



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

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

October 18, 2020

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**Bishop's Appeal for Vocations** is the annual fundraising campaign for the support of our seminarians. *You can see a video on this on YouTube: search Bishop's Appeal for Vocations 2020.* This year the fundraising campaign will be done by postal mail, and it should have recently arrived at homes. 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!

## PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**ENTER THE MASS! You'll see Jesus!**

### Monday, October 19

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Morehead family  
 For improving health of J.M.

### Tuesday, October 20

8:00 a.m. +Lillian Hartz-Jirovsky  
 Deceased priests of MSM Seminary

### Wednesday, October 21

8:00 a.m. +Dennis Hildebrand  
 +T. Ray & Elizabeth Cahalane

### Thursday, October 22

8:00 a.m. +William E. & Dorothy Reinsch  
 +Allen Kuzelka

### Friday, October 23

8:00 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions  
 +Bud & Rosemary Ulrich

### Saturday, October 24

8:00 a.m. +Andrea Prather  
 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

### Sunday, October 25

8:00 a.m. +Harry & Nadine Vest  
 10:30 a.m. +Elaine Egnoski

## CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

**Head Count at Mass last weekend: 93, 113, 124**

**Communion at church doors at Mass time: 17**

## Contributions for October 11, 2020

General Collection	\$	4,881.00
General Online Giving	\$	2,434.00
Debt Reduction	\$	420.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	15.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	338.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	30.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$	100.00
Peter's Pence	\$	110.00
Peter's Pence Online Giving	\$	25.00
Mission Co-op	\$	1,250.00

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Pro-Life Diaper Drive** During October, PCCW, in conjunction with the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is once again collecting 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!

**This week's featured Seminarian:** Ranil Weerrackoon from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2018 and is now in Theology 1 at Mount St. Mary Seminary. We pray, too, for Adam Bohan from Plattsmouth, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015. Please keep all our seminarians and sisters in formation in your prayers.

**"All Souls Day Mass Intentions":** The Mass is the highest form of prayer and it is good to pray for the deceased at Mass! We will again this year have the All Souls custom where, in the Commons, you list the names of all those who have died who you want to pray for, and, in the marked box put whatever amount you deem appropriate as a stipend. Or put the stipend in an envelope clearly marked for that purpose, and drop it in the collection basket. Names and stipends can also be mailed to the church office. These will be collected through October. The names are put together as "All Souls Day Intentions" and the stipends collected are divided into the standard \$10 Mass stipends. That many Masses are then offered throughout the year for all those listed. This way, probably on a weekly basis – or more often, one of the priests' Mass intention will be for all these departed family members and friends.

**Magnificat subscription re-order time.** Father Houlihan highly recommends Magnificat as a great way to enter into the daily Mass readings, as well as Magnificat's many nourishing and faith-building meditations. The current subscription for those who are receiving the Magnificat missalette with the parish bulk rate will end with December's issue. To renew or to newly subscribe, call Sue at the rectory office, 296-3139, **no later than Monday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>.** (Or put a note & money in a clearly marked envelope into Sunday's collection basket, or mail them in, received by Oct 26.) The bulk rate is **\$32.00** for the year, rather than its regular \$47.00 rate. The missalettes are sent to the church, for you to pick up there.

**It's also time for "Living Faith" pamphlet renewal** If interested in subscribing, at bulk rate (**\$6.00/year**), to the quarterly Living Faith pamphlet, contact Sue at the rectory office by **\*\*\* November 2<sup>nd</sup> \*\*\***. Subscriptions will run Jan 2021-Dec 2021. As with the Magnificat, these will not be sent to your home; instead, you will need to pick them up at the rectory office. You can put a check for \$6.00, made out to Church of the Holy Spirit, in a clearly marked envelope via the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the rectory office.

**Knights of Columbus** – Council 1966 / George Johnson GK, 235-3518

**Cinnamon Rolls** – This Sunday, after the 8:00 and 10:30am Masses. This month's proceeds will go to the RSVP campaign in which goes to Adam Bohan.

**Officer's Meeting (virtual)** – Thursday, October 22, at 7:00pm. Steve Riese will send the meeting invitation along with the sign-in credentials.

