



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2021

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Heaven on earth!

Monday, January 17

8:10 a.m. +Phil & Mary Louise Schlueter
 +Monda Karmann

Tuesday, January 18

8:10 a.m. +Agnes Rezac
 +All Souls Day Intentions

Wednesday, January 19

8:10 a.m. +Special Intention for N.C.
 +Rosemary Miller

Thursday, January 20

8:10 a.m. +Sam & Bernice Nanfito
 +Sarah Holstein

Friday, January 21

8:10 a.m. +Donald C. Reichart
 +Sharon Klinefelter

Saturday, January 22

8:00 a.m. +Bette Sedlak
 5:00 p.m. +Bev Harter

Sunday, January 23

8:00 a.m. +Josephine McMillan
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Head Count last weekend: 449

Contributions for Jan 9, 2022

General Collection	\$	10,479.60
General Online Giving	\$	8,644.00
Debt Reduction	\$	330.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	1,165.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	341.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	95.00
Utilities	\$	210.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	45.00
So. Neb. Reg. Online Giving	\$	20.00

Dinners for Fr. Houlihan & Fr. Bartek,

"Stewardship of Talent": Jan 17: Rita Vigneri,
 Jan 19: Deb Warga, Jan 20: Bill Boyle,
 Jan 24: Andria Powers, Jan 26: Kacey Groshans,
 Jan 27: Tamara Hood, Jan 31: Bonnie Seyfer,
 Feb 2: Erin Benson, Feb 3: Monica Yankus
 Thank you!

January Breakfast – This Sunday, January 16, after the 8:00 & 10:30 Masses. The Knights will be serving cinnamon rolls, egg bake and fruit salad! Free-will donation.

... You are invited to

a series of 5 videos; one a week shown in St. Joseph's Room (west of the Holy Water font) starting promptly 40 minutes prior to the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses, for the five weekends of January 16 - February 13.

Please come a few minutes early. ☺

Each session is just under 30 minutes long, so you'll still have time to find a seat in the church before Mass begins!

Topic: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

It will show some of the deep biblical roots of the Mass and reveal what they mean, and why it matters. And then watch it happen in the Mass that follows!



We are now in the Liturgical time between.... Baby Jesus's earthly Presence, and Grown Jesus's redeeming Passion. There's no better time to learn more about the Mass, and to be reminded of some reasons why **it's absolutely awesome to be Catholic!**

The sessions are in video format by the great speaker and teacher, Dr. Edward Sri. The videos were produced by Ascension, a trustworthy source for more than 20 years. They provide top-quality Catholic Faith Formation materials.

Rosary before Masses This will continue even through the 5 weeks mentioned above. So you'll have 2 good things to choose from prior to Mass!

Holy Spirit Catering is a serving ministry which gives glory and honor to God (That is its motto, in fact!), with both parish and school families' involvement. A couple of **BIG** events are coming up! **Please sign up to help!**



Next Catering Events:

Wednesday, Feb 16, Wilbur Ellis Appreciation Dinner
 Friday, Feb 25, Plattsmouth H.S.'s JROTC Military Ball
 Friday, May 27, Set-up for Scanlan-Lusso wedding reception
 Saturday, May 28, Scanlan-Lusso wedding reception

•To help, look for all Holy Spirit Catering events at SignupGenius.com Click on the search symbol in the upper right. Search by email: holyspiritcatering@gmail.com. Or text or call Joy Scanlan at 402-669-2455.

Ladies, you're invited to the **WINTER MAGNIFICAT PRAYER MEAL**—Saturday February 5, 9:30 a.m. at Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O St., Lincoln, with guest speaker Father Allan Phan. Father Phan was ordained a Diocesan Priest in 2018 after an amazing Holy Spirit lead journey as he was not raised in a Christian family. Father's heart is moved by how far Love (God) is willing to go for him and he desires to help others encounter Love to receive the same peace he has. He loves to "rest in the Presence of the Lord" and hear His Lord call him "little flock", which causes all anxieties in his heart to melt away! His favorite scripture is Luke 12:32 "Do not be afraid little flock, for it is Your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom". Come hear Father Phan's inspiring testimony, and invite other women to join us in Christianship fellowship. Register by mailing your \$25 check payable to *Magnificat* c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 ST, Lincoln, NE 68504. (students \$15) Deadline is January 29. For more information text Rhonda Litt at 525-6396 or call and leave a message 489-3819.

God forgave you but you can't forgive yourself? Attend a confidential Rachels Vineyard weekend retreat for post-abortion healing Mar 4-6. Scholarships are available. Contact helpingrachel@yahoo.com or call Heather 402-671-3749.

This week's featured Seminarian: Tyler Johnson, who entered seminary in 2019, now in College 3 at St. Gregory the Great Seminary; and Adam Bohan from Plattsmouth, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015.

