



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

The Most Holy Trinity

June 16, 2019

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Glory to God forever!

Monday, June 17

8:00 a.m. +Stephen Ptacek

Tuesday, June 18

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for T.S.

Wednesday, June 19

8:00 a.m. +Stacey Case

Thursday, June 20

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

Friday, June 21

8:00 a.m. +Bud & Rosemary Ulrich

Saturday, June 22

8:00 a.m. Wedding of Sara Waddle & Matthew Graeve

5:00 p.m. +Sophia Vinduska

Sunday, June 23

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Special Intention for E.M.

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: 573

Contributions for June 9, 2019

General Collection at Mass	\$	5,537.62
General Online Giving	\$	9,642.00
Debt Reduction	\$	770.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	895.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	245.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	95.00
Peter's Pence	\$	90.00
Peter's Pence Online Giving	\$	120.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	40.00

This week's featured Seminarians: Scott Sullivan and David Tines. Both are from Lincoln, entered seminary in 2018 and are 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.

Next Sunday, June 23: Corpus Christi Potluck & Priest Appreciation at Noon in the school gym following the Corpus Christi procession on our church grounds. (The procession will be immediately after the 10:30am Mass).

For the meal: chicken, drinks, and dessert will be provided. Families with last names beginning with A-L, please bring a hot vegetable dish (green beans, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, etc.). Families M-Z, please bring a salad (potato salad, pasta salad, jello salad, etc.)

Celebrate Fathers Day with the men in black - the annual I-80 Collar Series featuring priests from the Omaha Archdiocese and Lincoln Diocese in a softball game at Werner Park, June 16th. The game is at 6:00pm. All proceeds from ticket sales will assist in promoting vocations and religious life in both dioceses. Tickets are available at ticketreturn.com.

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

We have a great team set up – thank you! June 17: Carla Wehling, June 19: Sandy DiSomma, June 20: Irene Warga, June 24: Bill Boyle, June 26: Kacey Groshans, June 27: Monica Yankus, July 1: Nicolette Kerns, July 3: Gay Lepert



Some shifting and filling in... But we still have more open Adoration Hours than is easily handled by subs each week. And due to moving, one more hour will soon be open. Holy Hours of Adoration are a wonderful extension of the Mass, in the sense that we pray in the physical Presence of the Lord, Who came to us this way through Consecration at the Mass. It's as if we know we want MORE of Him, and adoration gives us more time in a great setting!

If you feel drawn to increase your prayer time, having a regularly scheduled Holy Hour is a helpful, scheduled way to keep on track. And now is a good time for the parish to get a boost in filling the hours! Please call Sue at 214-4967 if you would like to have an hour.

The updated hours now currently open are: Sundays at 1am, & 11:30-1:00pm (1.5 hours); Tuesdays at 2pm; Thursdays at 5am; Fridays at 2am, Saturdays at 2am, 3am, 4am & 7pm. An hour that will be open soon (Let's pre-fill it now! ☺) – Fridays at 10pm.

Refresh your marriage! A get-away weekend at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. August 2-4 in Lincoln - Staybridge Suites. Check out www.wwme.org or call Pat & Janelle Benson (308) 940-1105 for more info. Deadline to register is one month in advance.

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.

Marriages outside the Church: If your marriage vows were not through the Catholic Church, and you would like to be married canonically, please call Father Houlihan, 296-3139.

Thank you to all who put a smile. in front of their amazon.com shopping site, and designating Church of the Holy Spirit as the charity to support! Smile.amazon is the same in all ways as the original amazon, except that under the smile title, they give a percentage back to their designated charity! Sign up once, then log in to "smile" after that! ☺ Maybe ask family and friends to do the same, if they are amazon shoppers!

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, including a One-Year Bible and an audio Bible set, Crucifixes, Baptism cards, First Communion cards, ornate Holy Cards, and other objects. Additional items will be rotated in at different times. Check it out!

Church cleaning reminder: For June 15 (at 9:00am): Frye, Fuxa, Gallagher, Garbers, Garrido, Gertsch, Gibson, Gillen

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

The cook position is a paid position. Duties include: cooking and is in charge of clean up, as well as various other duties. Monday-Friday, max 24 hrs/wk.

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.

PCCW wishes to thank all the Dads and their families for attending the (early) Father's Day Breakfast this past Sunday. PCCW certainly enjoys the opportunity to honor and provide this breakfast for all the wonderful Dads in our parish. Thank you also to the parishioners who helped take down tables and chairs after the breakfast was over. Winners of the four Menards giftcards were Richard Michaels, Tony Salazar, Harlan Seyfer, and Paul Vaccaro. Thank you Father Danek for handling the drawing for us. It was a privilege to honor you for an early Priest Appreciation, and thanks to all who came to bid him farewell.

