



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

34th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, November 21

6:45 a.m. +Judy Wiles

8:10 a.m. +Dane Carlson

Tuesday, November 22

6:45 a.m. +Janice Murdoch Meisinger

8:10 a.m. +William E. & Dorothy Reinsch

Wednesday, November 23

8:10 a.m. Special Intention of Seyfer & Bruggeman families

Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Day

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

Friday, November 25

8:10 a.m. +Peg Loucks

Saturday, November 26

8:00 a.m. +Antonia Vanek

4:00 p.m. Special Intention for D.S. and family

Sunday, November 27 (1st Sunday of Advent)

8:00 a.m. +Walter Pope

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS:

Mondays & Fridays, 7:15-7:45am

Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:45pm

Head Count last weekend: 502

Contributions for November 13, 2022

General Collection	\$	8,396.35
General Online Giving	\$	2,669.00
Debt Reduction	\$	775.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	15.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	35.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	25.00
Utilities	\$	20.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$	20.00

Saturday night Masses are now at 4:00pm.

Confessions for Saturdays at 3:00-3:45pm.

This week's featured Seminarians: Jon Kadlec from Appleton, who entered seminary in 2022, now in College 1 at St. Gregory the Great; and Adam Bohan from Plattsmouth, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015.

Breakfast! THIS Sunday: ...prepared by the Knights. Nov 20, in the school gym after the 8:00am & 10:30am Masses. Cost: free-will donation. Proceeds will go to support the Knights' charities. Visit with others while having a tasty breakfast!

Please note: Only one daily Mass for: Wednesday, Nov 23 through Friday, Nov 25: 8:10am



Christmas Choir Please join the Christmas Choir to celebrate our Savior's birth at the 10:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve. (*Songs begin at about 9:00pm!*) Rehearsals will be starting on Monday, November 28th at 6:30pm. We will continue to rehearse at 6:30pm on Mondays, and have extra rehearsals the week before Christmas. For more information, call Larry Jensen, 740-9734.

Military Archdiocese Our nation recognizes November 11th as Veterans Day. Every three years, the Catholic Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) asks for financial support in November. AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or U.S. Military and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. Their request is approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, to optionally be taken every three years.

Since we are so close to Offutt AFB, and many parishioners are or were in the military, or did or do work on the Base, we thought we would offer you an easy opportunity to assist the Military Archdiocese in their once-every-three years national collection. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this special cause which globally makes available priests and spiritual support to active-duty military men and women, and their families – including, at times, those from our own parish. Drop your donation in next week's collection at Mass – simply use any envelope and mark it "Military". Make any checks out to CHS. We'll mail it in, and then your donations will help this unique Archdiocese!

Some upcoming dates:

November 20 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast, after the Masses
 December 4 – Children's Choir sings at 10:30am Mass!
 December 4 – Emmaus Institute talk, and more, on God the Holy Spirit
 December 8 – Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation
 December 10 – Knight Before Christmas, 6pm See Knights – next page.
 December 18 – Penance Service 3:30 - 4:30pm, with up to 10 priests

Pecans, pecans, pecans It's that time of year! The Catholic Daughters will again be selling pecans, *and more(!)*, after Masses. If you'd rather order, forms are in the Commons on their bulletin board.

Coming in February: "Wisdom" Bible Study from Jeff Cavins. Sign-ups in January!

Our Most Precious Treasure



A note concerning Adoration during winter:

When weather gets bad, we use our best judgment on if we should temporarily close Adoration. We try to find when it goes from needing to use common winter driving skills to being dangerously icy or slick, etc. If you have an upcoming hour and the roads are bad on the route you take to Church, yet we don't seem to be calling off Adoration, please feel free to call the captain of your day (phone number on the Adoration papers in the Commons). It could be that we aren't sufficiently aware of the road conditions; or it could even be that just you, in particular, can't make it in. Either way, we can work with the information. We try to correctly gauge when roads will become dangerous; but please be sure to evaluate your own individual situation. We all love God, love our Adoration Hours, and don't want to be persons who cancel at the drop of a hat; but, of course, we also should use wisdom in traveling.

