

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

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

March 26, 2023

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## PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

### 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

#### Monday, March 27

6:45 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions  
 8:10 a.m. +Deceased members of Yankus family

#### Tuesday, March 28

6:45 a.m. +Emil Schmidt  
 8:10 a.m. +Eugene Mason

#### Wednesday, March 29

6:45 a.m. +Jerry Ficklin  
 8:10 a.m. +Andrew Miller  
 Noon (TLM) Celebrant's intention

#### Thursday, March 30

6:45 a.m. +Mary Ann Dempsey  
 8:10 a.m. Special intention for G.S. and family

#### Friday, March 31

6:45 a.m. +Deceased members of Gochenour family  
 8:10 a.m. +Ray and Del Rolfson  
 Noon (TLM) Celebrant's intention

#### Saturday, April 1

6:45 a.m. (TLM, High Mass) Celebrant's intention  
 8:00 a.m. +John Brink  
 4:00 p.m. Living & deceased members of the Bergmann & Aylor families

#### Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday)

8:00 a.m. +Alberta Carpenter  
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

## CONFESSIONS:

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

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

**Head Count last weekend: 577**

**Contributions for March 19, 2023**

General Collection	\$	6,769.10
General Online Giving	\$	13,302.00
Debt Reduction	\$	1,155.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	155.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	152.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	250.00
Holy Land	\$	10.00
Combined Relief	\$	595.00
Combined Relief Online Giving	\$	395.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	40.00
Flowers	\$	45.00
Franciscan Sisters	\$	100.00
Holy Thursday	\$	50.00

## Fish Fry

**All good things must come to an end.** This Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, is the **LAST** Fish Fry of the season. Don't miss out! Come and be part of our timed honored Lenten Fish Fry. Dinners with choice of Fried Alaskan Pollock, Fried Shrimp or Baked Wild-Caught Alaskan Salmon. We will be serving 4:30pm to 7:00pm. There will be live entertainment and raffles.



**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.

## Reading as an Extraordinary Reader

Are you interested in serving at Mass as a Reader? Any man or woman interested is invited to contact Fr. Timmerman for more information.

## Looking for a volunteer couple

to coordinate our Stewardship Committee beginning this summer, to generate ideas and implement steps needed to help parishioners better understand Stewardship, and to live it out in their lives. You will be assisting Fr. Timmerman in developing Stewardship in the parish as a way of life – an attitude of the mind and heart that is expressed in action! An active parish Stewardship Committee is an important and necessary element in designing, implementing and maintaining the parish Stewardship process. This committee is instrumental in assisting the pastor in the areas of education and formation, communication, implementation, facilitation, follow-up and evaluation of the parish Stewardship process. If you are interested in this, please contact Fr. Timmerman!



## 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

## Youth Group: Bible Study

We invite students aged 14-18 to join us as we prepare for Easter by discussing one of the most famous stories in the Old Testament: Abraham and Isaac. Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Location: 402 Waverly Road, Murray, NE. Questions? Contact or text Abby Koelzer (402-297-1244) or Misty Mealey (907-799-6240).

## Remaining Stations of the Cross dates this Lent:

**Friday Mar 31 at 12:30pm and 5:30pm**

**Good Friday, Apr 7 at Noon**

**Rosary Repair** 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 & phone number, and take them to the Rectory Office.

**Join an Easter Monday Pilgrimage** April 10 with Fr. Coulter to visit Boys Town, Omaha Churches and Cathedral. Departs 8:30am St Mary, Ashland. Mass & Prayers during the day, return 5pm. \$60 includes lunch, snacks and charter bus. Make your reservations at: [www.frcoulter.com/EasterMonday](http://www.frcoulter.com/EasterMonday) or contact: [frcoulter@gmail.com](mailto:frcoulter@gmail.com) or 402-786-2705

**Parish Council Elections:** *A way to serve God and our parish is being on the Parish Council.* See the application form for details. It can be found in the Commons on our information table as you enter the church. 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.

## DENIM AND *Diamonds*

**COME JOIN US!** At the annual Spring Dinner we gather as a community in support of Catholic education in Plattsmouth and the surrounding area. It is the biggest fundraising event of the year for the Church of the Holy Spirit and St. John the Baptist School! **The sale of Individual Dinner Tickets, Table Purchases, and Social Hour Tickets are on sale now!** You can purchase them after Masses at the table in the church commons, or online through our website: <https://qtogo.net/qlink/sjbs> or by contacting Kara Hadfield: 402-699-2703 or [karatilson@hotmail.com](mailto:karatilson@hotmail.com)

**Have you been looking for a retreat to reboot your spiritual life?** Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly, has several retreats for you. Our upcoming retreats are April 3-6 (Holy Week) 4-Day Ignatian Directed Retreat with Matt Simmons or Fr. Coulter; Mar. 31 - April 2 "Following the Lord Little by Little (Poco a Poco)" with Fr. Innocent Montgomery, CFR; and April 6-8 "Holy Week for Young Women" with the Marian Sisters. Read more and register at [www.goodcounselretreat.org](http://www.goodcounselretreat.org), call 402-786-2705 or email [office@goodcounselretreat.org](mailto:office@goodcounselretreat.org).

**Thanks** to all who participated in this year's **St. Joseph's Altar**. Your donations are helping families in need right here in Cass County. And a **special thanks** to the individuals who donated the excess diapers, formula, and Gift Cards. May God Bless you all. See you next year!

**This week's featured Seminarians:** William Barger from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2021, now in College 2 at St. Gregory the Great; and Adam Bohan from Plattsmouth, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015.

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

**Fish Fries** – The last Fish Fry this year is this Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, from 4:30 to 7:00 pm in the Gym. If you miss this one, you'll need to wait another 46 weeks for the next one!

