

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

4th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 29

8:10 a.m. +Shirley Shotkoski

Tuesday, January 30

8:10 a.m. +All Souls Day intentions

Wednesday, January 31

8:10 a.m. Living & deceased members of PCCW

Thursday, February 1

8:10 a.m. Special Intention for K.S.Z.

Friday, February 2

8:10 a.m. +Daryl Greger

11:30am (Latin) +Celebrant's intention

Saturday, February 3

8:00 a.m. Safety of babies in the womb

4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, February 4 (5th Sunday in OT)

8:00 a.m. +David DiSomma 10:30 a.m. +Marjorie Wilson

Confessions:

Mondays & Fridays, 7:30 - 8:00am Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:45pm Sundays, 9:45 - 10:15am

Head Count last weekend: 523		
Contributions for January 21, 2024		
General Collection	\$	7,282.35
General Online Giving	\$	12,453.00
Debt Reduction	\$	1,260.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	160.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	130.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	250.00
Southern Nebraska Register	\$	45.00
So. Neb. Reg. Online Giving	\$	35.00
Utilities	\$	425.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	115.00
Holy Land Online Giving	\$	50.00

<u>Palms from previous Palm Sundays</u> If you have any blessed palms that you don't want to still keep, there is a tall box in the Commons for you to put them in! We will burn them into **ashes** for Ash Wednesday!



<u>Come and be part of the tradition!</u> On Fridays from Feb 16th to Mar 22nd, we will be having our time-honored Lenten Fish Fry dinners. We will be serving 4:30pm to 7:00pm.

There will be live entertainment and raffles. We always need volunteers. If you can help, please call Bill or Tracy Bohan at 402-297-0522.



<u>Our parish Fish Fry Dinners</u> will take place every Friday for six weeks starting on Friday, February 16 to March 22, 2024. There are many people who are

committed to making them a great success, and your help is needed.

We are asking for donations of the following: Please donate pop and **HOMEMADE** desserts. Please bring your donation to the school office during the school day or label them "Fish Fry" and put them in the Commons. For desserts; please bring cookies, bars, or cupcakes that are wrapped individually. (Please package the portion size as medium or large pieces.) You can also bring a whole cake or pie and it will be cut at the Fish Fry. For pop, please buy Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Coke, Sprite, orange or root beer. Please bring all pop donations before the first Fish Fry Friday, February 16th.

THANK YOU! Your stewardship would help the Parish/School a great deal. We hope to see you at the Fish Fry!



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, body, soul and spirit. We are now enrolling Pre-school – 8th grade students for the 2024-25 school year. For more information about the school, and the financial aid and scholarships available for Parish students, please visit stibcatholic.com or call the school office at 402-296-6230.



Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2024

St. John the Baptist School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 27 - February 2 with special activities and celebrations throughout the week. **All are welcome to join the celebration**. A copy of the schedule is located in the church Commons or on the school website at stibcatholic.org.

Year-end contribution statements are ready 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.

Mass at Chapel of the Holy Innocents Fr. Timmerman will be offering a Mass at this small Chapel at 1101-1/2 Mission Ave, Bellevue, NE on Feb 3 at 11:00am. The Mass is primarily held for sidewalk counselors at the abortion clinic, but all are welcome! For more information, please contact Father at 296-3139, or Pat Carroll, 669-5209.

Thanks to the generous donations of the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters of America and parishioners, My Neighbor's Closet gave away this year:

259 BAGS OF CLOTHES

256 HATS, SCARVES, GLOVES & SOCKS

76 COATS

27 CHILDREN'S BOOKS

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Please come by the Closet and check out the new paint job by Dave Brink and Dan Rubin, as we are celebrating our 35th Anniversary!

Also... The first bag of clothes is free through February 17th at the Closet.

<u>Dinners for our Priests, "Stewardship of Talent"</u> Jan 29: Nicolette Kerns, Jan 30: Amy Kotera, Feb 5: Sandy Fischer, Feb 6: Deb Warga, Feb 12: Sandy Kerns, Feb 13: Bonnie Seyfer

<u>Church cleaning reminder</u>: For Feb 3 (at 9:00am): Ludwig, Lusso. MacTaggart, Malfait, Malterer, Marcotte, Marmie, Mathews



The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration

The Eucharist unites us to others by creating stronger families, forming friendships, and building community in the parish.

Current open Adoration Hours at CHS are: Sundays at 1am, 2am, 3am & 3pm; Mondays at 2am; Tuesdays at 1am; Wednesdays at 3am & 6am; Saturdays at 1am, 2am, 3am & 6pm

Open Holy Hours, which until they are taken permanently, are covered by people filling in their name on the Adoration Table for the upcoming week, or by the day captains calling substitutes. Questions? Call Traci, 297-2295.

