



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Praise and honor to God!

Monday, May 11

8:00 a.m. +Sam & Bernice Nanfito
 +Joyce Newburn

Tuesday, May 12

8:00 a.m. +William E. & Dorothy Reinsch
 +Sharon Klinefelter

Wednesday, May 13

8:00 a.m. +Betty Sand
 Special Intention for K.G.

Thursday, May 14

8:00 a.m. +Diana Partington
 Health of B.A.

Friday, May 15

8:00 a.m. +Phil & Mary Louise Schlueter
 +Charlie Warga

Saturday, May 16

8:00 a.m. +Alan Chester Wiles
 5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased members of PCCW

Sunday, May 17

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

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Contributions sent in for May 3, 2020

General Collection sent in	\$	5,410.00
General Online Giving	\$	11,520.00
Debt Reduction	\$	1,830.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	895.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	85.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	125.00
So. Neb. Reg. Online Giving	\$	10.00
Franciscan Sisters	\$	30.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	35.00

Cemetery mower volunteers, please!

Please call Larry Rolfson, 296-1004, if you can be on the cemetery mowing team this year. What a special way to honor our deceased loved ones and friends – caring for our cemetery grounds. If you were a volunteer mower last year, please contact Larry to let him know whether or not you can do it again this year!!!

We gladly welcome you back to participating in the Holy Mass! It is something to have longed for! BUT... Father wants to stress that he discourages people from coming in who are older, and those who have a health impairment that would make them more susceptible to serious illness effects, those who are currently feeling any form of illness, and the caretakers of such people.

At this time, we are scheduling for Masses to be “open”. This would include weekday Masses at 8:00am, and Saturday evening / Sunday morning Masses at their normal times. When we have updates to note, we will send out the information. Please keep checking your email, and/or our website or facebook page.

You will have seen changes in seating practices and in distribution of Holy Communion at Mass this past week and this weekend, as we follow the guidelines for opening, and adapting them to our own particular church. Some of it may change further, as we fine-tune our efforts, and as social distancing needs may require.

Also please note that this phase of opening pertains to the Mass.

Fellowship, social gatherings, or other functions before or after Mass on church grounds are not permitted yet, as such gatherings could expose those present to the virus.

ONLINE MASS Especially for those who choose not to attend Mass at church in person, we plan to have Mass available to be viewed online on Sunday morning. The link will be available on the parish Facebook pages, and in addition, it will be posted in the News section on the home page of the Church website.

St. John the Baptist School, Plattsmouth Online Preschool Registration Now Open!

3 and 4 Year-Old Classes Available for the
 2020-21 School Year!

To enroll, visit cdolinc.net/registration.
 Questions? Contact the school office (M-F, 8-Noon) @ 402.296.6230



Classes Fill
 Quickly!



“The Roaring Twenties” – Thanks for Your Support!

On behalf of the entire Parish and school community, thank you for your generous support of “The Roaring Twenties” virtual event. Despite the unexpected change from our traditional Spring Dinner evening to an online-only event format due to the COVID-19, we were still able to host a successful fundraiser in support of our church and school. Thank you to all our donors, committee volunteers, event sponsors and the local business community! This would not be possible without you!

We are still finalizing numbers from the event, but we will share the fundraising event total as soon as we can. For now, please know that we are extremely grateful for your generosity and continued support. We are blessed with such an amazing community!

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

It has been almost two months since the completion of the LifeTouch family/ individual photo sessions for our new parish directory. By now most of you who ordered pictures should have received your packages, which would include the 8X10 complimentary photo. To those who did not order any pictures, your complimentary photo has been delivered to the church rectory. If you would like to arrange pick-up of your photo, please call Sue Stevens at the church office (402-296-3139), Monday thru Friday, between the hours of 9:00 & 11:00AM.

If you have not received your ordered photos: Because of COVID-19 and the concern for the safety and health of their employees, LifeTouch has informed us of the temporary shutdown of their production facility. Their facility will re-open next week with a limited number of staff, and all portraits that were in-process will be sent.

Our directory planning team is still working (behind the scenes) on the compilation of pictures, page production and overall layout. We were hoping to include photos of spring activities and events (church and school), but our efforts were sidelined because of the pandemic. As social restrictions ease we will resume our work and hope to complete the project for publication during the summer. There will be a 2020 parish directory!

Thank you for your patience and understanding. May God bless you.

Day of Reflection with Fr. Jim Morin "Prayer for the Bored, Distracted, and Anxious" at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly, also available online (free-will donation.) Sat. May 16, 9am-4pm, learn to center on God through www.goodcounselretreat.com, goodcounsel@cdolinc.net, 402-786-2705.

