



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2020

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## PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**ENTER THE MASS! Jesus is there!**

### Monday, June 29

8:00 a.m. +Jill Bierma  
 6:00 p.m. +Robert G. & Rita Kiser

### Tuesday, June 30

8:00 a.m. +Mike & Jill Walters  
 +Sharon Klinefelter

### Wednesday, July 1

8:00 a.m. +Mike & Margaret Traxinger  
 +Jean Jelinek

### Thursday, July 2

8:00 a.m. +Williard Gochenour  
 +John & Betty Schanbacher

### Friday, July 3

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for R.M.  
 +Emil Schmid

### Saturday, July 4

8:00 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions  
 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

### Sunday, July 5

8:00 a.m. +Joe Gradoville  
 10:30 a.m. +Justin Borowski

## CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

**Head Count at Mass last weekend: 135, 97, 98**

**Communion at church doors at Mass time: 11**

### Contributions for June 21, 2020

General Collection	\$	5,998.00
General Online Giving	\$	9,900.33
Debt Reduction	\$	615.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	250.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	85.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	210.00
Peter's Pence	\$	260.00
Peter's Pence Online Giving	\$	185.00
Utilities	\$	100.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	20.00

**This week's featured Seminarians:** William Vogel from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2016 and is now in a Pastoral Year. We pray, too, for Adam Bohan from Plattsmouth, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015.

**Weekend Mass attendance** is slowly increasing, with the 10:30 Mass usually being the most attended. **Thank you for following the posted seating pattern!** (...posted on the doors into the church.) That will be the most efficient filling of the church while still easily keeping the needed distancing. Soon we may be using the overflow pattern – the ushers will be watching if that need arrives, and guide the overflow seating. *It will help if you will be sure to arrive 5 or 10 minutes before Mass begins*, so that the ushers can take care of your seating if the overflow is needed. This is important especially for the Sunday 10:30am Mass – it is filling up the most consistently.

**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, 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 their caretakers.

**Online Registration for St. John the Baptist School now available!** To enroll – Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade – for the 2020-21 school year at St. John the Baptist School, visit [cdolinc.net/registration](http://cdolinc.net/registration). Questions? Contact the school office (Mon-Fri, 8:00-Noon) at 402-296-6230.

**Congratulations** to St. John's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class, as we belatedly (due to the pandemic) celebrate their graduation on Monday, June 29 at a 6:00pm Mass. It was a small class this year! We congratulate Jayger Haag, Kennedy Ludwig, Miles Poppleton, and Emily Zitek!

**Parish Directory photographs** By now most of you who ordered pictures taken by Life Touch, including the one for the Parish Directory, should have received your packages, which would include the 8X10 complimentary photo. To those who did not order any extra 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.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the facility that produces LifeTouch Church Directories has been closed for the past several months. As social restrictions ease, they are beginning to resume operations, which includes completing portrait orders and publishing directories for churches nationwide. Despite the temporary shutdown, our directory planning team has been working on the compilation of pictures, page production and overall layout. We hope to complete the project for submission and publication during the summer.

**SCRIP** is still available at the rectory office, Monday-Thursday. You can also still order online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). If you need directions on how to do that, you can call Noni at the rectory office, 296-3139.

**“Stewardship of Talent” Dinners for Fr. Houlihan, Fr. Bartek, Deacon Alder:** Thank you to this great team, especially during these unusual times! June 29: Megan Hanneman, July 1: Sandy Kerns, July 2: Monica Yankus, July 6: Glennia Sand, July 7: Pam Reinsch, July 9: Liz Holstein, July 13: Sandy Fischer, July 15: Sandy DiSomma, July 16: Liz Rubin



**We are still in the process** of forming a new team of 7 to oversee the coordination of our parish’s Perpetual Adoration. Would you like to be on this new team? If so, please contact Fr. Houlihan! Once we have a team of 7, we’ll arrange a meeting of some sort and go from there! May God bless our adorers, substitutes, and coordinators, and those who would like to be on the schedule, but their circumstances don’t work with that! And may everyone throughout the *whole world* know to adore Our Lord however they are able! ❤️

## **PASTOR’S NOTES:**

We have been receiving some information from the diocese concerning returning to Mass. Fr. Kubat (also an M.D. and the chairman of a committee of health professionals and others advising our parishes and institutions) writes: “Public health authorities define a significant exposure to Covid-19 as face-to-face contact within 6 feet with a patient with symptomatic Covid-19 that is sustained for at least a few minutes (and some say more than 10 minutes or even 30 minutes). The chance of catching Covid-19 from a passing interaction in a public space is therefore minimal. Notice the sustained face-to-face contact mentioned above is with someone who is symptomatic.” This means that the chances of contracting this virus while receiving (or distributing) Holy Communion is minimal. “All of this said, none of this means we cast aside the safety measures instituted in our parishes, including spacing individuals and family units six feet apart since they are together 30 to 60 minutes. Let us remind ourselves we have created in our churches the safest environment possible for the public and for ourselves.” Giving you this excerpt from Fr. Kubat’s letter to us is not meant to discourage caution, but only to reassure you if you have concerns. Given our limited capacity (with every other pew being closed, so as to help people keep six-foot distances), we are certainly not back to “normal,” but those who attend Mass now should feel some comfort. By keeping your physical (but not necessarily your social!) distance, you are doing well. Face masks in public have been highly encouraged. Little by little, step by step, Nebraskans can do it right. God bless!

This coming Saturday is our nation’s Independence Day, our 244<sup>th</sup> birthday as a republic. Fireworks are wonderful on that day, but let us never

forget the sacrifices of the men and women that went before us to ensure our continued independence and freedom. God bless our land!

Monday evening we will be celebrating the graduation of our 2020 eighth-grade class. Congratulations to our young men and women who are taking the step to various high schools and leaving their former classmates behind. Thanks to some modifications, we were able to keep many of our school traditions alive this year—even if we are a month or so behind. Forward to the future!

I have noticed my own mood going up and down based on the COVID-19 news and the protests after the George Floyd death in Minneapolis. For the most part, though, the future looks bright. We can say this, not only from the lessons we learn from the past, but also because Christianity is, by its very nature, a religion of optimism. That was the lesson we learned at Christmas last December (and every time we celebrate Christmas every year), and even more so at Easter this April. Jesus was put to death, but rose from the dead—that is the unshakably positive message that is the very heart of our faith. Sin and death have been definitively defeated, and although the battles are still being fought in each of us, those forces do not win. We have a sneak peek at the end of the story of all existence, and it is good. As we say on the last Sunday of the Church’s liturgical year on the Solemnity of Christ the King at the end of November, *Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat! Christ conquers! Christ reigns! Christ commands! Peace be to you as we mark the end of the first half of 2020 and the beginning of the second and, we hope, better half. God is good!*

**Father Houlihan**