"Magnificat" Holy Hour for the intentions of the Lincoln Diocese Priests, June 21. Magnificat is a Ministry to Catholic women whose fifth objective is to "Imitate Mary through spiritual adoption of Priests and Seminarians in Prayer". All women are invited, even if you haven't attended a Magnificat Prayer Meal in the past. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of John XXIII Center located at 3700 Sheridan Blvd. Because of the distance we may be unable to come, however perhaps you would like to join them in prayer from a distance for the Priests of our Diocese.

Some upcoming dates:

June 16 – I-80 Collar Series, Lincoln priests vs Omaha's, 3pm, Werner Park

June 17 – Fr. Danek leaves for his new assignment in Neb. City

June 17 – Fr. Gary Gross expected to arrive, as Priest in Residence

June 18 – CDA in the Commons, 7pm

June 23 – Corpus Christi procession on the church grounds after the 10:30 Mass

June 23 – Priest Appreciation Pot-Luck luncheon, directly after the Corpus Christi procession

June 28 – Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Adoration in church 7am - 8am

July 17-20 – PCCW Rummage Sale. (Donate, set-up: July 14-16.)

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:

Trinity Sunday is one of the last of the “movable feasts” that depend on the date of Easter. It is the last day to fulfill your “Easter duty” of receiving Holy Communion worthily every year. Confession is certainly included in this duty, although there is no time specified—only that we do it once a year if there are mortal sins. Even if there are none, we can tend to presume a lot (about ourselves, not about God) if we wait much longer. The sacraments are there to keep us pointed in the right direction and to help us to persevere in the spiritual life. They are God’s ways of reaching out to us and keeping us close to Him. Today is the summary of all that we have remembered during Lent and Easter—how, through no merit of our own, God reached out to us to embrace us and bring us back to Himself. It is probably heresy (for anything we say about the Holy Trinity runs the risk of being too inadequate), but the sending of the Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit are like the two arms that reach out to embrace us. The Trinity that we profess in faith—one God, three divine Persons—is the same Trinity that we have experienced in human history and in our individual lives. God is for us and we were made for Him. Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Today is Fr. Danek’s last weekend with us as one of our own priests, but we hope to see him often, since he will be living at St. Mary’s in Nebraska City and teaching at Lourdes. God bless!

Monday will be the official first day of our new resident priest, Fr. Gary Gross. He has been serving for the last several years as an Army chaplain, and is a retired Colonel in the Nebraska National Guard. He will be attending Creighton University on his G.I. Bill, and will be helping in other places, but we hope to see him on weekends at least and in the evenings. He served as a high school superintendent at Wahoo Neumann and also served in the Nebraska City area, among his other assignments over the years. I knew him as a college student when I was stationed in his home parish, the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln, where his mother was the school secretary, and his father also served in the National Guard. I know you will enjoy getting to know him, and he you.

Next Sunday (weather permitting), we will be processing around the grounds after the 10:30 Mass

for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). This is our annual chance to meditate on the great mystery that was revealed to us on Holy Thursday, and it was originally celebrated on the first “free” Thursday after Eastertide and the old Pentecost octave, but it has been moved in the United States (and many other places) to the following Sunday. The magnificent and humbling truth that God is here for us as Food is overwhelming. That is why we come to Mass. That is why we genuflect before the tabernacle. That is why we spend time in the church or in the Adoration Chapel. That is why, most of all, we receive Him, given to us, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, in Holy Communion. We will be going to four altars, representing the four main directions. We want to bring Jesus to all the world. We invite people to bring flower petals to strew in the path of the Blessed Sacrament, as He is brought to each of these altars and people are given a blessing at each one. You do not have to stay, but you are most warmly invited to do so—this usually takes about a half an hour extra. We conclude with Benediction at the main altar in the church, the final blessing of the Mass. The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus and the boys and girls who made their First Holy Communion this year (please wear your First Communion clothes, if you wish) are invited as our special honor guard. The musicians will lead the singing, and we have a chance to enjoy the great spring weather (although it will technically be summer next Sunday) on our beautiful grounds. You are also invited to a parish potluck at the conclusion. I am hoping to be able to introduce you to Fr. Gross at that time. Come to the banquet—the Banquet of Life with the Bread of Life, and the “family picnic” that follows. All are more than welcome!

Even though the PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women) provided a wonderful breakfast a week early (so that our wonderful Golf Tournament could take place this weekend), we still want to wish all fathers a very happy Fathers’ Day. Please pray for your own father, living or deceased. And may God, the Father, God, the Son, and God, the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you forever!

Father Houlihan