



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 21, 2019

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE
ENTER THE MASS! Glorify the Risen Lord!
Monday, April 22
 8:10 a.m. +Stacey Case
 +Raymond & Marie Sand
Tuesday, April 23
 8:10 a.m. +Special Intention for C.W. & I.W.
 +Reynette Ah Sam
Wednesday, April 24
 8:10 a.m. +Robert Gillen
Thursday, April 25
 8:10 a.m. Deceased members of the Gochenour family
Friday, April 26
 8:10 a.m. +Charles Warga, Sr.
 Special Intention for K.C.
Saturday, April 27
 8:00 a.m. Health of J.C.
4:00 p.m. +Eileen Morehead **NOTE THE TIME**
Sunday, April 28
 8:00 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS:
 Weekdays: Before Mass
 Saturdays, 3:30-4:45 PM (next Sat: 2:30-3:45pm)
 Sundays, 7:30-7:45 AM and 9:30-10:15 AM

Head Count at Mass last weekend: 659

Contributions for April 14, 2019

General Collection at Mass	\$	10,793.07
General Online Giving	\$	2,232.00
Debt Reduction	\$	2,045.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	15.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	267.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	15.00
Holy Land	\$	40.00
Combined Relief	\$	55.00
Flowers	\$	385.00
Franciscan Sisters	\$	193.00

Next Saturday Evening Mass time will be 4:00pm rather than 5:00pm, due to the Spring Dinner. Confessions next Saturday will be one hour earlier than normal: 2:30-3:45pm.

Happy Easter Blessings to you!

April 21, 2019 - Easter Sunday "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." - COLOSSIANS 3:2 On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for God's response on how we should use our gifts for His plan.

Divine Mercy Sunday is Next Sunday, April 28.
 His Mercy is a great gift given to us by Jesus!

From 2:30-3:30pm, we plan to have Exposition, Confessions, recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction.

St. Faustina quotes Jesus:
"I have opened my Heart as a living fountain of mercy. I never reject a contrite heart."

Do not be afraid! If it has been a long time since your last confession, the priest can help you through it! Another name for the sacrament of Confession, is the sacrament of Reconciliation, because it reconciles us (makes us right) with Our Lord. Even our smaller sins cause us to be "off kilter" in our relationship with Jesus, so it is quite appropriate to think of the reconciliation aspect of God's mercy in Confession – it brings us to a right relationship with Him.

Spring Dinner - A Southern Soirée Next Saturday, April 27th

It is now the final week before the Spring Dinner!

~ buy your tickets to the Dinner and/or raffle tickets ~
 ~ donate items ~

~ don't forget that you can VOLUNTEER if you aren't attending the Dinner! ~ SignUp Genius is available at the website: <https://holyspiritplattsmouth.com/spring-dinner>

Even if not at the Event, you can bid on items by going to <https://www.qtego.net/qmlink/sjbs>

Last minute requests or questions? Call or text Patty Coleman, 402-547-7714

and...Happy Easter!

- from the 2019 Spring Dinner Committee



Come worship the King of Kings!

Sunday, May 5th at 7:00pm at Haymarket Park in Lincoln. The Lincoln Diocese's Rosary Crusade Grand Finale will have plenty to offer all in attendance.

The Diocese has asked the Knights of Columbus to help promote this great event, and this year's First Communicants are invited to process in together, our choir is invited to sing in the main choir, and we will have a parish banner that some of us can carry!

There will be parish tailgating, a Eucharistic procession into the stadium lead by Bishop Conley, a Living Rosary around the infield of the baseball diamond, and Adoration with the Holy Eucharist on a raised altar above 2nd base for all to see!

This will be an incredible event that no one will want to miss!

Plan to attend!

Church of the Holy Spirit is offering a bus ride from our parish. Please sign up on the sheet in the Commons if you'd like to ride the bus to Lincoln. You can also indicate on the sheet if you would like to participate in one of the above ways! The bus will leave here at 5:00pm.

