

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2024

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

25th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, September 23

7:00 a.m. Terry & Judy Wiles+ 8:10 a.m. Shannon McCarville+

Tuesday, September 24 7:00 a.m. Jean Green+

8:10 a.m. Brandon Aylor+ Wednesday, September 25

7:00 a.m. Special intention for M.T.

8:10 a.m. Lisa Nelson+ Thursday, September 26 7:00 a.m. Shirley Pierce+

8:10 a.m. Special intention for T.S.

Friday, September 27

7:00 a.m. All Souls Day intentions+

8:10 a.m. Living & deceased members of the Sneed

and Timmerman families

Saturday, September 28 8:00 a.m. Dee Spreitzer+

4:00 p.m. Bertie Lutz+

Sunday, September 29 (26th Sunday in OT)

8:00 a.m. Alfred Gaeta+ 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: 537 Contributions for September 15, 2024		
General Collection	\$	7,390.60
General Online Giving	\$	3,601.00
Debt Reduction	\$	545.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	20.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	141.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	15.00
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Mission Co-op	\$	500.00



Blessing of Pets... Thursday, October 3 Bring your pets in for a blessing - celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. It will be when school gets out – about the Animals 3:00pm, outside of the school in the garden area. Please bring your cat in a carrier, your dog on a leash, and any other animal under appropriate control! ©

15th Annual Pro-Life Diaper Drive During the month of October, PCCW will be once again collecting diapers. Please bring them to the playpen in the Commons! The highest need are donations of sizes 5 & 6. Thank you for your generosity; it is greatly appreciated. There is also a container if you prefer to make a cash donation.



Biergarten Live Music Bingo Silent Auction Quilt Raffle Photo Booth Food Trucks Carnival Games

Bounce House Obstacle Course and more...!

Join us on October 5th following 4pm Mass for Oktoberfest!

The annual Fall Festival is a wonderful opportunity to support the school, spend time with the community, and have some fun. This year's festival features new games and activities for all ages! Join us after 4pm Mass and come enjoy the evening listening to live music and all the activities, food trucks, games, and biergarten.

If you're able to support the festival with a financial sponsorship or with a basket for the silent auction, please call/text Cortney at (402) 973-5232



Annual Life Chain Sunday, October 6 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. At the corner of Chicago & 8th Ave (by Casey's, Golden Dragon, & Subway). Rain or shine, show your Pro-Life Faith! We will provide the signs to hold. You provide the prayers and a witness to LIFE!

<u>Some upcoming dates:</u> Sept 21/22 – Schedule your Directory photo session after the Masses Sept 22 – CCD continues, for grades 1-8 not attending a Catholic school Oct 3 – Blessing of pets, 3:00pm outside the school Oct 5/6 – Bishop's Appeal for Vocations weekend #1 NOTE: Date change

Oct 6 – Annual Life Chain, 2-3pm, corner of 8th Ave & Chicago Oct 12/13 – Bishop's Appeal for Vocations weekend #2 NOTE: Date change



You are picture perfect! Universal Church Directories will be visiting us in October & November. A new church directory will help us know names and faces of those amongst us. By participating, you will not only receive a free 8x10 portrait, church directory and mobile app on your

phone, but pictures will be ready before Christmas. What a great gift they will make. You can still schedule your photo date in person after this weekend's Masses, Sept 21/22. If you would prefer to schedule online. instructions for that can be found on their table in the Commons. Our parish directory will not be complete without you!