Villa Marie Home & School for Exceptional Children...Annual Dance Fundraiser, "Shine Like His Stars", Friday, January 28th, 6:00- 10:30pm at Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln. Dance will feature Valentino's and the 80's cover band AMFM. Tickets, silent auction and raffle : www.villamarieschool.com

PCCW Dues, \$10 for the year – PCCW members are every woman of the parish! (Parish Council of Catholic Women) Envelopes are in your January packet of contribution envelopes, or you can use any envelope and mark it "PCCW dues." (Please put your name on it, if cash.) You can drop your envelope in a collection basket at Mass, or you can pay at the table in the Commons after the weekend Masses in January. Thank you! The dues and other fundraisers of PCCW generally are to aid financially with the needs of the altar, sanctuary, and the parish in general.

PCCW Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 20 at 6:00pm in St. Joseph's Room. All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend.

Church cleaning reminder: For Jan 22 (at 9:00am): Joslin, Jost, Kayhanfar, Kerns, Kerns, Kerns, Kerns, Kief

Retreats are planned prayer opportunities. At our Good Counsel Retreat House near Waverly, the retreat masters and topics vary and are listed on their site: www.goodcounselretreat.com The site will give a full schedule, information, registration link, and phone numbers. For some retreats, the retreat master gives conferences, there is liturgy, and prayer time. Other retreats are Ignatian Directed Retreats (info on their site). The purpose of silence on a retreat is to concentrate on listening and speaking with Our Lord in prayer and reflection. It gives a person uninterrupted time to be with Our Lord, which is not something easily found in the secular world. Some upcoming retreat dates are:

Jan. 20-23 Women's Spiritual Exercises with Regnum Christi Fr. Owen Kearns, L.C.

Feb. 4-6 Unbound: Freedom in Christ 2022 with Fr. William Holoubek

Feb. 12 Holiness for Moms with Fr. Benjamin Holdren

Feb. 25-27 Holiness from the Secrets of the Saints with Dan Burke of Avila Institute

Feb. 26 Setting the Captives Free Conference with Dan Burke of Avila Inst. Check the full schedule for a weekend that works for you!

Some upcoming dates:

January 15 & 16 – Video on Bible/Mass, in SJR 40 min. prior to Mass

January 16 – Knights free-will donation breakfast after 8 & 10:30 Masses

January 20 – PCCW meeting in SJR, 6pm

January 22 & 23 – Video on Bible/Mass, in SJR 40 min. prior to Mass

January 29 & 30 – Video on Bible/Mass, in SJR 40 min. prior to Mass

February 3 – St. Blaise – blessing of throats at 8:10am Mass

February 5 & 6 – Video on Bible/Mass, in SJR 40 min. prior to Mass

February 6 – CDA Brunch

February 9-15 – Shroud of Turin display, in the Commons, 9am-8pm

February 12 & 13 – Video on Bible/Mass, in SJR 40 min. prior to Mass

Feb 15 – Shroud of Turin expert speaker, in the church, 6:30-8:00pm

February 16 – Catering, Wilbur/Ellis Appreciation Dinner

February 20 – Knights free-will Breakfast in gym after Sunday Masses

February 25 – Catering, JROTC Military Ball

For a more detailed list of upcoming church events and meetings, please visit www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com and/or check the front table in the Commons.

Are you new to the parish? Welcome! Come in to the rectory office to register, or...Registration Forms are in the Commons. (Look for the green paper!) Bring or mail it in, or put it in the collection basket at Mass!

Do you have a new address/phone number/email address?...
Please let the parish office know: 296-3139

Prayer requests?
Call or text 943-9959 or email chsprayerchain@gmail.com

Do you know of anyone who is no longer healthy enough to be able to come to Sunday Mass, and would like to be on the Sunday Communion Call list?.....Please ask them to let the parish office know: 296-3139

To be on the Holy Hour of Adoration schedule, please call Traci at 297-2295.

On January 15 & 16, the Knights of Columbus will conduct the annual "One Rose One Life" campaign, to support pro-life activities in Nebraska. The One Rose, One Life Campaign is the main source of income for the Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation. The major beneficiary of these funds is the Bishop's Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, as well as placing Ultrasounds in crisis pregnancy centers throughout Nebraska. Other worthwhile organizations that are provided with funding include: Right-to-Life and Birthright local chapters, crisis pregnancy help centers, the Pope Paul VI Institute as well as providing funds for March for Life pilgrims. Attached to the bulletin will be a prayer to end abortions and a One Rose One Life envelope. Please read the prayer and use this envelope if you wish to donate. Please place the envelope in the collection basket the following week (22/23 January). Additionally, all proceeds from our free-will donation breakfast this month will go to this outstanding effort. Finally, please continue to pray for the end to abortion.

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966 / Steve Riese GK (402)298-8264
Monthly Planning Meeting – Thursday, January 27, 7:00pm in SJR.
January Breakfast – This Sunday, January 16, after the 8:00 & 10:30 Masses. The Knights will be serving cinnamon rolls, egg bake and fruit salad. The proceeds will go to Nebraska ProLife activities in support of the One Rose, One Life campaign.



Our Most Precious Treasure

Peace is just one of the gifts we'll receive when we're in the heavenly presence of the Lord.

Peace is a gift we can also receive when we put the outside world aside, and spend time alone with the living Eucharistic Son of God in Adoration.

