



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**November 21, 2021**

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## PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**ENTER THE MASS! Heaven on earth!**

### Monday, November 22

8:10 a.m. +Dennis & Patti Bender  
 Special Intention for abuse victims and their healing

### Tuesday, November 23

8:10 a.m. Special Intention for A.D.  
 Special Intention for D.T.

### Wednesday, November 24

8:10 a.m. +Monika Michaels  
 Special Intention for L.J.

### Thursday, November 25 Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. +Rev. Paul York  
 +Walter Pope

### Friday, November 26

8:10 a.m. +Ethel St. John  
 +Antonia Vanek

### Saturday, November 27

8:00 a.m. +Phil & Mary Louise Schlueter  
 5:00 p.m. +All Souls Day Intentions

### Sunday, November 28

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 10:30 a.m. +Deb Curlo

## CONFESSIONS:

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

**Head Count last weekend: 528**

## Contributions for November 14, 2021

<b>General Collection</b>	\$	<b>15,999.31</b>
<b>General Online Giving</b>	\$	<b>11,221.00</b>
Debt Reduction	\$	390.00
Debt Reduction <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	1,140.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	275.00
Teachers/Staff <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	155.00
Prop'n of Faith <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	15.00
Mission Co-op	\$	150.00
Utilities <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	35.00
Memorials	\$	295.00

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

**Recorded Masses from Church of the Holy Spirit** are available online at: [www.twitch.com](http://www.twitch.com)  
 Then search CHS\_SJB

**Breakfast in the gym** This Sunday, Nov 21. (Free-will donation) Breakfast prepared, served and offered by the Knights, following the 8:00 & 10:30am Masses. Sausage gravy and biscuits, scrambled eggs, scrambled hash, fruit casserole. There will also be chicken pot pie after the 10:30 Mass. The proceeds of the breakfast will go to the Church Debt Fund.



**ADORATION will be back in the CHAPEL** beginning this Sunday, Nov 21, right after the 10:30 Mass!!! Renovation is not complete yet, but it is now usable! We may need to move back to the main church at some point when flooring is being laid, etc., and two weekends from now, when we will have a special "40 Hours Devotion". But... *Adoration in the Adoration Chapel again beginning Sunday after 10:30am Mass!* We've installed additional insulation and a separate small A/C - Heating unit, which should stabilize the temperature in the room, and regular ventilation will still be into and from the room. We will not have blankets nor cushions in the Chapel – something we learned from our covid time – to cut down on cloth objects. So if you want to have a cushion for the pew, or a blanket, please bring your own with you, and then take it home with you. New flooring will be installed once the Sacristy rooms are finished being updated. May you give God glory, and be blessed in your Holy Hours!

**Christmas Eve Choir** The choir for the 10:00pm Mass will rehearse on Monday nights at 6:30pm, beginning November 29. Please come help make the season and Mass special! New voices welcome! For more information, call Larry Jensen, 740-9734, or Laurie Hajek-Jones, 679-2457

**The Legion of Mary will have many spiritual books available free of charge** after the Masses on November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Advent is a time to prepare for the birthday of Christ. The books cover many topics on faith and our relationship with God. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to enrich your life in Christ.



**Young people grades 3 and up**, please join us for Children's Choir to prepare for the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. We will meet the first three Thursdays of December (the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>) from 3:10-4:00 in Mrs. Lewandowski's classroom. We will not rehearse in church due to Adoration. Please arrange for rides or aftercare promptly at 4:00. Please try to attend all three rehearsals, as we will be preparing a large repertoire of music. We will present carols and songs beginning at 4:30 on Christmas Eve, and lead song at Mass at 5:00. Contact Mrs. Lewandowski with questions at [Teresa-lewandowski@cdolinc.net](mailto:Teresa-lewandowski@cdolinc.net) or 402-617-7621.

**New hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and socks** – for adults and children. CDA will be accepting donations; please put them in the marked basket in the Commons, through December 5. *My Neighbor's Closet*, (our thrift store), will distribute to local people in need.

**Some new things with our SCRIP program!!!** We now have SCRIP *gift certificates*, where you can purchase them, in denominations of \$10 and \$25, and give them as gifts, (most probably to someone who is in the Plattsmouth area), and then the receiver can redeem it, here at CHS, for that dollar amount of any type of gift card we carry! ALSO... Casey's has joined the SCRIP program! We carry them in \$25 and \$100 denominations.

