



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

7th Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

6th Week of Easter
Monday, May 13
 8:10 a.m. Betty Sand+
 6:30 p.m. 8th grade graduates
Tuesday May 14
 8:10 a.m. Special intention for G.S. and family
Wednesday, May 15
 8:10 a.m. Tracee Smith+
Thursday, May 16
 8:10 a.m. All Souls Day intentions+
Friday, May 17
 8:10 a.m. Safety of babies in the womb
Saturday, May 18
 4:00 p.m. Health of M.J.J.
Sunday, May 19 (Pentecost Sunday)
 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. Laverne Sepich+

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

Head Count last weekend: 488

Contributions for May 5, 2024

General Collection	\$	10,232.35
General Online Giving	\$	13,905.00
Debt Reduction	\$	522.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	1,435.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	255.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	290.00
Franciscan Sisters	\$	20.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	235.00
Flowers	\$	20.00

This week's featured new entrant in our Diocesan Motherhouses: From the Sisters of Mary, Queen of Mercy: Sr. Maria Theresa Vi Nguyen, a Jr. Professed Sister. Please pray for all our sisters in formation, and our seminarians – especially Adam Bohan from our parish.

Happy Mothers Day!!!

Breakfast! This Sunday, May 12 – Check out the free-will donation breakfast the Knights will cook up for us! This breakfast includes Cinnamon Rolls! In the school gym after the 8 & 10:30am Masses.

We Congratulate... Our St. John's 8th grade graduates! (Graduation Mass: Monday, May 13 at 6:30 pm)

Downsizing? Do you happen to have furniture (somewhat lightly-used night stands, dresser or chest of drawers) to donate for one of our rectory bedrooms? If so, please call the rectory, 296-3139. Thank you!

Know the Important Difference!

We thank Tom Venzor, Executive Director of the Nebraska Catholic Conference, for coming to our parish last weekend to tell us about a ballot initiative proposed by pro-abortion activists. He also discussed a pro-life counter-initiative to defeat the pro-abortion proposal, and to help ensure current protections for unborn babies.

Out on the streets, or even at your home's front door, you might be approached to sign one or the other of these initiatives. Please be aware which petition it is by reading the opening words on the petition. **The pro-abortion proposal has the words, "All persons shall have a fundamental right to abortion..."**. Note: Then the wording goes on with such vague and deceptive language that it could even be mistaken as pro-life, but in reality, it would once again allow late-pregnancy abortions into the second and third trimester in Nebraska. Fr. Timmerman and the Bishops of Nebraska strongly urge you to NOT sign this petition or support the pro-abortion effort.

The other ballot initiative, the PRO-LIFE proposal, begins: **"Except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency...."**. It then clearly provides protection for unborn children in the second and third trimester. (While this is not perfect protection for the unborn, it will help keep already-existing pro-life laws in Nebraska that protect women, girls, and babies and you can morally support this ballot measure, such as by signing this petition to get specific protection for babies on the ballot.)

So... Fr. Timmerman and the Bishops of Nebraska strongly denounce the dangerous and deceptive pro-abortion initiative, and they support and urge you to sign the pro-life petition. **Look at the beginning phrases in order to be sure you know which initiative is being presented to you** – the person handing you the petition might also use deceptive words! We hope and pray that the pro-life initiative will have enough signatures to get on the November ballot. Both sides have until July 3rd to get enough signatures for their proposal. There will be more information in the bulletin after the deadline in July.

(Clip & save this guide for reference!)

This weekend and next... Charity and Stewardship Appeal (formerly DDP) begins – set up in the Commons after the Masses May 11/12 and 18/19. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity to this collection. Our goal is set at \$51,400. Since education is a big part behind CSA, and we support two Catholic schools, after the first 20% of our goal, the rest comes back to our parish, so it is a great benefit to us. But that first 20% is also very important! ***The appeal supports our share of numerous Diocesan-wide apostolates such as Family Life Office, Youth Ministry, the UNL Newman Center, Hispanic Ministry, Catholic Social Services, Hospital & Nursing Home Ministry, Prison Ministry, and the Tribunal.*** May the Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, bless our efforts on behalf of the Bishop's Charity & Stewardship Appeal.

Church cleaning reminder: For May 18 (at 9:00am): Sosnowski, Spicka, St. Pierre, Starke, Steele, Sterba, Stevens, Stodola

Dinners for our Priests, "Stewardship of Talent" May 13: Sandy Fischer, May 14: Deb Warga, May 20: Sandy Kerns, May 21: Bonnie Seyfer, May 28: Sandy DiSomma

Introducing Our New Parish Council Committee Members! We are delighted to welcome three new Parish Council members: Jim Becklun, Shari Barrios, and Mel Scaturro. Their dedication and commitment to serving our Parish community are truly inspiring, and we are eager to see the positive impact they will bring. As we welcome new faces, we also bid farewell to three members of our Parish Council: Alicia Garbers, Dan Rubin, and Greg Grundmayer. Their tireless efforts and support have been invaluable to our Parish, and we extend our deepest gratitude for their service.

Midwest Catholic Family Conference August 2-4, in Wichita, KS. "Go and Make Disciples". Start a new family tradition by going to the Conference. Listen to great speakers and take advantage of daily Mass, adoration, and a beautiful Eucharistic procession. Save up to \$30 with early bird registration by June 28. Registration available on-site, but online registration after June 28 will still save you money! Register online at www.catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to info@catholicfamilyconference.org



The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration

We go to Mass every Sunday, but why? Watch Fr. Mike Schmitz's interesting 8-minute video: "Do I have to go to Mass?" (**The Church's teaching on Catholics' Sunday Mass obligation and how we are called to worship God at Mass.**) And then remember that Adoration is a sort of continuation of the graces from the Mass! Watch now. Or go to: media.ascensionpress.com and search "Do I have to go to Mass?"