**March Breakfast** – Thanks to all the parishioners and friends who joined us for breakfast last week. The donations raised will go to help with church maintenance.

**Chrism Mass** – Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:00 pm in Lincoln. The Knights are organizing a carpool convoy to Lincoln for this beautiful and powerful Mass. We'll gather at 3:15 pm and depart at 3:30. If interested, please let me know and we'll look for you before we leave.

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

**April Planning Meeting** – Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in SJR.

### **Holy Sepulchre Cemetery guidelines for Spring Cleanup of decorations**

♦Prior to the start of spring cleanup, all decorations from winter must be removed from graves by April 1<sup>st</sup> except those in permanent vases. No shepherd hooks, statues, figurines, eternal light, etc. are allowed from April through November unless they are permanently and correctly installed in the minimal 4" foundation ribbon of the headstone. Grave blankets are not allowed any time of the year. Our parishioners who maintain the cemetery grounds will clear out the above stated objects that should not be in the cemetery April-November. Before April 1<sup>st</sup>, please check any cemetery areas where you have placed decorations to make sure they are kept within the guidelines. If in doubt, please remove any objects, or call the rectory for clarification. **A note:** Beginning in 2024, Spring Cleanup for the cemetery will be March 1<sup>st</sup>, to match Oak Hill's date.



**... And thank you** to all volunteers who have helped mow our cemetery! It's a worthy endeavor – showing our respect for those who have gone before us. Anyone who would like to join this team, (*We could really use a few more people.*), please contact Larry Rolfson at 619-0029. If you have helped Larry in the past, please call or text Larry to let him know whether you are or are not going to be able to do so again this year.

### **Some upcoming dates:**

March 31 – Last Stations of the Cross this Lent, 1:45pm and 5:30pm

March 31 – Last Fish Fry this Lent Serving 4:30-7:00pm in gym

April 2 – Penance Service, up to 10 priests hearing confessions, 3:30pm

April 3 – Chrism Mass, Lincoln, 5:00pm

April 6 – Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00pm The offertory collection at this Mass is for Catholic Social Services in Lincoln.

April 6 – Adoration after Mass until Midnight

April 7 – Good Friday – Stations of the Cross, Noon

April 7 – Good Friday Liturgy, 7:00pm The offertory collection at the Liturgy will help Christians in the Holy Land.

April 7 – Confessions after Stations and the Service, until all heard

April 8 – Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30pm

April 9 – Easter Sunday! Alleluia! Masses at 8:00am & 10:30am

April 18 – Confirmation, 7:00pm Mass

April 29 – Spring Dinner, "Denim and Diamonds"

### **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 – StJB Golf Classic

**Dinners for our Priests, "Stewardship of Talent"** Mar 27: Megan Hanneman, Mar 30: Carla Wehling, Apr 3: Liz Holstein, Apr 6: Jessette Berggren, Apr 10: Nicolette Kerns, Apr 13: Bill Boyle



**Diocese of Lincoln**  
**Chrism Mass**  
Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
at 5:00pm in Lincoln.  
Cathedral of the Risen Christ  
3500 Sheridan Blvd,  
Lincoln, NE

The Chrism Mass tradition dates back nearly 2000 years and remains one of the most solemn and important liturgies in the Church year. Bishop Conley will concelebrate the Mass with most of the Priests in the diocese and consecrate the sacred Chrism and bless the other oils. This is an opportunity to both witness the beautiful and moving service and to speak with some of our former parish priests following the Mass.

Some of our parishioners who are going to Lincoln for this will be leaving from the Church of the Holy Spirit parking lot at 3:15 pm on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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Dear Parishioners,

Stewardship is an important process in every parish. Often times, the process gets identified ONLY as “that time when Father asks us for money!” And that is unfortunate, only because there is a lot more to Stewardship than just our financial giving, as important as that is. Stewardship is recognizing God’s blessings in your life, and being intentional about your response to those blessings. My hope for Church of the Holy Spirit parish is that we can build a Stewardship Committee of parishioners who share the Catholic Church’s vision of a stewardship spirituality, and share that vision with all parishioners. A stewardship spirituality can be explained simply as **identifying your gifts, being grateful to God for your gifts, cultivating and using them responsibly, share them with others, and to return them back to God with increase.**

Before we can arrive at the reality of a new Committee that will assist me in this important process, we first have to have a person (or persons) who will serve as our Stewardship Coordinator. I am grateful to Patti Wynne for her hard work and leadership as our previous stewardship coordinator. Patti stepped down last summer, and our parish now needs a well-organized person or couple to take this up again with new fervor. I am asking you for a volunteer parishioner or couple that would serve our parish as the Stewardship coordinator. If this is something that you could possibly see yourself assisting the parish with, I would ask you to take it to prayer, and then reach out to me to discuss it.

Since I am still fairly new to the parish, and there are many different possibilities going forward with stewardship, my expectation is that we start small and grow larger over time as we learn more together about the stewardship process. The stewardship renewal that occurs every fall season is the most important part of the process, and I think that is where our parish committee could begin its focus. There are a lot of resources one can find online and in books about stewardship, and even step by step guides on how to facilitate the process in the parish. In other words, CHS stewardship coordinators and volunteers would not be required to reinvent the wheel! We can see what has worked well in other parishes, and follow their example.

We just need to get started! We need a coordinator and a small band of helpers to get organized and make stewardship a very normal and important thing for our parish. Time, talent and treasure are all good and wonderful gifts from God, so reading about and hearing the word “stewardship” out loud should not cause us to wince. Hearing that word should always cause us to reflect and think about “How am I doing in response to the Lord’s blessings I have received? How can I get better in my response?” If this is something Christ is moving you towards assisting with, please reach out to me.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Fr. Sean M. Timmerman