

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

5th Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE
ENTER THE MASS! Jesus will be there!

Monday, May 3
 8:00 a.m. +Audrey & Matthew Smith
 +Bud & Rosemary Ulrich

Tuesday, May 4
 8:00 a.m. Safety of babies in the womb
 +Idalene Brink

Wednesday, May 5
 8:00 a.m. +Robert Gillen
 +Jack Haller

Thursday, May 6
 8:00 a.m. +Carrie Laney
 +All Souls Day Intentions

Friday, May 7
 8:00 a.m. +Steve Zweibahmer
 Special Intention for M.A.U.

Saturday, May 8
 8:00 a.m. +Stacey Case
 5:00 p.m. Special Intention for T.S.

Sunday, May 9
 8:00 a.m. +Paul Allen Steube
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

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

Head Count at Easter Masses: 114, 134, 160
Communion at church doors: 10
Contributions for April 25, 2021

General Collection	\$	8,307.00
General Online Giving	\$	5,867.50
Debt Reduction	\$	1,415.00
Debt Reduction <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	90.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	129.00
Teachers/Staff <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	65.00
Holy Land	\$	100.00
Combined Relief	\$	75.00
Franciscan Sisters	\$	120.00
Memorials	\$	150.00

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

Holy Communion outside-of-Mass distribution ...Father is currently distributing 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 time for this is 10:00am on Sundays. Meet Father at the front doors of the church. Please be ready for him right at 10:00.

Charity and Stewardship Appeal begins this week and for the following two weeks. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity to this collection. Our goal is set at \$53,950. Since education is a big part behind CSA, and we support two Catholic schools, after the first 20% of our goal, the rest comes back to our parish, so it is a great benefit to us. But that first 20% is also very important! The appeal supports our share of numerous Diocesan-wide apostolates such as Family Life Office, Youth Ministry, the Newman Center, Camp Kateri, Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Hispanic Ministry, Catholic Social Services, Hospital & Nursing Home Ministry, Prison Ministry, Tribunal, and Religious Sisters Retirement. May the Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, bless our efforts on behalf of the Bishop's Charity & Stewardship Appeal.

Dinners for Fr. Houlihan & Fr. Bartek, "Stewardship of Talent":
 May 3: Glennia Sand, May 5: Deb Warga, May 6: Monica Yankus, May 10: Rita Vigneri, May 12: Kacey Groshans, May 13: Carla Wehling, May 17: Bonnie Seyfer, May 19: Megan Hanneman, May 20: Pam Reinsch *Thank you!*

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966 / George Johnson GK, 235-3518
General Business Meeting – Thursday, May 13th, 7:00pm via Zoom meeting. Steve Riese will provide the meeting credentials / see Mike Vaughn's email.

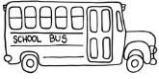
Franciscan Sisters Roof Projects in NE City – Plans are 2 weekends of work, May 1/2, May 15. We need a few skilled folks in carpentry, as the roof will require repairs around the gable, trusses and fascia. Please let Mike Vaughn know if you can support any or all of those days: 402-297-5434 or michael.vaughn@windstream.net

Mother's Day Breakfast – Sunday, May 9th – The Knights will be serving cinnamon rolls, egg bake and fruit salad. The proceeds will go to NE Prolife charities.

This week's featured Sisters in Formation: From the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln: Sr. Kateri Toler, from Mobile, AL, and Sr. Bethany Orr, from Los Angeles, CA. Please pray for all our sisters in formation, and for our seminarians, especially Adam Bohan from our parish.

Church cleaning reminder: For May 8 (at 9:00am): Roloff, Roloff, Rose, Rozier, Rubin, Rusnak, Ryan, Sachs

St. John's School is in need of DVD/VCR combo players (yes, a flash from the past!). If you have one to donate, please take it to the school or church, or call the school at 296-6230. Thank you!



Volunteer Bus driver wanted! Our current bus driver between Church of the Holy Spirit and our high school, Our Lady of Lourdes in Nebraska City, will be retiring from that service with the end of this school year. *Thank you, George Sachs, for your care of our students, your reliability, and your generosity with your time!* So that means we are looking for a new driver (or two?) beginning next school year. The driver would need to have a CDL license, and pass a training course. This is a volunteer service, and costs for the license and training would be paid by the parish. The times it would take for driving would be about 7:00am - 8:30am, and about 3:00pm - 4:30pm. Occasionally, St. John's might have a class field trip, and it would be great if you could drive for that, also – which means the driver might also get to see the fun! ☺ This service is a great help to students who need a ride to and/or from Nebraska City. *Please consider doing this for them!* If interested, or if you have questions, please let Father Houlihan know, or call Sue at the rectory office, 296-3139. Thank you!

