



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Jesus will be there!

Monday, January 11

8:00 a.m. +Bud & Rosemary Ulrich
 Special Intention for J.S.

Tuesday, January 12

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for the M.G. family
 +Steve Zweibahmer

Wednesday, January 13

8:00 a.m. +Robert Gillen
 +All Souls Day Intentions

Thursday, January 14

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for F.J.U.
 Special Intention for C.K. & C.K.

Friday, January 15

8:00 a.m. +Mildred Johnk
 +Zach Narmi

Saturday, January 16

8:00 a.m. +George P. Miller
 5:00 p.m. +Six Pathfinders from 101st, KIA

Sunday, January 17

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. +Andy Reichart

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Head Count, New Year (Holy Day) Masses: 95, 72

Contributions for Mary Mother of God Holy Day

General Collection	\$	1,263.00
Debt Reduction	\$	270.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	20.00

Head Count at Mass last weekend: 89, 98, 89

Communion at church doors: 23

Contributions for January 3, 2021

General Collection	\$	11,369.50
General Online Giving	\$	3,044.00
Debt Reduction	\$	385.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	15.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	366.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	25.00
Utilities	\$	365.00

Online amounts are shown about 2 wks after donation, due to processing time..

Next weekend, January 16/17, the Knights of Columbus will conduct the annual "One Rose One Life" campaign, to support pro-life activities in Nebraska. The One Rose, One Life Campaign is the main source of income for the Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation. The major beneficiary of these funds is the Bishop's Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, as well as placing ultrasounds in crisis pregnancy centers throughout Nebraska. Other worthwhile organizations that are provided with funding include: Right-to-Life and Birthright local chapters, crisis pregnancy help centers, the Pope Paul VI Institute as well as providing funds for March for Life pilgrims. Attached to next week's bulletin will be a prayer to end abortions and a One Rose One Life envelope. Please read the prayer and use the envelope if you wish to donate. Please place the envelope in the collection basket the following week (23/24 January). Additionally, all proceeds from our free-will donation breakfast this month will go to this outstanding effort. Finally, please continue to pray for the end to abortion.



Are you ready to tell God that you want to commit a part of your week to visiting Him outside of Mass? Praying before Jesus each week helps us to pull away and re-focus. It gives us the opportunity to separate ourselves from the worldly rush of activities and to sit in peace with Him for one so very special hour a week.

Below are the hours available for your consideration. Please contact Traci Schuette, 297-2295, if you would like to take on an hour permanently, or if you would like to be added to our substitute list.

Open Hours

Sunday: 1:00 am; 12:00 pm Noon

Monday: None

Tuesday: 2:00 pm; 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 2:00 am; 5:00 am; 6:00 am (this one is being considered by someone)

Thursday: 2:00 am; 10:00 am; 11:00am

Friday: 1:00 am; 2:00 am; 10:00 pm

Saturday: 6:00 am; 1:00 pm; 4:00 pm

Are you new to the parish? ...We love that you are here!!! Maybe introduce yourself to Father!?! Parish Registration Forms are in the Commons – look for green papers on a table! Bring or mail it in, or put it in the collection basket at Mass!

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966 / George Johnson GK, 235-3518
General Business Meeting – Thursday, January 14th, 7:00pm via Zoom meeting. Steve Riese will be providing the meeting credentials / see Mike Vaughn's email.

January Breakfast – Sunday, January 17th, after the 8:00 & 10:30am Masses. The Knights will be serving several kinds of breakfast burritos to go, along with homemade salsas. The proceeds will go to One Rose One Life, the State of Nebraska right to life program.

