



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2020

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! You'll see Jesus!

Monday, February 17

11:00 a.m. +Ruth Roby

+Mary Schwarzenberger

Tuesday, February 18

8:10 a.m. +Louis Gunia

+All Souls Day Intentions

Wednesday, February 19

8:10 a.m. +Donna White

+Roland & Patricia Yost

Thursday, February 20

8:10 a.m. +Chuck Jones

+Bud & Rosemary Ulrich

Friday, February 21

8:10 a.m. +Rev. Brad Zitek

+Mary Barbara Kubat

Saturday, February 22

8:00 a.m. +Marilyn Schuette

5:00 p.m. +Cece M. Jelinek

Sunday, February 23

8:00 a.m. +Henry & Sophia Vinduska

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: 573

Contributions for Feb 9, 2020

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| General Collection at Mass | \$ | 6,693.01 |
| General Online Giving | \$ | 10,304.00 |
| Debt Reduction | \$ | 1,955.00 |
| Debt Reduction Online Giving | \$ | 895.00 |
| Teachers/Staff | \$ | 153.00 |
| Teachers/Staff Online Giving | \$ | 120.00 |
| Southern Nebraska Register | \$ | 350.00 |
| So. Neb. Reg. Online Giving | \$ | 60.00 |
| Utilities | \$ | 25.00 |
| Utilities Online Giving | \$ | 65.00 |

Church cleaning reminder: For Feb 22 (at 9:00am): Zakaras, Zaliauskas, Zaykoski, Zitek, Zoucha, Zweibahmer, Alexen, Algya

THE ROARING TWENTIES

April 25, 2020

PROHIBITION ENDS HERE!

TABLES ARE ON SALE NOW!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE EARLY-BIRD SPECIAL!

TABLES OF 10 ON SALE FOR \$500 *FEB 15 - 23*

(BEGINNING FEB 24 - PRICE IS \$650 PER TABLE OR \$65 FOR INDIVIDUAL)



CALL/TEXT KARA HADFIELD (402) 699-2703 TO PURCHASE YOUR EARLY-BIRD TABLE TODAY!



Parish Directory

A new Parish Directory for 2020. The following days for picture taking are full: Feb 24, 25, 28, & 29. There is still room on Feb 27 and Mar 3, 4, & 5. **Have you reserved a date and time for your picture to be taken?** If not, please go to the link on our church website, sign up at a table in the Commons after a weekend Mass, call Patty at 296-2288, or call Lifetouch at 866-756-0281. (As of last Thursday, 180 households have scheduled.)

Please note the time change for Mass on Monday, Feb 17.

Instead of the usual weekday Mass time of 8:10am, Mass on the 17th will be at 11:00am.



Lent is approaching quickly and along with it are our parish **Lenten**

Fish Fry Dinners. The Fish Frys will be on each of the six Fridays from the 28th of February to the 3rd of April. The dinners includes your choice of pollock, carp, jumbo shrimp, grilled cheese, and other fixings. There will be live entertainment and raffles. We made a few changes to include taking credit cards and selling seasonal passes after the Masses. Plan your dates now for this time-honored tradition! If you have worked the Fish Frys in the past and we have yet to contact you, please call Pat Vaughn at 402-296-5422.

Donations There are many people who are committed to making the Fish Frys a great success & your help is needed. One way to help is to bring in donations of the following: Please donate **HOMEMADE** desserts, bottled water and cans of **pop**. Please bring your donation to the school office or bring them to the Fish Fry when you come. For desserts; please bring cookies, bars, or cupcakes that are wrapped individually. (Please package the portion size as medium or large pieces.) You can also bring a whole cake & it will be cut at the Fish Fry. For pop; please buy Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Mountain Dew, orange and root beer. **THANK YOU!** Your stewardship would help the Parish/School a great deal. We hope to see you at the Fish Fry!

Rosary Repair Sundays Mar 1 - Apr 5 (Palm Sunday), after the 8:00am and 10:30am Sunday Masses. If you want to bring in broken rosaries during the week, please put the pieces in a baggie, label with your name and phone number, and take them to the Church Office.

2019 Year-End Statements are available in the Commons after the weekend Masses through February, or in the Church office Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 4:30pm. Thank you for your generosity and assistance as our church and school live out the message of Jesus!

Over 55 Luncheon: Monday, Feb 17th. **Mass will be celebrated at 11:00am** on this day, with the luncheon in the school gym immediately following.

