

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 24, 2021

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Glory to God forever!

Monday, October 25

8:10 a.m. +Ruth Toman
 +Roland & Patricia Yost

Tuesday, October 26

8:10 a.m. +Betty Sand
 Deceased priests of MSM Seminary

Wednesday, October 27

8:10 a.m. +Abigail Klinefelter
 +Idalene Brink

Thursday, October 28

8:10 a.m. Special Intention for J.Z.
 +Marcella Bartek

Friday, October 29

8:10 a.m. +Jack Haller
 +Judy Schermer

Saturday, October 30

8:00 a.m. +George P. Miller
 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, October 31

8:00 a.m. +Lucile Culek
 10:30 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Head Count last weekend: 438

Contributions for October 17, 2021

General Collection	\$	5,964.70
General Online Giving	\$	10,691.00
Debt Reduction	\$	315.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	1,120.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	123.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	140.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$	937.00
Prop'n of the Faith Online Giving	\$	120.00
Mission Co-op	\$	296.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	35.00
Francis'n Sisters Online Giving	\$	15.00
Memorials	\$	900.00

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

Church cleaning reminder: For Oct 30 (9:00am): Duzik, Edmonds, Eischeid, Englett, Ernest, Ernest, Evans, Evans



Organizational chairpersons, please plan to attend, on Monday, Oct 25 at 7pm in the Commons, a short informational meeting in advance of the Stewardship Fair we plan to have next month. This is especially specific to any group who would like others to learn more about your activities and/or to join in more fully!

Book Fair at St. John's! It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Profits from the fair will help our teachers build up their classroom libraries. Make plans to look over the books in person! Oct 25 & 26: 3:00pm-7:00pm, Oct 27: 3:00pm-8:00pm, Oct 28: Noon-7:00pm, Oct 29: 6:30pm-8:30pm.



12th Annual Pro-Life Diaper Drive During the month of October, PCCW, in conjunction with the Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is once again collecting diapers. The goal is to collect over 90,000 diapers. Please bring them to the playpen in the Commons! The highest need are donations of sizes 5 & 6. Thank you for your generosity; it is greatly appreciated.



A Giant Thank YOU!!! The Fall Festival was a success. We (Our Parish Family) made a net income just over \$9,000 for the church, AND so much fun was had! The Parish Council gives a heartfelt thank you to each of you. The support of monetary donations, raffle baskets, food donations, and much more was very endearing. Pat yourselves on the back!!!

Last call for Magnificat subscription re-order – deadline is THIS Monday.

Father Houlihan highly recommends Magnificat as a great way to enter into the daily Mass readings, as well as Magnificat's many nourishing and faith-building meditations. The current subscription for those who are receiving the Magnificat missalette with the parish bulk rate will end with December's issue. To renew or to newly subscribe for the year 2022, call Sue at the rectory office, 296-3139, **no later than Monday, Oct. 25th**. Or put a note & money (check made out to Church of the Holy Spirit) in a clearly marked envelope into Sunday's collection basket, or mail them in, received by Oct 25. The bulk rate is \$32.00 for the year, rather than its regular \$47.00 rate. The missallettes are sent to the church, for you to pick up there.

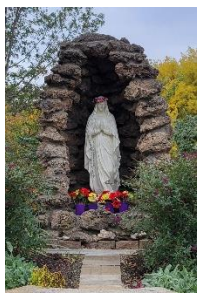
It's also time for "Living Faith" pamphlet renewal. If interested in subscribing, at bulk rate (\$6.00/year), to the *quarterly* Living Faith pamphlet, contact Sue at the rectory office, 296-3139, by ***** November 1st *****. Subscriptions will run Jan 2022-Dec 2022. As with the Magnificat, these will not be sent to your home; instead, you will need to pick them up at the rectory office. You can put a check for \$6.00, made out to Church of the Holy Spirit, in a clearly marked envelope via the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the rectory office.

