



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Heaven on earth!

Monday, May 16

8:10 a.m. +Evelyn L. Birkel
 +Andy Reichart

6:00 p.m. 8th grade graduation Mass

Tuesday, May 17

8:10 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions
 +Christopher Sand

Wednesday, May 18

8:10 a.m. +Kenneth & Inez Friskup
 +Eugene Mestl

Thursday, May 19

8:10 a.m. +Elizabeth Stubblefield
 +Robert G. & Rita Kiser

Friday, May 20

8:10 a.m. Special Intention for T.P. and D.P.
 +Ronald & Mary Anne Nowicki

Saturday, May 21

8:00 a.m. +John Kriskey
 5:00 p.m. +Janice Meisinger Murdoch

Sunday, May 22

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. Special Intention for D.S. and family

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Head Count last weekend: 536

Contributions for May 8, 2022

General Collection	\$	5,710.05
General Online Giving	\$	2,637.00
Debt Reduction	\$	275.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	35.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	127.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	25.00

Retirement strategies The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Webinar watch party at StJB School on the 24th of May and the 14th of June. Nationally recognized speaker, Ed Slott specializes in retirement strategies and will discuss opportunities for 2022. This is open to all members of the Knights of Columbus or Catholic men interested in becoming Knights. The watch party will be in the school library and the webinar begins at 6:30pm on each day. Please let Mike Vaughn at michael.vaughn@windstream.net or 297-5434 know which date you want to attend or if you have any questions.

Spring Salad Luncheon.

is THIS Thursday, May 19th 11am – 1pm. *Come for lunch!* Also... we love serving homemade salads and dessert, and are still in need of donations for both of those areas. Your donations are greatly appreciated! Sign-up sheets are in the Commons. Or call Patty at 296-2288. Thank you.

Celebration!! 50th Anniversary of Church of the Holy Spirit

This special occasion will be Sunday, June 5th, following the 10:30 Mass. The Pork Loin Dinner will be a free-will donation. We will need a head count, so please sign up in the Commons. More information to come. This is also the weekend of Priest Appreciation. Not only will we be honoring our priests, but also saying farewell to them and to our School Principal, Linda Monahan. *Mark this date and plan on attending!*

Cemetery Decoration placement during Memorial Day weekend:

Decoration of graves for Memorial Day can be placed 3 days before (on Friday) and must be removed no later than 10 days after Memorial Day.

Please also keep in mind that, with the exception of during the above stated Memorial Day time-frame, shepherd hooks, statues, figurines, eternal light, artificial flowers etc., are not allowed from *April through November*, unless they are permanently and correctly installed in the minimal 4" foundation ribbon of the monument/headstone. No items are allowed in or on the ground. All live flowers, wreaths, etc., must be removed from graves as soon as they are withered or dried.

Some upcoming dates:

May 16 – 8th grade graduation, 6:00pm Mass

May 18 – Last day of 2021-22 school year, St. John's students

May 19 – PCCW's Spring Salad Luncheon, in the gym, 11:00am - 1:00pm

May 23 – Begin weekday Mass time for the summer: 8:00am

May 30 – Memorial Day Mass at the cemetery, weather permitting, 8:00am

June 5 – Parish Dinner for CHS's 50th Anniversary & Priest Appreciation / Farewell, and school Principal farewell / thanks, after 10:30 Mass

June 19-23 – TOTUS TUUS for High School students

June 20-24 – TOTUS TUUS for students entering grades 1-8

July 13-15 – PCCW Rummage Sale (Donate: July 10-11)

August 6 – StJB Golf Classic

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.

Holy Spirit Catering is a serving ministry which gives glory and honor to God, with both parish and school families' involvement. **Please sign up to help!**

Next Catering Events:

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](https://www.signupgenius.com); Click on the search symbol in the upper right. (*When signing up on a phone, the search field may already be available.*) Search by email: holyspiritcatering@gmail.com Or text or call Joy Scanlan, 669-2455.

The Quilters would like to thank everyone who bought raffle chances for the quilt which was raffled at the Spring Dinner auction. The winner was Donna Tilson of our parish. The Quilters have given the parish \$660 as a result. We thank you all heartily for supporting our efforts. May God bless you.

We welcome through the waters of Baptism

Ashton Cole Brouhard, and Eleanor Mae Brouhard, son and daughter of Benjamin and Erica Brouhard. And also Conroy Vann Smith, son of Dustin and Erin Smith. All three were baptized May 8, 2022. May they always live for the Lord!

