



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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## PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

*ENTER THE MASS! Saints and angels are there!*

### Monday, November 23

8:00 a.m. +George P. Miller  
+Becky Vankirk

### Tuesday, November 24

8:00 a.m. +Elaine Egnoski  
Special Intention for Jamison K.

### Wednesday, November 25

8:00 a.m. +Antonia Vanek  
Special Intention for 60-yr Jubilee of  
Sr. Mary Storm

### Thursday, November 26

8:00 a.m. +Richard Flaska  
+Jack Haller

### Friday, November 27

8:00 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions  
Special Intention for Joe K.

### Saturday, November 28

8:00 a.m. +Robert G. & Rita Kiser  
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

### Sunday, November 29

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for S.T. and S.T.  
10:30 a.m. +Charlie Warga

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 PM

**Head Count at Mass last weekend: 68, 123, 101**

**Communion at church doors at Mass time: 19**

**Contributions for November 15, 2020**

General Collection	\$	8,189.73
Debt Reduction	\$	540.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	185.00

Online donations may take about 10 days to process.

**ONLINE survey for Christmas Masses** Emails were sent (or calls made) to all parishioners, asking you to fill out a survey to help Father determine the best configuration for Christmas Mass times in this covid-year! Please take the short survey! [www.surveymonkey.com/r/PGFSGQ7](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PGFSGQ7) Paper copies are available in the Commons, if you prefer.

**Pre-order a Church Directory:** All those who had photos taken by LifeTouch or submitted their own photos will receive a complimentary (free) directory when they arrive. For others who would like to own one, extra copies are being ordered. To reserve yours, please contact Patty Coleman at 547-7714 or email [Patty2chat@gmail.com](mailto:Patty2chat@gmail.com) soon. Each copy will be \$10.00. Money will be collected at the time of pick-up.

**“Let Your Soul Shine”** Free daily Advent reflections by Matthew Kelly, sent by email. Daily video reflections to help you prepare for Christmas. (Advent starts next Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>!) Sign up at [www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com)

**Smile.Amazon** Thank you to all who put a smile. in front of their amazon.com shopping site, and designating “Church of the Holy Spirit, Plattsmouth” as the charity to support! We just received \$146.39 rebate for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2020! Smile.amazon is the same in all ways as the original amazon, except that under the smile title, they give a percentage back to the designated charity! Sign up once, then log in to “smile” after that! ☺ Maybe ask family and friends to do the same, if they are amazon shoppers! Oh! And we have Amazon gift cards in our SCRIP supply – They also work on Amazon’s “smile” site! If you Christmas shop on Amazon, please consider logging in under the smile. login!

**Holy Communion outside-of-Mass distribution** ...Father will distribute Holy Communion on the weekends to those who feel they shouldn't attend Mass due to COVID, but treasure the Eucharist and would like to receive. The scheduled time for this will be 10:00am on Sundays. Meet Father at the front doors of the church at that time. Please be ready for him right at 10:00.

**Church cleaning reminder:** For Nov 28 (at 9:00am): Fischer, Fleming, Fonseca, Forman, Fox, Fredrichs, Frye, Fuxa

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

**Fall Fund Raiser Week 8 winner** – Becky Diedrich for the week of NE vs Penn State from winning book #87 – Thank you Becky, for supporting the Knights and our projects.

**General Business Meeting** – Thursday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm – virtual meeting. Steve Riese will provide the Zoom meeting details, Mike Vaughn distributes.

**November Breakfast** – Thank you to all the parishioners who supported the Knights last Sunday by getting those breakfast burritos. Thank you to all the Knights who shopped, prepped, rolled, served and cleaned up afterwards. What a great Sunday morning. Correction: The breakfast proceeds will go to the Church Debt Fund.

**Christmas Cards** The website for orders: [kofc1966.square.site](http://kofc1966.square.site) The orders will be boxed up and ready for pickup in the Commons after weekend Masses.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

### From our CDA:

**Winter help** Collecting gloves, mittens, hats and scarves to be given to Open Door Mission or a similar organization, through November.

**Catholic Daughters of America dues** are being accepted for the year 2021 after the weekend Masses in the Commons.

**Chances:** Two Christmas baskets of goodies, and a 12-place setting of Christmas dishes. 7 tickets/\$5 in the Commons after Masses until Dec. 20.

**Pecans, pecans, pecans, fresh from Georgia!** Selling pecans and pecan clusters after Masses. To keep the active purchasing time to a minimum, they will have tables in various locations of the Commons, so that there should be little or no waiting time. If you'd rather order, forms are in the Commons on their bulletin board.

**To place orders** for basket chances or pecans, call Carole: 402-980-3885

**Thank you** from all the Reicharts for all your love, prayers, and kindness during our time of sorrow.

**My Neighbor's Closet Thrift Shop** 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary BOGO SALE at the South end of the church parking lot; Thurs-Sat 10am-2pm through November, except Thanksgiving. We are also raffling off a beautiful crazy quilt made by Marilyn Weber to raise money to get a new roof.

