



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2019

Pastor: Rev. Michael Houlihan
 Senior Priest in Residence: Rev. Valerian Bartek
 Priest in Residence: Rev. Gary Gross
 520 South 18th Street Plattsmouth, NE 68048
 Rectory Phone: (402) 296-3139
 Parish office email: plattsmouthHSC@cdolinc.net
 Website: www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com
 School website: www.stjbcatholic.com
 Parish Facebook page: facebook.com/CHSPlattsmouth
 School Facebook page: facebook.com/STJBCatholic

PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Jesus will be there!

Monday, November 11

8:10 a.m. +Andrea Prather
 +All Souls Day Intentions

Tuesday, November 12

8:10 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the
 Aylor & Bergmann families
 +Roland & Patricia Yost

Wednesday, November 13

8:10 a.m. +Ray & Mary Olberding
 +Robert Gillen

Thursday, November 14

8:10 a.m. +William E. & Dorothy Reinsch
 +Rosemary Miller

Friday, November 15

8:10 a.m. +Sophia Vinduska
 +Julie Roloff

Saturday, November 16

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

Sunday, November 17

8:00 a.m. +Anna Nguyen
 10:30 a.m. Special Intention for D.S. and family

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 for All Saints Day: 371

Contributions for All Saints Day

General Collection at Mass	\$	1,207.00
General Online Giving	\$	210.00
Debt Reduction	\$	25.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	10.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$	10.00

Head Count at Mass last weekend: 619

Contributions for November 3, 2019

General Collection at Mass	\$	9,205.86
General Online Giving	\$	2,152.00
Debt Reduction	\$	1,711.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	15.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	579.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	15.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$	30.00
Military Archdiocese	\$	210.00

A new parish directory is being planned for 2020. Help will be needed in a number of areas. A planning meeting will be scheduled soon. If you would like to be part of the planning team, please call/text Terry Little at 402-297-2127 or email tlmusic@windstream.net.

First Holy Spirit Catering event of this fall!

Friday, Nov. 15 – Plattsmouth Trivia Night.

•**To help**, look for all Holy Spirit Catering events at SignupGenius.com.

Click on the search symbol in the upper right. Search by email:

holyspiritcatering@gmail.com. Or text or call Laurie at 402-679-2457



Some upcoming dates:

November 17 – Knights Free-Will Breakfast after the Sunday Masses

November 17 – High School Youth Group meets, 7-9pm

November 28 – Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00am

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.

CDA dues Members will be at a table in the Commons after Masses on Nov 16/17 and Dec 7/8 to accept 2020 membership dues.

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

Knights 2019 Fall Fund Raiser Winner – Thanks for your support this year! Purdue – Vince Zoucha

Monthly Business Meeting – Thursday, Nov 14, at 7:00pm in SJR. This month Good of the Order will be on the topic of “A Call to Spiritual Battle” from the *Into the Breach* sessions. We will be discussing the current crisis in faith and pray that we recognize this breach for what it is – Satan’s attack on the world.

November Breakfast - Sunday, November 17, after the 8:00 & 10:30am Masses. The Knights will be serving sausage gravy & biscuits, scrambled eggs and fruit casserole. Chicken pot pie will be served after the 10:30 Mass. The proceeds will go to the Church Debt Fund.

It’s now time for “Living Faith” pamphlet renewal If interested in subscribing, at bulk rate (\$5.00/year), to the quarterly Living Faith pamphlet, contact Sue at the rectory office by *** **November 18th** ***. Subscriptions will run Jan 2020-Dec 2020. As with the Magnificat, these will not be sent to your home; instead, you will need to pick them up at the rectory office. You can put a check for \$5.00, made out to Church of the Holy Spirit, in a clearly marked envelope via the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the rectory office.

The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) is the

only U.S. diocese responsible for providing **pastoral care** to men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or working for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese.

Due to our proximity to Offutt AFB, we are offering you a way to help this unique Archdiocese in their tri-annual collection – to financially support them in the services they provide. To learn more about the AMS, visit www.milarch.org/nationalcollection.

Envelopes will be available in a basket in the Commons, or simply use any envelope and mark it “Military”. Make any checks payable to CHS, and we will pass it on.