If you would like the assurance of having solid prayer times, then perhaps the easiest, as well as most beneficial, as well as a great gift to God would be to have a regularly scheduled Hour of Adoration! If you would like to begin that, please call Traci at 297-2295. See below for the current open hours. An alternative would be to check the tall table in the Commons, and sign up to take a particular open hour *in the upcoming week*.

We currently have quite a few open Adoration Hours, which must be filled on a week-by-week basis. Please consider if now is the time for you to begin a weekly scheduled prayer time in this way, if you aren't already on the schedule!

Current Open Adoration Hours:

Sundays at Midnight, 1am, 3pm, or 10pm

Tuesdays at 1am, 1pm, or 7pm

Wednesdays at 2am, or 10pm

Thursdays at Midnight, or 2am

Fridays at 3pm or 7pm

Saturdays at 6am, 11am, 1pm, 4pm, or 11pm

If interested in having a weekly Hour of Adoration, please call Traci at 297-2295.



St. John the Baptist Honor Roll ~ Jan ~ 2022

6th Grade "A" Honor Roll

Jack Laney
Brady Thomas

6th Grade "B" Honor Roll

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

7th Grade "A" Honor Roll

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7th Grade "B" Honor Roll

Jaxon Sharp
Joey Mise
Brenden Ging
Mallory Robbins

8th Grade "A" Honor Roll

Laney Van Erdewyk
Mikena Haag
Nora Koelzer
Drue Weeda
Brooklyn Walton

8th Grade "B" Honor Roll

Kaleb Scherlie
Parker Smith
Vance Poppleton



PASTOR'S NOTES

The second part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, begins with what was once called the Offertory and is now usually called the Preparation of the Gifts. Bread ("fruit of the earth and work of human hands") and wine ("fruit of the vine and work of human hands") are often brought forward by members of the congregation (and in the olden days, perhaps even grown by them). From these elements, the common elements of an ancient diet (at least around the Mediterranean Sea), the mystery of the Incarnation is revealed to us—God comes to us in lowly form, first as a small child conceived in Nazareth and born in Bethlehem, and now, as food for our body and for our soul under the appearance of common and nourishing food. A small bit of water is mixed with the wine, taken by some as a sign of the commingling of the two natures in Christ, human and divine, without confusion or change, without division or separation, in one Divine Person. In the Mass, God shares His divine life with us and, although we are not gods ourselves, we share in His divinity ("By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ Who humbled Himself to share in our humanity"). This is what the Holy Eucharist is all about—preparing us for sharing in God's life ("supernatural grace"). God wants to share His life with us. This section of the Mass concludes with the "Pray, brethren..." (*Orate fratres*) and the Prayer over the Gifts. We pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Father Almighty. Since we are joined to Jesus in Baptism, and we share in His death and resurrection and sacrifice, our godly prayers will certainly be acceptable to the Father. The prayer of Jesus, the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross on Good Friday, make the only sacrifice that is totally acceptable to the Father. Our puny efforts to please God by ourselves are nothing without being joined to Jesus and His Mystical Body, the Church. Despite what many (and more every day) are thinking, we cannot be "spiritual" or "religious" in isolation from the Body of Christ. We need Him and we need, by His design, each other. We need the Church, we need the sacraments, we need the Mass. Jesus will always be found where two or more are gathered in His Name. He is indeed here.

The great Eucharistic Prayer is the heart of the Mass, especially the second part, the Liturgy of the Eucharist. It is the prayer of the Church, offered by the priest on behalf of all, to the Father in thanksgiving for what He has done for us by sending the Son and the Holy Spirit. Here is where the priest is especially *alter Christus*, "another Christ," not

because He is better than anyone else (far from it!), but because he is, on behalf of all, daring to speak to the Father, because of Jesus. The dialogue begins: "The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just." The priest continues alone with the Preface, which often contains the theme of the feast or season that we are celebrating, and ends with the "Holy, holy..." (*Sanctus*). This last hymn is based on what was first heard by Isaiah, when he was receiving his call from God as a prophet in the Temple (Isa. 6). It was sung by the seraphim, so, like the "Glory to God in the highest..." (*Gloria*) in the first part of the Mass, was first sung by the angels—the latter by those who announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds.

For many hundreds of years, there was only Eucharistic Prayer I (the "Roman Canon") that was used by the Western/Latin/Roman church to which we belong (which is part of the Universal Church). Eucharistic Prayer II, the shortest, has been used the last fifty or so years as well, based on a prayer by St. Hippolytus, who once was an "anti-pope" who challenged the lawful one (and he was, of course, reconciled with the legitimate one when they were both working in the salt mines during a persecution). Eucharistic Prayer III was composed after the Second Vatican Council over fifty years ago, as was Eucharistic Prayer IV, a prayer with many Scriptural allusions which can be used on special occasions (when there is not a "proper Preface"). There are also two Eucharistic Prayers of Reconciliation (which I use frequently during Lent) and there used to be some for special Masses with children. Eastern Christians had several "canons" or Eucharistic Prayers.

Fr. Bartek and I want to thank all of you that remembered us in a special way over the holidays with cards and gifts. You are yourselves the greatest gift that we have received! God bless you!

Father Houlihan