**Knights of Columbus** – Council 1966 / Steve Riese GK (402)298-8264

**Christmas Cards** – The Knights are selling Christmas cards again this year, just a handful remain. See a Knight after Mass for your Christmas cards this year!

**Annual Fall Fundraiser** – No winner this week.

**Officer's Planning Meeting – Correction!** Sunday, November 21, in the gymnasium, between the Masses.

**November Breakfast** – *This Sunday*, November 21<sup>st</sup>, after the 8:00 and 10:30am Masses. The Knights will be serving sausage gravy and biscuits, scrambled eggs, scrambled hash, and fruit casserole. There will also be chicken pot pie after the 10:30 Mass. The proceeds of the breakfast will go to the Church Debt Fund.

**Our Newest Knights** – We welcome Kevin Hood, Jacob Schuette, and their families!

**Church cleaning reminder:** For Nov 27 (9:00am): Gillen, Ging, Glup, Gorman, Gradoville, Gradoville, Green, Groshans

**Pecans, pecans, pecans** It's that time of year! The Catholic Daughters will again be selling pecans and pecan clusters after Masses. If you'd rather order, forms are in the Commons on their bulletin board. They are also taking orders for Pecan pies and Pumpkin pies for your Thanksgiving Dinner.

**The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies** is holding an Advent seminar, "**The Biblical Portrayal of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church**", December 11 from 9am-12pm at St. Mary Church in Nebraska City. Refreshments will be provided and a free-will offering is optional. Learn more and register at [www.emmausinstitute.net](http://www.emmausinstitute.net).

**The Education Technology department for the Catholic Schools** in the Diocese of Lincoln has an opening for a Mobile Device Specialist. Applicants must have an Associate's degree or higher in a technology-related field and be at least 19 years of age. This position will be responsible for the preparation, installation and configuration of iPads at the schools and will involve remote diagnostics and traveling to the different schools, for on-site deployment as needed. For more information, see the full job description at [www.lincolndiocese.org/school-employment](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/school-employment). To apply, send letter of interest and resume to [jobs@cdolinc.net](mailto:jobs@cdolinc.net). No calls, please.

**The Institute for Priestly Formation** is offering an Advent Morning of Reflection, Saturday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at Christ the King Church in Omaha. The morning begins with the 8:15 parish Mass, includes a continental breakfast, presentations by the IPF Staff, time for silent reflection, and concludes at noon. There is no charge for the event. For planning purposes, please register on-line at [PriestlyFormation.org](http://PriestlyFormation.org) or call Linda at 402-280-3901.



St. John the Baptist Honor Roll ~ Oct ~ 2021

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade "A" Honor Roll**

Jack Laney  
Brady Thomas

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade "B" Honor Roll**

Bodie Bronson  
Ryder Milczski  
Luke Jensen  
Deegan Milczski  
Isaac Bourret  
Landon Van Erdewyk  
Kellan Glup  
Colin Kotszewa  
Toby Poppleton  
Pierson Benedict

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade "A" Honor Roll**

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**7<sup>th</sup> Grade "B" Honor Roll**

Joey Mise  
Jaxon Sharp  
Mallory Robbins, Brenden Ging

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade "A" Honor Roll**

Laney Van Erdewyk  
Mikena Haag  
Drue Weeda  
Brooklyn Walton

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade "B" Honor Roll**

Nora Koelzer  
Kaleb Scherlie  
Parker Smith  
Vance Poppleton

**"Grief and the Holidays"** On December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, please join Sandy Danek, founder of Healing Hearts Grief Ministry, as she explores "Grief and the Holidays" from a Catholic perspective. Open to anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one, is suffering from infertility or miscarriage, or those who want to know how to better support a loved one experiencing grief. More information and registration is at [lincolndiocese.regfox.com/grief](http://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/grief). This event will be at the Harbor Coffeehouse in Lincoln and livestreamed, and is free.

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

Nov 22: Glennia Sand, Nov 24: Sandy DiSomma, Nov 29: Liz Holstein, Dec 1: Megan Hanneman, Dec. 2: Bill Boyle *Thank you!*

**This week's featured Seminarian:** Matthew Schilmoeller from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2016 and is now is in Theology 3 at North American College in Rome. We pray, too, for Adam Bohan from Plattsmouth, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015.

