

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

1st Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE
1st Week of Lent
Monday, February 19
 8:10 a.m. +Robert Lane
Tuesday, February 20
 8:10 a.m. +Jim & Thelma Evenrud
Wednesday, February 21
 8:10 a.m. +Clifford & Shirley Hildebrand
Thursday, February 22
 8:10 a.m. Special intention for the A.E. family
Friday, February 23
 8:10 a.m. +Terry & Judy Wiles
Saturday, February 24
 4:00 p.m. +Eugene Kocanda
Sunday, February 25 (2nd Sunday of Lent)
 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. Special intention for K.S.Z.

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

Head Count last weekend: 506	
Contributions for February 11, 2024	
General Collection	\$ 10,286.97
General Online Giving	\$ 2,866.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 260.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$ 20.00
Teachers/Staff	\$ 180.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$ 25.00
Southern Nebraska Register	\$ 245.00

 **Please consider contributing your musical talents** to the Holy Week Choir to support these beautiful liturgies! Rehearsals will start at 6:30pm on the 19th of February and will be on Mondays and/or Wednesdays. Questions? Contact Larry Jensen at 740-9734 or Laurie Hajek-Jones at 679-2457.


Breakfast! This Sunday, February 18 – Check out the free-will donation breakfast the Knights will cook up for us! In the school gym after the 8 & 10:30am Masses.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Facilities Condition and Needs Assessment Town Hall Meetings held February 4 & 5. If you missed the meeting, a video recording of the meeting and the PowerPoint presentation is available on our website at <https://holyspiritplattsmouth.com/facilities-planning/> Also on the website is a short survey. Please take a moment to give us your input by answering a few questions. The survey will be available until Friday, February 23rd. Your feedback and ideas are important to the future success of our Parish and Catholic school.

Remaining Stations of the Cross dates this Lent:
 Wednesdays at **5:30pm**: Feb 21, Feb 28, Mar 6, Mar 13, Mar 20
 Thursdays at **2:40pm**: Feb 22, Feb 29, Mar 7, Mar 14, Mar 21
 (2:40pm Stations will be canceled if school is canceled.)
 Good Friday, March 29 at **Noon**



LAST CHANCE to take advantage of the Early-Bird Special! SAVE \$150.00 and purchase your table today!!
 Discounted tables of 10 are on sale through **February 18th, 2024**. 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://sjbs.home.qtego.us/> in the Church Commons after Mass or call/text Kara Hadfield at (402) 699-2703.



Come and be part of the tradition!
Fridays of Lent! Fridays through Mar 22nd, **Fried Alaskan Pollock, Fried Shrimp, or Baked Wild-Caught Alaskan Salmon**. Serving 4:30pm to 7:00pm. There will be live entertainment and raffles. Questions? Call Bill or Tracy Bohan at 297-0522.

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 March 1st except those in permanent vases. No shepherd hooks, statues, figurines, eternal light, etc. are allowed from March 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 March-November. *Before March 1st*, 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.

Rosary Repair In the Commons, Sundays of Lent (through Palm Sunday), before and after the Sunday 10:30am Mass. There will also be rosaries available for purchase, free-will donation. If you want to bring in a broken rosary during the week, please put it in a baggie, label with your name and phone number, and take it to the Rectory Office.

On behalf of your Knights of Columbus Council 1966 and the Nebraska KofC Culture of Life Foundation, I wish to thank the generosity of the parishioners of CHS. We distributed over 350 Right to Life Prayer cards and collected over \$2,300—our largest contribution ever. The funds will remain in Nebraska to support critical Right to Life efforts including counselling and ultrasound services during pregnancy and assistance to mothers in need following birth. You made a significant impact. Thank You... Steve Riese, Grand Knight, KofC Council 1966.

Church cleaning reminder: For Feb 24 (at 9:00am): Myrtle, Navrkal, Nielsen, O'Shea, O'Shea, O'Shea, O'Shea, Oatman

Dinners for our Priests, "Stewardship of Talent" Feb 19: Sandy DiSomma, Feb 20: Megan Hanneman, Feb 26: Gay Lepert, Feb 27: Jesette Berggren, Mar 4: Bill Boyle, Mar 5: Monica Yankus

Some upcoming dates:

Feb 18 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast in gym after Masses
Feb 21 – Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm
Feb 23 – Fish Fry 4:30-7pm in school gym
Feb 28 – Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm



The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration

Nowhere on earth are we more welcomed or loved than by Jesus in the Eucharist.

