



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2019

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## PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**ENTER THE MASS! Give honor to God!**

### Monday, Aug 12

8:00 a.m. +Stephen Ptacek

### Tuesday, Aug 13

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

### Wednesday, Aug 14

8:00 a.m. +Robert Gillen

6:00 p.m. +Sophia Vinduska

### Thursday, Aug 15 Assumption of Mary

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

7:00 p.m. Special Intention for the D.S. family

### Friday, Aug 16

8:00 a.m. +Lowell Daisley  
+William Anderson

### Saturday, Aug 17

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of PCCW

5:00 p.m. +Don Borer

### Sunday, Aug 18

8:00 a.m. +William E. & Dorothy Reinsch  
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

## 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: 600**

## Contributions for August 4, 2019

General Collection at Mass	\$	7,534.27
General Online Giving	\$	2,157.00
Debt Reduction	\$	1,330.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	15.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	344.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	15.00
Utilities	\$	329.00

**Wedding Congratulations** to Mitchell and Amy (Kerns) Kotera, who were married here at Church of the Holy Spirit on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. May they walk with The Lord throughout all their life together!

**Baptism Congratulations** to Ada Michele Hartwig, daughter of Jacob and Cyndi. Ada was baptized last Sunday, August 4. What a treasure she received!

## Holy Day of Obligation

The great Solemnity of the Assumption is Wednesday, August 15. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, where we honor our Blessed Mother and the gift given to her – assumption of body and soul, into Heaven. Masses for the Holy Day will be held as follows: **Aug. 14 Vigil - 6:00pm; Aug. 15 - 8:00am & 7:00pm**

## Spiritfest 2019



**SpiritFest 2019!** on Saturday, August 17 ... outside ... under the trees ... on the grounds of St. John the Baptist School:

♪♪♪ "Be sure to wear some flowers in your hair..." ♪♪♪ ♪♪♪ ♪♪♪ ♪♪♪

It will be a festive atmosphere to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Woodstock! The performers (both young and not so young) will bridge the generations and provide an evening of great music and fun.

The event is open to the public. There is no charge to attend, however, freewill donations will be accepted to benefit a local charity. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and are invited to bring snacks and beverages to share. In case of inclement weather, the event will move inside St. John's gym. At least 3 hours of peace, love and music - beginning at 7pm.

NOTE: Unlike the original festival, there will be no mud slides and the wearing of clothing is mandatory! 😊



## WEE WORSHIP will be back as of August 25! Children's Liturgy at Church of the Holy Spirit

After a short summer-time break, we are again offering a hands-on children's liturgy program with activities for during the Sunday 10:30am Masses. **The children are dismissed at the beginning of Mass**, participate in Wee Worship for about 20 minutes in the Commons, and are then **brought back into church at Offertory** to finish up the Mass with you. Who is this for? Children ages **4 years old through 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**.

**Mass Daycare is also available!** Located in the St. Joseph Room for the **entire length of Mass. Ages 1-3 years only**. Questions? For additional information about bringing your child(ren), or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jill at 297-9486.



## St John the Baptist School is hiring in the school Hot Lunch Program for school year 2019-2020.

...A paid position: Cook

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

....Also asking for a volunteer:

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.

Both 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 Linda Monahan at 296-6230 for more information.

**First meeting for the Annual Fall Festival** August 14 at 7pm in the Commons. We need your ideas. Open to all, please come to this meeting!

**“Stewardship of Talent” Dinners for Fr. Houlihan and Fr. Gross:** We have a great team set up! Aug 12: Nicolette Kerns, Aug 14: Deb Warga, Aug 15: Sandy DiSomma, Aug 19: Chrissy Faller, Aug 21: Bill Boyle, Aug 22: Carla Wehling, Aug 26: Liz Rubin, Aug 28: Kacey Groshans, Aug 29: Irene Warga

**Knights of Columbus** – Council 1966 / George Johnson GK 402-235-3518

**Knights Summer Picnic** – Sunday, August 11, 1:00pm at Beaver Lake.

**August Breakfast** – Sunday, August 18, after the 8:00 and 10:30am Masses. Knights will be serving biscuit and sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, and fruit salad. Chicken pot pie will also be served after the 10:30 Mass.