Knights of Columbus

Council 1966 / George Johnson GK 235-3518

April Breakfast – Thank you to all the parishioners for their continued support of the Knights' monthly breakfasts. We appreciated everyone that attended. Thanks to the Knights that helped prep, cook, serve, cleanup and shop for this breakfast. Part of the breakfast proceeds will go to Spirit Catholic Radio for a pledge commitment and the rest of the proceeds will go to our KofC charities.

Officer's Meeting – will be Thursday, April 25, at 7:00pm in SJR
2019 State Convention – April 26-28 in Kearney

Fish Frys: The Committee wishes to thank all the workers who made this year's Fish Frys a success. You helped us overcome some big obstacles this year and we didn't skip a beat. Additionally we wish to thank the CHS Parish community who makes the Fish Frys such a success year in and year out! The next Fish Fry is February 28th, 2020.

Some upcoming dates:

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"
April 28 – Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour 2:30-3:30pm
May 4 – First Holy Communion, 5:00pm Mass
May 4 – Children's Choir sings at 5:00pm Mass
May 4-19 – DDP drive after weekend Masses
May 5 – Honoring High School grads, 10:30am Mass
May 5 – Global Living Rosary, Haymarket Park in Lincoln, 7pm
May 19 – Last day for Wee Worship until fall
May 20 – 8th grade graduation
May 22 – Last day of 2018-19 school year, St. John's students
May 23 – Weekday Mass time changes from 8:10am to 8:00am
May 23 – PCCW's Spring Salad Luncheon, in the gym

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.

STJB Alumni High School Honor Roll, 3rd Quarter

Gross Catholic High School

Chaz Bogle, Junior (StJB Class of '16)
Nolan Lewandowski, Junior (StJB Class of '16)
Katelyn Weaver, Junior (StJB Class of '16)

Lourdes Central Catholic High School

Libby Baumert, Junior (StJB Class of '16)
Cathy Shawhan, Junior (StJB Class of '16)
Kameron Monahan, Sophomore (StJB Class of '17)
Reed Greger, Freshman (StJB Class of '18)
Zach Tesarek, Freshman (StJB Class of '18)

* Plattsmouth High School configures honor roll by semester. Plattsmouth and/or Conestoga students named to honor roll will be included next quarter.

This week's featured Seminarian: William Vogel from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2016 and is now in Theology 1 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.

Church cleaning reminder: For Apr 27 (at 9:00am): Brink, Brink, Brink, Brouhard, Bryant, Bryant, Burns

Winner of the CDA Easter basket drawing: Andi Jensen. Congratulations!

CD
Lending
Library

We have a new CD Lending Library! Check it out!

In the Commons, just outside the Sacristy, is a stand where we have put many Catholic CDs about various topics. Most have been previously listened to. They are free for you to take home, listen to, and bring back to exchange for another! If you decide to keep it, that will be fine. Especially if you decide to keep a particular CD, a donation (in the black box on the side of the unit) would help us to purchase more CDs in the future. These CDs are great to listen to at home, and could be great for in the car while driving!

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



Almost 4,500 miles away, yet a Catholic connection... Last Monday and into Tuesday the famous Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris had a great fire, caused during renovation there, and we were moved by the sight of the great Cathedral of Paris burning. We share the sorrow of France at the damage of such a symbol of their Catholic history. May God bless their Cathedral repair process and strengthen them with a new Catholic era.

Our roofing and window renovation has begun
-- getting long-needed repairs/replacements done!

Have you noticed the work being done at Church of the Holy Spirit? Already during this Holy Week and Easter, we can enjoy the changes that the new windows are showing us. So much more light seems to be coming in, and the workers have only the lower row of glass replaced so far! The colors in the Sanctuary seem more vibrant, too, don't you think? And once everything is finished, hopefully no need for buckets when the rains come!!!

We've been trying to keep up with wiping up the dust and other particles shaken down from the ceiling as the pounding and other roof construction has been happening, but please do excuse us if we missed some.

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 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 ask them to let the parish office know: 296-3139

Do you have a prayer request? Call or text 943-9959, 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.

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.

Socks CDA will be collecting socks, all sizes, for the homeless, those in jail, and for flood victims. A dark green tote is in the Commons through the end of April. Thank you for any donations!

