

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 2024

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**PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**  
**Monday, July 22**  
 8:10 a.m. Terry & Judy Wiles+  
 Cecile Rush+  
**Tuesday, July 23**  
 8:10 a.m. Ray & Anna Eischen+  
 Bertha Gochenour+  
**Wednesday, July 24**  
 8:10 a.m. Living & deceased members of CDA  
 Shirley Shotkoski+  
**Thursday, July 25**  
 8:10 a.m. Veronica Gunia+  
 Matthew & Bette Sedlak+  
**Friday, July 26**  
 8:10 a.m. Tom Miller+  
 Mary Ann Chladek+  
**Saturday, July 27**  
 8:00 a.m. All Souls Day intentions+  
 4:00 p.m. Marcene Klein+  
**Sunday, July 28 (17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT)**  
 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 10:30a.m. Alfred Gaeta+

**Confessions:**  
**Mondays & Fridays, 7:30 - 7:55am**  
**Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:45pm**  
**Sundays, 9:45 - 10:15am**

**Head Count last weekend: 556**  
**Contributions for July 14, 2024 (not online contributions)**

<b>General Collection</b>	\$	<b>5,448.23</b>
Debt Reduction	\$	440.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	55.00
Utilities	\$	375.00
Peter's Pence	\$	20.00

**Dinners for Priests, "Stewardship of Talent"**  
 Jul 22: Steph Ball, Jul 23: Bonnie Seyfer, July 29:  
 Sandy DiSomma, July 30: Gay Lepert, Aug 5:  
 Bill Boyle, Aug 6: Jessette Berggren

**Breakfast! This Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>** – Check out the free-will donation breakfast the Knights will cook up for us! In the school gym after the 8:00am & 10:30am Masses.

**Join Father Sean Timmerman for a pilgrimage through Italy!**  
 Next year, from Feb 24<sup>th</sup> to Mar 7<sup>th</sup>, Father and his fellow pilgrims will visit Milan, Florence, and Rome over the course of 12 days. Together, they will view iconic works of renaissance artists, pray in some of our Catholic Faith's most revered Basilicas, and witness the Holy Father Pope during his Ash Wednesday procession through Rome!  
 A representative from Kingdom Tours will visit The Church of the Holy Spirit on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss the trip after 10:30am Mass.  
 Space is limited so please register at [kingdomtours.us/Timmerman](http://kingdomtours.us/Timmerman) to reserve your spot today! Questions about the trip? Contact Kingdom Tours by calling 402-315-1435 or send an email to [info@kingdomtour.us](mailto:info@kingdomtour.us).

**It's full!** The StJB Golf Classic is full! We have 31 teams, our largest field yet. The good news is you don't have to golf to be part of it. Show your support by being a **Hole Sponsor**, come to the steak dinner, or purchase raffle tickets. Help our Raffle and Silent Auction by providing a donation. Ideas and additional information can be found in the Commons. All proceeds support STJB School. Questions? Contact Mike Vaughn, 402-296-5422 or at [Michael.vaughn@windstream.net](mailto:Michael.vaughn@windstream.net).

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

**July Breakfast** – This Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, after the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses. Join us for a delicious breakfast of biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, and egg scramble. Free-will donation will support church utilities.

**July Planning Meeting** – This Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 in SJR.

**August Rosary and General Meeting** – **Wednesday**, August 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30pm in the church.


**St John the Baptist Annual Golf Classic** – Our biggest fundraiser of the year takes place on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is a role for every Knight, regardless of age or golfing skill! Contact Mike Vaughn to offer your support for Catholic education.

**Church cleaning reminder:** For July 27 (at 9:00am): Bateman, Baumert, Baxter, Bear, Beasley, Becklun, Belitz, Benedict

**Some upcoming dates:**  
 July 21 – Knight's free-will donation breakfast in gym after Masses  
 July 28 – Strategic Planning Open Forum at 4:00pm  
 July 29 – Strategic Planning Open Forum at 7:00pm  
 August 2 – First Friday, TLM at 11:30am  
 August 3 – StJB Golf Classic

**This week's featured Sister in our Diocesan Motherhouses:** From the Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph: Sr. Rita Marie of the Holy Trinity, a Jr. Professed Novice. Please pray for all our sisters in formation, and for our seminarians – especially Adam Bohan from our parish.

