

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

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

August 11, 2024

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## PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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

#### Monday, August 12

8:10 a.m. Shannon McCarville+

#### Tuesday, August 13

8:10 a.m. Brandon Aylor+

#### Wednesday, August 14

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

**5:30 p.m.** People of the Parish Assumption Vigil

#### Thursday, August 15 Assumption of Mary

**8:10 a.m.** John Holdridge+

**7:00 p.m.** Special Intention for D.S.

#### Friday, August 16

8:10 a.m. Jerry J. Ficklin+

#### Saturday, August 17

8:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of PCCW

4:00 p.m. Special intention for T.M. & S.M.

#### Sunday, August 18 (20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT)

8:00 a.m. Dick & Stacey Case+

10:30a.m. People of the Parish

### Confessions:

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

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

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

**Head Count last weekend: 616**

### Contributions for August 4, 2024

General Collection	\$	8,948.34
General Online Giving	\$	14,030.00
Debt Reduction	\$	510.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	1,435.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	150.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	260.00
Utilities	\$	280.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	235.00
Mission Co-op Online Giving	\$	125.00

## Holy Day of Obligation

The great Solemnity of the Assumption is Thursday, August 15. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, where we honor our Blessed Mother and the gift given to her – assumption of body and soul, into Heaven. Masses for the Holy Day will be held as follows:  
**Aug. 14 Vigil – 5:30pm; Aug. 15 – 8:10am & 7:00pm**



**Classes begin Friday, August 16**  
**at St. John the Baptist School.**

**Welcome back, students, teachers & staff!**

**Upcoming Church Directory:** Father 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.

**Breakfast! Next Sunday, August 18** – Check out the free-will donation breakfast the Knights will cook up for us! In the school gym after the 8 & 10:30am Masses.

**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!

**CCD begins Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** We are looking forward to the start of this year's religion classes for 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students not attending a Catholic School. Families must be registered with the Church of the Holy Spirit Parish. If you are not registered yet as parishioners, you can take care of that when you register your child for CCD. Classes are from 9am - 10:20am on Sundays at St. John the Baptist school beginning Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Registration will be on that day at 8:50am in the gym. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, if not on file already, and a \$65 book fee per student. If you have any questions, please contact Angelica Prestridge at angelica-prestridge@cdolinc.net or CCDchsplattsmouth@gmail.com

**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.



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

• "Let us adore Jesus in our hearts, who spent 30 years out of 33 in silence; who began his public life by spending 40 days in silence; who often retired alone to spend the night on a mountain in silence. He who spoke with authority, now spends his earthly life in silence. Let us adore Jesus in the eucharistic silence."

• "Each time we look upon Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, He raises us up into deeper union with Himself, opens up the floodgates of His merciful love to the whole world, and brings us closer to the day of His final victory "where every knee will bend and proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord". "The reign of God is already in your midst." The coming of Jesus to us in the Eucharist is assurance of His promise of final victory: "Behold I come to make all things new."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

#### **Current open Adoration Hours at CHS:**

Sundays at 2am & 3am; Mondays at 2am; Tuesdays at 1am; Wednesdays at Midnight, & 3am; Thursdays at midnight & 2am; Saturdays at 1am, 2am, 3am, & 6pm

Would you like to have a regularly scheduled Adoration hour? Maybe one of the above open hours would work for you! For now, we are getting subs each week to fill those hours. Or do you have questions about our Perpetual Adoration? Call Traci: 297-2295

#### **This week's featured Sister in our Diocese:**

From the Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph: Sr. Gemma of St. Mary Magdalene, a Jr. Professed Novice. Please pray for all our sisters in formation, and for our seminarians – especially Adam Bohan from our parish.

**Church cleaning reminder:** For August 17 (at 9:00am): Boyle, Brannan, Bridges, Brink, Brink, Brink, Brouhard, Brouhard

**I would like to thank you** for all the prayers and cards while I was in the hospital and recovering, and especially to Fr. Timmerman for the hospital visit. – Paul Savick

#### **Next weekend we will welcome a missionary priest to Church of the Holy Spirit.**

All the missionary priests who speak in our parishes have great needs for which they give the appeal. Some may ask for additional support, such as sponsoring a seminarian or religious for several months, in addition to their appeal at Mass. Our diocesan regulations do not allow this so that people will be able to support the needs of other missionaries who will give appeals in our parish in the future. There are so many needs to be met from so many different dioceses and religious orders, and we must give each different group a fair chance to receive our support each year. Thank you for your support!

