



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2019

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Heaven on earth!

Monday, September 9

8:10 a.m. +Betty Morehead Owings
Health of C.G.

Tuesday, September 10

8:10 a.m. +Peggy Loucks
Special Intention for D & D

Wednesday, September 11

8:10 a.m. +Art & Ann Lucht
+Ken Meisinger, Jr.

Thursday, September 12

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

Friday, September 13

8:10 a.m. Special Intention for C.M.R.
+Clem & Evelyn Pfeiffer

Saturday, September 14

8:00 a.m. +Lloyd Morehead
5:00 p.m. +Roland & Patricia Yost

Sunday, September 15

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions

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: 654

Contributions for September 1, 2019

General Collection at Mass	\$	8,835.36
General Online Giving	\$	2,042.00
Debt Reduction	\$	1,005.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	15.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	327.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	15.00
Utilities	\$	40.00
Mission Co-op	\$	2,323.00

\$ You can pick up a copy of our annual Financial Statement in the Commons on the table near St. Joseph's Room.

Holy Land pilgrimage meeting: Monday, Sept 9th at 7pm in the Commons. If you are interested, please come find out more. Deadlines are approaching.



CCD starts THIS Sunday, September 8th for our students in grades 1-8 who are attending a public school. Classes are 9:00-10:20am, making it quite convenient to attend Mass either right before class, or right after! Fees are \$65 per student. Parents/guardians can register their child on the first day of class. Please contact Pam Duzik, 980-4474, if you have any questions.

The next High School Youth Group meeting is set for **this Sunday**, September 8 at 6:00pm. Open to all our high school students, run by college students, Totus Tuus style!!!



Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord! Children's Choir Children's Choir is open to ALL 3rd - 8th grade students in the parish. We meet Monday afternoons in the church and sing at Mass once per month. Registration is required, please contact Renee Spicka at reneespicka@gmail.com for registration link or for more information.



Wee Worship, Children's Liturgy, during Sunday 10:30am Mass, 4yrs thru 1st grade. Daycare for 1-3yr olds for all of Mass is also offered at this Mass, in St. Joseph's Room.



Classes for this year's RCIA start Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00pm in the church Commons. These classes will help participants to more fully understand the Catholic Faith, its teachings and its rich historical, theological, and spiritual depth. We welcome all: non-Catholics who want to learn about Catholicism, as well as already-Catholics who are wanting a good study in the basic teachings of the Church!

Pilgrimage to "Grotto of the Redemption" in West Bend, Iowa. CDA members are going to this unique shrine on September 16. All are welcome to go with them. Please sign up in the Commons if you are interested in going. The Grotto is asking for an \$8 donation. Those going will car pool, and they will leave after the 8:10 Mass. (9:00am).

St John the Baptist School is hiring in the school Hot Lunch Program

...A paid position: Cook Monday-Friday, 8:30-approx 12:45

...A volunteer Mondays, 11:00-approx 12:45

Please contact Linda Monahan at 296-6230 for more information.

Some upcoming dates:

- September 8 – First day of CCD classes, 9:00-10:20am (register in gym)
- September 8 – High School Youth Group meets at 6pm
- September 9 – Holy Land pilgrimage meeting, 7pm in the Commons
- September 10 – First class for this year's RCIA, 7pm in the Commons
- September 15 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast in gym after Masses
- September 16 – First Children's Choir rehearsal
- September 18 – Bible classes start for Wednesdays, 10:00am
- September 19 – Bible classes start for Thursdays, 7:00pm
- October 4 – Grandparents Day at school
- October 6 – Life Chain at Chicago & 8th Ave. 2-3pm
- October 19 – Fall Festival (new day of the week!) 5-9pm

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.

“Stewardship of Talent” Dinners for Fr. Houlihan, Fr. Gross, & Fr. Bartek: We have a great team set up! Sep 9: Nicolle Kerns, Sep 11: Monica Yankus, Sep 12: Glennia Sand, Sep 16: Gay Lepert, Sep 18: Deb Warga, Sep 19: Sandy DiSomma, Sep 23: Bill Boyle, Sep 25: Kacey Groshans, Sep 26: Carla Wehling

Church cleaning reminder: For Sept 14 (at 9:00am): Light, Lockhorn, Lutz, Macken, Malfait, Manley, Marcotte, Masters

Thank you for the generous support given to the Mission Co-op. It is good and holy to support the different missionary dioceses each year!

