

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

6th Sunday of Easter

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Head Count last weekend: 552	
Contributions for April 28, 2024	
General Collection	\$ 6,509.96
General Online Giving	\$ 3,391.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 455.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$ 160.00
Teachers/Staff	\$ 150.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$ 15.00
Franciscan Sisters	\$ 30.00
Utilities	\$ 20.00

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!

May 5, 2024

Ascension Thursday, Holy Day of Obligation, May 9th. Vigil Mass will be Wednesday, May 8 at <u>5:30pm</u>. Masses on Thursday, May 9: <u>7:00am</u> & <u>7:00pm</u>.

We Congratulate...

our graduating High School Seniors! (At today's 10:30 am Mass) and our St. John's 8th grade graduates! (At Mass, May 13 at 6:30 pm)

May 5, 3:30pm in gym - May 6, 7:00pm in Commons On behalf of the Strategic Planning Committee, we would like to invite you to our next <u>Parish open forum</u>.

Following his pastoral letters, Fr. Timmerman will be discussing our proposed Vision, "Lighting the Way to Christ" and Mission, "Catholic: Worship, Education, Evangelization".

Catholic Architecture

We have also been blessed to have Fr. Hottovy agree to join us. Fr. Hottovy resides at Saint Vincent DePaul Church in Seward and sits on the <u>Diocesan Building Commission</u> <u>Adjunct Committee for Church Design/Renovation</u>. He will be here to educate us on the importance of Catholic architecture to help us as a parish make decisions for our Strategic Plan.

The meetings will be <u>Sunday, May 5th</u> at 3:30pm in the school gym and <u>Monday, May 6th</u> at 7:00pm in the Commons. Your thoughts and ideas are important to us and are critical to keeping our parish growing and *Lighting the Way to Christ!*

Student Steubenville Fundraiser – Potted Plant/Flower Sale

Students will be selling potted plants and flowers after all Masses May 4th & 5th.

Small Single pot \$5 • Elongated pot \$20 • Hanging Basket \$25

All proceeds will be used to fund the student trip to the Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference in July.

Next weekend... <u>Charity and Stewardship Appeal</u> (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.</u>

Spring Salad Luncheon (May 15th for prep) and May 16th (the luncheon). Sign-up sheets are in the Commons to help with the luncheon as well as for food donations. Any help is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

The Quilters would like to thank everyone who bought chances for the quilt raffled at the Spring Dinner Benefit. Dan Rohan of our parish was the lucky winner. As a result, the Quilters have given \$900 to the church.

Dinners for our Priests, "Stewardship of Talent" May 6: Patty Coleman, May 7: Amy Kotera, May 13: Sandy Fischer, May 14: Deb Warga, May 20: Sandy Kerns, May 21: Bonnie Seyfer

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



MUSICIANS & SINGERS WANTED! We are blessed for

the dedication and services of all our parish musicians, but are always in need of more cantors, accompanists, vocalists and instrumentalists in our parish music ministry. Whether as a soloist or part of the CHS Choir, if you are interested in volunteering and sharing your talents on a regular basis or even occasionally, please contact Terry Little at 297-2127 or email tlmusic@windstream.net. Additionally, following the lifting up of voices and instruments during the Holy Week services, there was much enthusiasm and some discussion to continue the choir on a monthly basis. It was decided for this group to sing at the 10:30am Mass on the second Sunday of the month, preceded by a 9:15am rehearsal on that same Sunday. (The date may vary if there are special occasions, such as a feast day, etc.) Many thanks to Larry Jensen & Laurie Hajek-Jones who will facilitate this group. "Come, praise the Lord in song!"

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The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration

"In confession, Jesus will heal you. In Adoration, Jesus will hold you." - *Fr. Mike Schmitz*

Current open Adoration Hours at CHS: <u>Sundays</u> at 1am, 2am, 3am, & 3pm; <u>Mondays</u> at 2am; <u>Tuesdays</u> at 1am; <u>Wednesdays</u> at Midnight, 3am & 10pm; <u>Saturdays</u> 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

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

Congratulations! – Our Knights received some tremendous commendations at the State Convention in Kearney this past weekend, including the following major individual honors presented to members of our Parish:

- Bill & Tracy Bohan were recognized as the 2023-24 Nebraska Family of the Year.
- Tim Reicks was recognized as the Runner-Up 2023-24 Nebraska Rookie Knight of the Year.
- Mike Vaughn was recognized for his military service to our nation as the 2024 "Quilts of Valor" recipient for Nebraska.

May Parish Rosary – Thurs, May 9th 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 the SJR Thurs, May 9th at 7:00pm to both contribute your experiences and learn from others.

May General Meeting – Thurs, May 9th at 7:00pm in SJR.

Mother's Day Breakfast – Sunday May12th in the gym after the 8:00 and 10:30am Masses. Cinnamon rolls to help celebrate our mothers! Free will donations support the Prolife charities Essential Pregnancy Service and Nebraskans Embracing Life.

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

<u>Church cleaning reminder</u>: For May 11 (at 9:00am): Smetana, Smith, Smith, Snyder, Snyder, Sohl, Sommer, Sorensen

Some upcoming dates:

May 5 – Strategic Plan / Open Forum update, 3:30pm in the gym. May 6 – Strategic Plan / Open Forum update, 7:00pm in Commons 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 *To plan for the summer:* 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



Mary: Jesus's mother ... Our Mother and Queen How does our veneration of Mary and the saints relate to our worship of God?

The honor we give to God alone is properly called adoration, the highest honor we can give. The honor we give to Mary and the saints is called veneration.

Proper veneration of the saints does not interfere with the worship due to God, but rather fosters it. Our communion with those in heaven, in no way weakens, but conversely, more thoroughly enriches the worship we give to God the Father, through Christ, in the Spirit.

With this understanding, we see that proper veneration of Mary does not detract from worship of God. Even as the Mother of the Savior, Mary has a place that is in every way subordinate to and dependent upon that of her Son, who is the one mediator between God and humanity. The maternal role that Mary fulfills toward us as Mother of the Church in no way obscures or diminishes this unique mediation of Christ, but rather shows His power. Mary can be said to fulfill a mediating role in a secondary and derivative manner.

Excerpts from Popular Devotional Practices: Basic Questions and Ans



