

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

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

August 4, 2024

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**Marriage:** Contact the Rectory at least six months in advance of the expected wedding date.

**For Baptisms or Weddings,** you must be a Practicing Catholic and a member of the parish. To be a Godparent, you must be a Practicing and Confirmed Catholic and, if married, married in the Church.

## PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

### 18<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

#### Monday, August 5

8:10 a.m. Phil & Mary Louise Schlueter+  
 All Souls Day intentions+

#### Tuesday, August 6

8:10 a.m. Jerome Brink+  
 Tom Miller+

#### Wednesday, August 7

8:10 a.m. Linda Masters+  
 Matthew & Bette Sedlak+

#### Thursday, August 8

8:10 a.m. Marvin Fujan+  
 Shirley Pierce+

#### Friday, August 9

8:10 a.m. James Meisinger+  
 Dottie Hula+

#### Saturday, August 10

8:00 a.m. Alfred Gaeta+  
 4:00 p.m. Clara Callahan+

#### Sunday, August 11 (19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT)

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 10:30a.m. Janie Scott+

### Confessions:

**Mondays & Fridays, 7:30 - 7:55am**

**Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:45pm**

**Sundays, 9:45 - 10:15am**

**Head Count last weekend: 553**

**Contributions for July 28, 2024**

<b>General Collection</b>	\$	<b>7,928.62</b>
<b>General Online Giving</b>	\$	<b>3,626.00</b>
Debt Reduction	\$	490.00
Debt Reduction <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	160.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	220.00
Teachers/Staff <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	82.00
Utilities	\$	50.00
Utilities <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	100.00

### 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, Sept 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).

**Upcoming Church Directory:** Fr. Timmerman recently asked a few Parish Council members to meet with the company Universal Church Directories. Based on the information the company provided and the age of our current directory, it was decided it was time to create a new one. We will be having a meeting, open to all parishioners on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in SJR. Come and let us know your thoughts.

**Would you like to get a glimpse of what the National Eucharistic Congress was like?** Go to [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) and search Eucharistic Congress 2024, and you'll see many choices of speakers, music, and adoration times to view.

**Legion of Mary Information Table...** August 24/25 in the Commons. Did you know we have 3 different groups for Legion of Mary? 1. Auxiliary (prayer) 2. Active (Adults) 3. Junior Active (children) Our main goal is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members. Stop by our table and see what we are all about!

**Missionary Cooperative Appeal** A Missionary priest will be at our parish the weekend of August 17/18. Each year over 150 missionary dioceses and religious orders request permission to come to our diocese to give an appeal for financial support. This appeal is a major source of funding for these missionaries, and the monies collected in our parish go directly to that missionary diocese or religious for the poor that they serve. These funds are used to feed, house and educate the poor and orphans, provide medical care, build churches, schools, clinics, catechetical training centers, dig wells, etc., and educate candidates for the priesthood and religious life and provide many other necessities. Please be generous!



**2024-2025 school year** There are so many reasons to consider a Catholic education for your child. At St. John the Baptist, we are committed to educating the whole child – mind, heart, soul and spirit. **In particular for Preschool:** If you or someone you know has a 3- or 4-yr old child, please know that Pre-K 4 has only one more opening at this time, so hurry in with any inquiries! Our preschool program includes three class offerings: Age 3: half-days; Age 4: half days or full days. St. John the Baptist welcomes all families, regardless of faith denomination, who seek a high-quality education focused on faith and service to others. You may contact the school at 402-296-6230 or visit [stjbcatholic.com](http://stjbcatholic.com).

