

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

1st Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE
ENTER THE MASS! Praise and honor to God!
Monday, November 30
 8:00 a.m. +Monica Michaels
 +Mildred Johnk
Tuesday, December 1
 8:00 a.m. Safety of babies in the womb
 +Betty Meisinger
Wednesday, December 2
 8:00 a.m. +George P. Miller
 +Roland & Patricia Yost
Thursday, December 3
 8:00 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions
 +Sophia Hausladen
Friday, December 4
 8:00 a.m. +Allen Kuzelka
 +Milo J. Bartek
Saturday, December 5
 8:00 a.m. +Idalene Brink
 5:00 p.m. +Sharon Klinefelter
Sunday, December 6
 8:00 a.m. +Stacey Case
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

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

Head Count at Mass last weekend: 102, 98, 86
Communion at church doors at Mass time: 25
Contributions for November 22, 2020

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| General Collection | \$ | 5,188.00 |
| Debt Reduction | \$ | 775.00 |
| Teachers/Staff | \$ | 205.00 |
| Propagation of the faith | \$ | 10.00 |

Online donations may take about 10 days to process.



Christmas Giving Tree
Let's give joy to a family in need.

Please return your wrapped gift with the tag attached and place under the Giving Tree in the Church commons by December 21st. *Thank you for your generosity.*

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.

The annual Mass of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated Monday, Dec 28. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Mass at 7:00 p.m. This year, the Mass will take place at Cathedral of the Risen Christ Church due to the pandemic and social distancing measures. The Cathedral is located at 3500 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 **before 5:00pm on Fri. Dec. 18th**. *If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.*

Thank you to all who donated diapers and wipes to the PCCW during October. We were able to donate 2,600 diapers and six-8 packs (2,688) baby wipes to the Lincoln Diocese' PCCW, the highest number of diapers donated since 2015. We couldn't have done it without our generous parishioners.

From our CDA:
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

Dinners for Fr. Houlihan & Fr. Bartek, "Stewardship of Talent": Thank you to this great team, especially during these unusual times! Nov 30: Megan Hanneman, Dec 2: Sandy DiSomma, Dec 3: Pam Reinsch, Dec 7, Bill Boyle, Dec 9: Gay Lepert, Dec 10: Carla Wehling, Dec 14: Nicolette Kerns, Dec 16: Deb Warga, Dec 17: Monica Yankus

Church cleaning reminder: For Dec 5 (at 9:00am): Gaeta, Gaeta, Gallagher, Garbers, Garrido, Gertsch, Gibson, Gillen

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966 / George Johnson GK, 235-3518
Fall Fund Raiser Week 9 winner – Joey Scanlan for the week of NE vs Illinois from winning book #67 – Thank you Joey, for supporting the Knights and our projects.

General Business Meeting – Thursday, Dec 10th, 7:00pm – virtual meeting. Steve Riese will provide the Zoom meeting details, Mike Vaughn distributes.
Christmas Cards The website for orders: kofc1966.square.site The orders will be boxed up and ready for pickup in the Commons after weekend Masses.
Cinnamon Rolls – Sunday, December 20th, after the 8:00 & 10:30am Masses. The proceeds will go to support foreign ministries.

This week's featured Seminarian: Augustine Reimers from Seward, who entered seminary in 2016 and is now in Theology 1 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. We pray, too, for Adam Bohan from Plattsmouth, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015.

Before Monday, Nov 30th! 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 Paper copies are available in the Commons, if you prefer.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Please pray for the Pope's Intention for the month of December: For a life of prayer. That our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer. The Priest Day Intention: Pray for all priests and religious living in persecution. Thank you for your prayers and for the sacrifices that you make for the mission of the Church. God bless you!

The themes that are found in the readings of the last few Sundays (including last week's Christ the King celebration) continue as we begin the new Church year cycle with the First Sunday of Advent this weekend. What a powerful message for us during this most extraordinary year—Christ is coming and the future is bright! We in New Testament times are also living in expectation and hope, just as those in Old Testament times were. The Son of God took flesh and became Man (at the Annunciation, and made manifest by His birth in Bethlehem at Christmas) to fulfill the Old Testament hope, but even though He has come in history, we await His coming in majesty at the end of time (the "Second Coming"), when He will come to judge the living and the dead, and we celebrate His coming in mystery in the sacraments today. Christ has died, Christ is risen, and, most certainly (we say with great hope and longing), Christ will come again. Any of the disappointments, discouragements, inconveniences, and just plain old downright trials that we have faced during the last few months are passing, but eternity looms before us, and it makes our present situation seem minor by comparison. Many religions and cultures in the world stress the idea of "circular" time—we come back to where we were before. What our Judeo-Christian heritage vividly teaches us and reminds us is that we are making progress toward a definite goal. As some very good cooks used to say at meals—don't get rid of your dessert forks, for the best is yet to come. Hope is the "theological virtue" (a gift from God) that enables us to trust that what God has promised, He will deliver. May it be so soon!

Next weekend will be our traditional Forty Hours devotion. There is not much different in terms of logistics for those involved in adoration hours. Those who do not have hours at all or those who have them during the week are invited to stop in during the weekend to pay respects to our

Eucharistic Lord. Yours truly will give an introduction at 5:30 on Friday evening for those who wish to attend and celebrate the Church's official Evening Prayer (which takes about ten minutes), and I will be preaching at all of the Masses for the Second Sunday of Advent (including Saturday night). We will have a small procession on Sunday at the end of 10:30 Mass, much like the one on Holy Thursday evening. The Forty Hours devotion used to be an annual event in parishes in many dioceses, and is a chance to remember the gift of the Lord to us in His Passion and Death and Resurrection (lasting approximately forty hours of the weekend, as on Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday). For many, this year's Advent and Christmas celebrations will be far from "normal," but there is great potential for each of us to recapture some of the spiritual aspects of this time that often get overwhelmed by the so-called "holidays." Disruption of beloved annual traditions seems to be the name of the game this year, but greeting the Lord Who is coming may be one that we can and should keep. His coming makes all the difference in the world!

It has been said that many people who identify as Catholics do not believe that Jesus Christ has a Real Presence among us in the Holy Eucharist. If this is true, it is very sad. Perhaps we can be charitable and say that it is a misunderstanding of terms or that there is some unseemly flaw or bias in the polling process that brings us this information. The fact remains that if someone really did not believe that Jesus Christ could be present for us, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, then he or she really does not understand why we celebrate Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. In Advent, we look forward to the coming of Jesus, but when we get to Christmas and Epiphany, we are celebrating the fact that He is already here, even now. May the Heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the Tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

Father Houlihan