



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14, 2019

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Encounter Jesus!

Monday, July 15

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Frakes family

Tuesday, July 16

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

Wednesday, July 17

8:00 a.m. +Robert Gillen

Thursday, July 18

8:00 a.m. +Lowell Daisley

Friday, July 19

8:00 a.m. +Richard Stevens

Saturday, July 20

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

Sunday, July 21

8:00 a.m. +Margaret Stransky
 10:30 a.m. +Roland & Patricia Yost

CONFESSIONS:

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

Contributions for June 30, 2019

General Collection at Mass	\$	7,113.35
General Online Giving	\$	3,691.00
Debt Reduction	\$	1,430.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	85.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	90.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	15.00
Peter's Pence	\$	970.00
Utilities	\$	135.00

Head Count at Mass last weekend: 639

Contributions for July 7, 2019

General Collection at Mass	\$	9,497.45
General Online Giving	\$	9,567.00
Debt Reduction	\$	1,185.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	895.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	455.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	95.00
Peter's Pence	\$	219.00
Peter's Pence Online Giving	\$	25.00
Utilities	\$	475.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	40.00

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966 / George Johnson GK (402) 235-3518
General Business Meeting – Thursday, July 11, at 7:00pm in SJR.

July Breakfast – Will be held, July 21st, after the 8:00 & 10:30am Sunday Masses. The Knights will be serving French toast, pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs and apple sauce. Roast beef, potatoes and gravy will also be served after the 10:30am Mass. The proceeds will go to Church air conditioning utility.

Some upcoming dates:

July 16 – CDA Potluck lunch at Noon in the Commons

July 17-20 – PCCW Rummage Sale. (Donate, July 14-15)

July 21 -- Knight's free-will donation breakfast in the gym after Masses

July 23-25 – Youth Volleyball Clinic, girls grades 1-8

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.

My Neighbor's Closet, our thrift store, is celebrating "Christmas in July." All this month, each family may have one free bag full of goodies from our North Room. "Buy one- Get one free" in our South Room. August will be our "Back to School" special.

Rummage Sale Due to the concrete work that is going to be done on the north side of the school, we are unable to accept large pieces of furniture for this rummage sale. If it doesn't fit through the front doors of the school, we won't be able to accept it. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes. If you have any questions, please call Patty Lambert at 296-2288.

Church cleaning reminder: For July 20 (at 9:00am): Hensch, Hensley and Sieben, Herek, Heyen, Hickman, Hobscheidt, Hobscheidt, Hobscheidt

"Stewardship of Talent" Dinners for Fr. Houlihan and Fr. Gross: We have a great team set up! July 15: Chrissy Fallor, July 17: Sandy DiSomma, July 18: Carla Wehling, July 22: Liz Rubin, July 24: Bill Boyle, July 25: Irene Warga, July 29: Monica Yankus, July 31: Kacey Groshans, Aug 1: Monica Yankus

St John the Baptist School in Plattsmouth is hiring positions in the school lunch program for school year 2019-2020.

The Hot Lunch Program is looking for two paid positions: a Director/Manager and a Cook. Also a volunteer for next school year.

A volunteer is needed for Mondays from 11:00-approx 12:45. People can volunteer weekly, monthly or any combination. Duties include serving and washing dishes. These hours count towards stewardship hours.

The Cook position not only cooks, but is in charge of clean-up as well as various other duties. The hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30-approx 12:45.

The Director/Manager position requires willingness to obtain some training classes in food preparation through the NDHHS or a bachelor's degree. This position mainly takes care of all the paperwork as well as helping with the cooking when needed.

All positions require a strong back to be able to stand for long periods of time, continuing education classes, and the ability to lift up to 20 lbs.

If you have children or grandchildren at the school, you can eat lunch with them, also!

Please contact Lisa Platt or Linda Monahan at 402-296-6230 for more information.

