



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

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**PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent**  
**Monday, March 20**  
 6:45 a.m. +Mike Waters  
 8:10 a.m. Special intention for D.G.  
**Tuesday, March 21**  
 6:45 a.m. +Abigail Klinefelter  
 8:10 a.m. Special intention for G.S. and G.S.  
**Wednesday, March 22**  
 6:45 a.m. +Eva Nell DeCoster  
 8:10 a.m. +Dane Carlson  
 Noon (TLM) Celebrant's intention  
**Thursday, March 23**  
 6:45 a.m. +Joann Felker  
 8:10 a.m. +Willard Gochenour  
**Friday, March 24**  
 6:45 a.m. +Janice J. Fisicaro  
 8:10 a.m. +Janie Biga  
 Noon (TLM) +Pope Benedict  
**Saturday, March 25**  
 8:00 a.m. +Jack Gewinner  
 4:00 p.m. Special Intention for RCIA retreat  
**Sunday, March 26 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)**  
 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 10:30 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions

**CONFESSIONS:**  
**Mondays & Fridays, 7:15-7:45am**  
**Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:45pm**

**Head Count last weekend: 499**  
**Contributions for March 12, 2023**

General Collection	\$	7,136.27
General Online Giving	\$	2,757.00
Debt Reduction	\$	625.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	15.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	360.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	25.00
Utilities	\$	20.00
Southern Nebraska Register	\$	80.00

**Parish Lenten Retreat** Next Saturday, March 25, 9am - 3pm. Topic: The Old Testament readings of Easter Vigil. Schedule and signup sheets are in the Commons. Food & drink provided.

**Free-will donation breakfast** in the gym after the 8 & 10:30am Masses today! Cooked and served by our Knights!



**Now Enrolling!**

There are so many reasons to consider a Catholic education for your child. At St. John the Baptist, we are committed to educating the whole child – mind, heart, soul and spirit. We are now enrolling Pre-K - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for the 2023-24 school year. For more information, and to learn about the financial aid and scholarships available for Parish students, please visit stjbcatholic.com or contact the school at 402-296-6230.

**DENIM AND *Diamonds***

**Raffle Tickets are on Sale!** Purchase a \$50 raffle ticket and get a chance at winning some cash! The more tickets you purchase, the more chances you have to win! You can purchase many different ways - Purchase after weekend Masses or at Fish Fries, purchase from any STJB student or family and help them earn a school incentive for selling raffle tickets or on our event website at <https://qtogo.net/qlink/sjbs>.

ONLY 400 raffle tickets will be sold, so your odds are great! **Raffle Cash Prizes:** Grand Prize – \$5,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – \$2,000, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – \$1,000. The drawing will be held at the event on April 29<sup>th</sup>, presence is not required to win. For more information about Raffle Tickets, please contact Kelley Steele at (402)297-5331 or [kms\\_486@hotmail.com](mailto:kms_486@hotmail.com).

**Parish Council Elections:** *A way to serve God and our parish is being on the Parish Council.* See the application form in this bulletin for details. The candidates should be dedicated to the welfare and spirituality of our Parish. All forms must be turned in by April 3. If you have any questions or are interested in running for council, contact Dan Rubin 402-770-0930 or Traci Schuette at 402-297-2295.

**Youth Group--Board Game Time!**

We invite teens ages 14-18 to join us for an afternoon of homemade pizza and board games! Date: Sunday, **March 19<sup>th</sup>** from 3pm to 4:30pm. Location: 1022 Church Rd., Plattsmouth. (Take Waverly or Mynard to 12<sup>th</sup> St.; Church Rd.'s entrance on Hwy 75 is closed due to construction.) Questions? Contact Misty Mealey (907-799-6240).

**Baptism Congratulations** to Carter Lee Richards, son of Jeremy and Alyse Richards. He was baptized last Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. What a treasure he received!

**Remaining Stations of the Cross dates this Lent:**

**Friday Mar 31 at 12:30pm**  
**Fridays Mar 24, & 31 at 5:30pm:**  
**Good Friday, Apr 7 at Noon**

**Our elected officials need to hear our voices!** You're needed for a day of advocacy at the Capitol at Catholics at the Capitol on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>! Learn from Gov. Pillen, Nebraska Catholic Conference staff, and State Senators about advancing the cause for life, family, religious liberty, and more. Plus, meet your state senator, and learn how to advocate year-round. Tickets are a steal at \$15 each, covering the cost of refreshments and lunch. Whether you've never been engaged in politics before or you are a politico, this event is for you. Don't let yourself be spoken for. Show up and speak up at Catholics at the Capitol on Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>. Learn more and sign up at [NECatholic.org](http://NECatholic.org).

**Feeling unresolved about a prior abortion? Are you the father or grandmother of a child lost to abortion?**

Come to a confidential caring retreat for healing, forgiveness and re-connection to God, community and your child. Scholarships available. April 28-30. For information email [helpingrachel@yahoo.com](mailto:helpingrachel@yahoo.com) or call Heather at 402-671-3749.

**Chesterton Academy of Omaha** Come and find out what a classical education can mean for your high school student! You are invited to an informational session for parents which will be held at the Chesterton Academy of Omaha on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> in the school at 36<sup>th</sup> & Q. The event begins with a social time at 6:30pm, followed by a presentation with a Q & A session at 7pm. Andrew Youngblood, the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Chesterton Schools Network, a network of over 40 affiliated schools across the United States, will share with you the beauty and goodness of the integrated classical approach to teaching and learning. To register, go to: [chestertonomaha.org](http://chestertonomaha.org)



**Fellow Forks, may I get your attention!**

If you are not needed at home, come join me. 1 or 2 or even a dozen of you. Events in the school gym needs your help!! Parishioners, the number of forks have been dwindling. We could use your help donating any extra forks you may have on hand. Please leave them in the Commons with a note on them say, "Fellow Forks". Thank you for your help.

