



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Our Lord is there!

Monday, January 24

8:10 a.m. Special Intention for D.T.
 +Bette Sedlak

Tuesday, January 25

8:10 a.m. Special Intention for T.P.S.
 +Dr. John Deck

Wednesday, January 26

8:10 a.m. +Dottie Hula
 +Walter Pope

Thursday, January 27

8:10 a.m. +George & Rosemary Miller
 +Bob Fulton

Friday, January 28

8:10 a.m. +Alida Hubele
 Special Intention for J.S.

Saturday, January 29

8:00 a.m. +Bob Gaeta
 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, January 30

8:00 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions
 10:30 a.m. +Ethel St. John

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Head Count last weekend: 426

Contributions for Jan 16, 2022

General Collection	\$	6,523.06
General Online Giving	\$	5,279.00
Debt Reduction	\$	810.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	30.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	305.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	50.00
Utilities	\$	25.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	20.00
Memorial	\$	50.00

Nebraska Walk for Life – Saturday, Jan. 29

Nebraska Walk for Life is an annual event. It's the largest, longest-running First Amendment demonstration against abortion in the state. It started in January 1974 and has been held on a Saturday in January ever since. Attendees have any or all of these choices: 9am Mass at St. Mary's (1420 K St, Lincoln); 10am - gather on the north side of the State Capitol (15th & K streets) in Lincoln for a brief program; and then we proceed to the Nebraska UNL Student Union (14th & R streets), where you may stay if you wish, to hear the keynote speaker, with Guest Speaker Ashley Bratcher, Award-winning actress of "Unplanned" and "Princess Cut".

Ashley starred in "Unplanned" despite being told that Hollywood would blacklist her for doing an openly pro-life role. Later, when Hollywood stars threatened to boycott her home state of Georgia because of a new pro-life law, Ashley fought back, even calling boycott leader Alyssa Milano personally. In addition, Ashley, whose own mother visited an abortion clinic before changing her mind and carrying her to term, has partnered with Heartbeat International for a scholarship program so women with unplanned pregnancies can continue their education. Come support the pro-life cause and listen to this brave woman's heart-lifting story!

Many thank you notes came in from recipients of the Giving Tree. You truly helped them!

Year-End Donation Statements are ready. They will be in the Commons after the weekend Masses, or you can come to the office to get yours, Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 4:30pm. Thank you for your generosity and assistance as our church and school live out the message of Jesus!

Some upcoming dates:

January 29 & 30 – Video on Bible/Mass, in SJR 40 min. prior to Mass
 January 31-February 4 – Catholic Schools Week
 Feb. 2 – Presentation (Candlemas) Blessing of Candles at 8:10 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

Special note of dates for your summer calendar:

June 19-23 – TOTUS TUUS for High School students
 June 20-24 – TOTUS TUUS for students entering grades 1-8

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.

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

Jan 24: Andria Powers, Jan 26: Kacey Groshans,
 Jan 27: Tamara Hood, Jan 31: Bonnie Seyfer,
 Feb 2: Erin Benson, Feb 3: Monica Yankus,
 Feb 7: Nicolette Kerns, Feb 9: Sandy Kerns,
 Feb 10: Liz Holstein Thank you!

This week's featured Seminarian: Patrick Winter, who entered seminary in 2018, now in Theology 1 at Mount St. Mary Seminary; and Adam Bohan from Plattsmouth, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015.

We welcome through the waters of Baptism Lillian Dorothea Schmidt, daughter of Gabriel & Victoria Schmidt. She was baptized last Sunday. May she always live for the Lord!

Poland & Eastern Europe Pilgrimage

planned by parish in Humboldt, IA: Come along June 6-17, 2022, to some of the most historical and sacred places in all of Europe. We'll see the home of St. John Paul II, visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy, walk through Auschwitz Concentration Camp and so much more! We'll have Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,199 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 307 – 4th Street North, Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.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.

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

Monthly Planning Meeting – Thursday, Jan 27, 7:00pm in SJR.

January Breakfast – Thanks for all the parishioner support. It was great to have you join the Knights. Thanks to the Knights who cooked, prepped, served, cleaned up after and shopped. The proceeds will go to Nebraska Pro-Life activities in support of the One Rose, One Life campaign.

