



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Saints and angels are there!

Monday, November 29

8:10 a.m. Special Intention for B.W. & P.W.
 Special Intention for abuse victims and their healing

Tuesday, November 30

8:10 a.m. +Mildred Horn

Wednesday, December 1

8:10 a.m. +Carrie Laney
 +Betty Meisinger

Thursday, December 2

8:10 a.m. +Sally Gaines Steube
 +Monika Michaels

Friday, December 3

8:10 a.m. +Elizabeth & Howard Kuhn
 +All Souls Day Intentions

Saturday, December 4

8:00 a.m. +Sharon Klinefelter
 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, December 5

8:00 a.m. +Stacey Case
 10:30 a.m. +James Meisinger

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Head Count last weekend: 443

Contributions for November 21, 2021

General Collection	\$	6,570.60
General Online Giving	\$	10,927.00
Debt Reduction	\$	1,330.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	225.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	120.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	230.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	20.00
Cloistered Nuns Online Giving	\$	125.00
Memorials	\$	240.00

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

CDA thanks you for your support in their fall fundraiser raffles! Winners are:
 Wine Basket: George Johnson;
 Nebraska blanket: Traci Costlow

Christmas Eve 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.

40 Hours Devotion here at CHS with Fr. Doug Dietrich, next weekend, Dec. 3-5. Read about it in this bulletin's "Pastor's Notes" from Father Houlihan.



Christmas Giving Tree

Let's give joy to a family in need.

Please return your wrapped gift with the tag attached and place it under the Giving Tree in the Church Commons by December 20th.

Thank you for your generosity.



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 2nd, 9th, and 16th) from 3:10-4:00 in Mrs. Lewandowski's classroom. 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 or 402-617-7621.



A Knight Before Christmas Songs & stories of the Yuletide season presented in Coffee House style by The Old Krusty Minstrels & friends. Friday, December 10, in the Commons. Holiday-themed pasta dinner served 5:00-6:30pm. Limit of 70 meals, so if you plan to eat, please reserve your spot on the sign-up sheet in the Commons. Program is at 6:00pm. All ages invited. Free-will donations support the Knights of Columbus charities.

From Les Mach... Thank you for allowing me to share information about the Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska at the end of the Masses on Nov 13/14. It was my pleasure to meet some of you afterwards. For those who had to hurry out, please feel free to contact me anytime if you have questions.

Les Mach les-mach@catholicgift.org
 Foundation Office Number: 402-488-2142
 Cell Number: 402-443-6180

Upcoming Penance Service December 19th at 3:30.
 There will be about 10 priests.

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.

Church cleaning reminder: For Dec 4 (9:00am): Grundmayer, Gunia, Gutru, Haag, Hadfield, Haecke, Haggerty, Hajek-Jones

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 now also taking orders for Pecan pies and Pumpkin pies for your *Christmas* Dinner.

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

Nov 29: Liz Holstein, Dec 1: Megan Hanneman, Dec. 2: Bill Boyle, Dec 6: Rita Vigneri, Dec 8: Deb Warga, Dec 9: Tamara Hood, Dec 13: Andria Powers, Dec 15: Kacey Groshans, Dec 16: Monica Yankus *Thank you!*

This week's featured Seminarian: Jonah Brox from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2017 and is now in Theology 2 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. We pray, too, for Adam Bohan from Plattsmouth, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015.

Advent with Spirit Catholic Radio: How are you celebrating Advent this year? The four weeks of Advent are meant to give us hope and reassurance that the Lord is coming, and also the opportunity to give hope to those around us. This year, Spirit Catholic Radio, 102.7fm, is focusing on a theme for every week of Advent: Hope, Joyful Expectation, Prayer, and Peace. Follow them on social media, subscribe to their e-newsletter, The Halo, and visit spiritcatholicradio.com/advent/ as they share with you ideas for bringing these themes to life in your own special way – either with your family, coworkers, or community. You can also tune in to Spirit Catholic Radio on weekday mornings, during their Spirit Mornings show, to hear inspirational guests discuss what Advent can mean in our lives. Tune in on Sundays for special Advent programming from EWTN. More info at spiritcatholicradio.com.

The Veil Removed Even if you have seen this before, you might like watching it again. It is a very short, powerful video about the Mass. www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOLZDaTglaM

MASS with Prayers for HEALING December 12, 2021 at Cathedral of the Risen Christ, 35th & Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. Please join together to pray for healing for yourself, your family, friends, for our Church and our nation and for an end to the pandemic.

+Sacrament of Reconciliation, beginning 1:15

+Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 1:30 pm

+Praise and Worship 1:40 pm

+Blessing of salt/water/religious articles immediately before Mass which begins at 2:00 pm. These may be left in your car.

+Anointing of the Sick after the homily

+Eucharistic Exposition and Healing Prayer after the Mass



Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly has published its Spring 2022 Schedule of retreats! *Register soon!* They offer weekend retreats for men or women, both in-person and online. To read fuller descriptions of the retreats, and to see the rest of the Spring schedule, and to register, go to goodcounselretreat.org or call 402-786-2705.

Some of the upcoming retreats:

- Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, and 20: *Online* Advent Retreat Series, Mondays at 7pm: "Learning to Trust in God" with Connie Rossini.
- Dec. 3-5: "Awaiting Emmanuel" with the Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies
- Dec. 9-12: Regnum Christi Men's Retreat
- Dec. 17-18: 24-hour Advent Retreat with Fr. Gary Coulter
- Jan. 14-16: Men and Women are from Eden with Fr. Nathan Hall
- Jan. 20-23: Women's Spiritual Exercises with Regnum Christi with Fr. Owen Kearns, L.C.
- Feb. 4-6 Unbound: Freedom in Christ with Fr. William Holoubek
- Sat. Feb. 12: Holiness for Moms with Fr. Benjamin Holdren
- Feb. 25-27: Setting the Captives Free with Dan Burke
- Sat. Feb. 26: Spiritual Warfare Conference at St. Patrick, Lincoln with Dan Burke
- Wed. Mar. 2: Ash Wednesday Reflection
- Mar. 4-6: Inner Healing Prayer with Fr. Stephen Graeve

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

Christmas Cards – Sold Out. See us next year when we have our new supply. Thanks for your support.