On the same subject, a winter reminder:

Because we occasionally have to close down formal Adoration when winter weather makes traveling dangerous, for the next few months, please be sure to let us know if you are having a substitute take your hour. That way we will know whom to call during cancellations. You can either replace your name with theirs on the paperwork on the tall table in the Commons or call the Captain for your day. Thanks!

From the John XXIII Diocesan Center 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln

Let the little children come (even the noisy ones)! Join us for a family friendly holy hour from **3:30 to 4:30pm on December 11th**. We will have confessions available, a short reflection on Advent for families, some music, silence(-ish), and hot cocoa to follow! No registration required.

The annual Mass of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated on **Wed. December 28th** at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel in Lincoln. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. All names will be permanently placed on the Banner. However, due to time constraints, only names submitted since 2014 will be read aloud. New names may be submitted by calling the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 **before 5pm on Dec. 20th** or in the vestibule prior to the reading of names, which will begin at **6:45pm** followed by Mass.

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966 / Steve Riese GK (402)298-8264
Knights in Action – Our Knights live their faith through action and prayer. We support our priests, provide care for widows and orphans, and help those in need. See Andrew O'Shea, or any of our members to learn more.

The Knight Before Christmas – Open to the entire parish. Songs & stories of the Yuletide season presented in Coffee House style by The Old Krusty Minstrels & friends. Saturday, December 10, in the Commons. Holiday-themed snacks and drinks. Program is at 6:00pm. All ages invited. Free-will donations support the Knights of Columbus charities.

November Breakfast – Sunday, Nov 20, after the 8:00 & 10:30am Masses.

December Rosary – Thursday, Dec 1 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Open to all. (Moved, due to Immaculate Conception Holy Day)

December General Meeting – Thursday, Dec 1 at 7:00pm. (Moved, due to Immaculate Conception Holy Day)

December Planning Meeting – The normal 4th Thursday planning meeting would fall too close to Christmas. Instead, we'll meet on Sunday, December 18th, at 9:30am, between Masses in the school gym in conjunction with the monthly breakfast.

Now carrying SCRIP cards for Family Fare, in \$100 & \$25 cards.

Church cleaning reminder: For Nov 26 (at 9:00am): Gorman, Gradoville, Gradoville, Green, Groshans, Grundmayer, Gunia, Gutru

Dinners for our Priests, "Stewardship of Talent" Nov 21: Tamara Hood, Nov 28: Sandy DiSomma, Dec 1: Sandy Kerns, Dec 5: Sandy Fischer, Dec 8: Kacey Groshans

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, December 4th.

Our Church of the Holy Spirit will be hosting **Dr. Vern Steiner from the Emmaus Institute** in Lincoln. The Emmaus Institute focuses on growing Biblical scholarship within our entire Diocese of Lincoln. They offer many different classes and seminars that Catholics and non-Catholics can attend. You can learn more by going to: www.emmausinstitute.net

Dr. Steiner has graciously agreed to present **a one-hour talk on God the Holy Spirit, our parish patron!** We will begin the Sunday afternoon with Eucharistic Adoration in the church at 3:00pm, followed by Benediction at 3:50pm. Confessions will be available during the holy hour in St. Joseph's Room and the Adoration Chapel. Dr. Steiner will give his talk at 4:00pm in the Commons. At the conclusion of his presentation at about 5:00pm, we will have heavy hors d'oeuvres, iced tea and coffee. Beer and wine will also be available. Thank you to the ladies of the PCCW and men from the Knights of Columbus for providing the kind hospitality.