### Some upcoming dates:

Aug 14 – Back to school Open House for families, 6:00pm  
 Aug 15 – Assumption of Mary... Holy Day of obligation  
 Aug 16 – Students return for the first day of the 2024/25 school year  
 Aug 18 – Free-will donation breakfast in gym after Masses  
 Sept 1 – Italy pilgrimage representative here, after 10:30am Mass

**Rummage Sale** Thank you to all parishioners for your generous donations. Thank you to the ladies who are so generous with your time in setting up the donations and displaying them so nicely. We get a lot of comments from the community about how nice our rummage sale is. Thank you to the ladies that come back on Friday to pack up; it's a lot of work. And thank you to the Knights of Columbus and other men from our parish that set up all those tables we need and then come back on Friday to take everything down. We wouldn't have a successful rummage sale without everyone's help. Proceeds from the rummage sale will be used to purchase the needs of the church.

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

**St John the Baptist Annual Golf Classic** – A huge thank you to all who supported this great event for Catholic education!

**August Rosary & General Mtg** – *Wednesday*, August 13, beginning at 6:30pm in the church.

**August Breakfast** – Sunday, August 18, after the 8:00 & 10:30am Masses.

**August Planning Meeting** – Thurs, August 22, at 7:00 in SJR.

**School Supply Drive**... through August 11<sup>th</sup>. Catholic Daughters is sponsoring a School Supply Drive for the upcoming school year. The list of items needed is available at the drop-off basket located in the Commons. Thank you in advance for your support of our St. John the Baptist students.

**Church cleaning reminder:** For August 10 (at 9:00am): Boehm, Bogle, Bogner, Bohan, Bond, Book, Borer-Weaver, Bourret

**We are looking for...** Volunteers to tend the SCRIP table before & after the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses on Sundays. It would entail being there for people who would like to purchase gift cards, and taking a tally of cards at the beginning and end of your time period. If you feel that you can be in the rotation for this, please call Noni at 296-3139, Mon-Thurs, 9am - 3pm.

**Gift cards (SCRIP)** Have you thought about purchasing a gift card through our SCRIP program? We have gift cards for HyVee, Casey's, Amazon, Menards, JC Penney, DQ, Subway, Burger King, Marcus Theaters, Scooters, Starbucks, Shell, and many, many more. Gift card prices range from \$10 to \$100. Also... since SCRIP cards cost you only the face value on the card, please strongly consider them for your own *everyday shopping!* Groceries, gas, dining, movies! So stop at the SCRIP table after the weekend Masses (or the church office Monday thru Friday) to see what might fit your needs. These gift cards also benefit the church, because the program gives a percentage of the purchase directly to our church.



### **The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration**

Your willingness to choose a regularly scheduled Adoration Hour is a loving expression of your faith: welcoming, loving, and adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!

**Current open Adoration Hours at CHS:** *Sundays* at 2am & 3am; *Mondays* at 2am; *Tuesdays* at 1am; *Wednesdays* at Midnight, & 3am; *Thursdays* at midnight (opening Aug 15) & 2am; *Saturdays* at 1am, 2am, 3am, & 6pm

Do you have questions about Perpetual Adoration? Call Traci: 297-2295

**Dinners for Priests, "Stewardship of Talent"** Aug 12: Nicolette Kerns, Aug 13: Shelli Anderson, Aug 19: Patti Coleman, Aug 20: Megan Hanneman

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

**My Neighbor's Closet – our Thrift Store:** Open Thursdays through Saturdays, 10am - 2pm. 1 FREE BAG per family through July & August. Located at the south end of Church of the Holy Spirit's parking lot.

**Are you new to the parish?** Welcome! We love that you are here! Come in to the rectory office to register, or... look for green Registration Forms on the Welcome table in the Commons. Bring or mail it in, or put it in the collection basket at Mass! Maybe introduce yourself to one or both of the priests after Mass!!!