Sox, Sox Until the end of February, CDA will be collecting new socks for all ages for homeless and those in need of our community! Collection box is in the Commons. Thank you!

A special Thank You to Father Houlihan & Father Bartek for having the Rosary and funeral Mass for Sharon (Kiser) Klinefelter. A thank you to the PCCW for preparing the nice luncheon. Also, a thank you for the many prayers, cards and memorials received during this difficult time. Our sincere thanks to everyone. May God bless you all. -The Kiser and Klinefelter families.



Our Spring Dinner is quickly approaching and the silent auction is in need of items. Please consider donating an item or a basket. **COMING SOON....** Silent Auction Wish Board... Unsure what to donate? Take an item off our wish board and we will put the items together for a basket! Call us with questions! April Van Erdewyk 402-689-9726 or Krista Laney 402-212-1914



Registration at St. John the Baptist for Pre-K-8 students

for the 2020-21 school year is now open.

Please go to www.cdolinc.net/registration to enroll your child for the 2020-2021 school year. This includes registration for three-and-four-year-old preschool classes. Contact the school office at 402-296-6230 if you have any questions.

Kindergarten Round Up is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 7pm. Children must be of the age five (5) on or before July 31, 2020 to register and complete a readiness test. Parents should bring a copy of their child's birth certificate and immunization records to Kindergarten Round Up. Parents and the child will meet the faculty and teacher, see the classroom and experience a day in the life of a kindergartner.

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966

George Johnson GK 402-235-3518

February Breakfast – This Sunday, February 16th, after the 8:00 & 10:30am Masses. The Knights will be serving pancakes and French toast, scrambled eggs and apple sauce. The proceeds will go to the KofC RSVP program, supporting our seminarian, Adam Bohan.

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 during the 10:30am Mass, in St. Joseph's Room.

Are you new to the parish? Welcome! Come in to the rectory office to register, or...Registration Forms are in the Commons. (Look for the green paper!) Bring or mail it in, or put it in the collection basket at Mass!

Do you have a new address/phone number/email address?... Please let the parish office know: 296-3139

Prayer requests?

Call or text 943-9959, call 296-3039, or email chsprayerchain@gmail.com

Do you know of anyone who is no longer healthy enough to be able to come to Sunday Mass, and would like to be on the Sunday Communion Call list?.....Please ask them to let the parish office know: 296-3139

VHS Video Tapes Father Bartek has VHS tapes and related Bible Study books. The set can be yours *free* for the asking. If interested, let Father know in person, or call him at 889-3439.

"Unbound" Are you sometimes overwhelmed, hurt and discouraged with burdens of life? Do you want the freedom that comes with experiencing God's love and mercy? You are invited to an 8-week Video Series Seminar at St. Mary's Church in Ashland, NE. Tuesday evenings, beginning February 18, 2020. More details on the bulletin board in our Commons.

This week's featured Seminarian:

Matthew Kovar from David City, who entered seminary in 2014 and is now in Theology 3 at Mount St. Mary Seminary. We pray, too, for Adam Bohan from Plattsburgh, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015. Please keep all our seminarians and sisters in formation in your prayers.

"Stewardship of Talent" Dinners for Fr. Houlihan, Fr. Bartek,

Fr. Gross: *We have a great team!* Feb 17: Rita Vigneri, Feb 19: Sandy DiSomma, Feb 20: Gay Lepert, Feb 24: Liz Rubin, Feb 26: Deb Warga, Feb 27: Bill Boyle, Mar 2: Megan Hanneman, Mar 4: Sandy Kerns, Mar 5: Bonnie Seyfer

Some upcoming dates:

February 16 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast after Masses
February 17 – "Over 55" Luncheon by PCCW
February 18 – Catering, Wilbur/Ellis Appreciation Dinner
February 18 – School Advisory Council, 6:30 in the Library
February 19 – Parish Council mtg, 7pm in Commons
February 21 – Catering, JROTC Military Ball
February 23 – High School Youth Group meets, 7-9pm
February 26 – **Ash Wednesday**, Mass at 8:10am & 7:00pm
February 28 – Stations of the Cross, 1:45pm
February 28 – Fish Fry, serving 5:00 - 7:30pm
February 29 – Children's Choir at 5pm Mass
March 1 – Catering, Eagle Scout Award Ceremony
March 4 – Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm
March 5 – Kindergarten Roundup, 7pm, for kids age 5 by 7-31-2020
March 6 – Stations of the Cross, 1:45pm
March 6 – Fish Fry, serving 5:00 - 7:30pm

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.