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Consecration of the Election to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary Immaculate, living tabernacle of the Divinity, where the eternal Wisdom lies hidden to be adored and served by angels and men, Queen of Heaven and of Earth, beneath whose sway are subject all things that are lower than God, Patroness of the United States of America. sorrowful and mindful of our own sinfulness and the sins of our nation, we come to thee, our refuge and hope. Knowing that our country cannot be saved by our own works and mindful of how much our nation has departed from the ways of thy Son, we humbly ask that thou wouldst turn thine eyes upon our country to bring about its conversion. We consecrate to thee the integrity of the upcoming election and its outcome, so that what is spiritually and morally best for the citizens of our country may be accomplished, and that all of those who are elected would govern according to the spiritual and moral principles which will bring our nation into conformity with the teachings of thy Son. Give grace to the citizens of this land so that they will choose leaders according to the Sacred Heart of thy Son, that His glory may be made manifest, lest we be given the leaders we deserve. Trusting in the providential care of God the Father and thy maternal care, we have perfect confidence that thou wilt take care of us and will not leave us forsaken. O Marv Immaculate, pray for us. Amen.

Church cleaning reminder: For Sept 28 (at 9:00am): Eischeid, Englett, Ernest, Ernest, Faircloth, Fees, Fees, Ferdig

<u>Dinners for Priests, "Stewardship of Talent"</u> Sep 23: Gay Lepert, Sep 24: Sandy DiSomma, Sep 30: Patti Coleman, Oct 1: Bill Boyle, Oct 7: Nicolette Kerns, Oct 8: Amy Kotera



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- Saint \$60 / 88 tickets
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- Cardinal \$20 / 24 tickets

Packages can be purchased following the 4pm Mass on 9/28 and following the 8am and 10:30am Masses on 9/29.

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He tried to warn us... Come learn Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's thoughts on spiritual warfare and the forces of evil through salvation history to today. In a video presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn and Father Dave Tomaszycki discuss Archbishop Sheen's wisdom about the nature of the Evil One, the signs of his activity, and our defenses against his wiles. Sheen unmasks the demonic and its tactics that are ruining souls and ripping apart marriages, families, and the world itself. Venerable Servant of God Fulton Sheen reveals three powerful weapons to send the demons back to hell. Don't miss this fascinating discussion. Monday, October 7 (6:30 - 8:00 pm) OR Wednesday, October 9 (9:30 - 11:00 am.) Franciscan Sisters' Motherhouse 347 N. 62nd Road, Nebraska City.

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

September Planning Meeting – Thursday, Sept 26th, at 7:00pm in SJR. Chuckwagon Event #3 – Calling All Knights again to help with food sales for Oktoberfest in support of St John the Baptist Catholic School on the Parish grounds, on Saturday Oct. 5th. Sign-up instructions sent out by Flocknote.

October Rosary – Wednesday, Oct. 9th, at 6:30pm in the church. Men's Faith Development – Wednesday, Oct. 9th, at 7:00pm in SJR. October General Meeting – Wednesday, Oct. 9th, at 7:30pm in SJR. Tootsie Roll Drive - Mark your calendars now: 11-12-13 October. Our biggest fundraiser for the Special Olympics each year. Help us distribute Tootsie Rolls with warm smiles!

Join Fr. Timmerman for a pilgrimage through Italy!

Next year, from Feb 24th to Mar 7th, 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!

Space is limited so please register at kingdomtours.us/Timmerman to reserve your spot today! Questions about the trip? Contact Kingdom Tours bv calling 402-315-1435 or send info@kingdomtour.us.

This week's featured Sister in our Diocese: From the School Sisters of Christ the King: Sr. Mary Chiara Middendorf, who has made her 1st vows. Featured Seminarian in our Diocese: Alvin Luu, who entered seminary in 2024, now in the Propaedeutic Stage at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. Please pray for all our sisters in formation and seminarians - especially seminarian Adam Bohan from our parish.

To renew or newly subscribe... Deadlines for all are: Monday, October 7.

Magnificat subscription re-order time. The Magnificat is a great way to enter into the daily Mass readings, as well as it having many nourishing and faith-building meditations. The current subscription for those who are receiving the Magnificat missalette with the parish bulk rate will end with December's issue. To renew or to newly subscribe for the year 2024, call Sue at the rectory office, 296-3139, no later than Monday, Oct. 7. The bulk rate is \$35.00 for the year, rather than its regular \$49.00 rate (make check out to Church of the Holy Spirit). These missalettes are sent to the church, for you to pick up there. Or put a note & money in a clearly marked envelope into Sunday's collection basket, or mail them in to the rectory office.

