



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2020

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**PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**  
**ENTER THE MASS! Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!**

**Monday, September 28**  
 8:00 a.m. +Emma Fuentes  
 Special Intention for D.P. & B.P.

**Tuesday, September 29**  
 8:00 a.m. +Pam Bridges  
 +Greg F. Bartek

**Wednesday, September 30**  
 8:00 a.m. +Allen Kuzelka  
 Special Intention for R.M.

**Thursday, October 1**  
 8:00 a.m. +Joyce Current  
 +Norman Brokenhoff

**Friday, October 2**  
 8:00 a.m. +Robert Gillen  
 +Stuart & Betty Meisinger

**Saturday, October 3**  
 8:00 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions  
 5:00 p.m. +Robert G. & Rita Kiser

**Sunday, October 4**  
 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 10:30 a.m. +Betty Meisinger

**CONFESSIONS:**  
 Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

**Head Count at Mass last weekend: 140, 114, 92**  
**Communion at church doors at Mass time: 15**  
**Contributions for September 20, 2020**

<b>General Collection</b>	\$	<b>5,490.00</b>
<b>General Online Giving</b>	\$	<b>10,100.33</b>
Debt Reduction	\$	655.00
Debt Reduction <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	250.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	222.00
Teachers/Staff <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	200.00
Utilities <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	20.00
Combined Relief <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	10.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$	140.00
Prop'n of the Faith <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	25.00
Holy Land	\$	215.00
Peter's Pence	\$	25.00

**Church cleaning reminder:** For Oct 3 (at 9:00am): Bond, Book, Borer-Weaver, Bourret, Bowman, Boyle, Bridges, Brinkman

**Bishop's Appeal for Vocations** is the annual fundraising campaign for the support of our seminarians. This year it will be done by postal mail, and should have arrived at homes this past week. If you are a relatively new parishioner, or otherwise did not receive a printed pledge card, but would like to make a donation this year, we have set envelopes containing the information in the Commons. Thank you for your generous support of our many seminarians!



**Annual Life Chain** Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 2:00-3:00pm  
 along the corner of Chicago & 8<sup>th</sup> Ave (by Casey's, Golden Dragon, Subway & LaFiesta). Pro-life posters will be provided for this quiet show of faith. Rain or shine .... show your Pro-Life Faith!

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Pro-Life Diaper Drive** During the month of October, PCCW, in conjunction with the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is once again collecting diapers. The goal is to collect over 90,000 diapers. Please bring them to the playpen in the Commons! The highest need are donations of sizes 4, 5 & 6. Thank you for your generosity; it is greatly appreciated.

**Baptisms!** We had two baptisms Saturday, Sept 19! Congratulations to Jacob & Cyndi Hartwig, on the baptism of their daughter, Zoey Maria Hartwig, and to Mitchell & Amy Kotera on the baptism of their son, Charlie Daniel Kotera. May they always live for the Lord!

**Our sympathies and prayerful support** to Susan Zweibahmer and family at the death of her husband, Steven. His funeral was here at CHS last Tuesday. May the Lord grant him eternal life.

**Convenience of Online Giving:** Do you pay your bills online? If your answer is yes, then why not give to your church online? It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. As time goes by, adjusting your giving level is simple, also. Getting started is easy – just visit our website at [www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com](http://www.holyspiritplattsmouth.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. So what are you waiting for, give it a try TODAY! 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 do it for you.

**Knights of Columbus** – Council 1966 / George Johnson GK, 235-3518  
**Fall Fund Raiser Week 2 winner** – Corey Hobscheidt. Thank you for supporting the Knights and our projects.

**Cinnamon Rolls** – Thank you to all the parishioners who supported the Knights by purchasing cinnamon rolls. We hope that you were able to get your cinnamon rolls. The proceeds enable the Knights to continue supporting our regular charities and special causes that we support annually. November.... Wait to see what the Knights are cooking up!

**General Business Meeting (virtual)** – Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm. Steve Riese will send the meeting invitation along with the sign-in credentials.