Holy Spirit Catering Sign up to help! Next Events:

Tuesday, **February 18**, Wilbur Ellis Dinner (formerly Wiles Bros)
Friday, **February 21**, JROTC Military Ball
Sunday, **March 1**, Eagle Scout Award Dinner
Tuesday, **April 7**, Plattsburgh Community Foundation
Saturday, **April 25**, Spring Dinner



•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.

We currently have quite a few open Adoration Hours, which must be filled on a week-by-week basis. Please consider if now is the time for you to begin a weekly scheduled prayer time in this way, if you aren't already on the schedule!

Open Adoration Hours:



Sundays at 5am,
11:30am (for about ½ hour after Mass)
and at Noon
Wednesdays at 3pm;
Thursdays at Midnight, 1am, 2am and 3pm;
Fridays at 2am and 5pm;
Saturdays at 4am, 6am, 11am, and 1pm.

If interested in having a weekly Hour of Adoration, please leave a message for Sue at 296-5047, and she will return your call.

PASTOR'S NOTES:

I am happy to be back in the United States (assuming, at the time of this writing, which was done before I left the country!) and grateful for the chance to see the places where it all began. When we say it is “In the year of our Lord 2020,” which can be abbreviated to 2020 A.D. (Anno Domini), we are saying that human calendars and human history measure time based on the appearance of a person in the Roman-controlled areas of the eastern Mediterranean some two millennia ago, the divine Man Who founded our religion. The designation of His birth may not be exact, since according to other chronologies, for example, King Herod (who tried to kill the infant Jesus) died in 4 B.C. or 3 B.C. That would mean that Jesus may easily have been born in what we now call “B.C.” (before Christ). But it is pretty close, and we owe the current designation to a Roman monk named Dionysius Exiguus (“Dennis the Humble,” or, perhaps, “Dennis the Small”), who established the system we now use around 1500 years ago. What this means, of course, is that Jesus Christ is the focal point of human history, and that He changed everything, so it is only fitting that the land He walked—the land where He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, and where, on the third day, He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures—should be so special. At the time this is being written, I have not had the experience of the Holy Land, but I hope that I will have much to share with you now that I am (by the time you read this) back. God bless you all!

Monday is the official celebration of Washington’s Birthday, the official name that we now usually call Presidents’ Day. This is the day that we have no school scheduled, but the PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women) sponsors a very popular activity, one which is quite a tradition here, known as the luncheon for those over 55. Mass that day will be at 11 A.M. rather than at the usual 8:10 A.M. If you are able to attend, please sign the sheet in the Commons if you have not already done so.

Today we have a very special celebration—the First Confessions for our second-grade students at 1 P.M. Please pray for them as they prepare to

experience (even in a small way) the joy of the forgiveness that Jesus brings to us through the sacraments. Thank you!

Thank you to the Legion of Mary for providing materials to promote the love and study of the Holy Scriptures for the very first Sunday of the Word of God (the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, which was Sunday, January 26 this year). This reminds me of the story of the grandparent who was reading the Bible and who was asked about it by a curious grandchild—“I am cramming for finals” was the reply. Actually, the written Word of God is the doorway to the heart of Christ. The doctor of the Church who was also one of the first great Scripture scholars, St. Jerome, who translated the Bible from the original languages into the spoken language of his day (common, or vulgar, as opposed to literary, Latin—hence his translation was known as the Vulgate) once wrote famously that “ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.” As Catholics, of course, our formal worship in the Mass and the sacraments is suffused with the Word of God and artists from our tradition have conveyed that message even in things like stained glass windows—at one time, most people could not read or write and often learned Scripture from looking out the window or glancing at icons or statues! Many, if not most homes have a Bible there, but whether it is used and referred to on a regular basis is a different question. I am certainly grateful that some groups (Light of the World, Bible studies) exist here to help people explore the spiritual treasures given to us in the inspired texts. Just as the reception of the Holy Eucharist would have to be considered the highlight of the second part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, so the reading of the Gospel (and its being heard) would have to be considered the highlight of the first part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word. That is why, at least in the old days, one was said to have “missed Mass” if he or she came in after the Gospel. God has nourishment for His holy people here—take the time to incorporate a love of God’s Word into your personal prayer life and preparation for Holy Mass. God bless you!

Father Houlihan