**Dinners for Priests, "Stewardship of Talent"** Aug 12: Nicolette Kerns, Aug 13: Shelli Anderson, Aug 19: Patti Coleman, Aug 20: Megan Hanneman, Aug 26: Sandy Fischer, Aug 27: Amy Kotera

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

**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.

#### **Some upcoming dates:**

Aug 13 – Church Directory, planning mtg, 6:30pm, SJR, all are welcome

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

Sept 8 – CCD begins for students grades 1-8 not attending a Catholic school

#### **Join Fr. 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).

**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.

Dear Parishioners,

We are very grateful to Mike Vaughn and our Knights of Columbus Council for a superb golf, dinner and auction event last Saturday for the benefit of our St. John the Baptist school. We had nearly perfect weather for golf, more than 120 golfers, and many volunteers to help organize the day, execute the tournament, cook and prepare the food, run the bar, set up for the auction and raffle, and plenty of other things to make the day go smoothly. An event like this doesn't just happen all by itself; it takes months of planning and ironing out the details. Our school students thank you for your hard work and support of St. John the Baptist Catholic school. Thank you and God bless you!

We are also very grateful for all of our event sponsors. Many businesses and individuals made donations for our event that help to offset our costs so that St. John's receives the full benefit of the tournament and dinner. Without the generosity of our hole sponsors, the overall benefit to the school would be much smaller. Thank you to everyone who supported this important fundraiser for our school in any way, large or small. We appreciate you!

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The Solemnity of the **Assumption of Mary** is this Thursday, August 15th, and it is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses are Monday evening and Tuesday. Please check the bulletin.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is an incredible gift for our parish. We have twelve open adoration hours. Many of the hours are traditionally difficult to fill. While late at night or early in the morning can be hard for some people, they are hours that are filled with many special graces for those that are willing to make the commitment. **I am especially reaching out here to able-bodied men. I think we live in a safe neighborhood here, but it is better for a man than a woman to be out late walking from car to church.** Christ knows the sacrifice you would be making at that particular time just to be with Him, talk to Him, and listen to Him. Would you please step up in faith and take one of these hours? This is a very special and important ministry for our parish, and we need your help to keep it flourishing.

If you already have an hour, thank you. Would you please ask a friend or neighbor to sign up for one? Tell them what a great gift it is to you, how you look forward to it throughout the week, and just how much our Good God blesses you for it. Tell them that you will also go with them for their first one, just to show them how easy it is!

Also consider asking a non-Catholic friend of yours to take an hour. You could invite them to join you one time, and then maybe later they could take on their own hour. Many conversions to the Catholic faith have been initiated with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is one that comes to mind. Adoration can be a wonderful (and very easy) way to evangelize and bring the fulness of the faith to others.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Sean M. Timmerman

# This year's path of the National Eucharistic Revival: *Walk With One*

## Everyone Can Evangelize

We are all called to evangelize, and thanks to the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are well-equipped for this mission. It may not mean spreading the Gospel in a foreign land or going door-to-door with the Good News—and it may require overcoming some fears—but the Lord is asking each of us to step out of our comfort zone and evangelize one-on-one.

There is someone in your life *right now* whom Jesus longs to call to himself. He wants to spark a relationship with them and bless them with his sacraments. In this Year of Mission, Catholics across the U.S. are saying “yes” to a special form of heart-to-heart accompaniment called the *Walk With One* initiative. This is your opportunity to be God’s instrument in the life of another person. Imagine how our families, neighborhoods, and country will be transformed if every active Catholic answers this call!

## The Stages of Spiritual Companionship

### **1** Identify

Don't just pick someone. Ask God whom he wants you to accompany on their journey home to the Church. He will point you to the person he has in mind and open doors for the conversations that need to happen.

### **2** Intercede

As soon as the Lord lays someone on your heart, begin to pray for them! Ask God to remove whatever obstacles are making it difficult for this person to draw closer to Christ and his Church. Pray for the grace to be able to accompany them well.

### **3** Connect

Look for ways to build a deeper relationship with this person. Get together with them for coffee or lunch. Listen deeply for promptings from the Holy Spirit as you get to know your friend's joys and struggles. Share with them some of your own.

### **4** Invite

Follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit. When the time is right, invite your friend to take a concrete next step in fostering a personal relationship with Jesus and the Church. This might mean joining you for a small group or Mass on Sunday. Some people might be ready to discuss the spiritual life after only a conversation or two, while for others it might take more time. It is also important to recognize that this may not be a “one and done” conversation but is more likely to be a series of conversations and invitations.

After every encounter, thank God for the conversations that you have been having and remember to keep this person in your prayers.

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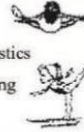
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