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



Our parish Fish Fry Dinners will take place every Friday this Lent, through March 22nd. There are many people who are committed to making them a great success, and your help is needed. We are still asking for donations of **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. 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. **THANK YOU!** Your stewardship would help the Parish/School a great deal. We hope to see you at the Fish Fry!

A thank you from Help for the Poor... Church of the Holy Spirit parish, Thank you for supporting Hope of the Poor. Your gift of \$683 will help us to share the gospel and alleviate poverty. Thank your for joining me on this mission! The work would not be possible without generous donors like you. God bless, Craig Johring

Mark your calendars for 40 Hours Devotion with evening conferences by Bishop Finn.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Church, March 3rd, 4th, and 5th – Celebrating the national Eucharistic Revival

Two evening conferences on Sunday and Monday @ 7:00 given by Bishop Robert Finn, Chaplain to the School Sisters of Christ the King in Lincoln. Confessions will be available both nights.

Begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in church after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, March 3rd.

Ends with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:10 Mass Tuesday with Eucharistic Procession throughout the church.

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Lenten Fish Frys – Join us in the gym this Friday, February 23rd, for our second fish fry. Then come back for more on March 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

February Breakfast – Join us this Sunday, February 18th, after the 8:00 and 10:30am Masses. The Knights will serve Pancakes, French Toast, Egg Bake and Sausage. Free-will donations go to Knights' Charities, including support for our priests and Coats for Kids.

February Planning Meeting – This Thursday, February 22nd, at 7:00pm.

March Rosary and General Meeting – Thurs, March 14 at 6:30pm.

This week's featured Seminarians: Rev. Mr. Santiago Izquierdo, who entered seminary in 2016, now in Theology 4 at St. Charles Borromeo; and Adam Bohan from Plattsmouth, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015.



Now Enrolling! St. John the Baptist is now enrolling new students for the 2024-2025 school year!

Serving pre-school through 8th grade students, the mission of St. John the Baptist is to educate the whole child. Our educational philosophy is designed to prepare students to succeed in any rigorous high school academic program by providing a firm foundation in knowledge and skills, encouraging a wide variety of intellectual exposure, providing practice and knowledge of good study habits and inspiring creativity and critical analysis in each child. We also offer a rich academic tradition grounded in a Christ-centered, loving environment. With a focus on Catholic sacraments and tradition, our students live out their faith in action through service.

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We invite you to learn more about our school! Contact us at 402.296.6230, to schedule a visit or a tour.

Kindergarten RoundUp - March 13th

St. John the Baptist will host Kindergarten Round Up at 6:30pm on Wednesday, March 13th for all parents and prospective kindergarten students who are interested in enrolling their child for the 2024-25 school year.

To register for kindergarten, your child must be five years old by July 31, 2024. All children entering Kindergarten, and who are five years old before July 31, 2024, will be given a readiness test. Information about kindergarten readiness testing will be shared at Kindergarten Roundup.

For more information on Kindergarten Round Up, visit Stjbcatholic.com or contact the school office.

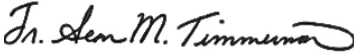
Dear Parishioners,

It was a great blessing to have so many of you attend our two “Town Hall” meetings on February 4th and 5th. Our Facilities Planning Committee has been working very hard these last few months with Clark & Enersen and Associates on the Facility Needs and Conditions Assessment, so it was very satisfying to see a large number of our parishioners respond with not only their presence, but also their engagement.

I really did not know how many people would come, and I was grateful that more than 150 people came to listen, ask questions, and give their opinions for both evenings. If you were not able to attend, I would encourage you to watch and listen to the recorded meetings now on our website. They can be found by clicking here on the online version of this letter: [Facilities Planning | Church of The Holy Spirit \(holyspiritplattsmouth.com\)](https://holyspiritplattsmouth.com) Please go to our website and then click on “Facilities Planning.” You can also find the survey there, so please fill that out as well. We want as many parishioners as possible to provide their opinions. There are also hard copies of the surveys in the Commons if you would prefer to fill it out that way.

What are our next steps? We are going to collect all of the data from our surveys, and then use that to help us in strategic planning for our parish and school. This data will be made available for all parishioners to review in the coming weeks, along with the final Facility Conditions and Needs Assessment. I think that it will be important to find out what dreams and concerns our parishioners have, and then use that information as we create our next strategic plan. Additional "Town Hall" meetings will be scheduled to update the parish and gather more insight on the visions our parishioners have for both the school and parish community. Once we have that strategic plan in place, it can help us to guide master planning for the facilities too. As I said at the meeting, we want to hear from all of you, and that is why the survey is most important right now. Continued engagement from the parish will be essential in making this effort a success. Together we can set the foundation for a bright future!

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Fr. Sean M. Timmerman

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