This week's featured Seminarian: Scott Schieuer from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2018 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.

Dinners for Fr. Houlihan & Fr. Bartek, "Stewardship of Talent":

Oct 25: Rita Vigneri, Oct 27: Megan Hanneman, Oct 28: Gay Lepert, Nov 1: Bonnie Seyfer, Nov 3: Deb Warga, Nov 4: Carla Wehling, Nov 8: Nicolette Kerns, Nov 10: Kacey Groshans, Nov 11: Pam Reinsch
Thank you!

"Purgatory", a movie by director Michal Kondrat, is being shown at Twin Creek Theater in Bellevue – Monday, Oct 25 at 7pm and Thursday, Oct 28 at 7pm. You can read more about the movie at: <https://purgatorymovie.com>



Grotto Take a break and check out, behind the rectory, how beautiful our Grotto is! Brett and Patty Coleman tend it, and have put a stepping stone pathway around it, and beautiful fall mums, and more! Yes, take a prayerful rest on the stone benches out there. It's so beautiful!

Magnificent Fall Prayer Meal - A New Beginning of Proclaiming Christ as King! Saturday morning November 13, 9:30 a.m., Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O Street, Lincoln, NE. Our special guest speaker is Jenny Hall. Jenny is the Artist for Ablaze Ministries (Father Voithofer will lead Praise and Worship) and resides with her husband Roger in Neola, Iowa. Jesus, Our Blessed Mother, and the Saints are her paintings. Jenny said "Inside every person there is a saint destined for holiness. Our Father gives us all the help we need to one day worship Him in Heaven" Artwork will be available for purchase. "Come and Glorify the Lord with us-let us together extol His Holy Name! (Ps 34:4) Register today by sending a \$25 check payable to *Magnificat c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 ST, Lincoln, NE 68504. (students \$10) Deadline is Thursday, November 4, no walk-ins. For information text Rhonda Litt at 402-525-6396 or leave a message at 402-489-3819.*

Mission Co-op Similarly as we did last year! Because of COVID, the missionaries from around the world could not come. Yet, as Catholics, we still want to support them. So we will be helping them by contributing to a verified and vetted project through MISSIO.org. Our Parish Council has chosen a project for our parish to support: By unanimous decision, any funds given to Mission Co-op this year will go to help a project listed as "Provide Plumbing for a Growing Parish in India". We'll be doing this during the month of October, which is the "month of the missions". For pictures, info, or to donate online, navigate to: MISSIO.org > Construction > Provide Plumbing for a Growing Parish in India. Rather than donating online, it might be easier to use the envelope available in the Commons and then just bring or mail it in to church. Then we will mail in what is collected to support the mission project.

"The number of families at Mediatrix of All Graces parish in eastern India is increasing quickly, but there is no toilet or drinkable water system for the growing parish. Father Deonis Kerketta is raising money to build latrines and a bore well for this community.



Stewardship Fair Coming to the Commons on the weekend of November 6/7. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about different activities or organizations within our parish. It will also be a time when you can easily ask questions that you may have, and to sign up to be a part of it! That's what a parish can do so well – enable us to be a sort of "family".

CDA will pass out white ribbon prayer cards at this weekend Masses to ask us to take a stand against pornography, and to pray.

"All Souls Day Mass Intentions": The Mass is the highest form of prayer and it is good to pray for the deceased at Mass! We will again this year have the All Souls custom where, in the Commons, you list the names of all those who have died who you want to pray for, and, in the marked box put whatever amount you deem appropriate as a stipend. Or put the stipend in an envelope clearly marked for that purpose, and drop it in the collection basket. Names and stipends can also be mailed to the church office. These will be collected through October. The names are put together as "All Souls Day Intentions" and the stipends collected are divided into the standard \$10 Mass stipends. That many Masses are then offered throughout the year for all those listed. This way, probably on a weekly basis – or more often, one of the priests' Mass intention will be for all these departed family members and friends.