The St. John's School Advisory Council is currently taking nominations to fill three open positions. To be eligible, a candidate must be an adult over 18, who is in agreement with the mission of the Parish and School, and have a genuine commitment to Catholic school education. Applications are available on our website: www.stjbcatholic.com under "Parents Place: School Advisory Council". The council meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Terms are 3 years starting in June 2021. If interested, please contact Andy Hanneman: andyhanneman@gmail.com or call the school office, 402-296-6230. The deadline for applications is Friday, May 7, 2021

2021-2022 Enrollment now open!

At St. John's, our students perform at the highest academic levels, with a focus on academic excellence, faith, and service to others. We'd love to have your family join ours! If you are interested in learning more about St. John's, please contact the school office.



- Preschool through 8th Grade
- Before & After School Childcare programs available
- Affordable Monthly or Quarterly payment options
- www.StJBCatholic.com
402-296-6230



The Seven Sisters Apostolate

Mission: The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop – a “holy wasting” (cf Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer.

Is this something you would be interested in??? Some things to know:

WHAT IT IS: A multi-national plan put in place to help our Universal Church by supporting priests through Eucharistic prayer. Groups of seven women each commit to individually offering a Holy Hour exclusively for a particular priest. We start with the pastor and priests at the local parish level, and if there are enough women who want to do this, the group reaches out further in the diocese for a priest to cover in prayer. In our case, we have had a Seven Sister group here for two years now, to pray in this way for our pastor, Fr. Houlihan. Three of the members need to bow out for now, so we are looking for three women from the parish to join the other four, so that all seven days of the week are covered. And if enough call to join, then we could have a second group for our Senior Priest in Residence, Fr. Bartek!

WHERE: The hour is prayed in a Catholic church in front of the Blessed Sacrament or a tabernacle.

WHEN: Each of the seven women will have a certain day of the week for their Holy Hour, so that the priest will have a Holy Hour being offered strictly for him and/or his intentions each day of the week. The time of the day for their Holy Hour would be up to the Seven Sister and could vary each week.

WHY NOW? June is the normal month for a group to start, in honor of the feast day Corpus Christi, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Without a priest, we would not have the Eucharist!

You can read about the history of the Apostolate and much more at www.sevensistersapostolate.org

One thing to note: At Church of the Holy Spirit, we have Perpetual Adoration, so that might raise some questions whether they could be the same thing. A Seven Sister member could indeed offer her weekly Adoration Hour for the priest her group is praying for, provided she were to offer her prayers exclusively for him, and saving any other prayers for a different time. Or she could keep her current weekly Adoration Hour as is, and offer a second hour at a different day and/or time, this one being exclusively for the priest.

If interested in being in a Seven Sisters group, or to ask for more details of this Apostolate, please call Sue Stevens at the Rectory Office, 296-3139, or in the evenings call her at 296-5047. Please call by May 25, so that if we have 7 women who want to commit to this for a year, we can get it planned out and up and running on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 6!

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS for the 2nd week in May 2021,

including Ascension Thursday

May 08/09	5:00 PM Saturday	8:00 AM Sunday	10:30 AM Sunday
Lector:	Joy Scanlan	Mike Vaughn	Doug Thayer
Acolytes:	John Meisinger	Scott Koelzer	Troy Baumert
Servers:	Colin Kostszewa Landon Van Derwyk Volunteer	Isaac Bourett Logan Ksiazek Liam Ksiazek	Ryder Milszski Deegan Milszski Max Michel
Music:	Renee Spicka	Terry Little	Hajek-Jones
Gift Bearers:			
May 12/13	6:00 PM Wed - Ascension	8:00 AM Thur - Ascension	7:00 PM Thur - Ascension
Lector:	Harlan Seyfer	Volunteer	Keith Roby
Acolytes:	Sean Gillen	Butch Sand	Kevin Monahan
Servers:	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Music:	Hajek-Jones	TBD	TBD
Gift Bearers:			
May Ushers	5:00 PM Saturday	8:00 AM Sunday	10:30 AM Sunday
	John Baroni George Sachs	Joe DiSomma	Gene Sand Keith Roby Mike Bridges

Parish Council

Fr. Houlihan welcomes five people to either a second term or as new additions to the current Parish Council. The following are short bits pulled from their Parish Council application forms.

Rick Sharman, finishing a two-year term on the current Parish Council, has been a parishioner since 2013. He is involved in: Adoration, SCRIP, landscaping, and is currently Vice-President for Parish Council. "This parish is set to enjoy a definite upturn in all aspects, and I want to be part of that. Plus my experience on the Parish Council here, and also at St. Joseph's in York, would be beneficial."