**The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration**



You can approach God in prayer without planning anything in advance or having something memorized. Talk to Jesus like you would if you were in His presence — because you are!

**Current open Adoration Hours at CHS:** *Sundays* at 2am & 3am; *Mondays* at 2am; *Tuesdays* at 1am; *Wednesdays* at Midnight, & 3am; *Thursdays* at 2am; *Saturdays* at 1am, 2am, 3am, & 6pm  
 Maybe one of the above open hours would work for you! Or do you have questions about our Perpetual Adoration? Call Traci: 297-2295

Dear Parishioners,

During the month of July, the Church always reminds us of the physical and moral dangers of artificial contraception, and why Natural Family Planning is THE answer for couples that have serious reasons to delay a pregnancy. For more information and assistance with NFP, please contact our parishioner, Shari Barrios, a Fertility Appreciation instructor, for more information. Her number is 402-616-7509, and her email is [shari.barrios@saintpaulvi.com](mailto:shari.barrios@saintpaulvi.com). Have a blessed week. – Fr. Timmerman

**Where contraception goes astray. From Natural Family Planning Outreach ([www.nfpoutreach.org](http://www.nfpoutreach.org))**

What does contraception do to a relationship and to a marriage? Contraception is the number one counterfeit of our times. Those who profit from it financially (the pharmaceuticals, Planned Parenthood, and sellers of porn) promote contraception as the greatest thing to happen since the Industrial Revolution. Now we can ignore the need for the virtue of chastity and self-control.

Contraception is like walking pneumonia. The pneumonia is working on your system, but you can still function and pretend it isn't there. Contraception is like a hidden cancer, concealed, but constantly eating away on your healthy organs.

Contraception is like an acid that erodes a relationship. Instead of making the total, personal gift of self to one's spouse, and being open to the goodness of their fertility, they hold back. They tell each other "I want you, but I don't want this dimension of you. You keep your fertility to yourself. That's your problem." When you put that kind of a barrier in a relationship, what do you expect to happen down the line? If a couple cannot be fully accepting of the other in their marital embrace, then what does that do to the rest of their relationship?

Have you considered why marriage and family life are so fragile and frail today? Why the steady increase in divorce rates since the use of the Pill? Why the explosion of abortions in 1973 after the Supreme Court had already legalized, in their previous decisions, the sale and use of contraceptives to married couples and then to any young person? Why is porn so pervasively present on the internet?

Contraception is the greatest counterfeit of all times. It is destroying marriage, spousal love, family and the morals of our young people. Still, we pretend that it the greatest invention since the Industrial Revolution, and insist that it be made available to anyone who wants it. The HHS mandate forces some employers to provide free contraception to their employees, even when that violates their religious convictions. It is attempting to force even the Little Sisters of the Poor to do this. We have a new idol.

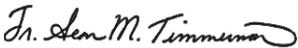
We all want strong and loving marriages, and healthy, happy families. How do we get out of this mess? Everyone wants a strong and loving marriage and a happy family. But they don't know how to do it.

When things get out of whack, out of alignment, then the solution is to return to the basic plan. A good medical doctor can read the symptoms of a disease, and then prescribe behaviors and medicines to rid the disease and restore the patient to good health. That is because the doctor understands the design of the human body, and he works with nature, instead of against it.

God wants each couple to have a strong relationship in their marriage, and a happy, healthy family. Not just for the elite, but for everyone. Can you think of anyone who doesn't want a strong marriage? Can you think of any child who does not want a loving father and mother, and a supportive family?

We need to return to the basics. Go back to God's plan for marriage, for sex, and for family. It is all laid out in divine revelation, in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and in just using common sense. When we get tired of being sick, then we go to a good doctor. When we get tired of damaged relationships and dysfunctional families, then we go to the Author of marriage and family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Fr. Sean M. Timmerman

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