Current open Adoration Hours at CHS: Sundays at 1am, 2am, 3am, & 3pm; Mondays at 2am; Tuesdays at 1am; Wednesdays at Midnight, 3am & 10pm; Saturdays at 1am, 2am, 3am, 6pm & 11pm

Would you like to have a regularly scheduled Adoration hour? Or do you have questions? Call Traci: 297-2295

PCCW Meeting, Wednesday, May 15, at 3:00pm in St. Joseph's Room. Please note the day and time change for this month only due to the Spring Luncheon. All ladies of the parish are welcome!

Spring Salad Luncheon Thursday, May 16, 11:00am - 1:00pm, in the school gym. Come enjoy the good food!

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Mother's Day Breakfast – This Sunday in the gym after the 8:00 and 10:30am Masses. Cinnamon rolls to help celebrate our mothers! Free will donations support Essential Pregnancy Service and Nebraskans Embracing Life pro-life charities

May Parish Rosary – This Thurs, May 16th at 6:30pm in the church. Led by Knights; open to all.

Christian Masculinity – With Jesus Christ as our role model, we strive to become better Catholic Men: better fathers, sons, uncles, neighbors. Join us in SJR Thurs, May 16th at 7:00pm to both contribute your experiences and learn from others.

May General Meeting – Thurs, May 16th at 7:00pm in SJR.

May Planning Meeting – Thurs May 23rd at 7:00pm in SJR.

Some upcoming dates:

May 12 – Knight's free-will donation breakfast in gym after Masses
May 11/12 & 18/19 - CSA (DDP) Our diocesan Charity & Stewardship Appeal
May 16 – Spring Luncheon in the gym
May 18 – Youth Group, 7:08:30pm, Koelzer residence
June 2 – Corpus Christi Procession at CHS
June 21 – National Eucharistic Procession is near us! Join in!
July 7-11 – TOTUS TUUS for High School students
July 8-12 – TOTUS TUUS for students entering grades 1-8
July 17-19 – PCCW Rummage Sale (Donate: July 14-15)
August 3 – StJB Golf Classic

Youth Group Youth Group Meeting: What is a Disciple?

Saturday, May 18th 7-8:30 pm
Koelzer residence, 402 Waverly Road, Murray
Snacks provided
Questions? Contact Donette Koelzer 402-297-0786

Dear Parishioners,

Please remember that this weekend (May 11&12) and next (May 18&19) is the **2024 Charity and Stewardship Appeal** (formerly known as DDP). This is a solid fundraiser for our parish, while at the same time supporting some important ministries throughout the diocese, like the Family Life Office and Catholic Social Services. Those are two ministries that many of our local parishioners benefit from directly. Since our parish financially supports two Catholic schools (St. John the Baptist & Lourdes Central in Nebraska City), 100% of all donations come back to our parish once we meet our goal. This is really a great way to not only help our fellow diocesan Catholics, but also to help ourselves with our own parish needs.

I also write a check to the Charity and Stewardship Appeal because it is important that I do what I am asking you to do. We have parish volunteers that will be available to help you make your donation and fill out your pledge card either before or after Mass. I would really like to see a high percentage of our families make a gift to this important campaign. Thank you for your generosity to our diocese and our Church of the Holy Spirit parish.

We need an AED for our church. And what is it? According to the Red Cross, an AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

Sudden cardiac arrest is among the leading causes of death in the United States. In fact, more than 350,000 people will suffer a cardiac arrest this year. Currently, the only way to restore a regular heart rhythm during cardiac arrest is to use an AED. Because the average response time for first responders once 911 is called is 8-12 minutes, and for each minute defibrillation is delayed, the odds of survival are reduced by approximately 10%, having access to and AED and knowing how to use one, is critical.

We do have an AED in the school hallway, but since the doors to the school from the church are locked, it would take more time to unlock the doors, retrieve the AED, and come back into the church or Commons. Ideally, we would like to have an AED in the Commons area that could serve both there and the church itself.

Some of you were present at the 10:30 Easter Sunday Mass, and know we had a medical situation during the Eucharistic Prayer. Fortunately, an AED was not needed then, but we would feel more comfortable knowing that an AED was in close proximity if needed. Also, during that episode, I was happy to see that we had many emergency medical responders jump up into action. When we can get one, the AED is easy to use, and once opened, a computerized voice speaks instructions on what to do.

An AED, a wall mount, and an Emergency Preparedness Kit (to assist our security team and other volunteer emergency responders) would cost \$2,500. If you would like to donate towards this for our Commons/Church, please talk to me or Mike Bridges, the head of our parish security team. Or you can indicate so on the memo of your check. Thank you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Sean M. Timmerman

Honoring the Blessed Virgin Mother in the month of May: Below are 3 common prayers.

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who
fled to thy protection,
implored thy help,
or sought thy intercession
was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence,
I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother!

To thee do I come;
before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.



Hail Mary

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

Holy Mary Mother of God,

pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death

Amen.

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

...As St. Maximilian Kolbe reminds us, "Our dependence on Mary is greater than we can imagine."

Keep in mind that when we pray to Mary we also pray *through* her to her Divine Son, Jesus! She is happy to pray for us and to intercede with Him on our behalf.

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