**Our thrift store, My Neighbor's Closet,** is having their 33<sup>rd</sup> BOGO Anniversary Sale! *When:* Nov. 4-28, 10am to 2pm, Thurs-Sat. *Where:* South end of Church of the Holy Spirit's parking lot. *Queen Quilt Raffle...* made by Marilyn Weber

**Welcome and Congratulations** to Georgia Austen, who was fully initiated into the Catholic Church on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. She made a Profession of Faith, received First Holy Communion, Confirmation. Welcome to the Church, and welcome to our parish of Church of the Holy Spirit!

## **PASTOR'S NOTES**

This week we celebrate that most beautiful American holiday, Thanksgiving. We invite all of you to Mass at 9 A.M.—and the Mass is the “Eucharist,” the sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father for what He has done through the Son and in the Holy Spirit. As in the past few years, I invite people to be part of a traditional offertory procession and bring some gift for the poor. We have had these things delivered to the local pantry and will continue to do so. Any canned goods or paper products would be welcome, and you can bring them in an orderly way (as a Communion procession is orderly at Mass) to the altar at the time of the offertory. Financial gifts may also be brought (preferably in an envelope). If they are not designated for the pantry, they will be designated for the collection of the day, which is the Contemplative Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln. This is a worthy cause, as the Carmelite Sisters (near Fr. Bartek’s hometown of Agnew, which is near Valparaiso) and the Pink Sisters in Lincoln have been praying for our needs as a people for many years. This is our way of showing our “thanksgiving” to them for their prayers and support. Happy Thanksgiving!

There is no school on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday this week, but the daily Mass on Wednesday and Friday will continue to be at 8:10 A.M.

The Knights of Columbus welcome you to their delicious breakfast after the Sunday morning Masses this weekend (they usually do this on the third Sunday of the month). The donuts after Mass will also be in the gym so that you can enjoy the company of some other people. Thanks to the Knights for putting a new roof on the My Neighbor’s Closet building. This was a big help to the place that helps in our outreach to the poor. God bless you!

Death, judgment, heaven, hell. These are the “four last things” that will remain when the world comes to an end for each of us. Death and judgment are certain. Heaven should be our objective, but hell is real because our choices are real—they have eternal consequences. On this Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we look to God with a respectful, not a dreadful “fear of the Lord.” “Fear of the Lord” is actually a gift of the Holy Spirit, one of the seven gifts traditionally said to be received at our Confirmation (see Isa. 11:1-3). One of the saints once said that if we think about the last things, we will never sin. That may be overstating the case, but it is true that we need to put our lives and our existence in perspective. If it were not for God, we would not exist.

Some complain that they will no longer believe in God because bad things happened to them or to others, but the truth is that no good could happen without God. Evil, which is the lack of goodness that should be there, is not from God, but from our own willful, often rebellious nature (remember Adam and Eve, our First Parents, and original sin?). It has been argued that the whole cosmos is also in a state of rebellion because of that. All that exists is good, and evil is really a lack of existence of something that should be there. Death, even though it is a punishment for sin (see Gen. 3:3 and 3:19bc), has also been described as a kind of mercy as well. Life can be good, but for some it can be unbearable, given the evil that we often have to face (illness, suffering as a result of the sins of ourselves or others, etc.). We are not looking to hasten the end of life, but in our fallen condition, we may not want to live “as is” forever. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One, and He has faced all evil, suffering, and even death, and has come out triumphant. He is King of kings and Lord of lords. He has been given all things by the Father and they have been placed beneath His feet. He has been appointed Judge by the Father as well, the “judge of the living and the dead.” When Pope Pius XI established this celebration in 1925, he was trying to steer us away from two of the dangers that we find in modern thought—first of all, the idea that “Jesus is my buddy” (and nothing else!) Who simply ratifies whatever decisions and choices that I make in my life (with no notion of what is objectively “good” or “evil”), and secondly, the idea that the all-powerful State and its needs can outrank the worth of the individual. Here, the Holy Father had in mind the great totalitarian menaces of the twentieth century—the fascism and Nazism of the so-called “Right” and the communism of the so-called “Left.” It is interesting to look back almost one hundred years and see that the “Left” and the “Right” considered each other enemies at the time, but today they look like two sides of the same coin. I wonder if there is a lesson in that for us today with our own “Left” and “Right” tribes. We should be involved in politics, but perhaps we should remember that salvation will not come from any views that we hold, but only from the King of the Universe, Jesus Christ. All else is not quite as important. Christ conquers! Christ reigns! Christ rules!

**Father Houlihan**