



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Jesus will be there!

Monday, January 13

8:10 a.m. +Russ & Rosemarie Leger
 +Josephine M. Warg

Tuesday, January 14

8:10 a.m. +Donna White
 +Phil & Mary Louise Schlueter

Wednesday, January 15

8:10 a.m. +Robert Gillen
 +All Souls Day Intentions

Thursday, January 16

8:10 a.m. +Lowell Daisley
 +Deceased members of Alba and Yankus families

Friday, January 17

8:10 a.m. +William E. & Dorothy Reinsch
 +John Aschenbrenner, Jr.

Saturday, January 18

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of PCCW
 5:00 p.m. +Six Pathfinders from 101st, KIA

Sunday, January 19

8:00 a.m. +Chuck Jones
 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

Jan 1, Mother of God Online Giving \$ 445.00

Head Count at Mass last weekend: 624

Contributions for Jan 5, 2020

General Collection at Mass	\$ 9,656.93
General Online Giving	\$ 10,734.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 850.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$ 895.00
Teachers/Staff	\$ 498.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$ 120.00
Utilities	\$ 215.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$ 35.00
So. Neb. Register Online Giving	\$ 10.00

My Neighbor's Closet Thrift Shop Free Bag Give-Away, one per family, all of January. Thursdays – Saturdays, 10am - 2pm. Located at the south end of our church's parking lot. In 2019 we gave away 274 bags of clothes and helped 25 families with their utilities. Thank you for all your support.



A new Parish Directory is being planned for 2020. See the attached information sheet and Fr. Houlihan's letter on the back.

Some upcoming dates:

January 17 – Wine Event, "Fruit of the Vine"

January 18 – Walk for Life, Lincoln 10am

January 19 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast, after 8 & 10:30 Masses

January 19 – High School Youth Group meets, 7-9pm

February 2 – High School Youth Group meets, 7-9pm

March 5 – Kindergarten Roundup, 7pm, for kids age 5 by July 31, 2020

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.

"Fruit of the Vine" Date of Event is January 17th

Last chance to get tickets for our third annual "Fruit of the Vine" community event, a tasting of wines from around the world. The event is presented by St. John the Baptist School and Slattery Vintage Estates Vineyard and Tasting Room. Tickets are \$35 a person.

Tickets can be purchased through Monday, January 13 by contacting Deb at: Deb-Walton@cdolinc.net. Due to the nature of this event, attendees must be at least 21 years of age.

Pro-Life On January 18/19, the Knights of Columbus will conduct the annual "One Rose One Life" campaign, to support pro-life activities in Nebraska. The One Rose, One Life Campaign is the main source of income for the Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation. The major beneficiary of these funds is the Bishop's Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, as well as placing Ultrasounds in crisis pregnancy centers throughout Nebraska. A recently placed Ultrasound is a mobile unit traveling to various areas in the state. Other worthwhile organizations that are provided with funding include: Right-to-Life and Birthright local chapters, crisis pregnancy help centers, the Pope Paul VI Institute as well as providing funds for March for Life pilgrims. ● After Mass next week, Knights will hand out cards with a prayer to end abortions. Please pray the prayer. ● Our envelopes will be attached to the bulletins next week, also. Please use the envelope for your donation and place it in the collection basket the following week (Jan 25/26). ● All proceeds from our free-will donation breakfast on January 19 will go to this outstanding effort. ● And finally, please continue to pray for the end to abortion.

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

January Breakfast – Sunday, January 19, after the 8:00 & 10:30am Masses. The Knights will be serving cinnamon rolls, egg bake and fruit salad. Chili will also be served after the 10:30 Mass. The proceeds will go to Nebraska One Rose, One Life campaign, a Pro-life cause.

Officer's Meeting – Thursday, January 23rd, at 7:00pm in SJR

The FertilityCare Center of Omaha, Saint Paul VI Institute is looking for someone to fill the Office Assistant position. Requirements: 30-35 hours per week. Computer skills, answering phone calls, filing, other general assistance to the Co-Directors, (one of which is Jeanice Vinduska, a CHS parishioner). Possible benefits. If interested: a call is preferred: 402-392-0842. You may leave a message.

