



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Second week of Advent

Monday, December 5

6:45 a.m. Safety of babies in the womb

8:10 a.m. +Donald Peters

Tuesday, December 6

6:45 a.m. +Christopher Mendes

8:10 a.m. +Tress Peterson

Wednesday, December 7

6:45 a.m. Special Intention for T.S.

8:10 a.m. +Bruce and Joy Nieto

5:30pm People of the Parish **Holy Day Vigil Mass**

Thursday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

8:10 a.m. +Janice Fiscaro

7:00 p.m.. +Gavin & John Tobias Barrios

Friday, December 9

6:45 a.m. +Bill Masters

8:10 a.m. +Walter Pope

Saturday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of CDA

4:00 p.m. +Eileen Morehead

Sunday, December 11 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

8:00 a.m. All Souls Day Intentions

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS:

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

Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:45pm

Head Count last weekend: 510

Contributions for November 27, 2022

General Collection	\$	7,113.82
General Online Giving	\$	2,879.00
Debt Reduction	\$	250.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	135.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	15.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	25.00
Utilities	\$	20.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	100.00
So. Neb. Reg. Online Giving	\$	15.00

This coming Thursday, December 8, Holy Day of Obligation

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses: December 7th at 5:30pm; and

December 8th at 8:10am & 7:00pm

(No 6:45am Mass on Dec. 8th.)

This Sunday afternoon, Dec 4th Church of the Holy Spirit will be hosting **Dr. Vern Steiner from the Emmaus Institute** in Lincoln. 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. Thank you to the ladies of the PCCW and men from the Knights of Columbus for providing the kind hospitality.

This 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. Thank you to those who RSVP'd so that we could get a head count for the food!

Some upcoming dates:

December 4 – Children's Choir sings at 10:30am Mass!

December 4 – Emmaus Institute talk on "God the Holy Spirit", & more

December 5 – Fish Fry planning! 6:30pm in SJR

December 8 – Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

December 10 – Knight Before Christmas, 6pm See Knights notes

December 13 – St. John's Night Out, at Runza, 4-8pm

December 18 -- Knights' free-will donation breakfast after the Masses

December 18 – Penance Service 3:30 - 4:30pm, with up to 10 priests



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 18th.

Thank you for your generosity.

We thank Roby Funeral Home for the 2023 calendars, which are available for you in the Commons. This year's monthly calendar pages feature Feasts and Saints.

Pecans, pecans, pecans The Catholic Daughters are selling fresh-from-Georgia pecans, *and more(!)*, after Masses. If you'd rather order, forms are in the Commons on their bulletin board.



The Emmaus Institute for Biblical Studies is now accepting registrations for a five-week course titled *Opening the Word: Catholics and the Bible*. The course will meet in person on Monday evenings (6:30-8:30pm) beginning January 9, but will also be available to watch by video (typically posted the following day, with class notes). *Opening the Word* is designed to familiarize students with the Bible generally, preparing them to read, study, pray, love, and live the Sacred Scriptures. It is the first of two interterm courses built into our *Creation to New Creation* program, but everyone is welcome to register for this beneficial course. Learn more and register at www.EmmausInstitute.net.

The Story of the Nativity: The Truth of Christmas All are invited Sunday, December 11 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm to the Franciscan Sister's Motherhouse (347 N. 62nd Road, Nebraska City) to view a fast-paced, thought-provoking film exploring the true understanding of Christmas. The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. This video clears away wide-spread misconceptions of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus.

SCRIP On Monday, December 19 at 10:00am, Noni will be putting in the last order for SCRIP cards to arrive by Dec. 22nd. You can give your order at the SCRIP table in the Commons after the December 17/18 weekend Masses, or call Noni at the rectory office, 296-3139.

This week's featured Seminarians: Rev. Mr. Loudon Redinger from Hastings, who entered seminary in 2014, now in Theology 4 at St. Charles Borromeo; and Adam Bohan from Plattsmouth, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015.

Church cleaning reminder: For Dec. 10 (at 9:00am): Halmes, Hamling, Hammons, Hanneman, Hardy, Harmel, Heger, Heim

Christmas Flowers.... Envelopes are in the Commons if you'd like to donate toward Christmas flowers in memory of someone. Then shortly after Christmas, the bulletin will list the names in whose memory the donations were made.