“Stewardship of Talent” Dinners for Fr. Houlihan, Fr. Bartek, Fr. Gross: *Thank you to this great team, especially during these times we are in!* May 11: Rita Vigneri, May 13: Deb Warga, May 14: Bill Boyle, May 18: Megan Hanneman, May 20: Sandy Kerns, May 21: Monica Yankus, May 27: Glennia Sand, May 28: Bonnie Seyfer

This week’s featured Seminarians: Matthew Schilmoeller from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2016 and is now in Theology 1 at North American College in Rome. We pray, too, for Adam Bohan from Plattsburgh, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015.

Former pastor, Fr. O’Byrne said to us back in 1999: “We are looking to form a team of 7 to help our parish begin Perpetual Adoration.” And here we are in 2020 with the ‘program’ running very well. We have so very many parishioners who desire and are able to come in each week for a dedicated time of prayer, and who are delighted and in awe that they can do so in front of the Blessed Sacrament! 24 hours a day, seven days a week, someone is at church praying! Ha! – maybe we could call it a ‘live stream’ of prayers rising to Heaven!

Now we are once more “looking to form a (new) team of 7” to help our parish continue on with the coordination of our Perpetual Adoration. Most of the original team members have had to leave the team, and the 3 who are left think this might be a good time to pass the coordination to a new group of 7. Would you like to be on this team? If so, please contact the rectory office..... or tell Fr. Houlihan in person! Once we have a team of 7, we’ll arrange a meeting of some sort and go from there! May God bless you with knowing His desires concerning this!

Convenience of Online Giving: *It can be easier for you to contribute to Church of the Holy Spirit, as well as being extremely helpful to the parish, if you are signed up to contribute online!*

It’s safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. Getting started is easy – just visit our website at www.holyspiritplattsburgh.com and click Giving Programs, then our Online Giving link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. If you would like to use online giving but would like help setting it up, call Noni in the parish office, 296-3139, and she will be glad to help you or enter your information for you.

PASTOR'S NOTES:

Welcome back to those who are attending Mass in person this weekend. Our plan is to continue to provide a recording of one of our Masses each weekend (the plan is to record the 5 P.M. vigil Mass) for the time being so that those who do not feel comfortable returning yet may still feel a part of our parish community. Thanks to Deb Walton and Terry Little who have patiently made this kind of outreach possible the last several weeks, even though we sometimes have had some difficult structural and other issues with our live streaming—please note that the recording now will not be “live.” Many good people are working together for more permanent solutions. There is no requirement to attend Mass for those who do not feel ready (or, indeed, for anyone at this time). We are happy to see you, but the directives from the governor (based on public health advice) still require six feet of physical distancing between individuals not of the same household. If we do these things right, we can make it possible to return to “normal” much sooner. There is no limit of numbers for those attending as such, but you will notice that there will be no coffee and rolls or breakfasts (or receptions or funeral dinners, etc.) for some time yet. The urge to be with other human beings is strong, but it is important to act with the good of our neighbor in mind as well—charity trumps all. We have already been distributing Holy Communion during daily Mass by the priest going to you directly through the alternately-empty pews. That way, no one has to climb over others. It works best if you stay kneeling. If you are not receiving Holy Communion, please indicate this by placing your index finger in front of your mouth (“I am not receiving.”). That should help with the distancing. The medical recommendation for receiving the Blessed Sacrament at this time is in the hand. We have no way of gauging the demand for Mass on the weekends at this time, so if the demand is greater than the supply of seating places, please be patient. It is not that we do not like you! In fact, the plan is to have one of the priests at the front door of the church shortly after the beginning of Mass to distribute to any who do not feel comfortable coming inside or

who have not been able to find seating. When the priest steps outside, please come up to him, since he would not be able to find you in your car. If it is raining, he will be inside the opened door. When lining up for Holy Communion (we hope this will not be an issue), remember to distance six feet from the person or family group in front of you. The priest will be there only until there are no more communicants coming from the parking lot. This is not a perfect thing, but there was a determined effort to accommodate people who want to receive our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. This is possible on a more regular basis now! The fasting of Lent is finally giving way to the feasting of Easter. I strongly urge people to consider attending a weekday Mass if the demand for seating is too high on the weekend. I ask that the elderly and those with underlying conditions who can go during the week instead should stay home on the weekend. In fact, anyone who feels uncomfortable at this time about the partial re-opening should continue to stay home. You are welcome today if you are from another place, but you are asked to follow the practice of your home parish, open or closed. We may be physically distant, but by the grace of the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, under Whose patronage our parish exists, He will continue to bind us together in other ways.

I cannot fail to wish well and pray for all mothers and grandmothers, living and deceased, who gave us life. This secular holiday falls during our joyful Easter season, when we celebrate the risen Lord of Life. There is a special blessing that is given at the end of Mass to those mothers present. Know that it is sent with our prayers to all those who are not with us physically as well.

We have had several blessings for anniversaries lately, and congratulations to them all. Phil and Liz Nanfito Schlueter celebrated a “milestone” one, 55 years. They were married on May 8, 1965 at St. Joseph’s Church in Omaha. Many more happy years to all our people celebrating anniversaries!

Father Houlihan