PCCW rummage sale To plan ahead, the next one will be July 15-17. (Donate: July 12-13)



Church cleaning reminder: For Jan 11 (at 9:00am): Van Erdewyk, Van, VanDenburg, Vanek, VanWesten, Vaughn, Vick, Vigneri

“Stewardship of Talent” Dinners for Fr. Houlihan, Fr. Bartek, Fr. Gross: *We have a great team!* Jan 13: Carla Wehling, Jan 15: Sandy DiSomma, Jan 16: Gay Lepert, Jan 20: Rita Vigneri, Jan 22: Deb Warga, Jan 23: Bill Boyle, Jan 27: Megan Hanneman, Jan 29: Sandy Kerns, Jan 30: Liz Rubin

This week’s featured Seminarian: Rev. Mr. Caleb Hile from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2013 and is now in Theology 4 at St. Charles Borromeo. We pray, too, for Adam Bohan from Plattsmouth, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015. Please keep all our seminarians and sisters in formation in your prayers.

Baptism Congratulations to Tanner James Sommer, who was baptized last Sunday, January 5. May you always live for the Lord!

PCCW Meeting Thursday, January 16, 6:00pm in SJR. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.



Christmas Flowers given in memory of:

Pollmiller family – Johnson & Thiesen families

(Missed from last week’s list due to a glitch in our online giving report for flowers.)

PASTOR’S NOTES:

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the final day of the Christmas season, at least in the liturgy. There will be some of the themes of this season reflected in the Sundays to come—we used to call them Sundays after Epiphany, although now they are simply Sundays in Ordinary Time. They bridge the gap between Jesus coming among us and doing what He came to do—the themes found in Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost. The event of the Lord’s Baptism was used as ammunition against Christians by some of those who did not become followers of Jesus—Why would Jesus, supposedly the greater, be baptized by John the Baptist, the lesser of the two? And why would Jesus “need” to be baptized in the first place? Christians related the story that we hear in the Gospel today—this was the dramatic event that revealed the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit to the world. The waters did not cleanse Jesus, but rather, His presence in the waters made them a source of blessing to all of us. The Sacrament of Baptism shows the power of God’s work in our lives, as we are transformed into a new creation. John the Baptist was only preparing the way for the Lord—his baptism was only a symbolic baptism of repentance which did not take away any sin. Jesus, the Lamb of God, would now begin His public work and “take away the sins of the world.” This was a great event that demonstrated to the world Who He was and what He came to do—the One Who came to free us from our sins!

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for helping us celebrate Epiphany last weekend and to thank many of the great people in our parish who help with so many things. We were not able to thank everyone, but we did thank quite a few. God bless all of our good stewards!

Winter is a time for introspection, since many prefer to stay indoors (although there are many who relish the winter for sledding or ice skating or some other activity). This coming Friday we celebrate the memorial of St. Anthony—not the one who helps us find things, for he came only in the Middle Ages—but the original saint of that name, who came from a well-to-do family in Egypt. As a young man, he inherited his parents’ fortune, but

chose to give it away (save for something to take care of his little sister—although he later made other arrangements for her) after hearing the Gospel about Jesus challenging the rich young man to sell what he had, to give to the poor, and to follow Him. Unlike the man in the Gospel, Anthony took the message to heart. Going out into the desert, he became one of the first to profess the monastic life, living to be 105 years old. St. Athanasius, the great patriarch of Alexandria who courageously fought the Arian heresy (which denied that Jesus was truly God), wrote Anthony’s biography, which became a very influential book that helped to spread the idea of monasticism. In addition to fighting false teachings and encouraging fellow Christians during the Roman persecutions which still raged, Anthony taught the value of prayer. Not everyone is called to do it in such a radical way, but all are called to do it in some way. Anthony inspired many young men and women to follow the Lord in a radical way, but he inspired even more to do it in the daily struggle of life that the average person faces—struggling with temptation and the other things that keep our souls from being lifted up to God in prayer. We ask Anthony to pray for us here in 2020. Another great figure of the early centuries, St. Hilary (also a fighter against the false Arian teaching) is commemorated on Monday. He helped and inspired St. Martin of Tours in the country we now call France. Like all the saints, no matter what their state in life (and Hilary was a bishop), he teaches us what the Second Vatican Council reminded us of as well—there is a universal call to holiness. It is not limited to “professional pray-ers” or any one group of people; rather, it is a call to each and every person, beginning with the followers of Jesus Christ. In other words, we are all called to be saints—that is the only definition of true success in our lives—if we allow God to make us the people we were meant to be, people whose holiness is based on their individual personalities and calls from God. St. Hilary and St. Anthony—help us to become saints!

Father Houlihan