"Stewardship of Talent" Dinners for Fr. Houlihan and Fr. Danek: We have a great team set up – thank you! Apr 22: Nicolette Kerns, Apr 24: Deb Warga, Apr 25: Nicole Ernest, Apr 29: Monica Yankus, May 1: Bonnie Seyfer, May 2: Glennia Sand, May 6: Chrissy Faller, May 8: Gay Lepert, May 9: Sandy DiSomma

PASTOR'S NOTES:

“Christ is risen!” We hear this or say this as a greeting to other Christians, especially during this holy season of Easter. “He is truly risen!” We respond to the greeting or have another respond to our greeting with this phrase, so full of hope and joy. Christmas is truly beautiful, but, as one wise person once said, Easter is everything! “If there is no resurrection of the dead, then neither has Christ been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then empty too is our preaching; empty, too, your faith” (1 Cor. 15:13f). But the earliest Christians tell us that they did indeed encounter the risen Christ, and the Church is the living Body of those who witness to that truth to all peoples and to all ages. “By death He conquered death, and to those in the grave He granted life” (Byzantine liturgy). May Christ, Who is truly alive now, fill us always with the hope of the resurrection. May this be a day of great joy to you and all your loved ones. Christ is risen! He is truly risen!

Next Saturday evening is our annual Spring Dinner, a great evening of entertainment, good food, and, most of all, good company. Thanks to all those who have worked so hard to prepare for this and to make it so enjoyable. In keeping with past tradition, the Saturday evening Mass will be moved up one hour next Saturday to 4 P.M. Please note!

Easter Week (not to be confused with Holy Week, just ended) is the “octave,” or eight-day commemoration of the greatest thing that ever happened in human history—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We celebrate this week as if it were one day, with the sun never setting. In the Eastern Christian tradition, it is known as “Bright Week.” Monday, for example, is “Easter Monday” or “Bright Monday.” If any wedding Masses were to be celebrated during this week, the daily Easter readings must be used—it is that big. This week and Holy Week are at the core of what our faith is all about. Enjoy the day—enjoy the week—enjoy the whole fifty days of Easter (ending on Pentecost Sunday, this year on June 9)—enjoy every Sunday, which is a “little Easter” that reminds us of what we especially celebrate today.

We are pretty good about fasting—the forty days of Lent—but maybe not so good about feasting—the fifty days of Easter. American culture

tends to take the attitude of “let’s get this over with,” so the stores are filled with Easter candy even before Ash Wednesday, and Easter Sunday is a “one and done” kind of day. The Church encourages you to reflect on the spiritual life you have in Christ through the sacraments of His Church during this holy season. You have been redeemed, and your life is now in Him. That is why we renew our baptismal promises today, and that is why this day could be considered the real beginning of the new Church year (rather than the First Sunday of Advent). It all begins in Him, and it begins in us when we are baptized into Him.

It was sad to lose two schools in Lincoln this year—St. Mary’s and Sacred Heart. They were two of the schools that were among the five (including ourselves) that had to develop a plan to see if they could stay open. We are happy to be among the “survivors,” the only Catholic school in Cass County. Thanks to the dedication of many people here—parishioners, including school families, outsiders from the wider community, and the diocese (with the \$640,000 given to us over four years by the Francis Fund from the Joy of the Gospel campaign), we are still “hanging tough.” With the new “Good Shepherd” tuition scholarship initiative from the diocese (with new funding through the good help of the diocese for the support of those who need help—not just help given indiscriminately in the past to everyone, including those who could afford it), we have a fresh wind that is making the future look much brighter. Although tuition has been going up—we are a little above the new diocesan “minimum tuition,” the diocesan scholarships and the continuation of help from our parish’s tuition assistance fund (generously funded by many donors here) are keeping costs within the grasp of those who want to attend. Even now, the parish is paying over half the per-pupil cost of all those who are attending. We are proud to say we have a Catholic “parochial” (parish) school, not a private one, and we are proud of the strong and long-lasting ties that keep parish and school together and promoting the “Good News” of the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior. Alleluia!

Father Houlihan