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966 / George Johnson GK 402-235-3518
General Business Meeting – Thurs, Sept 12, at 7:00pm in SJR.

September Breakfast – Sunday, September 15th, after the 8:00 and 10:30am Masses. The Knights will be serving pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs and apple sauce. This month’s breakfast will be for the school bus assistance. **Tootsie Rolls** are coming in October. See Paul Savick for assisting with the Intellectual Disabilities campaign this year. Knights, Paul will have signups out soon – more to come.

Bible Class Psalms: The School of Prayer at Church of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday mornings at 10am or Thursday evenings at 7pm beginning on **September 18th or 19th** for 11 weeks. For more information or to register for the study, call Dee Gaeta at 402-235-3773 or Kathy Manley at 402-235-2633.

PASTOR’S NOTES:

Today begins our Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) classes for those boys and girls in our parish (grades 1-8) who attend public schools. We meet in the school from 9 A.M.-10:20 A.M., between the two morning Masses (8 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.), so students and their families may easily attend one or the other—of course, they are always welcome at 5 P.M. on Saturday as well, the Mass of anticipation. Thanks to Pam Duzik and our wonderful CCD teachers and staff and our students and families. We are glad to have you today!

Today is the traditional date that the Church celebrates the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary (September 8). This date is related to the date on which we celebrate her Immaculate Conception in the womb of St. Anne (December 8, which is exactly nine months before today’s date). As with the birthday of Jesus (December 25, not to mention His coming to earth in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary on March 25, the Annunciation, exactly nine months before we celebrate His birth), or John the Baptist (June 24), the three births commemorated in the general liturgical calendar of the Church year, we will never have a birth certificate to prove the date—there were no such things then—but these are the days the Church has, from the earliest centuries, remembered these births, which are so important in the history of our salvation. I remember as a new pastor in the early 1980s that I had to send baptismal certificates occasionally to the federal government for Social Security or passport purposes, since even in the early years of the twentieth century, it was not a universal practice of the counties to record each birth, and the baptismal records were the only documentary evidence of birth in this country or of age. For many centuries in some European countries, the baptismal register in the parish church was the only documentation that a particular person ever existed. Mary, along with John the Baptist and Jesus, came from very humble circumstances. And look what God did for us through their lives! (Jesus, of course, is God the Son).

Thanks to Terry Little and the other talented musicians who put on a concert the last Saturday evening in August. Coincidentally, the Bishop tried doing

something similar that same evening in Lincoln, but there is no match for the long commitment that our people here have made over the years. Blessings on our gifted and giving music leaders at all of our Masses, under our conductor, Renée Spicka. We appreciate all of you!

In most of the places where I have been stationed, I like to put out an invitation to any couple or individual that has “problems” with getting a marriage situation rectified according to canon law—for many couples, it is as simple as saying their vows in front of the priest and two witnesses. All who wish to do so can be assisted in some way by their pastor. There is certainly no “excommunication” (as there once was, long ago, in Church law) for those who do not marry according to canon law, but due to the fact that those in these situations are not able to receive the sacraments of penance or the Eucharist worthily, those people often stop even attending Mass and listening to God’s Word. No one is ever “excluded” from this and, in fact, this and an active prayer life are quite important—as they are to all of us. Although I am not a canon lawyer, I do know a few good ones and have enough training and experience to be helpful. If marriage and family life are “under assault” today, it is not necessarily because people are worse than they ever were—far from it!—but many of the things that were part of people’s support systems are no longer in place, and marriage, the beautiful thing God gave to our first parents, Adam and Eve, and which Jesus raised (at least in the case of two baptized Christians) to the level of a sacrament, is still now meant to be a sign of hope to all the world. Both civil society and the Church have laws regulating marriage to protect and strengthen it, as well as the people affected by it (such as children), and want people to succeed and do well—society depends on it! So please accept whatever I, a celibate, can do for you. The rest of us look up to those trying to live the Gospel in marriage and family life, and we want to help support you in any way we can. God bless you!

Father Houlihan