PASTOR'S NOTES:

Today is Bastille Day, the national holiday of France, although the French Revolution, inspired by the American Revolution, was not exactly the same thing. Nevertheless, we wish our brothers and sisters in the “Eldest Daughter of the Church” and the oldest friend of our country well today. The burning of Notre Dame Cathedral, not as completely damaged as originally feared, may be a harbinger and a sign that the flames of fervor and devotion, so often fanned into flame by the Holy Spirit over the centuries, may once again burn in the hearts of the French people. One has only to look at the latest great outpouring of love shown in the 1800s (after the excesses of the original French Revolution had toned down) by such people as the Cure of Ars, that is, St. John Vianney, the “Little Flower,” that is, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Bernadette Soubirous and Our Lady of Lourdes, or even looking at our own community, the influence of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Bishop Miege, the first bishop of the area that became the Nebraska Territory, once part of “New France,” and our own former parishioner, Peter Sarpy, the fur trader, and others. Vive la France!

The “catholic” nature of the Church means that although it seems that there was at least one place that could claim to have evangelized itself (Korea)—but even there not without other, outside influences—no place grew in the faith without the help of others. Think of the Irish, Polish, Czech or German priests and sisters that shared their faith with the people of this area long ago. Think of Fr. David (Ghana), Fr. Marneni, Fr. Peter, Fr. Sekar (India), Fr. Lawrence (Nigeria), Fr. Au (Hong Kong, China), Fr. O’Byrne (Ireland), Msgr. Agius and his brother, Fr. Agius (Malta), who come to my mind of priests that this community has had in more modern times who came to share the Gospel with us.

“Apostolic” is the fourth mark (or identifier) of the Church. This word means that the Church was founded on the “foundation stones” of the Twelve (the same number for the New Israel as was the number of the tribes or sons of the Old Israel, the patriarch Jacob). Jesus is, of course, the stone rejected by the builders which has become the cornerstone, and Simon bar Jona, renamed “the Rock,” or Peter, is the one on whom the Lord promised to build His Church. The successors of these first Apostles, the bishops, govern the Church with that same apostolic authority, and with the same teaching that was given to us by the Apostles and to teach, rule, and sanctify. Although these have a

special role, the priesthood of Jesus Christ and the ministry of service, that is to say, the bishops, priests, and deacons that receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders, all of the baptized share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ and in the apostolic mandate—to go and teach all nations, using the charisms or gifts given to each Christian by the Holy Spirit. What is it that is being passed down from the time of the Apostles? It is the “tradition” or passing down of the witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Some of the earliest Christians, including some of the Apostles, recorded this witness in the pages of Sacred Scripture, also authoritatively passed on, through the living apostolic Church, to the present day. The bishops (and priests) of the Church are living signs of that “apostolic” handing-down, or tradition, and as the living voice of the Church, the Magisterium, they keep the whole of the Christian people “on task” for the work we are all called to do. We do not vote on our beliefs or our doctrines or our morals—they are given to us, through the Apostles, from the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. The Church is “infallible” in teaching authentic faith and morals, not because of the intellectual superiority or moral uprightness of the leaders of the Church, but because of the Holy Spirit, Who guarantees that the “barque of Peter” will not go astray in the turbulent waters of this world, but will reach the harbor of salvation. The bishops, speaking collectively (the “college” of bishops), with the Pope, a member himself and its leader, or even the Bishop of Rome, the Pope and Successor of St. Peter alone, can speak for the whole Church, not because of their own goodness, but because of the goodness of God, Who will not let the flock be scattered. In spite of human weakness and sin, the Church continues unabated until the Last Day to bring the Good News first delivered by the Apostles, to the whole world. Even individual Christians, believing the same truths of the faith, reflect that “infallible” quality. Christ would not let the Church go astray, no matter how hard some seem to try to make that happen—the gates of hell will not prevail against her.

Yours truly will be gone to Minnesota between weekends with some brother priests. See you later—the Lord willing.

Father Houlihan