### Prayer Chain Information

The prayer chain at Church of the Holy Spirit allows for prayers to be requested with anonymity, and then be prayed for by many people. During the 1970s, one person initiated and ran the Prayer Chain by herself. In about 2012, to simplify the process, the electronic prayer chain was established. The originator of the Prayer Chain still contacts a few of our non-computer-using parishioners. There are over 185 "Prayer Warriors" (Prayer Chain recipients). We suggest that they say one decade of the Rosary for the requests listed.

To put in a prayer request: For emergency or urgent prayer requests, 24 hours a day, the best way is to text or call 402-943-9959. Standard prayer requests can also be called to 402-943-9959, or to 402-296-3441, or emailed to CHSPRAYERCHAIN@gmail.com. Thank you.

To be a Prayer Warrior for this, Contact Carol Tilson at CHSPRAYERCHAIN@gmail.com, or call or text 402-943-9959. (This is the same contact information for *requesting* prayers.)

Please know that Prayer Warrior contact information is never shared or used for any other purpose. Can anyone request prayers? YES!! There are a few guidelines on what we can list, and, of course, God knows what is in your heart, even if we need to limit what can be listed:

1. Anonymity. Basically, if you do not have the individuals consent, their name cannot be used. Initials or first names work great, or requests for "Special Intentions". A Special intention is also made when the body of the prayer is either too complex, too large, or too sensitive, or it could identify the person by their situation. If asked by someone wondering who the individual listed is, they are told we are not at liberty to disclose.

2. No Politics. Requests made for politicians, parties, or anything listed on a ballot is not permitted. You may request a simple "Special Intention".

3. No Advertising. The Prayer Chain is not used to promote outside events, people or businesses. Example Please buy my house at 110 Garden St. is not acceptable. Prayers to sell a home is acceptable. Or, you may request a simple "Special Intention".

4. Public Chain mail (as found on Facebook or other social media) is not appropriate.

5. The Prayer Chain coordinator may edit prayer requests if they fall under the above categories. Most of the time, we cut and paste what you send us via text or email.

Prayer Warriors are essential. Every prayer request we receive is also essential. No prayer request is too big or too small. We cannot thank you enough for your faith and prayers.

The Prayer Chain Committee

### "Stewardship of Talent" Dinners for Fr. Houlihan and Fr. Bartek:

Thank you to this great team, especially during these unusual times!  
Sep 28: Pam Reinsch, Sep 30: Sandy Kerns, Oct 1: Steph Ball,  
Oct 5: Kacey Groshans, Oct 7: Megan Hanneman, Oct 8: Monica Yankus,  
Oct 12: Glennia Sand, Oct 14: Sandy Kerns, Oct 15: Bonnie Seyfer

A variety of religious goods for you to choose from, for a free-will donation! They are displayed in the Rectory Office, Mon-Fri, 9:00am – Noon. Many rosaries – some are brand new, some slightly used, some so old that they are a treasure! Also Bibles, including a One-Year Bible and an audio Bible set, Crucifixes, Baptism cards, First Communion cards, ornate Holy Cards, and other objects. Additional items will be rotated in at different times. Check it out!

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.*

## MagnifiKid!

Magnifi Kid! ... is a monthly publication similar to Magnificat, but for children 6 to 12. CHS is able to get a bulk rate on this if we have a minimum of 10 subscriptions. Parents who would like to join our bulk group subscription – please email the parish office at plattsmouthHSC@cdolinc.net **by Sept 28**, to let us know.

*Do not send in money yet – we need to find out if we will have 10 subscribers!*

The annual subscription rate is \$15 (which is less than half the regular price). You will receive 12 months from January to December 2021 (52 issues). Subscribers receive the issues on a monthly basis, to be picked up outside the parish office, just as the regular Magnificats are distributed.

In each month's packet, children will find a booklet of sixteen color pages for each Sunday, and also special issues for the major feast days (Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Ascension, Assumption, All Saints Day). Every week, MagnifiKid offers: All the readings and the prayers of the Sunday Mass with explanations of the difficult words and the meaning of the rituals; a daily prayer adapted from the Liturgy of the Hours; many suggestions on how to live the entire week with the Lord; various games, a comic, and activities to help children learn about Christian life and culture; a page intended for the parents with suggestions for family prayers. This can help

- to accompany them on the path of daily prayer;
- to help them develop and nourish their spiritual lives;
- to hand on to them our rich Christian spiritual values;
- to encourage them to participate fully in the life of the Church.

