

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

2nd Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

2nd Week of Lent

Monday, February 26

8:10 a.m. +Leo & Gert Brink

Tuesday, February 27

8:10 a.m. +Gary Weidner

Wednesday, February 28

8:10 a.m. +Dane Carlson

Thursday, February 29

8:10 a.m. +Frank & Janie Biga

Friday, March 1

8:10 a.m. +Mary Elizabeth Bruggeman

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

Saturday, March 2

8:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of the Morehead family

4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, March 3 (3rd Sunday of Lent)

8:00 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions

10:30 a.m. +Mary Ann Chladek

Confessions:

Mondays & Fridays, 7:30 - 8:00am

Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:45pm

Sundays, 9:45 - 10:15am

Head Count last weekend: 539

Head Count Ash Wednesday: 465

Contributions for February 14 & 18, 2024

General Collection	\$	5,789.75
Ash Wednesday	\$	1,525.90
General Online Giving	\$	12,878.00
Debt Reduction	\$	1,220.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	160.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	100.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	255.00
Southern Nebraska Register	\$	185.00
So. Neb. Reg. Online Giving	\$	50.00
Utilities	\$	305.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	20.00

Church cleaning reminder: For Mar 2 (at 9:00am): Myrtue, Navrkal, Nielsen, O'Shea, O'Shea, O'Shea, O'Shea, Oatman

Dinners for our Priests, "Stewardship of Talent" Feb 26: Gay Lepert, Feb 27: Jessette Berggren, Mar 4: Bill Boyle, Mar 5: Monica Yankus, Mar 11: Gay Lepert, Mar 12: Shelly Anderson

40 Hours Devotion at Church of the Holy Spirit 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.

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.



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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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.

The
Enchanted Garden
SPRING DINNER & AUCTION

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a table or tickets to the annual Spring Dinner & Auction on April 27th! We are officially SOLD OUT for Saturday's Event! But don't worry, we still have tickets available for the Friday night social event! To purchase social night event tickets, go to <https://sjbs.home.qtego.us/>, stop by the table in the Church Commons after weekend Masses, or contact Kara Hadfield at 402-699-2703. Thank you for supporting our Spring Dinner & Auction!

The Annual St. Joseph's Altar food drive

Time to start saving those cans and non-perishable food items for the annual **St Joseph's Altar food drive!** This year's drive will be set up from March 9 through March 24 (Palm Sunday), in the Commons. All donations will go to the Food Bank right here in Cass County, helping families in our community. We will also be accepting packages of disposable diapers & baby formula! These items are in short supply.

This week's featured Seminarians: Caleb Hansen, who entered seminary in 2020, now in Theology 1 at St. Charles Borromeo; and Adam Bohan from Plattsmouth, who entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015.

Some upcoming dates:

Feb 28 – Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm
Feb 29 – Stations of the Cross, 2:40pm
Mar 1 – First Friday, TLM Mass at 11:30am
Mar 1 – Fish Fry 4:30-7pm in school gym
Mar 2 – First Saturday, extra Mass at 8:00am
Mar 3-5 – 40 Hours Devotion, Bishop Finn talks
Mar 6 – Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm
Mar 7 – Stations of the Cross, 2:40pm
Mar 8 – Fish Fry 4:30-7pm in school gym
Mar 13 – Kindergarten Roundup 6:30pm, StJB

To plan even further:

May 16 – Spring Salad Luncheon in the gym
July 7-12 – Totus Tuus, High School & elementary
July 17-19 – PCCW Rummage Sale, in the gym

An Easter Tuesday Pilgrimage to Gower, MO and incorrupt Sr. Wilhelmina on Tues. Apr. 2 (Easter Monday is full). Begin at St. Michael, Lincoln with 7:00am Mass, return by 6:15pm. \$70 includes a charter bus and lunch. frcoulter.com/EasterMonday or call 402-786-2705



Fish Fry! Come, be part of our time-honored Lenten Fish Fry dinners, with choice of Fried Alaskan Pollock, Fried Shrimp or Baked Wild-Caught Alaskan Salmon. Serving 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. There will be live entertainment, beer, wine, and raffles for Omaha Steaks. The tradition continues through Friday, March 22nd. **Fun Fact:** Being earth caretakers... after our first Fish Fry, we composted **107 lbs.** and recycled **53 lbs.** for a total of 160 lbs. kept out of the landfills!



