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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

7th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, May 20

8:10 a.m. Special intention for the Herb & Joey
 Elworth family

Tuesday May 21

8:10 a.m. Dorothy Wolfe+

Wednesday, May 22

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

Thursday, May 23

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

Friday, May 24

8:10 a.m. Bob Gaeta+

Saturday, May 25

4:00 p.m. Frank & Loretta Sarraillon+

Sunday, May 26 (Most Holy Trinity)

8:00 a.m. All Souls Day intentions+
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, May 27 Memorial Day – Mass at the cemetery, weather permitting **8:00am**

Confessions:

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

Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:45pm

Sundays, 9:45 - 10:15am

Head Count for Ascension Thursday: 344

Head Count last weekend: 620

Contributions for May 9 & 12, 2024

General Collection	\$	12,295.17
General Online Giving	\$	3,066.00
Debt Reduction	\$	6,120.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	20.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	172.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	15.00
Peter's Pence	\$	50.00

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

This weekend... Charity and Stewardship Appeal (formerly DDP) – in the Commons after the Masses. Thank you for all who checked for your card last week, and thank you in advance for all who will do so this week! Your generosity to this collection is very helpful and appreciated. 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.

Some upcoming dates:

May 27 – Mass at the cemetery, weather permitting – (Memorial Day)
 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

After this coming weekend's Masses (May 18 & 19), fellow pro-life Catholics will be collecting signatures for a pro-life ballot initiative (Protect Women and Children) that will provide protections for babies in the second and third trimester in the Nebraska state constitution.

This ballot initiative is part of an effort to defeat the ballot initiative launched by abortion advocates that will create a state constitutional right to late-pregnancy abortion. You can learn more about these ballot initiatives from the Nebraska Catholic Conference at www.NEcatholic.org.

Seven other states, including Kansas and Ohio, have succumbed to the lies and propaganda of well-funded and powerful groups like Planned Parenthood and the ACLU. Nebraska can be the first state to reverse this and ensure that all of our pro-life work of the past 50 years is not erased. If you are 18 and a registered voter, please stop and sign the petition to protect life!

NOW HIRING

Join our StJB family! Now accepting applications for a full-time Computers/PE teacher for the 2024-25 school year.

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<https://stjbcatholic.com/join-our-team/>

Or, you can call the school office at 402-296-6230.



The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration

From San Francisco to Indianapolis, the western route of the National Eucharistic Procession began its journey Friday, May 17th and finishes July 16th. Covering over 2,200 miles, it will be the longest and most challenging of the four national routes! Pray for those accompanying the Procession! Pray with them in spirit! Be delighted that the United States is being traversed with these four Eucharistic Processions of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament!

Please keep the National Eucharistic Procession in your heart and mind for the next two months. Consider taking on one of the open Adoration Hours that we have in our Perpetual Adoration devotion here at CHS. For the upcoming week, see the table in the Commons. (Open hours are covered by a volunteer/substitute each week until it is filled with a regular weekly adorers.)

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

Church cleaning reminder: For May 25 (at 9:00am): Sweredoski, TenHulzen, Tesarek, Thiesen, Thomas, Tilson, Touchstone, Trent

Dinners for our Priests, "Stewardship of Talent" May 20: Sandy Kerns, May 21: Bonnie Seyfer, May 28: Sandy DiSomma, Jun 3: Steph Ball, Jun 4: Megan Hanneman

Cemetery decoration placement during Memorial Day weekend: Decoration of graves for Memorial Day can be placed on the Friday before and must be removed no later than 7 days after Memorial Day.

Please also keep in mind that, with the exception of during the above stated Memorial Day time-frame, shepherd hooks, statues, figurines, eternal light, artificial flowers etc., are not allowed from March through November, unless they are permanently and correctly installed in the minimal 4" foundation ribbon of the monument/headstone. No items are allowed in or on the ground. All live flowers, wreaths, etc., must be removed from graves as soon as they are withered or dried.

Know the Important Difference!

There is a ballot initiative being proposed by pro-abortion activists, and a pro-life counter-initiative to defeat it. The pro-life initiative will also 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**, has toward the beginning: "...**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 petition 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!)

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

Thank You! – Because of the generosity of our parishioners at the Mother's Day breakfast last weekend, our Knights will contribute \$500 to Essential Pregnancy Services and an additional \$500 to Nebraskans Embracing Life. On top of that, our Arbor Day Tornado Disaster Relief collection brought in \$623, all of which goes to assist those in need from the recent tornados.

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

June Parish Rosary – Thurs, June 13th at 6:30pm in the church. Led by Knights; open to all.

June General Meeting – Thurs, June 13th at 7:00pm in SJR.

Calls to Action – We are in project season again. More opportunities for our men, boys, and families to participate in our many **Corporal Works of Mercy**. For example: providing "Coats for Kids" (*Clothe the Naked*); funding the "Food for Families" program (*Feed the Hungry*); raising disaster relief funds (*Shelter the Homeless*); handing out cold bottled water at our Golf Classic (*Give Drink to the Thirsty*); participating in our Jail Ministry (*Visit those in Prison*); maintaining the cemetery (*Bury the Dead*); and distributing Tootsie Rolls (*Comfort the Sick*). Please continue to answer those calls to action!

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to those who attended our Open Forums on May 5th and 6th. Fr. Hottovy from the Diocesan Committee for Church Design and Renovation gave an insightful presentation on the general principles of Catholic church architecture. We invited Father to talk to us and provide information that can assist us in our Strategic Planning efforts. If you were not able to attend, some of the highlights were:

- There is an organic development in the architectural design of Catholic churches over time. There are differences in what a Catholic church can look like, but it should not be a complete abandonment from what is traditionally Catholic.
- There is a solid tradition of authentic Catholic architecture over the 2,000-year history of the Catholic Church.
- Beauty – elevating the heart and mind to God through the human senses – should be central in a Catholic church building.
- One source of documentation for the design principles of Catholic churches is from the Second Vatican Council’s “Sacrosanctum Concilium” – the Council’s document on the Sacred Liturgy.
- The sacred space of a Catholic church should be “a foretaste of heaven”. That is, it’s beauty, design and theological thrust (divine-like quality) should give us an experience of heaven in the here and now of this particular church.
- The interior of the church should also include reference(s) to its patron. For example, in a church dedicated to St. John the Baptist, there could be a statue of him, a stained-glass window with his depiction, or a painting. That way a stranger walking in would know immediately that the church was dedicated to this saint.
- When a Catholic church is being designed and built, special care should be applied to make it known that this is absolutely not a personal home or civic space, where functionality, efficiency and utility are high on the list. They are not bad things, but top priorities for a Catholic church are objective beauty, timelessness (i.e., 200 years from now, it will still be easily recognized as a Catholic church), and theological forcefulness.
- A Catholic church building is the place where we celebrate the vast majority of the sacraments of our Catholic faith. Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Mass with the Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony, Sacred Orders. These are holy and special encounters with God, and our church environment should also reflect that sacred nature. It helps us to pray during these times. Elevation of our heart and mind to heaven.

Our Strategic Planning Team is continuing to meet regularly and fine-tune the 3 pillars of our Mission: “Catholic: Evangelization, Education and Worship.” We really appreciate not only your presence at the Open Forums, but also the input you have provided, either online or in the suggestion box in the Commons. If you were unable to attend the Open Forum, here is a link to the Monday evening recording.

[Strategic Planning Open Forum w/Fr. Hottovy 05.06.2024 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

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