This week's featured Seminarians: Derrick Sumner who entered seminary in 2022, now in College 3 at St. Gregory the Great; and Adam Bohan from Plattsmouth, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015.

<u>Chesterton Academy of Omaha</u> Earning academic honors First Semester is CHS parishioner Ellen Spicka.

Dear parishioners, I just wanted to say thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for the Christmas presents, the going away presents, and all the kind notes. I am eternally grateful for all you have done for me and know that you will always be in my prayers, especially the Mass. Thank you for making me a better priest and thank you for the opportunity to be your Father. I miss and love you all.

God Bless, Fr. Bedient.

<u>Knights of Columbus</u> – Council 1966 / Steve Riese GK (402)298-8264 / www.KofC1966.org

Watch Party: KofČ will be having a Financial Benefits Night watch party for all Knights on Tuesday in the SJR. Pizza and beverages are provided. Looking to start about 5:30 with comments from our Council Advisor Brian Ford. Webinar Seminar at 6:00 PM and ends by 7:00 PM. This webinar is important for all Knights concerned with their financial welfare. Plus, it is good stuff!

Next Parish Rosary – Thursday, February 8th at 6:30pm. February General Meeting – Thursday, February 8th, at 7:00on.

Facilities Planning "Town Hall" meeting

All parishioners are invited to attend a parish presentation about the current status and future plans for our parish and school facilities. Please come to one of the town hall meetings in the Commons on Sunday, **February 4**th at **4:00pm**, or Monday, **February 5**th at **7:00pm**.

A few months ago, we hired Clark and Enersen Associates from Lincoln to perform a facilities condition and needs assessment for our entire campus. That process is nearly complete, and now is the time for our committee to present the findings. We would also like to show everyone some possible options for our future plans, get your input and answer your questions. I hope to see you there!
- Fr. Timmerman

Some upcoming dates:

Jan 28 - Feb 3 – Catholic Schools Week

Feb 4 – Facilities Planning Town Hall mtg, 4pm in the Commons OR....

Feb 5 – Facilities Planning Town Hall mtg, 7pm in the Commons

Feb 10 & 11 – "Blessed Art – Holy Land" will be here. Items for sale.

Feb 14 – Ash Wednesday

Feb 16 – First Fish Fry of Lent 2023

High School Youth Group

Come join us for group discussion on living the faith! Saturday, February 3rd 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Koelzer Residence, 402 Waverly Road, Murray. Questions? Contact Donette Koelzer 402-297-0786



St. John the Baptist ~ 2023-24 Second Quarter Combined Honor Roll

6th Grade "A" Honor Roll: Isaiah Hajek-Jones, Joshua Ludwig

6th Grade "B" Honor Roll: Ella Carpenter, Charleigh DeWild, Chaz Jensen, Aaron Scherlie, Betsy Bronson

7th Grade "B" Honor Roll: Harper Gillen, Ashton Carpenter & Emma Ging, Quinton Minahan & Genevieve Bourret,

Lucas Daly, Brayden Owens, Matthew Lorence

8th Grade "A" Honor Roll: Jack Laney, Brady Thomas, Luke Jensen, Deegan Milczski

8th Grade "B" Honor Roll: Landon Van Erdewyk, Isaac Bourret, Pierson Benedict, Ryder Milczski

Dear Parishioners,

Our St. John the Baptist Catholic School community, along with the Lincoln Diocese and the entire country, celebrate **Catholic Schools Week** from Sunday, January 28th to Saturday, February 3rd. It is important that we celebrate this state and nationally recognized week, not in a boastful sense, but rather because Catholic schools are a vital apostolate of the universal Catholic Church. It is the mission of the Catholic Church to teach (Matthew 28:19), present and nurture the faith for the next generations.

Here at St. John's, we teach the faith every day, 5 times a week in an organized setting, and wonderfully enough, the faith is also able to be taught, modeled and discussed in the other classes as well. We are blessed that we have no fears about praying at school, worshipping God at Mass, and going to monthly confession. I am so grateful to our teachers and staff who give of themselves generously so that the faith can be passed down to our children.

One of the main goals of our Catholic school is to help our children understand that the learning never ends, and that St. John the Baptist provides the best foundation for that life-long discipleship. There are alternatives like CCD when Catholic school education is not available to families, but there are no substitutes for it. There is no comparison between 1 hour a week and 5 days a week in religion classes, as well as learning the faith in the other school subjects.

