



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2023

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## PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

### 4<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

#### Monday, January 30

6:45 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions  
 8:10 a.m. +Mike & Margaret Traxinger

#### Tuesday, January 31

6:45 a.m. +George Miller  
 8:10 a.m. +Dorie Lee

#### Wednesday, February 1

6:45 a.m. +Terrance Slattery  
 8:10 a.m. +Richard & Bev Harter

#### Thursday, February 2

6:45 a.m. +Donald Peters  
 8:10 a.m. +Marcia Schutz

#### Friday, February 3

6:45 a.m. +Monika Michaels  
 8:10 a.m. +Josephine Warga

#### Saturday, February 4

8:00 a.m. +Jack Gewinner  
 4:00 p.m. +Dane Carlson

#### Sunday, February 5 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT)

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 10:30 a.m. +Bob McAlevy

## CONFESSIONS:

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

**Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:45pm**

**Head Count last weekend: 492**

**Contributions for January 22, 2023**

General Collection	\$	7,442.17
General Online Giving	\$	11,414.00
Debt Reduction	\$	460.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	205.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	513.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	255.00
Utilities	\$	60.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	135.00
Southern Nebraska Register	\$	30.00
So. Neb. Reg, Online Giving	\$	35.00
Holy Land Online Giving	\$	50.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	135.00

## Youth Group!

**Sunday, 29 January from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

Location: Koelzer Residence, 402 Waverly Road, Murray, NE  
 We will be having S'mores and drinks along with group discussion.

Questions?

Please contact Abby Koelzer 402-297-1244 or Misty Mealy 907-799-6240

**Titling envelopes...** *The company we use for sending out monthly envelope packets is having production and mailing problems. February envelope packets will not be coming. So..... please use your own envelope for February donations, including any for Ash Wednesday, Debt Reduction, or Teachers. For cash donations that you want to be recorded as from you, and therefore on your 2023 year-end statement, please write your name on the envelope with your contribution, and if you know it, write your regular envelope number. Same for checks – please include your envelope number. (We'll verify the env #, so if you don't know it, that's okay, although it would indeed be helpful.) Thank you for taking these extra steps! (ACH donations will work as usual.)*



**StJB will celebrate national Catholic Schools Week** Jan. 29 – Feb. 3 with activities and celebrations throughout the week. All are welcome to join the celebration. See St. John's or the parish's website for the schedule.



**Coffee House (Revisited)** - Sat, Feb 4, 7-10pm, (doors open at 6:00pm), St. John's School Gym - an evening of music, nostalgia

& fun, with the Old Krusty Minstrels & friends. Break out the bell bottoms, tie-dyes, love beads and put flowers in your hair. It's time for three hours of peace, love & music. *No cost; freewill donations to benefit Parish (Church and School) music programs.* Coffee served; attendees are invited to bring snacks and beverages to share. Costume contest. Please, no children. This is an evening for adults. ☺ ♥ 🎵 🎸

**DENIM** AND *Diamonds*

**This year's Spring Dinner Invitations are in the mail and tickets are on Sale NOW!** Don't miss out on the Early-Bird Special! Discounted tables for 10 are on sale now through February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Be sure to check out the back of the invitation for new features this year! You can register and purchase tickets on our website: <https://qtogo.net/qlink/sibs> or in the Church Commons after Mass.

### **Ash Wednesday is coming soon!**

If you have any blessed palms that you don't want to keep from previous years' Palm Sundays, please bring them to the Commons – there are two tall boxes for you to put them in! We will burn them into the **ashes** for Ash Wednesday!

**Year-end contribution statements** will be ready by next weekend for you to pick yours up. They will be in the Commons before & after weekend Masses for a few weekends. They will also be available in the church office throughout the week, during office hours. After a few weeks, we will mail those not picked up. Please help us save a stamp, and come to get yours! ☺ Thank you for all your generosity through the year, as we all try to serve God through our parish and school.

**Catering event...** JROTC Military Ball on Feb 17. Catering will be needing help with it for the usual setting up, serving, and cleaning up. If you can help, please call or text Joy at 669-2455, or email her at MJLScanlan8@hotmail.com Thank you for any catering help in the past, and for considering to work this fun-to-see event!!!

**This week's featured Seminarians:** Colter Fulton from Nebraska City, who entered seminary in 20, now in College 2 at St. Gregory the Great; and Adam Bohan from Plattsmouth, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015.

**Dinners for our Priests, "Stewardship of Talent"** Jan 30: Sandy Fischer, Feb 2: Monica Yankus, Feb 6: Bonnie Seyfer, Feb 9: Jessette Berggren, Feb 13: Megan Hanneman, Feb 23: Bill Boyle *Thank you!*

**Bible Study will begin** Wednesdays: Feb 1 at 10am; and Thursdays: Feb 2 at 7pm. "Drawing on the Wisdom literature of the Bible – Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, Ecclesiastes". Sign-ups in the Commons.

**Did you know** that all registered women at the Church of the Holy Spirit are members of the Parish Council of Catholic Woman (PCCW)? The PCCW provides many physical, social and spiritual needs for CHS. PCCW is looking at increasing the number of active members either through time, talent or treasure. Prayerfully consider being an active member by contributing \$10.00 to dues and becoming involved in PCCW projects. For more information, contact Liz Rubin (402-296-7988) or Patty Lambert (402-296-2288).

