



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2019

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! *We worship our Lord!*

Monday, September 16

8:10 a.m. +Peggy Brittain
 Special Intention: wedding of MD & SZ

Tuesday, September 17

8:10 a.m. +Alfred Gaeta
 +Laurie Stevens

Wednesday, September 18

8:10 a.m. +Robert Gillen
 +John Aschenbrenner

Thursday, September 19

8:10 a.m. +Stanley & Rose Bartek
 In thanksgiving for R.C.L.

Friday, September 20

8:10 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions
 +Dick & Mary Michaels

Saturday, September 21

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of PCCW
 5:00 p.m. +Sophia Vinduska

Sunday, September 22

8:00 a.m. +Lillian Hartz-Jirovsky
 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: 607

Contributions for September 8, 2019

General Collection at Mass	\$	9,508.50
General Online Giving	\$	9,012.00
Debt Reduction	\$	1,880.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	1,495.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	700.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	95.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	40.00
Mission Co-op	\$	670.00
Mission Co-op Online Giving	\$	15.00

\$ You can pick up a copy of our annual Financial Statement in the Commons.

PCCW Meeting, Thursday, Sept 19 at 6:00pm in St. Joseph's Room. All women of the parish are invited.

CCD started last Sunday, 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! If you missed the first day, you can start THIS Sunday! Contact Pam Duzik, 980-4474, if you have any questions.



Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord! 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.

RCIA Classes for this year's RCIA started last Tuesday. Even if you missed the first class, please feel welcome to start this week. Classes are on Tuesdays 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!



Fall Festival is October 19th 5-9 pm. *New day of the week, and new time!* We are in the planning and preparation stage....looking for these items: stuffed animals, 2-liter bottles of pop, plant starts and auction basket items. Monetary donations are also needed! Raffle tickets will be for sale in the Commons Sept 14 - Oct 19. Please consider helping with the Fall Festival; signups are in the Commons and online at www.signupgenius.com. Search using chsfallfestival@gmail.com Call or text Beth or Kenny Staskiewicz, 297-9244 or 297-1396

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 15 – CCD classes, 9:00-10:20am (register in gym, if not done yet)
 September 15 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast in gym after Masses
 September 17 – RCIA, 7pm in the Commons. Welcome, even if you missed 1st class!
 September 16 – First Children's Choir rehearsal
 September 18 – Bible classes on Psalms start for Wednesdays, 10:00am
 September 19 – Bible classes on Psalms start for Thursdays, 7:00pm
 September 19 – PCCW meeting, 6pm in SJR
 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.

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966 / George Johnson GK 402-235-3518
Harvest Festival – Thanks for your continued support of the Knights' Food Wagon this year. It was great to serve you your favorite food and beverage. Thanks to the Knights who helped man the Food Wagon this year. It was another great year! Thanks, everyone!!

September Breakfast – This Sunday, after the 8:00 & 10:30am Masses the Knights will be serving pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs and applesauce. The meal after the 10:30 Mass will also have hamburgers & hot dogs. This month's breakfast will be for the school bus assistance.

Officer's Meeting – Thursday, September 26, at 7:00pm in SJR
Intellectual Disabilities Campaign - See Paul Savick for a time slot when you can assist with the Intellectual Disabilities campaign this year – October 19th and 20th. Knights, Paul will have sign-ups out soon – more to come.

Mother/Daughter Program “Fearfully and Wonderfully Made” for girls age 9-13 and their mothers will be held Saturday, October 26 from 9am to noon at John XXIII Diocesan Center. This program is designed to educate girls on growing up and becoming a woman. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20 per mother/daughter or \$30 per family. Register at: <https://lincolndioocese.regfox.com/mother-daughter-program> Questions, please call Jen Davis at 402-261-6375 or email jmdavis17@gmail.com

Church cleaning reminder: For Sept 21 (at 9:00am): Mathews, McAlevy, McAlevy, McAlevy, McCartney, McGowan, Meisinger, Meisinger

PASTOR'S NOTES:

The priests are scheduled to be in Seward at the diocesan seminary, St. Gregory's, on Tuesday for a study day. There should be a priest in the deanery available in case of an emergency—and such things do happen, by the way. It is scheduled to be Fr. Kaup at St. Benedict's in Nebraska City. Sue or Noni will be able to help you get a hold of this priest. I should mention that we are glad to be able to visit those in the hospitals, but all of the ones that are around generally have access to priests that are close for emergencies and have people available for routine spiritual care (such as bringing Holy Communion). Even when I lived in McCook and Hastings, we were never as far as we are here from a hospital. If you know you are having surgery or other procedure and would like the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and/or the other sacrament of healing, the Sacrament of Penance, before you go, let us know and we will be happy to accommodate you as best we can. We also try to “winterize” those here in the parish that we visit on First Fridays with the Anointing of the Sick this fall. Sometimes even age can make this sacrament a spiritual help to us. Please let us know if you are homebound (especially after being in the hospital) and are not able at the present time to attend Mass. May God bless you and keep you strong in His love!

What is the reason to go to Mass every Sunday (which includes a vigil Mass on Saturday night)? What if it does not seem to “feed” me or if I am bored or if I am busy or if I need to sleep in or if I have no motivation? The answer is not that we do it to benefit ourselves. We do it because we owe it to our God, Who created, redeemed, and sanctifies us. Worship is the obligation of the creature to the Creator. The Mass is the “perfect sacrifice,” since it joins us to the Son as He offers Himself to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. I would add, however, that God does not, strictly speaking, need this worship, nor does He need anything that we can offer. The need is on our part—we need to worship, because we were made by God only so that He could share His goodness with us. God wants only that we appreciate and return, in some small way, the love that He has shared

Father/Son Program “In His Image” for boys age 10-14 and their fathers will be held Sunday, September 22nd from 1:30-4:30pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center. This program is designed to educate boys on growing up and becoming a man. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20 per father/son or \$30/family. Register: <https://lincolndioocese.regfox.com/father-son-program>

“Stewardship of Talent” Dinners for Fr. Houlihan, Fr. Gross & Fr. Bartek: *We have a great team set up!* Sep 16: Gay Lepert, Sep 18: Deb Warga, Sep 19: Sandy DiSomma, Sep 23: Bill Boyle, Sep 25: Kacey Groshans, Sep 26: Carla Wehling, Sep 30: Liz Rubin

and is sharing with us. We come together to praise the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit, because “it is right and just” to “lift up our hearts” to the Lord. All real prayer must begin with this simple acknowledgment and return of God's love to us. Prayer can be simple adoration, thanksgiving (“eucharist”), contrition (sorrow) or supplication (asking). Bishop Flavin used to refer to these four things as ACTS—Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. Some people stop praying, going to Mass, or even believing in God because God did not do what they wanted. The purpose of prayer is not to change God's mind, for it is already perfect. The real purpose that God has in wanting us to pray is to change our minds. It puts our wills in “sync” with God's will (“Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”). When we pray with our brothers and sisters in union with Christ at Mass, we are praying “Your Kingdom come, Your will be done.” We were made by God for God—to be with Him for all eternity, to be happy with the only kind of happiness that lasts forever. The Mass, no matter how simple or complex, poorly celebrated or richly celebrated, is meant to give us a glimpse of eternity. It is indeed a glimpse of heaven. God always stands ready to feed us with His holy Word, and with the Body and Blood of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. When we are present, we support our brothers and sisters with our prayers, and when we are absent, we take away from them. Although there are certainly good reasons why people miss Mass (inclement weather, work obligations, the weakness that comes from old age, illness, for reasons relating to charity and so on), it often seems that people miss more from a lack of commitment rather than a lack of convenience. In any event, God gives us seven days each week and only asks for one given completely back to Him. As the 116th Psalm states: “How can I repay the Lord for all the great good done for me? I will raise the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people” (Ps. 116:12-14). Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His mercy endures forever!

Father Houlihan