The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration

The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth.

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

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.



Our parish Fish Fry Dinners will take place every Friday this Lent, through March 22nd. 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!

Remaining Stations of the Cross dates this Lent:

Wednesdays at 5:30pm: Feb 28, Mar 6, Mar 13, Mar 20

Thursdays at 2:40pm: Feb 29, Mar 7, Mar 14, Mar 21

(2:40pm Stations will be canceled if school is canceled.)

Good Friday, March 29 at Noon

During the month of March, the St. Monica prayer will be prayed after the Rosary prior to the Daily and Sunday Masses. At home... maybe pray some time each day during the month of March?

Saint Monica Prayer

O God, You are the comfort of those who mourn and the Savior of all who trust in You. Blessed Monica's loving tears moved You to convert her son, Augustine. Help us who pray to You for the salvation of our sons and daughters, too. May we also grieve for our own sins and win the grace of Your pardon through the intercession of this loving Saint, through Christ our Lord. Amen. ***St. Monica, pray for us.***

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.

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

Parish Rosary – Thurs, March 14 at 6:30pm in the church. Led by Knights; open to all.

March General Meeting – Thurs, March 14 at 7:00pm in SJR

March Planning Meeting – Thurs, March 21st at 7:00pm in SJR – a week earlier than usual because of Holy Week.

A complimentary dinner and presentation hosted by The Catholic Foundation on Tuesday, March 5th at 6:00pm at Lourdes Central Catholic School. The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska will share information on strategic tax-advantaged giving and agricultural giving methods. The Foundation is not a fund-raising organization. They are an independent organization that educates, informs, and facilitates new ways of charitable giving that provide maximum tax benefits for the donor. If you would like to attend the dinner and presentation, please contact Brooke Chaney by February 27, 2024 at 402-873-6154 or brookechaney@cdolinc.net

Dear Parishioners,

Please mark your calendars for March 3rd-5th, as we host our 40 Hours Devotion. In addition to moving our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration to the church during this period, Bishop Robert Finn will be here to give an evening conference both Sunday and Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. He and I will also be available after his talks for the sacrament of confession, in both the St. Joseph Room and Adoration Chapel.

What is the Eucharistic devotion we call 40 Hours? It is a special exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for a continuous period over three days, totaling around 40 hours. We will begin with the 10:30 Sunday Mass on March 3rd, having Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the altar immediately at the end of the Mass. (Therefore, our perpetual adoration ministry will move from the chapel to the church for the 40 Hours.) The Forty Hours devotion will end after the 8:10 Mass Tuesday morning, concluding with a Eucharistic procession around the inside of church, and following with Benediction. The Blessed Sacrament will then be moved back to the Adoration Chapel.

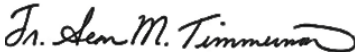
Even if you do not have a scheduled adoration hour from Sunday through Tuesday morning, you are encouraged to come to church during the 40 Hours to pray and receive these special graces, especially during the holy season of Lent. The number 40 and period of three days is a remembrance of the 40 hours from Jesus' burial until His resurrection, but also a remembrance of the 40 days fast of Jesus in the desert before His public ministry began.

Forty Hours is kind of like a parish renewal or mission, but with much more time for personal prayer, and fewer talks. Bishop Finn will be visiting both Sunday and Monday evening to give his meditations on faith and the Eucharist. I hope that you can join us both evenings at 7:00 p.m., as well as the opportunity to go to confession afterwards. 40 Hours devotion is a special time where our parish can come together to pray, both individually and as a community *liturgically*.

I say liturgically, because adoration is not just a private devotion for the individual Catholic. It is liturgical (public worship), because it flows from the Eucharistic Liturgy of Mass, and it leads back to public adoration of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, whom we acknowledge to be THE source and summit of our Christian faith. The God that we adore in Adoration is the same God who died for us and became real food for us. When we adore our Blessed Lord, it intensifies our love of His great sacrifice on the Cross, and our desire to receive Him physically in His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

For more information about the 40 Hours Devotion, click here: [What is the 40 Hours Devotion? - Catholic Straight Answers](#)

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Fr. Sean M. Timmerman

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Send forth Your Spirit
and they shall be created;
and You shall renew
the face of the earth.
O God, who by the
light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
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and ever enjoy His consolations,
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