**Upcoming Projects** – Knights, be on the lookout for emails for 2 upcoming projects. We will be working on some roofs – close to the ground on the church grounds. We are securing the materials now and will be addressing these two roofs before the snow flies!

**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.*

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

Thank you to this great team, especially during these unusual times!  
Oct 19: Sandy Fischer, Oct 21: Liz Holstein, Oct 22: Pam Reinsch,  
Oct 26: Bill Boyle, Oct 28: Sandy DiSomma, Oct 29: Gay Lepert,  
Nov 2: Nicolette Kerns, Nov 4: Deb Warga, Nov 5: Carla Wehling

**Church cleaning reminder:** For Oct 24 (at 9:00am): Carroll, Carroll, Carstens, Cherek, Cole, Coleman, Colgrove, Cowan

**PASTOR'S NOTES**

Thanks to all who attended the Life Chain a couple of weeks ago. There was the largest turnout that I have seen since I came to Plattsmouth. God gave us good weather, and that certainly helped. God bless all who stand up for life!

Did you know that there is a new committee to take charge of our Perpetual Adoration program? There are seven individuals or couples who act as "captains" for a given day. After more than 21 years, our program is still strong. Special thanks to Sue Stevens, Sheryl LeBlanc, and Ken Aylor for their work with the original leadership team—Sherry is continuing with the new team as well. The commitment shown by these and so many others in the program explains why we are, to my knowledge, the smallest parish in the diocese to have "24-7" adoration. As far as I know, we were the only program in the diocese that did not interrupt prayer during the darkest days of COVID-19 "shutdown." In fact, this was the "lifeline" for many of our people to our Eucharistic Lord when we were not having public Mass. We will continue to use the church proper for adoration until the pandemic subsides, but we do want you to know that there has been a great deal of work in the adoration chapel, and with a few finishing touches, will be ready when it can be used again—the insulation problem has been abated, and the tabernacle is being refurbished (mostly because it was dropped during construction a few weeks ago and the door was not working). Larry Rolfson, Herm Scholl, Dave Brink, and George Johnson are among those parishioners who have already contributed in some way. There are some anonymous donors for the new flooring that will go in, as well as for the tabernacle repair and renovation. There will be a small appliance on the wall that will handle heating and cooling to keep the temperature on an even keel. The confessionals on the south part of the chapel will be walled off and used for a servers' and acolytes' sacristy eventually, although this is farther down the road. As mentioned before, the goal will be to have confessionals that are more accessible to the average person and yet private, being added on to the west side of the building. At the same time, there will be more storage space made

available as well, so that the St. Joseph's Room can be used for more and bigger meetings than is currently possible. All these things, being done in phases, will complete the "catch up" work that was so much needed during our own local financial distress. Thanks to the Joy of the Gospel subsidies that we received (about \$640,000, over a four-year period) and the \$193,000 from the federal pandemic "loan" this last spring, we are in a much better place to conduct our work for the Kingdom. Topping all these things, of course, is the kindness and generosity and skills of so many of our own parishioners in their stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. May God bless you all!

Today is World Mission Sunday—the third Sunday in October has been so designated for many years to remind us to pray for and sacrifice for the missions—we are, after all, all called to be missionaries of the Good News of the Gospel in our daily lives. The envelope in your packets, for Mission Sunday or the Propagation of the Faith, allows us to contribute to the Holy Father's work of supporting those local churches that are not yet self-sufficient. I should also point out that we have one more project that we are asking you to consider during this month of the missions as well in place of the traditional Missionary Cooperative program (which brings a foreign priest to speak each year). During the pandemic, we are asked to use the MISSIO.org website to see a project chosen by our parish council as our "Mission Co-op" project for this year—the social workers in India doing outreach to street children under the leadership of Fr. Arogya Raj Leo (under the category of "Human Rights"). Please take a look and consider joining others in our parish. You are welcome to make a contribution on the website, but in order to save the credit card fee that will be charged there, you may want to make your contribution through the parish to avoid that. "What difference does it make, as long as in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is being proclaimed? And in that I rejoice" (Phil. 1:18).

**Father Houlihan**