



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

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## PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**ENTER THE MASS! Glory to God forever!**

### Monday, May 18

8:00 a.m. +Roland & Patricia Yost  
 +John & Betty Schanbacher

### Tuesday, May 19

8:00 a.m. +Pam Bridges  
 +Bertha Gochenour

### Wednesday, May 20

8:00 a.m. +Ruth Roby  
 6:00 p.m. +People of the Parish **Vigil Mass**

### Thursday, May 21 Ascension Thursday

8:00 a.m. +Charlie Warga  
 7:00 p.m. +Jack Haller

### Friday, May 22

8:00 a.m. +Chuck Jones  
 +LaVerne Boudreau

### Saturday, May 23

8:00 a.m. +Roger & Helen Halmes  
 5:00 p.m. +Eugene Waskowiak

### Sunday, May 24

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

## CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

**Head Count at Mass last weekend: 141**

**Communion at front door at Mass time: 8**

**Contributions sent in for May 10, 2020**

General Collection	\$	9,576.00
General Online Giving	\$	2,305.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	15.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	180.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	15.00
Franciscan Sisters	\$	20.00
Holy Thursday, for the poor	\$	30.00
Holy Land	\$	30.00
Peter's Pence	\$	70.00

**We happily 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.

**A great alternative** for those who feel they shouldn't be at Mass: A couple of minutes after the start of each weekend Mass, a priest who is not saying the Mass will be available to distribute Holy Communion. Wait in your car for Father to step outside the church doors, or in windy/rainy weather, Father will open the door and stand inside. At that time, come out of your car and walk up to the church doors. When the line-up is gone, Father will be finished distributing Communion. (He won't be waiting for others who might come later, so it will be important to be in the parking lot at the time Mass starts.)

**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 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](http://cdolinc.net/registration).  
 Questions? Contact the school office (M-F, 8-Noon) @ 402.296.6230



**Parish Directory** 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.

**We are looking** to form a new team of 7 to help our parish continue on with the coordination of our Perpetual Adoration, which is 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! Most of the original team members from 21 years ago 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 new 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!

**"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 18: Megan Hanneman, May 20: Sandy Kerns, May 21: Monica Yankus, May 27: Glennia Sand, May 28: Bonnie Seyfer, Jun 1: Sandy Fischer, Jun 3: Liz Holstein, Jun 4: Liz Rubin

### **PASTOR'S NOTES:**

Please pray for the boys and girls who are making their First Holy Communion this afternoon (and some others will be doing so in subsequent weeks). With restrictions not necessarily easing any time soon and with possible issues during the next school year, it seemed best to have our ceremony before summer commitments take people away, when it is still "school year" time now. The boys and girls will not have a procession (and I will be coming to them for Holy Communion), and only their mothers and fathers and teachers will be able to attend with them, but we are glad to welcome them to the table of the Lord. They were originally scheduled to have this Mass on Easter Saturday, April 25, but, of course, like so many things the last few weeks, that was not possible. God bless all of our First Communicants and their families—Jesus, the Bread of Life, is anxious to be with you!

Although the Mass obligation for Sundays and holy days is still lifted, we will proceed with "opening up" in a relatively safe and simple fashion, so there will be our regular Ascension Thursday Mass schedule: 6 P.M. on Wednesday, 8 A.M. on Thursday, and 7 P.M. on Thursday. We have not had to turn anyone away (not by a long shot!), but as people start coming back in the coming weeks, especially if distancing requirements (closed alternate pews, six feet between people of different households) are not eased, that could happen. I still recommend that the elderly, those caring for or living with the elderly, and those with underlying conditions still play it even "safer" by not attending public Mass on weekends or holy days just yet. Weekday Mass is a good alternative. God bless our "cleaning crew," who must go through after every Mass or gathering (funeral wake, First Communion practice, etc.) and prepare for the next event. The health authorities are recommending the wearing of masks in public, although it is not required. We have some wonderful persons and groups who have continued to make and donate cloth masks—they are available in the Commons area.

Yours truly is scheduled to be at our "restricted" ordination Mass for priests next Saturday. Please pray for the six who are being ordained priests (including Fr. Joseph Wahlmeier from Hastings, whom I will be privileged to vest in priestly garments following his reception of the sacrament) on Saturday morning, as well as the men who will be ordained deacon on Friday evening (I will not be attending that Mass). One of the men being ordained a deacon, Dale Allder, will be

**This week's featured Seminarians:** Mitchell Schleiss from Shelby, who entered seminary in 2018 and is now in Pre-Theology 2 at St. Gregory the Great. We pray, too, for Adam Bohan from Plattsburgh, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015.

assigned here at our parish for about seven weeks (June 15 until August 2). This year, like for so many other things, the numbers at Masses are limited by the need for keeping our pesky virus foe at bay. We continue to look for the day when we do not have to make mental calculations about so many things in daily life.

We priests are required by canon law to make an annual retreat, and usually we make it at Good Counsel Retreat House—there are usually three retreats, since that is how many we need to accommodate all the priests (about fifty rooms are there). This year, of course, will be different. Although accommodations are being made for a few priests a week, most of us, I think, will be trying to make it at our parish assignments with pre-recorded talks. That may not be the best, but it will do fine this year. I am just glad that we are surviving—thriving comes later. All of us will be glad when we have "normal" once again. It is true, perhaps, that "normal" has never been, and we are being reminded of that and humbled by God to remind us that we do not have control over every aspect of our lives as we usually like to think that we do.

We have been able to help families seeking to do funerals of loved ones—each one had been just a little bit different than the others, and none has been what we would want during better times, but our prayers for the living and the dead continue unabated. Weddings will continue to happen, since the minimum number of people at a Catholic wedding is only five (the bride, the groom, the two witnesses, and the priest or deacon who witnesses on behalf of the Church along with the other two witnesses).

We are planning on receiving our new Catholics (from the RCIA program) at the 10:30 A.M. Mass on the last day of the Easter season, Pentecost Sunday (this year on May 31), and we would like to honor the high school graduates at each of the three Trinity Sunday Masses on the following weekend, June 6 and 7. The following Sunday, June 14, is Corpus Christi, and there is no telling if we will be able to have an outdoor procession (probably with physical distancing), although Memorial Day Mass in the cemetery on Monday, May 25, may be a possibility (weather permitting). We are still happy that it is spring and the season commemorating the Lord's resurrection (and ours!).

**Father Houlihan**