Church cleaning reminder: For Jan 29 (at 9:00am): Keruzis, Keruzis, Keruzis, Klein, Klein, Klein, Ksiazek, Ksiazek

My Neighbor's Closet – our parish thrift store, is having a Free Bag Give Away! Jan 13th - Feb 12th. Any family can receive a free bag of clothes.

During the pandemic MNC Thrift Shop has helped 57 families with utilities, and *given away* in 2020 and 2021:

433 Bags of clothes

370 Hats, scarves, gloves, or socks

58 Coats

Thank you for all your donations and support. We are making a difference in our community by helping those in need.

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.

... You are invited to

a series of 5 videos shown one a week, as it progresses through the Mass telling of its Biblical connections.

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, ending February 12/13.

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!



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!



Employment Opportunities: *ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SEMINARY*

St. Gregory the Great Seminary (SGGS), a fully accredited college located in Seward, NE, is seeking to hire two part-time, adjunct (non-tenure) faculty members. One will teach Spanish, the other will teach Biology. By the witness of their personal and professional lives, all SGGS faculty and staff members must assent to our mission; to form Catholic men as disciples of Jesus Christ and assist their discernment of a priestly vocation to serve God and His Church. Contact Fr. Brian Kane or Fr. Matthew Rolling at St. Gregory the Great Seminary (402-643-4052) for more details.

PASTOR'S NOTES

In 2019, Pope Francis designated this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as a time to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the word of God. This Sunday of the Word of God is a time when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people (through whom the word of God first came) and to pray for Christian unity. It is not just one day devoted to the Bible as an annual event, but a reminder that we need to continue to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, Who continues to speak His word and to break bread in the community of believers (cf. his *motu proprio* of Sept. 30, 2019, *Aperuit illis*). Cardinal Newman of England, recently proclaimed a saint, once wrote: "The love of God alone can give such knowledge its right direction. There is the danger lest men so informed find themselves scrutinizing when they should be adoring, reasoning when they should be believing, comparing when they should be choosing, and proving when they should be acting" (*Parochial and Plain Sermons* VIII). We hope that all of us have a deep love for God's holy word, and that we continue to learn to put it into practice. We all need the practice.

Thanks to the Knights for having a monthly rosary in the church before their meeting (all are welcome to the time of prayer), and their One Rose, One Life initiative to help foster prolife programs in our community and state that work to benefit people rather than the abortion industry. The abortion industry is very powerful and influential in our country, as seen in the recent FDA approval of the "abortion pill." Next year will be the fiftieth anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. God willing, those infamous decisions may be overturned this year. The downfall of these decisions will not be the end of legal abortion, but it will help end federal promotion of legal abortion. How patronizing and degrading to say that women need access to abortion in order to be equal in dignity to men. There is a real social problem—both sides can concede this—but how best to find a solution? Instead of the government (whether federal or state) trying to promote "access to abortion," would it not be better to try to promote the welfare of mother and child? Some seem to advocate abortion as a quick and easy way to avoid dealing with the last question. This weekend saw the national March for Life in Washington, D.C., and this coming Saturday is the occasion of the Nebraska march in Lincoln. May God bless all the people that have worked on human(e) solutions to the problem. Let us pray and work for the day when abortion becomes

unthinkable. Then it will also be, of course, illegal, but making it unthinkable is our real target. We have the job of changing the hearts and minds of a lot of people around us.

This past Monday we remembered Dr. Martin Luther King. How far our nation has come since he was touching the conscience of our nation is still discussed by many, but "civil rights" has come to mean a lot of things that Dr. King would have been surprised, if not shocked, to find out. May all of the people of our nation still strive to uphold and advance the bold promises made in our Declaration of Independence, our Constitution, and the Bill of Rights in every aspect of our lives in the way that all can recognize and respect.

I mentioned previously about the Mass of the Catechumens and the Mass of the Faithful, now called the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Those who were not yet fully initiated into the community by baptism were not allowed to stay for the second part of the Mass. Of course, today, anyone can find Mass televised or through other media, so there are no "secrets" to keep from those who are not in the Church. At funerals and weddings especially, it is common to find many (or even most!) people who are not Catholics, and many who are not even Christians. We here are livestreaming the 8 A.M. Mass every Sunday (thanks to Dan Rubin and many other people who helped make it possible). The Mass is meant to be primarily for the community of believers, but we are happy to welcome those who want to learn more about us and worship the living God with us, eventually in full communion with us as well. God bless all our evangelizers!

Father Houlihan