



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Give honor to God!

Monday, January 25

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for PCCW of CHS
 +Jack Haller

Tuesday, January 26

8:00 a.m. +Linda Keator
 +William E. and Dorothy Reinsch

Wednesday, January 27

8:00 a.m. +Elaine Egnoski
 +Steve Zweibahmer

Thursday, January 28

8:00 a.m. +Jack Haller
 +Bob McAlevy

Friday, January 29

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for J.P.U.
 +Rita Fulton Schall

Saturday, January 30

8:00 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions
 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, January 31

8:00 a.m. +Mary Ott
 10:30 a.m. +Idalene Brink

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Head Count at Mass last weekend: 110, 115, 104

Communion at church doors: 23

Contributions for January 17, 2021

General Collection	\$	13,581.06
General Online Giving	\$	8,629.00
Debt Reduction	\$	690.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	1,005.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	281.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	115.00
So. Neb. Reg. Online Giving	\$	20.00
Utilities	\$	155.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	35.00

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

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966 / George Johnson GK, 235-3518
January Breakfast – Thank you parishioners who supported the Knights of Columbus One Rose/One Life campaign by purchasing our breakfast burritos. Thanks to the Knights who prepped, cooked, rolled burritos, shopped and cleaned up as we had another successful Sunday breakfast. The proceeds will go to the One Rose One Life, the State of Nebraska Right to Life program. Thank You everyone!

Officer's Meeting – Thursday, January 28th, 7:00pm via Zoom meeting. Steve Riese will be providing the meeting credentials / see Mike Vaughn's email.

St. John the Baptist School ~ Honor Roll ~ January 2021

6th Grade "A" Honor Roll

Noel Vulgamott
 Ella Hadfield

6th Grade "B" Honor Roll

Hailey Sanchez
 Jaxon Sharp
 Joseph Mise

7th Grade "A" Honor Roll

Laney VanErdweyk
 Brooklyn Walton
 Mikena Haag
 Kaitlynn Moss

7th Grade "B" Honor Roll

Drue Weeda
 Nora Koelzer
 Kaleb Scherlie
 Teagan Glup
 Vance Poppleton
 Parker Smith

8th Grade "A" Honor Roll

Claire Laney
 Lauren Benedict
 Murphy Roby

8th Grade "B" Honor Roll

Sydney Barnes
 Piper Isham
 Nathan Rain
 Izabel Widman
 Henry Baumert
 Robby Schmidt

We welcome through the waters of Baptism Joseph Dallas Finn, son of Brendan & Courtney Finn. He was baptized after the 5pm Mass on January 16th. May she always live for the Lord!

2021 Lenten Series – An Introduction to Spiritual Life Matt Simmons, diocesan director of the Office of Evangelization and Spiritual Formation, will lead the series. The series will be in-person at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly, NE or at-home, live stream and on-demand recordings. It will be held on Tuesdays starting on February 16 through March 30 from 7:00 to 9:00pm. This series is free and registration is requested at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/lent2021>. Any questions call 402-473-0615 or email Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net. Participants are welcome to attend even if they cannot come to each event in the series. Everyone is warmly invited to attend!

Church cleaning reminder: For Jan 30 (at 9:00am): Kief, Klein, Klein, Klein, Klinefelter, Knust, Koelzer, Kolb

Dinners for Fr. Houlihan & Fr. Bartek, "Stewardship of Talent": Thank you to this great team, especially during these unusual times! Jan 25: Bill Boyle, Jan 27: Kacey Groshans, Jan 28: Monica Yankus, Feb 1: Glennia Sand, Feb 3: Megan Hanneman, Feb 4: Bonnie Seyfer, Feb 8: Nicolette Kerns, Feb 10: Sandy Kerns, Feb 11: Liz Holstein

Year-End Statements are ready. They will be in the Commons after the weekend Masses, or you can come to the office to get yours, Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 4:30pm. Thank you for your generosity and assistance as our church and school live out the message of Jesus!

Sox, Sox, Sox From now until the end of February, CDA will be collecting new socks for all ages for homeless and those in need of our community! A Collection Tote is in the Commons. Thank you!

This week's featured Seminarian: Jonah Brox from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2017 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.

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 is 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.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Today, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, is, for the second year in a row, designated as the Sunday of the Word of God, which will be "a fitting part of that time of year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity" (from the *motu proprio* of Pope Francis entitled *Aperuit illis* of 30 September 2019). This is a day to remember our great source of spiritual riches found in the Sacred Scriptures, the Bible. It is not limited to today, but today should be a reminder of what the great Scripture scholar of the early Church, St. Jerome, once wrote about how ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ. We encounter the risen Lord in the Scriptures and "the breaking of bread" (which is to say, the Holy Mass, where we have both the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist), just as did the two disciples on the road to Emmaus on Easter Sunday. The Lord Whose presence we welcomed at the Annunciation, Christmas, and Epiphany, is the Lord we encounter in the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist, His Real Presence in our midst, but also in the Word, since He is the Word-made-Flesh Who made His dwelling among us.

We received a note from a Dr. Anna Worley in Omaha: "You recently helped out a patient of mine in need of financial help to pay his rent. Thank you for meeting this need and being the hands and feet of Jesus. Blessings to you!" It was addressed to the whole parish, although I have given it to Nadine Carlson, who manages "My Neighbor's Closet" on the south side of our property. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers there, and thanks to all of you in the parish who are making some good things happen for a lot of people in need. "And the king will say to them in reply: 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for Me'" (Mt. 25:41). We as a parish do not exist only for ourselves and our own needs, but as an instrument of God's wondrous will to bring all things together in Christ. Thanks to all who share our mission!

Many thanks to Mark and Roger Schuette, for fixing an "oops" in the carpet in front of the altar (burning charcoal during Forty Hours). As good as new!

We welcome all the men and women who are taking the step of asking for preparation for the sacraments, whether that includes Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion, or Penance, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. May God bless all those who are responding to any grace that is being offered by God. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), which is based on the historical "initiation" method known as the "catechumenate," is meant to assist people seeking to join us in the fullness of the faith. Those who are not baptized or catechized were the primary focus in the ancient Church for that method, but today, the needs of people are much more varied—not just non-Christians who want to join us, but also those who were baptized, but not catechized in the faith, those who were catechized, but not baptized, and those who were baptized, but did not receive one or more other sacraments. The classes on Tuesday night, a major part of the process, are also excellent for Catholics who were only catechized as children, or who would like an "adult education" approach. It was not so very long ago that people who memorized all the answers in the old "Baltimore Catechism" were considered to have "graduated" and finished with all the learning about their faith that was necessary. It is not true now (and it was not true then) that one can "graduate" after receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and not need to know or learn any more. Our "learning" takes place until we are (God-willing) able to see the Lord face-to-face in heaven. Bishop Flavin (1967-92) of our diocese used to say that our job is not to "keep the faith," but to "spread the faith." Our faith is not just some personal keepsake or family heirloom, but, truly, a gift that was meant to be shared with others. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News!

Father Houlihan