**Officers meeting** – Thursday, August 22, 7pm in SJR

## **PASTOR’S NOTES:**

This coming Thursday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation in the United States, and a celebration highly appropriate for a people that is an Easter people with “alleluia” as our song (cf. St. Augustine). Mary, the first and greatest of the Lord’s disciples, teaches us and exemplifies for us what we can expect—to have body and soul joined together again (although separated at the time of death) for all eternity—the “resurrection of the body.” She is the sign of the harvest that will be gathered in in eternity, the harvest of which Jesus Himself is the “first fruits,” as revealed in His resurrection on Easter Sunday. Whether Mary (in union with her Son, Who died) “died” or (since she was not subject to death because she was not subject, by God’s grace, to the effects of original sin) simply “fell asleep” (the “dormition”) is a subject of study for theologians, but it does not change the importance of this feast. There will be three Masses to help you fulfill your obligation to give worship (an obligation shared by all creatures, and not only human beings, although we humans are privileged to share that worship with our brother, Jesus Christ, Who offers the perfect prayer and sacrifice—that of Good Friday—to the Father): at 6 P.M. Wednesday evening, at 8 A.M. Thursday morning, and at 7 P.M. Thursday evening. I have noticed here, but also elsewhere, that about one-half of the people that we have “on the books” are here on a given weekend, but only about one-fourth (half of the one-half) are here on the typical holy day. In talking to other priests and people in other parishes around the country, this seems to be the norm. Some of this, no doubt, is due to work conditions and so forth, but it is something to ponder, at any rate. Holy days are a reminder that eternity breaks in even on “regular days” during the week besides Sunday, the Lord’s own day.

Speaking of being absent, yours truly will be attending our annual family reunion in North Carolina next weekend. After Mom (in 2014) and Dad (in 2012) died, the six siblings that they brought into the world have tried to meet annually, around the time of their anniversary

## **Some upcoming dates:**

August 11 – Knights’ Summer Picnic, Beaver Lake at 1:30pm

August 14 – First meeting for Fall Festival planning, 7pm in the Commons

August 15 – Holy Day of Obligation – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 17 – SpiritFest 2019, held on the grounds in front of our school, 7pm

August 18 – Knights’ free-will donation breakfast in the gym after a.m. Masses

August 19 – Parent Orientation, school gym at 6:30pm

August 21 – First day of school

August 25 – Wee Worship starts up again

September 8 – First day of CCD classes, 9:00-10:20am (register in gym)

September 10 – First class for this year’s RCIA (7pm in the Commons)

September 18 – Bible classes start for Wednesdays, 10:00am

September 19 – Bible classes start for Thursdays, 7:00pm

*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.*

**Church cleaning reminder:** For Aug 17 (at 9:00am): King, Klein, Klein, Klein, Klinefelter, Knust, Koelzer, Kolb

(August 18, married at the Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel of St. Cecilia’s Cathedral in Omaha in 1951). Each sibling gets to pick the venue. My brother (#4 in the lineup—I being #1), who moved recently to North Carolina with his wife from New Jersey, chose the state of his residency as this year’s venue. My plan is to fly out Friday morning and to return on Monday. The only requirement is to pick the place for one family meal—there are other gatherings associated with it, of course, but that is the core of the get-together. I was also there in 2017, when #2, the oldest of the sisters, also chose that same state of her residence as the venue. Besides the two who live in North Carolina, the other four of us live in mother Nebraska. Please pray for safe travel. Fr. Gross will take good care of you.

I also want to call to your attention SpiritFest 2019, which will be held next Saturday night here on the grounds of the Church of the Holy Spirit, thanks to our great musicians, beginning with the patriarch of them all, Terry Little. He is quick to point out that this year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a gathering called Woodstock, which one or two of you might be old enough to remember. This promises to be much tamer and family-oriented than that ancient gathering, and you are welcome to attend.

Believe it or not, a week from Wednesday (namely, August 21) is the first day of the new school year, at least at St. John the Baptist Catholic School. The price we pay for getting out in May is that we start in the middle of August. Incidentally, the reason most schools are doing this is twofold: 1. By starting this early, the Christmas/New Year break falls in the middle of the school year—we can finish the first semester before vacation, and 2. Sports practices begin in August—this date is set by the state, and since busses are running in many schools for sports, it makes sense to bring everybody else in at the same time. As long as the air-conditioning works, I guess it is all right. Enjoy the rest of summer—the “dog days,” as they are called.

**Father Houlihan**