Church cleaning reminder: For Jan 16 (at 9:00am): Isham, Ivaskevicius, Jensen, Jeys, Johnson, Johnston, Joslin, Jost

Note: Here is a notice our Bishop has asked all parishes to publish in their bulletin this month: The Diocese of Lincoln requires that its employees and volunteers report any allegations of abuse or neglect of a minor or elder connected with church related activity to law enforcement, consistent with the requirements of Nebraska law. If anyone has information that a minor or elder is being or has been subjected to abuse or neglect please report it immediately to local law enforcement or to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services toll-free number 1-800-652-1999, and also to any Parish Pastor, School Administrator, Teacher, or to any Diocesan official at the Catholic Chancery (402) 488-0921, so that immediate steps may be taken for the protection of the minor or elder.

Marriage Encounter Weekends: Spousal hearts - Renewed in Love

Marriage Encounter presenting Virtual weekends 2021

Feb 19-21 or April 23-25

Contact Pat & Janelle Benson: pbjbben@yahoo.com

This week's featured Seminarian: Patrick Winter from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2018 and is now is in College 4 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. We pray, too, for Adam Bohan from Plattsmouth, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015.

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 yet 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.

PCCW Dues – PCCW members are every woman of the parish! (Parish Council of Catholic Women) Envelopes are in your January box of contribution envelopes, or you can use any envelope and mark it "PCCW dues." (Please put your name on it, if cash.) You can drop your envelope in a collection basket at Mass, or you can pay at the table in the Commons after the weekend Masses this weekend and next. Thank you! The dues and other fundraisers of PCCW generally are to aid financially with the needs of the altar, sanctuary, and the parish in general.

Dinners for Fr. Houlihan & Fr. Bartek, "Stewardship of Talent": Thank you to this great team, especially during these unusual times! Jan 11: Liz Holstein, Jan 13: Sandy DiSomma, Jan 14: Gay Lepert, Jan 18: Pam Reinsch, Jan 20: Deb Warga, Jan 21: Carla Wehling, Jan 25: Bill Boyle, Jan 27: Kacey Groshans, Jan 28: Monica Yankus

Nebraska Walk for Life – Saturday, Jan. 16

Nebraska Walk for Life is an annual event. It's the largest, longest-running First Amendment demonstration against abortion in the state. It started in January 1974 and has been held on a Saturday in January ever since. Attendees will gather at 10am on the north side of the State Capitol in Lincoln for a brief program. We then proceed to the UNL City Campus, an indoor venue at the Newman Center at 320 N 16th Street, where you may stay if you wish, to hear the keynote speaker, Sarah Zagorski, speak at noon. At the Newman Center, they will have a variety of tables and booths set up where you can find information on various organizations to help women in an unplanned pregnancy, well as valuable pro-life literature. (To help prevent spread of COVID-19, all current CDC guidelines will be followed.)



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Retreats at Our Lady of Good

Counsel: Looking for peace and quiet and an appropriate place to reassess your life and values? Are you desirous of a deeper relationship with Our Lord? If so:

HE is inviting you personally to "come away by yourself to a quiet place and rest awhile." At the Lincoln Diocesan's Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat Center near Waverly, NE, the retreat topic and director of the retreat is listed on their website ahead of time to help you choose which retreat might be best for you. Upcoming retreats:

- **Jan. 7-10** Men or Women (Thurs-Sunday)
4-Day Private Directed Ignatian Retreat; Matt Simmons, director
- **Jan. 15-17** Men and Women "Perspectives on the Gift of Life"
(and Jan. 16 Walk for Life); Fr. Thomas MacLean, director
- **Jan. 21-24** Men or Women (Thurs-Sunday)
4-Day Private Directed Ignatian Retreat; Matt Simmons, director
- **Jan. 23** Saturday *Online Retreat* Men & Women
"Finding Joy in Prayer" Kendra Von Esh, director
- **Jan. 28-31** Women only; "Live the Mystery: Triduum Of Renewal"
Regnum Christi and Fr. Peter Krezalek, LC, directors
- **Feb. 5-7** Men or Women "Unbound Freedom in Christ"
Fr. William Holoubek, director
- **Feb. 11-14** Men or Women (Thurs-Sun)
4-Day Private Directed Ignatian Retreat; Fr. Gary Coulter, director

See the website at www.goodcounselretreat.com or call 786-2705 to register or to see the complete schedule.