Runza SCRIP cards! Stop at the SCRIP table after the weekend Masses to see all the gift cards available, including – at least temporarily, and maybe on-going – \$25 and \$5 Runza cards.

Winter help During the month of November, our CDA will have a large basket out in the Commons for donations of gloves, mittens, hats and scarves to be given to Open Door Mission or a similar organization, for them to distribute to the homeless.

PASTOR'S NOTES:

November, the month of All Saints and All Souls, is also the month that contains many great saints noted for their charity. Of course, all saints exhibit charity in their lives, but these November saints stand out particularly to me for their work with and love for the poor and the sick: St. Martin de Porres (Nov. 3), St. Charles Borromeo (Nov. 4), St. Martin of Tours (Nov. 11), St. Margaret of Scotland (Nov. 16), St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Nov. 17). Real charity does not depend upon “feelings” but upon a choice to do something, often not the easy thing to do, but based on trying to do the will of God and to express gratitude for the blessings that God has bestowed on us in our lives. We can “do good” when we realize the extent that we are loved and cherished by God. Helping others comes from the charity that was given to us from God, usually through other people acting in our lives. Those who share much love have always been the beneficiaries of much love.

One of my duties as “dean” is to visit the parishes of the area every year at least and make sure the priests and people there have the resources they need to witness to Christ in their communities. Seeing other parishes gives me pause to reflect on what a parish is supposed to be. Many of our parishes are small, but if they are still witnessing on behalf of the Lord by their charitable outreach to the community, they are still very much alive. Many places might be lacking in this area (even larger parishes!), but this should be one of the sure signs of vitality, I have been told. I am always proud of our people here at the Church of the Holy Spirit, who extend the helping hand not only to themselves or their own families, but who seek out the larger human family all around them. If no one knows that a Christian community is there, that community is no longer alive, or is perhaps on life support. Another sign of vitality is the liturgical life of a place—is it big enough to worship God with due devotion (music, readers, etc.), or is it just a place to get your “Sunday ticket” punched? With the decline of some rural communities, along with the aging of the

Our CDA and the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women thank everyone for their donation during the October Pro-Life Diaper Drive. The new mothers will appreciate your generosity through the coming year. God Bless you all.

Church cleaning reminder: For Nov 16 (at 9:00am): Roby, Roby, Rolfson, Roloff, Roloff, Rose, Rozier, Rusnak

“Stewardship of Talent” Dinners for Fr. Houlihan, Fr. Bartek, Fr. Gross: *We have a great team!* Nov 11: Carla Wehling, Nov 13: Deb Warga, Nov 14: Bill Boyle, Nov 18: Glennia Sand, Nov 20: Kacey Groshans, Nov 21: Liz Rubin, Nov 25: Bonnie Seyfer, Nov 27: Monica Yankus

remaining population, this is a real concern in many places. We are happy to have a variety of ages (yes, even crying little babies!) and backgrounds of our people here—the natives of town and farm, the lake people, the migrants from north of the Platte, the service people, both active and retired, and so many more. I hope that all can appreciate that a parish is more than just a random collection of persons— I find that there is very much of a “family” atmosphere here, and any time a new person or other stranger can feel welcome, there is something good at work. The life of the Church depends on all her members, not just priests and not just lay persons. It truly is a gift of the Holy Spirit. We can be grateful that we are named for the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. The spiritual reality is that you are probably closer to others here you may not know well with whom you share “Holy Communion” than you are even to some blood relatives that you do know well. The Church, the Mystical Body of Christ (of which Christ is the invisible Head) is a wonderful Body of people, and belonging to it is unlike belonging to any merely human organization, because the Soul of this Body is the Holy Spirit. If there is any problem with “the Church,” we have to remember that we are talking about something bigger than a few individuals, or even bigger than all of the individuals put together—the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. If there is the disease of sin in some places (there is actually disease found at one time or another in each and every one of the members—we call it original sin and personal sin—Mary, by a special privilege and grace being the only human being who is an exception to this rule), we can take comfort in the fact that the Church as a whole will always still be a sign of holiness and a storehouse of sanctity for those who want this: “There is no limit to love’s forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure” (1 Cor. 13:7 in the older NAB translation). Pray for your brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ, the Church!

Father Houlihan