Some people view St. John's and all Catholic schools only as private institutions. But we are not just a private school, we are a Catholic school. If we were a private school only, the financial support from our parishioners and parents would have ended a long time ago. We are a Catholic school because we want to pray and teach the Catholic faith when we want and how we want. I am very grateful to all of our supporters and benefactors for their spiritual and financial support this year and every year. We depend on your dedication to St. John the Baptist so that we can ensure our mission of educating young Catholics will continue for a long time.

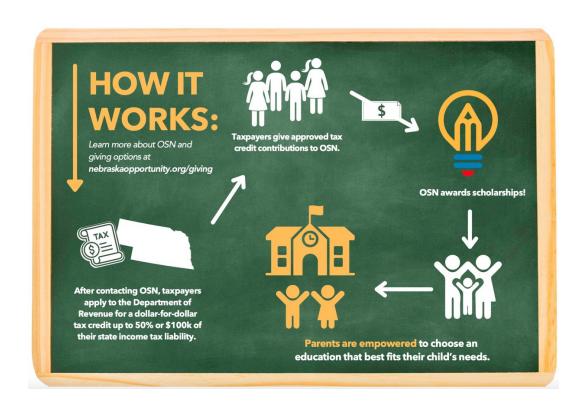
Catholic Schools Week is also an important time to remind our fellow citizens that parents should have the freedom to choose where their children receive an education, regardless if they can afford a private school education or not.

I am excited to share with you the launch of Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska (OSN), a scholarship granting organization created through LB753, Nebraska's first school choice program. Taxpayers wishing to contribute to scholarship funds will be able to apply for tax credits beginning in January 2024.

This transformative scholarship program enables students from lower-income families, students with special needs, students who experience bullying, students from military families, students in foster care, and students who are denied option enrollment by public schools to access scholarships to attend the private school of their choice.

Scholarships are funded through tax credit contributions by Nebraska taxpayers.

Taxpayers can give to OSN and claim a dollar-for-dollar tax credit up to 50% (or \$100,000) of their state income tax liability. OSN then uses those taxpayer contributions to empower vulnerable Nebraska families with educational freedom.



For more information about this meaningful giving option, visit nebraskaopportunity.org/giving.

Have a happy and blessed Catholic Schools Week 2024!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

In Sen M. Timmuman Fr. Sean M. Timmerman

Position Open:

Principal St. John the Baptist Catholic School Plattsmouth, Nebraska

Date Posted: Closing Date: January 24, 2024 When filled

Requirements

Mission-minded practicing Catholic Master of Arts in Educational Administration Elementary endorsement

Reports To:

Pastor of Church of the Holy Spirit & Chief Administrative Officer of St. John the Baptist Fr. Sean Timmerman

Essential Functions:

- *Lead Evangelist of St. John's Catholic School Community
- *Professionalism
- *Dynamic Leadership
 - 1. Understands how to develop an educational mission for our school and promote the academic success and well-being of each student;
 - 2. Knows how to analyze multiple sources of data about current practices before developing or revising the mission, vision and goals of the school;
 - 3. Understands how to implement a vision and goals that reflect Catholic Core Values and are created with measurable expectations for all students and teachers;
 - 4. Understands how to use and interpret multiple sources of data to conduct analysis to identify strengths, needs, gaps and areas of improvement;
 - 5. Know effective strategies to facilitate needed change while managing uncertainty and risk;
 - 6. Engages families, faculty and community members in all aspects of mission, vision and goals of our Catholic School;
 - 7. Addresses parent or staff concerns;
 - 8. Must be able to organize and maintain multiple projects at once;
 - 9. Must be motivated to learn and grow in an Educational Environment.
 - 10. Attend regular School Advisory Council Meetings, as well as Parish Council and Finance Council meetings.
 - 11. Meet and greet parishioners once or twice a month.
- *Advancement
- *Decision Making
- *Problem Solving
- *In charge of daily operations of St. John the Baptist School
- *Helps hire and conducts orientation of new employees
- *Maintains a close working relationship with Pastor/CAO
- *A very competitive compensation package

Interested applicants should attach in your email a **cover letter**, **resume**, **two letters of recommendation**, **official college transcripts and your teaching certificate**, and send to Fr. Sean Timmerman at fr.sean-timmerman@cdolinc.net.

For additional information or questions, please contact CAO Fr. Sean Timmerman at fr.sean-timmerman@cdolinc.net (402-296-3139), or Lead Teacher Teresa Lewandowski (402-296-6230)

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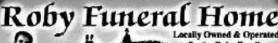
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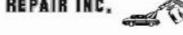
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