Note: A preached retreat (such as the above where the title is in quotation marks), are where the director gives talks throughout the day on the topic. The remainder of each day are for your private reflection upon the topic, prayer, any suggestions the director might give, Mass, and meals. A Private Directed Ignatian Retreat has no talks given by the director to the whole group. Instead, you will be encouraged to use St. Ignatian's method of prayer and meditation / contemplation (explained a bit at the onset of the retreat), and have private scheduled meeting times with the director to discuss what you "got" from the prayer time, including how it might help you with a particular spiritual interest of your life that you'd like to explore with the director's assistance.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord (the octave of the Epiphany) officially ends the Christmas season. Today we focus on one of the three themes of the Epiphany (the other two being the visit of the Magi and the working of the first public miracle by the Lord at the wedding in Cana). May every day be Christmas for us In that we recognize that God has come among us!

Since we are the Church of the Holy Spirit, we should probably know that there are twelve traditional "fruits" of the Holy Spirit (see Gal. 5:22-23): charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. The currently-used text of these verses from Galatians lists nine fruits, but a text used by St. Jerome, the great Biblical scholar of the fourth century, listed twelve, so this is the list in common use in the Catholic Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 1832). If you received the seven "gifts" of the Holy Spirit (see Isaiah 11) in the Sacrament of Confirmation, the "fruits" are the actions that result from the gifts, or virtues, being exercised in one's soul—by the power of the Holy Spirit. This might be a good objective standard to compare your current situation to the Biblical ideal. If we do it honestly, we will probably find that we are lacking in one or more areas. If we find that some of these fruits exist in us, at least to some degree, we can give thanks to God the Holy Spirit for putting them there for our own good and the good of our brothers and sisters. This is somewhat like the current discussion of the social and political freedoms or liberties that we enjoy. If they are only for our own good, there may not be as much to them as to consider them as things that benefit our neighbors as well. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Your love!

On behalf of Fr. Bartek and myself, I want to thank you for the many kind and generous expressions of friendship and affection that we received during Christmastide. May God bless you and your loved ones always! As priests, we feel truly

blessed to have the wonderful cooperation and interest shown by so many here in our parish and its work in the larger community.

As of this writing, January was expected to be perhaps the harshest month during our current medical crisis, but the rollout of the vaccines and the continued perseverance in charity for the well-being of others promises to keep us going until things go back to "normal." As of now, things like the spring dinner, fish fries, Confirmation, First Holy Communion, and other things are being planned as per current medical guidelines now with the exact timetable of "normalcy" returning still uncertain. Spring dinner will be conducted much like last year, and fish fries, although planning on a comeback, are currently takeout-only for Lent. First Holy Communion will again be a special Mass at 2 P.M. on Sunday, April 11 (Divine Mercy Sunday, or, the Second Sunday of Easter). This is a change from the original Saturday, April 10, when we hoped we would be able to return to having it during Saturday evening Mass. Confirmation looks like three ceremonies rather than one. We are looking (not at all definite) at Monday, April 12, Tuesday, April 13, and Wednesday, April 14, roughly splitting the groups into fifth, sixth, and seventh grades. At this writing, the Bishop will be available for only one of these ceremonies, and possibly for none. We will inform families when we receive more information. Last spring was pretty challenging, but this spring, even though still challenging, is at least something we know will work. First Holy Communion and Confirmation will each be open to at least the two parents, and Confirmation will also be open to the sponsor (or proxy). Confirmation ceremonies will likely be on school nights. Confirmation families are reminded to finish community service hours, information about sponsors, and other requirements. There is plenty of time now to finish these things and no excuse to delay another year or more. Thanks to all of our patient and supportive families!

Father Houlihan