Annual Fall Fundraiser – NE vs Wisconsin – Tony Betts from ticket #50. Thanks for your support, Tony!

Monthly Rosary – Thursday, December 9th, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary – open to the Parish.

General Business Meeting – Thursday, December 9, 7:00pm in SJR.

Faith Development "Into the Breach" – Thursday, December 9, 7:30pm in SJR – open to the Parish.

November Breakfast – Thank you to our parishioners for their continued support of our breakfasts. Thank you to the Knights who shopped, prepped, cooked, served and cleaned up. It was another great Sunday Breakfast! Proceeds of the breakfast will go to the Church Debt Fund.

A Knight Before Christmas – Yuletide songs and stories, dinner, and refreshments on Friday December 10, 2021 in the Commons. All are welcome. Knights needed to help set up, cook, serve, and clean up. Please contact Steve Riese or Mike Vaughn if you can help.



ADORATION is back in the CHAPEL Renovation is not quite complete yet, but the Chapel is now usable! We may need to move back to the main church at some point when flooring is being laid, etc., and, next weekend when we will have a special “40 Hours Devotion”. But for the most part... *Adoration is back in the Adoration Chapel!* 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 still want to have a blanket, or a cushion for the pew, 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 may you be blessed in your Holy Hours!

Adoration Chapel renovation... Were you one of the kind people who in the past brought in a lap blanket or a cushion for anyone who wanted to use one in the Adoration Chapel? Back then, it certainly was chilly in there at times, so thank you! As our renovation is now nearing completion, we won’t be keeping blankets nor cushions in the Chapel – something we learned from our covid time – to cut down on cloth objects. The ones from before are in a box in St. Joseph’s Room, so if you provided one in the past, including two cushions brought in fairly recently, you can pick it up from there and take it home. We’ll keep them in SJR for a couple of weeks, and then we won’t be keeping any that are left after that. The insulation and other renovations for the Adoration Chapel seem to be working well for regulating the heating/cooling, but if a person still wants to have a blanket during their Adoration Hour, or a cushion for the pew, please bring your own with you, and then take it home with you after your Hour. ☺

PASTOR’S NOTES

After more than twenty months, we are finally back in the Adoration Chapel with perpetual adoration. The new floor will be put in after the renovation of the sacristy area—the old confessionals will become part of the sacristy area for acolytes and servers. There will also be some insulation put into the ceiling. There is also a unit (“mini-split”) which is helping to regulate the temperature with heating/air-conditioning, so that our adorers will not be distracted by cold/heat. Special thanks to Jim and Alice Ulrich for their design work, Herm Scholl for carpentry and furniture moving, Chuck Schreiber and Jacob Schuette for electrical work and Dave Brink for painting, not to mention the people that helped with the final touches (putting the Stations back, etc.). The contributions of Larry Rolfson and Sue Stevens go without saying. And more are in the process of finishing the project. God bless you all!

That being said, we will be back in the church with adoration next weekend, due to our Forty Hours observance with Fr. Dietrich. You are invited to come to the opening (with Evening Prayer) at 5:30 P.M. on Friday. We ask that all weekend adorers spend their hour in the main church beginning with 5 P.M. on Friday and continuing through the 10:30 Mass on Sunday. Other parishioners are invited to come at any time for a short visit or a long one. Fr. Dietrich (Fr. York’s last assistant pastor here) will give a short opening talk at 5:30 on Friday and preach at the weekend Masses. We have adoration going on here all the time, but this is an annual opportunity to remember why we do this. Jesus, really and truly present, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, is here for His people to be loved, honored, and adored. Stop in for a visit!

It has been said that many Catholics no longer believe in the Real Presence. It could be argued that if they no longer believe (or never did), they are not really Catholic. We could be more charitable, I think, and say that they simply do not understand the Good News that

is being proclaimed to them. The difference between believers and agnostics (“there may be a God or there may not be—I am not sure”) or atheists (“there is definitely no God”) is that we know, based on a firm foundation, that God is indeed active and present in the world He has made and continues to hold in existence. He is here for His people. That is the heart of the message of the Incarnation, the doctrine that we highlight during Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Emmanuel—God is with us! That is the core of the “Christmas” message and the real “reason for the season.” Everything else we do this time of year is gravy, but that message is the meat and potatoes that gives depth and meaning to all our “holiday” celebrations.

The priests will be in Palmyra for deanery day late Tuesday afternoon and early evening. Thursday morning is school confessions, and Friday is the First Friday of December and the priests will be visiting the homebound with the sacraments that day. God bless our acolytes who bring Holy Communion on Sundays (mostly).

Advent is the beginning of the new liturgical year—it will be Year “C” (mostly St. Luke’s Gospel) on Sundays and Year II on weekdays. Some argue that the real beginning of the Church year is Easter Sunday or Pascha, when “all things are made new.” Advent is a beautiful and often under-appreciated season of the Church year. Even though we all are “busy,” we have the chance to reflect on the wonder of what our God has done for us. We are not only remembering what He has done for us two thousand years ago in sending His only-begotten Son, but also remembering that Jesus will come in glory in the future, the Second Coming, and that, in fact, He comes to us now in His Word and in His sacraments. Come, Lord Jesus!

Father Houlihan