This December afternoon will be another wonderful opportunity to pray together, go to confession, share fellowship with one another, as well as to learn more about what the Emmaus Institute can do for our growth in understanding the Sacred Scriptures. The holy hour and confessions are of course optional, but we would like a RSVP for the food. **Please look for the sign-up sheet in the Commons.**

Dear Parishioners,

I received some good feedback from parishioners after my sermon this past weekend on Stewardship of Treasure. Since some of you were not at Holy Spirit for Mass, I have included the main points here for you to read so you know what others are talking about. As you saw a few weeks ago in our 2022-2023 Cash Flow Statement/Budget, we do have work to do on the Income Side in order to achieve a balanced budget. So in one sense, we can “give to a need”. Our need now is increased Sunday collections so we can pay our growing bills for this fiscal year. That is the real, practical side. On the other side, the spiritual side, we parishioners have “a need to give”. This necessity comes from a recognition that God is the source of everything I have, starting with my life, and I have a “need” to give back to Him in thanksgiving. Without some sort of planned and proportional return that recognizes Christ as my King, we can easily forget God and fall into the worldly trap of thinking that I am the only source of my earthly success.

+ Stewardship is not a fundraising scheme; it’s a way of life. A spirituality. Living a stewardship spirituality is really very easy. It’s all about getting our priorities in order. People are more important than things, and the most important person in our life is God. God gives us all that we need. He gives us what we need to take care of our persons: to feed us, to clothe us, house us, and provide for appropriate recreation, like golf! ☺ God gives us what we need so that we can help others.

Our tithe, our 10% to give to God, was already His in the first place. God gives us the extra portion that we are going to give away. Maybe that’s 1%, 5% or even 20% now, but whatever the amount is, it’s already His. Not ours. The first tenth of what we earn belongs to God. When we use it as God intends we grow in what matters to God. When we store up treasures for ourselves and ignore God, we suffer the consequences.

If you are already at the biblical tithe of 10% or more, thank you. You are a model of faith and trust in God. If you are not at 10% but slowly working your way there, God bless you and thank you for that! Your faith and perseverance is inspiring! If you are not currently giving, or it is here and there with some cash in the plate, I invite you to pray about intentional tithing. And here is what I would have you pray about.

Often times, people honestly don’t know what to give. There are three elements in your gift to God’s Church.

1) Please make your gift to the Church a planned gift. Really look at your income and expenses and decide on an amount you will do every week or every month. If 10% right now seems too high, start with a lower percentage and work your way up over time. But we need to start somewhere. Extra pledge cards and the online giving forms are available in the Commons. Online giving is great. It is super easy to do and the consistent cash flow really helps our parish. Please plan out your gift to the Church, for our Lord deserves nothing less.

2) Secondly, please make your gift proportionate. Make your gift proportionate to the manner in which you have been blessed. What does it say if a person’s gift remains the same amount through the years even when that person’s income steadily rises? \$10 forty years ago is much different than \$10 today. On the other hand, what a difference it makes when a person decides to give a certain percentage of his or her income to the Lord. Make your gift proportionate, and please consider the Biblical standard of the tithe, or ten percent. Others give 5% to the parish, and 5% to charities of their choosing. Others will give above and beyond the 10% biblical tithe because of their spirit of generosity. When we give proportionally, even if we are not wealthy, we are mindful of God’s portion that needs to be given back to Him.

3) Third, please make your gift sacrificial. Give to the Lord a gift that is meaningful to you, a gift that you are proud to present to God as a means of giving thanks for all that He has done for you.

I think it is also important that we think about different ways to give back. With our high inflation, we don’t have as much available cash as we did last year. But if we can be strategic in our giving, we can give in ways that don’t involve our checking account. Appreciated assets like stocks, land, grain and other things can be given directly to the parish; you don’t pay capital gains tax, and you get a tax deduction. Parishioners that are over 70 ½ have mandatory withdrawals from their IRA’s. A direct gift from your IRA to CHS can save you from paying tax on that withdrawal. Since we are 501(c)3 org, there are a lot of different ways that people can give to CHS that can directly help them. Not only on tax savings, but with additional income for you. Most people I talk to would rather give something to the church as opposed to the government, and there are a lot of different ways that can happen.

Every person is invited to participate in building the Kingdom of God through stewardship. God has already given to us that which we give back to him. Whatever the gift is, it’s already His. As we partake of the Holy Eucharist, may we be conscious and grateful for all that the Lord does for us, especially in giving us everything He has to give through His sacrifice on the Cross. Strengthened by His sacrifice, may we respond with generous hearts. +

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Sean M. Timmerman