**Do you know of anyone who** is no longer healthy enough to be able to come to Sunday Mass, and would like to be on the Sunday Communion Call list?...**Please ask them to call us at the parish office. 296-3139**

### **Events not all that far from Plattsmouth....**

**"Lion in the Ocean"** Bart Schuchts, founder of Church on Fire, and associated with the John Paul II Healing Center, will be speaking at St. Mary Church in Nebraska City on Monday, August 26, 7-9pm. He will also be at the St. Paulinus Church Hall in Syracuse with "Encountering the Father's Love", August 27-29, 7-9pm. Bart's passion is to see the Church transformed and equipped to live into the fullness of Her 2000-year history.

**EPS Auxiliary's 14th Annual Breakfast for Life** Join us on Saturday, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, at the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Center (14330 Eagle Run Dr., Omaha, NE 68164) for the Breakfast, featuring keynote speaker, Dr. Christina (Chris) Cirucci. She will provide insights on the dangers posed by chemical abortions, and tell what it means to be on the front lines in the battle for life, while raising funds for Essential Pregnancy Services in support of women and their precious babies! Doors open at 8:30am, and the program begins at 9:00am. Registration is \$40 per person or \$25 for high school and college students up to age 24. Register, sponsor, and donate at [bidpal.net/BFL2024](http://bidpal.net/BFL2024).

**Free Emmaus Institute Fall Class** A rare opportunity to draw closer to the heart of God by entering deeply into the study of the Book of Psalms. The Emmaus Institute is offering free registration (a \$200 value) for a 12-week course on the Psalms taught by Emmaus president, Vern Steiner (course runs on Thursday evenings, starting 8/22). Take it in-person **or online**, just yourself or with friends. Register online at [EmmausInstitute.net](http://EmmausInstitute.net). Questions? Call the Institute at 402-327-1671.

Dear Parishioners,

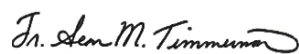
Thank you to everyone who was able to attend one of our strategic planning Open Forums on Sunday and Monday. I really appreciate the effort made to learn and ask questions about the future direction of our church and school. We received some good feedback from both the questions asked out loud, as well as the comment cards we collected. We will be reviewing these and adjusting the plan where applicable.

We did record the Open Forums, and we will let you know when those are posted to the website. One example of the three pillars we discussed at the Open Forums is below. The numbered points are the goals, and the letters are the objectives to perform in order to reach the goal. We will be needing volunteers, for example, to serve on an Evangelization Committee. That group's role will be to identify projects that will help to fulfill the stated objectives, and then execute them. Our planning committee has strived to make the pillar (Evangelization, Worship and Education) goals measurable, so that we can evaluate ourselves from year to year. As a reminder, our **Mission** is "Catholic: Worship, Education, Evangelization", and our **Vision** is "Lighting the Way to Christ". Therefore, our entire strategic plan should be related to and guided by these two principles.

**Evangelization** - Develop a culture that grows intentional disciples who share the Catholic faith. These disciples work in harmony to engage the community, drawing more people to Christ.

1. Develop an Evangelization Committee to grow the number of people attending weekly mass by 10% per year for the next 5 years
  - a. Establish a training program to teach parishioners how to share their faith
  - b. Establish a door to door/ public outreach evangelization program
  - c. Show people how God is relevant today
  - d. Re-engage fallen away Catholics
  - e. Recruit non-Catholics
2. Stewardship (This objective is still being developed so that it can be integrated into the overall plan).
  - a. Time
  - b. Talent
  - c. Treasure
  - d. Define Groups' Missions
3. Develop Youth Ministry Group to form youth into life-long Catholics, adding 2 participants each year for the next 5 years
  - a. Encourage high schoolers to attend weekly Mass
  - b. Work with youth when discerning vocations (priesthood, consecrated religious life, and marriage)
4. Expand Community Services to fulfill all 8 Beatitudes
  - a. Expand Community Services
  - b. Develop a succession plan for each service
5. Develop expectations for communication standards for each parish group
  - a. Create an information desk for new parishioners and others to find information on how to get involved
  - b. Update prior to each mass from parish Committees at key points
  - c. Consider reformatting the bulletin
  - d. Universal Calendar

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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