**Knights of Columbus** – Council 1966 / Steve Riese GK (402)298-8264  
**Rosary for our Parish** – Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Led by Knights and open to all. Please join us as we pray for the Pope's Monthly Intention: That our parish may place communion at the center of our lives and thereby increase our faith, fraternity, and welcoming spirit.

**February General Meeting** – Thurs, February 9 at 7:00pm in SJR.  
**February Planning Meeting** – Thurs, Jan 23 at 7:00pm in SJR.

### ***Eucharistic Miracles of the World***

#### **Exhibit coming to Church of the Holy Spirit:**

We will be hosting the Vatican-approved international Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit in the Commons February 10-16, open from 9:00am to 8:00pm, but not during Mass times. The Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit is a traveling display on loan from Spirit Catholic Radio. It features 39 beautiful panels that highlight some of the most powerful Eucharistic miracles in the world. For more information, visit [spiritcatholicradio.com/miracles](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/miracles).

**Are you in need of some spiritual refreshment?** Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House near Waverly has several retreats in which you can drink deeply of His Love. Feb. 2-5 with Fr. William Holoubek for the "Unbound: Freedom in Christ" retreat; Feb. 10-11 for our women's "Winter Symposium" with LDCCW; Feb. 24-26 "I+You=We Marriage Workshop" with Fr. Jarosław "Jay" Szymczak; and "Meeting God in the Desert: Ash Wednesday day of reflection" with Deacon Matthew Hecker on Feb. 22. Read more and register at [www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org), email [office@goodcounselretreat.org](mailto:office@goodcounselretreat.org) or call 402-786-2705.

**My Neighbor's Closet – our Thrift Store:** Open Thursdays through Saturdays, 10am - 2pm. 1 FREE BAG per family through Feb 25<sup>th</sup>. Located at the south end of Church of the Holy Spirit's parking lot.

#### **Some upcoming dates:**

January 29 – Youth Group, at Koelzer's in Plattsmouth, 4pm  
Jan 29 - Feb 3 – Catholic Schools Week, various celebrations  
February 1 – Wednesday Bible Studies begin, 10am  
February 2 – Thursday Bible Studies begin, 7pm  
February 4 – Children's Choir sings at 4pm Mass  
February 4 – Coffee House in St. John's gym 7pm  
February 10-16 – Eucharistic Miracles exhibit, in the Commons  
February 17 – Catering: JROTC Military Ball  
February 18-19 – Support Christians in Holy Land, in Commons

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! I have been involved with Catholic schools in some way as a student, teacher, or administrator for the past 40 years, minus my first two years of college. I have been richly blessed to attend, teach, and administrate in many different Catholic schools. Being a Catholic school student not only taught me the faith, but also helped to form me as a faith-filled Catholic, and at St. John the Baptist, we strive to do the same for our students today.

Our students are an important part of our Catholic school family. They benefit from an excellent academic education, but more importantly, they receive religious formation from us priests and dedicated Catholic school teachers. Our students bless us at the same time, as they give us tremendous hope for the future of the faith. I am always impressed and edified when I see or hear something that our students are doing because of their great faith in God.

We are blessed by the parents that send their children to Catholic schools. They could easily send them to a free government school for a secular education, but they chose differently. They know that what we can provide here at St. John's will be supporting what they are teaching their children at home in the ways of faith. They freely chose to make the sacrifice for a Catholic school education, for which there are alternatives, but there are no substitutes.

Faith, knowledge and service are important touchstones for our St. John the Baptist School. How do we integrate into our school family these vital themes? We need to proclaim and witness our Catholic identity with grateful hearts. That requires standing up for basic human rights in word and action, including the right to life from conception to natural death, for traditional marriage, and for chastity, even when it is unpopular.

Catholic Schools Week is a time to rejoice and give thanks to God for our St. John the Baptist here in Plattsmouth. It is a time to give thanks to our St. John the Baptist ancestors who made a Catholic education possible many decade ago. We need to show our gratitude to our parishioners and school benefactors who support us spiritually and financially. Lastly, we need to prepare and look forward to a bright future for Catholic schools and their mission of forming disciples in Christ.

And, just in case you needed more reasons why Catholic schools are an important part of our ministry, here you go!

- Catholic schools continually outperform public and other private schools on national assessment tests, such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).
- Catholic high schools have a 99 percent graduation rate compared to 86 percent of public schools.
- Catholic schools' service programs expose students to different communities of need and service to others, raises their social awareness and helps to build a better society.
- Catholic schools are near the top in national testing in learning outcomes for students receiving free and reduced-price lunch.
- Urban Catholic schools help stabilize other community institutions.
- Catholic school attendance boosts the likelihood that a minority student will graduate from high school from 62 percent to 88 percent.
- Catholic schools contribute to the common good through financial savings to state and local communities. Based on the average public school per-pupil cost, Catholic schools save the American taxpayers more than \$22.7 billion a year by not educating those students in public schools.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Fr. Sean M. Timmerman