This week's Sisters in Formation: From the Holy Spirit Adoration (Pink) Sisters: Sr. Mary Christella and Sr. Juanita Marie. Please pray for all our sisters in formation, and for our seminarians, especially Adam Bohan from our parish.

Dinners for our Priests, "Stewardship of Talent" May 16: Carla Wehling, May 18: Diane Uirich, May 19: Liz Holstein, May 23: Megan Hanneman, May 25: Deb Warga, May 26: Jessette Berggren *Thank you!*

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May/Mother's Day Breakfast – Thank you to all the parishioners for your continued support of our breakfasts! Thank you to all the Knights who cooked, served, prepped, shopped and cleaned. The proceeds will go to EPS (Essential Pregnancy Services) and NUL (Nebraskans United for Life, both of which support Nebraskans.

Monthly Planning Meeting – Thursday, May 26th, 7:00 PM in the St. Joseph's room.

Church cleaning reminder: For May 21 (at 9:00am): Schlueter, Schmidt, Schmidt, Schmidt, Scholl, Schreiber, Schuette, Schuette

PASTOR'S NOTES

Today on the Fifth Sunday of Easter we are blessing crosses that you brought (?!?) in order to place them in fields, gardens, and lawns to remember the gifts we receive from God from the earth. Spring is a wonderful time of hope, and our Christian Easter celebration reminds us of the hope of the Resurrection, of rising from the earth as the seeds that are planted by the farmer and the gardener. No matter how bad things seem to be (and many seem depressed or discouraged about the current state of affairs in our nation and in our world), Easter is a pledge of the victory of good over evil and sin. The "good guys" (and gals) win if they persevere in faith, hope, and charity.

We graduate our eighth-grade students at Mass on Monday evening at 6 P.M. They are signs of hope to us as well—that the young are our future (and our present!). We wish all of them well as they proceed to various and sundry high schools. No matter where you go, this is your spiritual home, where a good part of your journey is taking place. Wednesday is the last day for other students—it is our "fun and field day" and the last student day. Teachers report Thursday for their final day. Daily Mass (Monday through Friday) will once again be at 8 A.M. beginning a week from Monday, on May 23.

Thursday is also the day for the PCCW's Spring Salad Luncheon, a great tradition which, like so many others, was interrupted by the pandemic the last couple of years. This is a great chance to say hello to old friends and to meet new ones. We are proud to say that we are back and ready for you!

Today the Gospel recounts the "new commandment" that Jesus gave to his disciples at the Last Supper: "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you should love one another. This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn. 13:34-35). This is one step beyond "love your neighbor as yourself"—it is "love your neighbor as I (Jesus) love your neighbor and you." If you want a visual representation of that love, you have only to look at a crucifix. THAT is how you are to love your neighbor, with the love that gives all of oneself to another, even to death. Certainly, marriage

is a representation of that love—a man and a woman pledge to give of themselves "until death do us part." There are no "ifs, ands, or buts" when marriage vows are taken. The same would be true for men who respond to the invitation of Jesus to become deacons, priests, or bishops. The same would also be true of women or men who respond to the call to serve Jesus and his Body, the Church, in religious life by the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Fundamentally, it is the response to the call given to each of us at our baptism and confirmation. There is no "I," it has been pointed out, in the word "love." That is not to say that we do not benefit as individuals. Far from it. It is in following the radical call to love as Jesus loves that we die to self and rise as new and free people. This kind of love is the only kind of love (in New Testament Greek, it is called *agape*) that leads to real happiness. That is the truth at the heart of what is called the "paschal mystery" which involves death and rising. What Jesus did is the key to life. What is the meaning of life? The answer, according to Jesus, lies in love—not sticky, sweet, sentimental "love," but in gritty, difficult, self-sacrificing love. May the liberating words of the Gospel help us to open our hearts to the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing us, through Jesus, to the Father. I want to thank so many of you for your personal witness to me of this simple truth.

Thanks to all who have pledged to the Bishop's Charity and Stewardship Appeal (aka: DDP). Through your generosity, you not only make it possible for us to help some fine diocesan-wide efforts (such as Family Life Office, Youth Ministry, Newman Center, Nursing Home Ministry, the Tribunal, and more), but you help your own parish. Our parish goal for diocesan programs is \$10,890 (the first 20% of the total parish goal of \$54,420). Every penny raised over the Initial \$10,890 comes back to the Church of the Holy Spirit in the form of CSA rebates. You have been very generous in the past and thanks to all who have been so this year. Some of you may be receiving a mailing if you were not able to sign a card the last few weeks here. God bless you all!

Father Houlihan