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966 / Steve Riese GK (402)298-8264
Annual Fall Fundraiser – NE vs Minnesota winner – Herm Scholl from ticket #79. Thanks for your support, Herm!

Officer's Meeting – Thursday, October 28th, 7:00pm in SJR.

October Breakfast – Thank you to the parishioners who came and had breakfast with us. Thanks to the Knights who shopped, prepped, cooked, served and cleaned. The proceeds will help support our Seminarian, Adam Bohan.

PASTOR'S NOTES

October is Respect Life Month, the month of the missions, and the month dedicated to the Rosary. I have spoken of the first two things already in earlier bulletins this month, so I will now devote a few words to the Rosary. This prayer, a popular one among Catholics and even among others who are not Catholic, is rooted in the Divine Office, the official daily prayer of the Church. The Divine Office is said in monasteries and convents at various hours of the day (and even night), and by bishops, priests, deacons, male and female religious, and many, many lay people. It, in turn, is rooted in the 150 psalms of the Book of Psalms, which has been called the "songbook of the Church." Just as ancient Israel based its daily prayers on the psalms, so, too, does the New Israel, the Church do so today. For many centuries, the average person did not know how to read or write, so when the monasteries, for example, would pray the psalms, the common people would substitute prayers that they knew by heart instead of the psalms, and so the 150 Hail Marys (or Our Fathers) were said, in 15 groups of ten prayers, each called a "decade." The beads on a string that are used to count may originally have been loose beads or pebbles, and the 15 groups were each paired with one of the great "mysteries" of the New Testament story---five having to do with the Incarnation of the Messiah ("Joyous"), five having to do with the Passion of the Messiah ("Sorrowful"), and five having to do with the Glorification of the Messiah and those joined to Him ("Glorious"). Pope St. John Paul II added five mysteries ("Luminous") to cover the public life of the Lord. It is the "mystery" that is the focus of prayer when the Rosary is recited, and the Hail Marys are a kind of chant that help us to go deeper in prayer to contemplate that mystery in the story of our salvation, and to enable us to put ourselves in that story as well. Thanks to all who lead and pray the Rosary before Masses here, and thanks to all who say it (or at least one decade, if not five, or even twenty decades) every day. The Rosary is the story of our salvation in Christ as seen through the eyes of His first and greatest disciple, His own Blessed Mother. Mary represents not only herself, but all the followers of Jesus, the Church. May this prayer be a source of comfort, strength, and blessing to you and to your family!

This is also the weekend that the Catholic Daughters give you a white ribbon as a reminder to pray for the strength of chastity against the powerful and destructive forces of pornography that are ravaging our communities today. May the Rosary also be our powerful weapon to fight for the things that keep us truly happy and whole!

This weekend, we begin our annual renewal of stewardship commitments, not just financial commitments (as important and necessary as they are), but our commitments to the works going on in the parish, all of which, ultimately, have to do with our mission as individual Catholic Christians, and as a body, the local community of Catholic Christians in Plattsmouth, the Church of the Holy Spirit, as we seek to fulfill the commission of our Savior to go out to all the world and tell the Good News. If we do not have that goal, then we become like the man who said he had "precious little faith, no hope, and only enough charity for myself." Yours truly will be preaching at the Masses this weekend, and next weekend Larry Welch will speak during the announcements. The following weekend, the first weekend of November, will be our Ministry Fair. This year we are planning on having it in the Commons, so that all may see the good things that are already happening here and consider the possibilities of helping with time and talent. In one sense, God does not need us or our time, talent, and treasure in order to accomplish His good will for creation, but He chooses to unite us to Himself in making His Kingdom come, by inviting us to use what gifts we have been given and to multiply them by the way we use them. Every good thing in our life has been given to us as a gift, and as stewards entrusted with managing them wisely for our own good, the good of our family, and of the larger community, we seek to make those gifts bear fruit. God bless you all!

Father Houlihan