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966 / Steve Riese GK (402)298-8264
A Knight Before Christmas Songs & stories of the Yuletide season presented in Coffee House style by The Old Krusty Minstrels & Friends. Open to all and appropriate for all ages. Saturday, December 10, in the Commons. The program starts at 6:00pm and will run until about 8:00pm. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks provided, starting about 5:30pm, a bit following evening Mass. Free-will donations support the Knights of Columbus charities.



December Breakfast – Sunday, December 18th, after the 8:00 and 10:30am Masses.

December Planning Meeting – Sunday, December 18th, at 9:30am between Masses in the school gym in conjunction with the monthly breakfast.

Please join us for our Pro-Life January parish-wide Rosary – Thursday January 12th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Led by Knights but open to all.

January General Meeting – Thurs., January 12th at 7:00pm in SJR.
Plan now to Walk for Life. The 50th annual Nebraska Walk for Life will be on January 28th, 2023, at our State Capitol in Lincoln. Look for more details in upcoming bulletins.



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 are at 6:30pm on Mondays, with extra rehearsals the week before Christmas. For more information, call Larry Jensen, 740-9734.

Fish Fry meeting *What?* Are we planning the next Lenten Fish Frys so soon? Yes! If you can help with the planning, please come to this meeting! **This coming Monday, December 5 at 6:30pm in St. Joseph's Room.**

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

Jail Ministry — People in jail are still people, made in the image and likeness of God. No matter what someone has done, they deserve the opportunity to hear the Word of God. Marie Ficklin, Tim Porter, Steve Riese, and Harlan Seyfer will tell you that bringing the message of Christ to the imprisoned is deeply rewarding. Will you volunteer? Contact Harlan at PlattsmouthHistorian@gmail.com or (402) 296-2376.

St. John the Baptist Friends & Family Night Out Tues, Dec 13, from 4-8pm at Runza in Plattsmouth: They have agreed to donate a portion of your receipt to the school, dine in or carry out! When ordering, please let them know you are with St. John's so they know to include your receipt.

Dinners for our Priests, "Stewardship of Talent"
Dec 5: Sandy Fischer, Dec 8: Kacey Groshans, Dec 12: Bonnie Seyfer, Dec 15: Deb Warga, Dec 19: Megan Hanneman, Dec 22, Monica Yankus *Thank you!*

Attention all students grades 3-8!

Please join us for Children's Christmas Choir for the children's Mass on Christmas Eve. We will be singing hymns from 3:30-4:00, and then leading song during the 4:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

We will have three rehearsals:

Tuesday, December 6th

Tuesday, December 13th

Monday, December 19th



All rehearsals will take place at 3:15 in the church and dismiss at 4:00. Please make arrangements for prompt pick-up or aftercare. Please attend as many as possible, but if you are unable to attend rehearsal, you may still join us in the choir section for Mass.

(This is a great opportunity for Confirmation students to receive church service hours! For questions, contact Mrs. Lewandowski at teresa-lewandowski@cdolinc.net)

Dear Parishioners,

We are blessed to be able to host Dr. Vern Steiner from the Emmaus Institute this Sunday, December 4th for a presentation on our patron, **God the Holy Spirit**. The afternoon will begin with optional Eucharistic Adoration in Church at 3pm, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament near the end of the hour. During the holy hour, Fr. Wiedel, Fr. Bedient and myself will be available for confessions in the St. Joseph's Room, adoration chapel, and in the back corner of the Commons area. The talk will begin at 4pm, followed by a reception with heavy appetizers and drinks around 5pm. Please RSVP in the Commons so we know how much food to make. It is not too late to sign up! There is no cost for this event; we would love to see you there!

Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the Holy Spirit, and His action in your life, especially during this holy Advent season. My hope is that this event will be a source of nourishment for not only your prayer, but also for your intellectual knowledge of our wonderful Catholic Faith. These faith-building opportunities that we have hosted over the past few months have also been great occasions for our parishioners to share fun and fellowship with each other. I hope that you will be able to join us this Sunday afternoon.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Sean M. Timmerman".

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