Bill Bohan, finishing a two-year term on the current Parish Council, has been a parishioner since 1994. He is involved in: Adoration, Knights, Choir, Catering, Fish Fry, and is currently President on Parish Council. "I've enjoyed serving my two-year term, and I'm happy to serve for another term. My eyes have been opened to many of the issues and workings of the parish and it's been fulfilling to help Father with decision-making."

Gene Sand, finishing a two-year term on the current Parish Council, has been a parishioner since 1991. He is involved in: the Knights of Columbus and is an Usher at Mass. He would like to serve on the Parish Council because, "I have been asked to run by fellow members. I want to be involved in serving the Lord and the church."

Traci Schuette has been a parishioner since her parents first registered here when she was a teen, in 1982. She is involved as a Day Coordinator for Adoration, and with Fish Frys, Spring Dinner Auction Fundraiser, Fall Festival, previous years' Parish Council, School Council. "I would like to serve on the Parish Council to support my priests, parish, and school; to stay involved as an advisor and a helper in parish details."

Steve Dodd has been a parishioner since 2012. He is involved in: Knights, Fish Frys, projects such as re-roofing the Nebraska City Sisters' barn. He would like to serve on the Parish Council because "I managed Stratcom's Red Team for 10 years, helping find alternative solutions to hard problems, and I believe this skill-set would be useful to the parish."

PASTOR'S NOTES

Please pray for the Pope's Intention for the month of May: The world of finance. Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers. Priest Day Intention: Pray for all priests and religious in mission fields. God bless you for your prayers during this happy Eastertide!

The process of "opening up" is proceeding slowly but surely. The Nebraska bishops have said that the obligation to attend Mass is returning on Pentecost weekend (May 22-23). This should in no way be a problem for those who truly are not able to come (although if we go to everything except Mass, that is another story), for, as always, God does not expect us to do what is not possible. I, for one, feel more confident after receiving the vaccination, and I am no longer concerned about having to shut down the parish because of being ill or quarantined. It is true that God can take us at any time (as he did one of our priests (younger than myself, but who isn't anymore?) staying at the Marianna development for priests near Fremont on Easter Sunday night. It also happened to be the place where, and the night when, that I spent my first night away from here since a year ago February). However, I am not going to go against common sense health advice given to me even as a kid by family or doctors. We are, after all, Catholic Christians, not Christian Scientists (who do not believe in doctors). I want to be ready to go when I am called, but I try not to do anything to push up the calling date intentionally, and, like St. Luke the Evangelist (who also happened to be a doctor), I am grateful to God for the people in the medical field who work to keep us healthy. Thanks to all of you for your patience and understanding the last year or so. God bless!

Wednesday is the birthday of Fr. Bartek (71 years) and also the feast day of one of my favorite saints, our friends and cheerleaders in heaven, St. Hydrac. He is not well known, but his request line is a lot shorter than many, more popular saints. We are also glad to have a friend and cheerleader in Fr. Bartek. *Ad multos annos*—may he have many years!

I mentioned last week in my column that the sacraments were given to us, ultimately, so that we could become instruments of God's grace to others. We benefit from them, of course, but they were given so that we could become beneficial to others. Just as the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist) introduce us into the life of the Church, the Body of Christ, so the sacraments of vocation (Marriage, Holy Orders), offer many of us a specific path of service to others. The last two of the seven sacraments are the sacraments of healing (Penance, Anointing of the Sick), and they give us spiritual health (just as medical people help us with bodily and mental health). Sacraments given especially during the Easter season remind us of the "new birth" and fresh start that God provides us so that we can fulfill the great destiny that each of us has in God's plan. Things are not always great in our lives, but all things work together for the good of those who love God (see Romans 8:28). God can make greatness come even out of evil (prime example—the Resurrection coming from the evil human sins which brought about the Passion and Death of the Lord). Alleluia!

This weekend we honor our high school graduates. Please accept a small gift from us as a sign of our love for you as you set off on the great adventure of adult life. May your faith, the gift of God given through your family and parish, be always an important and guiding part of your lives. This will always be your home, no matter where that journey leads you, and it will always be a reminder of the great beacon that guides you to your eternal destiny. God bless you!

Tuesday is National Teachers' Day. It is a good day to honor all teachers. Parents are the primary teachers of their children in religious matters, so we honor them as well as the Catholic school and CCD teachers who donate their time as good stewards of the Lord. We also thank our dedicated public school teachers as well. Thank you!

Father Houlihan