday evening, Friday evening, and Saturday evening—the "three days" ("Triduum") that form (essentially) one Mass, one liturgy—the Christian Passover, in which we remember (and participate in) the transit of the Lord from death to life. This is the great "Easter" Mass. What we do on Easter Sunday morning (and every Sunday morning) is to call to mind the Lord's Resurrection, but it makes no sense unless we understand all that preceded it. On today's feast, we read the Passion from St. Luke, and "Passion Sunday" forms the opposite "bookend" in Holy Week from next weekend's greatest of days. Today is both sad and triumphant, just as is Good Friday, when we read the Passion from St. John, and the liturgical color is red on both days, not just to remember the Precious Blood shed for us, but also because it is an ancient color of celebration. The Holy Cross, for Christians, is not just a symbol of death, but of triumph over death, and we proudly display the "jeweled cross" of the early Church or the crucifix with the Body of the Lord with the same "mixed emotions." This is what we mean by the "paschal mystery"—the mixture of death and life, sin and redemption, defeat and victory. As Christians, we see the second of each of those sets of terms, where non-believers might see only the first. Faith and hope shine the greatness and power of charity to our eyes. Love is stronger than death! That is the truth that we tell the whole world—God's love is greater than sin and death.

Weather permitting, we will be beginning the 10:30 Mass at the grotto this morning, and process as a body into the church. We recall the Lord's journey into Jerusalem to meet His destiny, and we recall our journey for the same.

Please note the confession times for the coming week (they are many!), but please also note that there are no times scheduled on Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday next weekend. Today at 3:30, when the priests of the deanery will be present, might be your best chance to make a good "Easter confession." Church law (from the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215, the same year as Magna Carta!)

requires that we Catholics make a "good communion" during the Easter season (for purposes of the law in the United States, that is from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday, the Sunday after Pentecost), as well as confession at least once a year (no time specified) if one has mortal sins.

Stations of the Cross this week: 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday and 12 Noon on Good Friday. After the noon Stations is the meditation on the physical aspects of the crucifixion written by a medical doctor in Lincoln. At the 3 P.M. hour is a short version of the Seven Last Words.

Morning prayer will be recited at 8 A.M. on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Pray the Church's official prayer with us since there are no morning Masses those days.

There will be a table in the sanctuary for you to bring Easter foods (including, but definitely not limited to Easter baskets) to be blessed at the end of the Masses next weekend. Bring the foods that you fasted from during Lent so that you can feast!

All are invited to the Chrism Mass with the Bishop and priests of the diocese at 5 P.M. on Monday evening at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln, when the three oils that are used with the sacraments (the oil of catechumens, the sacred chrism, and the oil of the sick) are blessed by the Bishop. He and all of God's people in the diocese are with us when we celebrate Baptisms, Confirmations, Ordinations, and the Anointing of the Sick. If you have never been, this may be the chance that you have been waiting for. Fr. Houlihan will be in Lincoln for a meeting in the morning, but he will be the "stay behind" priest here for the balance of the day.

Please remember those who are preparing to enter into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, as well as those being received into full communion with the Catholic Church and those receiving "make-up" sacraments. Remember, too, that you will be asked to renew your commitment to Christ by renewing your baptismal promises.

Have a special and holy Holy Week!

Father Houlihan