**Various low-denomination SCRIP cards** for Christmas giving are available to order online (for more variety), or to pick up those we have on hand – at the rectory office, Mon-Fri 9am-1pm. Place orders by Monday 10am, for same week delivery.

**This week's featured Seminarian:** Matthew Schilmoeller from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2016 and is now is in Theology 2 at North American College in Rome. 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.

**Adult online class** In keeping with the Emmaus Institute's mission to serve and to support the Church, beginning Wednesday, Dec 2 and continuing through Feb 17 (excluding Dec 23 & 30), they will be teaching a ten-week course entitled *Heaven, Help the Home: Recapturing a Biblical Vision of Marriage and Family*. The class will be available in-person and live-recorded for online students. More information is on the bulletin board in the Commons, or at [www.emmausinstitute.net](http://www.emmausinstitute.net)

**Dinners for Fr. Houlihan & Fr. Bartek, "Stewardship of Talent":** Thank you to this great team, especially during these unusual times! Nov 23: Sandy Fischer, Nov 25: Liz Holstein, Nov 30: Megan Hanneman, Dec 2: Sandy DiSomma, Dec 3: Pam Reinsch, Dec 7, Bill Boyle, Dec 9: Gay Lepert, Dec 10: Carla Wehling

## **PASTOR'S NOTES**

This week contains that most American of holidays, Thanksgiving. Before it is "turkey day" or "football day" or "family day," it is a day to give thanks to God for the blessings that we enjoy in our lives. The advice to "count your blessings" is not just something that parents say to their children, but it is good psychological advice to adults as well. If we are always looking at the fact that our glass is half-empty, we may neglect to notice that it is half-full. You are welcome, as always, to come to Mass at 9 A.M. on Thanksgiving Day morning. This will be the only Mass that day and, though it is not a holy day of obligation, it is a day where the "sacrifice of thanksgiving," the Mass, is quite appropriate. As in the past few years, we can show our gratitude for the blessings in our lives by sharing with others. We will not have an offertory procession this year, but there will be a place near the altar (by the baptismal font) to place non-perishable food or paper goods items for those in need (and there are many in need this year, I have been told by those in our community who would know), so that they can be delivered to our local food pantry. Thank you for your kindness! Needless to say, the Mass on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday will be in the church, since there is no school. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good! His mercy endures forever!

The financial donations that are made at Thanksgiving are designated (by diocesan direction) to the Contemplative Sisters of the diocese, namely, the Pink Sisters in Lincoln and the Carmelite Sisters near Agnew. These communities offer a tremendous benefit to our diocese and to the larger community—they are made of women who dedicate their lives to prayer. It is, so to speak, their full-time job. I do not know the Carmelites very well. They are relatively new to the area (since about 2001), having their convent near where Fr. Bartek grew up on a farm a couple of miles away. I know that they have had many young vocations and have had to "split off" daughter communities when they reached a certain size. The Pink Sisters live in what used to be the house of Bishop Casey (the bishop here from 1957-67, when he became the Archbishop of Denver) on Cotner Boulevard in Lincoln. It has been renovated and has had additions made for the convent there with a public chapel. If you have never been there, stop in the next time you are in Lincoln. They have perpetual adoration, with the

hours filled by the sisters (especially in the night) and by lay volunteers, and there is daily morning Mass there (open to the public except on Sundays and some holy days) and evening Benediction. I have known this community since they came to Lincoln under Bishop Flavin (1967-92) in 1973, and was one of the first priests to say daily Mass there after they completed their new chapel in 1980, when I was assigned to St. Teresa's parish in Lincoln along with Msgr. (then just Fr.) Pleskac, in which parish they reside. You are welcome to make financial donations to the local food pantry as well, but put them in an envelope clearly marked for that purpose. God bless you!

I am hoping that by the time you read this, the lighting project in the church will be finished. We had to substitute scaffolding for the lift that was originally planned to finish the east part of the church, the highest ceiling. Because of the extra labor involved in setting up, moving, and taking down this equipment, the project will cost several thousand dollars more than originally planned. The new fixtures and LED lights have already drastically improved the lighting in the rest of the church. This and many of the recent maintenance "catch-up" improvements were made possible by four years each of \$160,000 grants from the Crossing the Threshold diocesan campaign funds from several years ago (the "Francis Fund") and, also quite indirectly, from the \$193,000 "loan" from the U.S. government (which is in the process of being forgiven, in accord with the directions of the bank which assisted us). The financial shock to our economy, felt first by families and then by businesses and organizations such as our parish, over the last eight months, is still being felt here in Plattsmouth, as elsewhere in the United States and around the world. We have one other "must do" project that we have been planning and allocating funds to—the building of new confessionals and the expansion of meeting and storage space and the sacristy. No plans to show you yet, but we are getting close. Thank you to the many, many good stewards in our parish that also make things possible. We are trying to fulfill our mission to bring Christ to our community. Now we have a better place to be the spiritual hub of that mission. Thanks be to God and to you!

**Father Houlihan**