If you'd like to subscribe, please let us know **by Sept 28!**

Note: Renewal/new subscriptions to regular Magnificat will be coming soon. Please watch the bulletin for information on that.

## **PASTOR'S NOTES:**

You will soon be receiving in the mail (if you have not yet received) this year's Bishop's Appeal for Vocations. This program has been a sign of the great assistance given to the formation of our priests by all the people of the diocese. We can be proud (as a diocese) that we have a very successful and very much-imitated support system for the schooling of young men who wish to serve as priests. Every year since the year my classmates and I were ordained in 1979, there has been at least one man ordained for the service of the people in our diocese—and usually more. Through the prayers and financial support of many good people, we have had in many years (if not perhaps this one) the highest number of seminarians or priest ordinations per capita in the United States. This is due to your wonderful generosity on many levels. If you did not receive a mailing and would like to contribute, there are extras on the SCRIP table near the St. Joseph's Room in the Commons. The mailing contains the brochure with the pictures of the seminarians, so that you can pray for them. Please respond online or with the envelope provided to Lincoln and, if you are using a check, please make it out to BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS, not Church of the Holy Spirit. Thank you!

A much-belated congratulations to Jeffrey and Jennifer Ayres Green, married in Christ here on Saturday, September 5, during Labor Day weekend. May God bless you and your loved ones always! Congratulations, also, to Jeff for being received into the Catholic Church!

Next week is the international date this year for the Peter's Pence collection, the traditional collection taken up every year to support the Holy Father and his particular projects and causes, delayed this year because of the pandemic. This collection has been around in some form for over one thousand years and is our way of showing our solidarity with the Vicar of Christ and our "catholic" unity in the universal Church. No one should ever doubt that "where Peter is, there is the Church." This last quote, by the way, is attributed to St. Ambrose in the fourth century. He was the Bishop of Milan and the man who brought St. Augustine into the Church. It means that Peter (the first Bishop of Rome) is the touchstone of doctrine and orthodoxy among God's holy people. He and his successors have always

been the visible sign of unity among us. Envelopes were sent to you with your packets earlier in the year (since the traditional date for the collection is toward the end of June, near the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29), but if you no longer have it and would still like to contribute, just mark an envelope accordingly and return it at the time of the regular collection next weekend. God bless you!

Next weekend from 2-3 on Sunday afternoon is the traditional annual Life Chain in Plattsmouth. We will be meeting around the intersection of Eighth Avenue and Chicago, with signs provided. It is meant to be a time of silent witness to and prayer for our fellow citizens. Come and join us, rain or shine, and pray for the conversion of hearts. The longer that I have been a part of this struggle, the more I realize that, as important as judicial, legal, and political issues are—and they should not be neglected—the most important tool pro-life people have is prayer. It cannot, in the long run, fail us. Despite almost fifty years of social struggle in our country, the pro-life message has not been shamed or intimidated into silence, despite the efforts of many cultural leaders. In fact, it is the voice of conscience in our culture. The well-marketed notion of "choice" which has been successfully propagated in our times hides the horror of lives of adult men and women, not to mention children, who have been harmed by the abortion industry (indirectly funded by, and, as some would wish to see, directly funded by, taxpayers). As one person once stated, there is no "choice" when a person feels compelled by fiancé, family, or friends to abort. This person compared it to feeling like a trapped animal that has no option but to gnaw off a paw in order to escape. Pray for those victimized, adults and children. Thanks be to God, there are alternatives. I want to commend to God and to your prayers the soul of one of my former parishioners when I was the pastor of Blessed Sacrament in Lincoln (1991-2000), Julie Schmit-Albin, who was one of those outstanding people that fought for those who were victimized. I have been privileged to know many outstanding women (especially) and men who pioneered Birthright and other pro-life initiatives, even before the Supreme Court created the abortion "right" in 1973. Witness to the truth, but always in charity!

**Father Houlihan**