**Rosary Repair** Lent through Palm Sunday, after the Sunday 10:30am Masses. If you want to bring in broken rosaries during the week, please put the pieces in a baggie, label with your name and phone number, and take them to the Rectory Office.

**Dinners for our Priests, "Stewardship of Talent"** Mar 20: Monica Yankus, Mar 23: Bonnie Seyfer, Mar 27: Megan Hanneman, Mar 30: Carla Wehling, Apr 3: Liz Holstein, Apr 6: Jesette Berggren

**This week's featured Seminararians:** Bradley Moss from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2018, now in Theology 1 at St. Charles Borromeo; and Adam Bohan from Plattsmouth, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015



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

## Fish Fry

**Come and be part of the tradition!**

**Baked Wild-Caught Alaskan Salmon (*new on the menu!*), or Fried Alaskan Pollock, or Fried Shrimp**

On the Fridays through Mar 31<sup>st</sup>, we will be having our time-honored Lenten Fish Fry dinners.

Serving 4:30pm to 7:00pm in the school gym.

There will be live entertainment and raffles.

**Moms of the Holy Spirit Play Group!**



Are you looking for a group where you can develop friendships with other moms, build a community among our Catholic sons and daughters, and grow spiritually on your journey in motherhood? Bring yourself and your younger-than-kindergarten kids to a Moms of the Holy Spirit Play Group! Interested in joining? Please fill out the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/LwFfTfAASxEG1Po56> to receive the address and more information. Or if you have questions, please contact Miriah Potter at 360-305-9038 or [miriahgoeres@gmail.com](mailto:miriahgoeres@gmail.com)



**Three Diocesan Pilgrimages to Mexico City...** Sept 13-18, 2023; October 12-17, 2023, and October 25-30, 2023. Cost of each pilgrimage is \$1700. These are to see the Tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and are also Mission Trips to help the poor! More details will be coming.

**Some upcoming dates:**

March 19 – Knights' free-will donation Breakfast in gym after Masses

March 24 – Friday Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm (not the 1:45pm)

March 24 – Lenten Fish Fry! Serving 4:30-7:00pm in gym

March 25 – Parish Lenten Retreat, 9am – 3pm

**Special note of dates for your summer calendar:**

May 24-26 – PCCW Rummage Sale (Donate: May 21-22)

June 18-22 – TOTUS TUUS for High School students

June 19-23 – TOTUS TUUS for students entering grades 1-8

July 12-14 – PCCW Rummage Sale (Donate: July 9-10)

August 5 – (note date correction) StJB Golf Classic

**Looking for a way to help many people?** Blood donations to the Red Cross are extremely vital and impactful, working to supply life-saving resources to 40 percent of hospital patients across the U.S., including those with cancer, pregnancy complications, and accident and trauma victims. There is a great need! Multiple locations for Red Cross blood donations are located in Plattsmouth! See [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for information on donating. Put your zip code in and use the By Distance tab to find near-by locations. The next one is March 27<sup>th</sup> at the VFW. Maybe give this charitable action some serious consideration!?!?!?

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

**Fish Fries** – Only two more fish fries this year: March 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. Dinner is served from 4:30 to 7:00pm in the Gym.

**March Breakfast** – This weekend! Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, after the 8:00 & 10:30am Masses. Come join us for sausage, eggs, and pancakes. Free-will donation supports church maintenance.

**March Planning Meeting** – Thurs, March 23 at 7:00pm in SJR  
**Chrism Mass** – Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:00pm in Lincoln. The Knights are organizing a carpool convoy to Lincoln for this beautiful and powerful Mass. Look for more details in upcoming bulletins.

**April Rosary, Into the Breach, and General Meeting** – Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

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Dear Parishioners,

March 19<sup>th</sup> is usually always the Solemnity for St. Joseph, patron saint of the universal Church. However, since March 19<sup>th</sup> this year falls on a Sunday, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, the feast day of St. Joseph gets transferred to the next day, Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. The solemnity of St. Joseph is a big feast day in the Church, and it has always been an appropriate and allowed time to take a short break from your Lenten fast (totally optional!) and enjoy for a little while that which you are giving up for Lent. (March 25<sup>th</sup>, Solemnity of the Annunciation, is another welcome half-time break during Lent!)

St. Joseph was the head of the Holy Family. Even though one member of the family was God (Jesus), another member was a perfect, sinless human being (Blessed Mary), St. Joseph, despite being a completely fallen human like you and me, was the leader and authority of his family. Joseph was the leader in the ways of faith, and it was he who led the family prayers at home, organized and oversaw the annual pilgrimage(s) to Jerusalem, and protected his family from both spiritual and physical evils.

St. Joseph is the model for all husbands and fathers. Faith and religion can sometimes get falsely accused of being more geared to femininity. However, manly strength is needed to be a courageously faithful leader to fight the deceitful temptations of Satan and show your wife and children the ways of God in our Catholic faith. Let us pray for all husbands and fathers -- for all men. Let's pray for their purity and strength. Let's pray especially for the ability and grace to practice chastity. We know that chastity is a virtue for everyone, even married persons. St. Joseph, pray for us.

**“O Joseph, virgin father of Jesus, most pure spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray for us daily to the Son of God, that armed with the weapons of His grace, we may fight as we ought in life, and be crowned by Him in death.”** – *From the Raccolta, 1898 ed.*

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Fr. Sean M. Timmerman