It's also time for "Living Faith" pamphlet renewal of interested in subscribing, at bulk rate (\$8.00/year), to the quarterly Living Faith pamphlet, contact Sue at the rectory office, 296-3139, by Monday, October 7. Subscriptions will run for all of 2024. As with the Magnificat, these will not be sent to your home; instead, you will need to pick them up at the rectory office. You can put a check for \$8.00, made out to Church of the Holy Spirit, in a clearly marked envelope via the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the rectory office.

<u>MagnifiKid! – Time to renew or subscribe!</u> (deadline: by October 7) This is a monthly publication similar to Magnificat, but for children 6 to 12. CHS is able to get a bulk rate on this IF we have a minimum of 10 subscriptions. Parents who would like to be in our bulk group subscription – please contact Sue at the rectory office, 296-3139, or email plattsmouthHSC@cdolinc.net by Monday, October 7, to let us know. <u>Do not send in money yet – we need to first find out if we will have 10 subscribers!</u> The annual subscription rate is \$18/year (which is less than half the regular price). You will receive 12 months from January to December 2024 (52 issues). Subscribers receive the issues on a monthly basis, to be picked up outside the parish office, just as the regular Magnificats are distributed. In each month's packet, children will find a booklet of sixteen color pages for each Sunday, and also special issues for the major feast days (Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Ascension, Assumption, All Saints Day). Every week, MagnifiKid offers: All the readings and the prayers of the Sunday Mass with explanations of the difficult words and the meaning of the rituals; a daily prayer adapted from the Liturgy of the Hours; many suggestions on how to live the entire week with the Lord; various games, a comic, and activities to help children learn about Christian life and culture; a page intended for the parents with suggestions for family prayers. This can help: • to accompany them on the path of daily prayer; • to help them develop and nourish their spiritual lives; • to hand on to them our rich Christian spiritual values; • to encourage them to participate fully in the life of the Church. If you'd like to subscribe, please let us know by Oct 7!



The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration

"What to 'do' or 'pray' during your Adoration Hour? All God wants is your heart!"

- Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers at the National Eucharistic Congress

Current open Adoration Hours at CHS: Sundays at 2am & 3am; Mondays at 2am;

Wednesdays at Midnight & 3am, Noon & 10pm; Thursdays at Midnight & 2am; Saturdays at 1am, 2am, 3am & 4am

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

The Legion of Mary is going to offer a "Do-It-Yourself Retreat", for women or men, in preparation for making or renewing a Marian consecration. We did this a few years ago and would like to do it again. Some of you may still have the book, and you can use it again this time. It is called "33 Days to Morning Glory" by Fr. Michael Gaitley, and it is based on what was promoted by St. Louis de Montfort. As it says, it takes 33 days to complete the consecration. If you would like to do the retreat as a group, we will start on Nov. 5 so that it will end on Dec 8, feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Every week we will read about how one of our four giants of Marian consecration lived out his or her consecration to Jesus through Mary. The goal is to ponder their message in our hearts. If you want to know more about our Blessed Mother through four great saints, this would be a great opportunity. We will be selling the books for \$5.00 the weekend of Oct 12/13. When December 8 comes around, we will really have something to celebrate! Any questions, ask them at their table! Or call Sherry LeBlanc, 321-3372.

Fall 2024 Retreat Schedule at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, near Waverly, NE

Retreats where you know the topic that the presenter will give:

Saturday, Oct. 5: "Holiness for Moms of Young People" Day of Reflection

Sunday, Oct. 6: "Faith of Our Fathers" Day of Reflection for men

Oct. 11-13: "Recognizing the Devil's Tactics" Retreat with Fr. Jeremy Hazuka

Oct. 25-27: "My Lord, My God, My All" Retreat with Bishop Robert Finn with the Knights of the Holy Eucharist

4-day and 8-day Ignatian Retreats: With Holy reading and meditation, and a daily meeting with your Director:

Sept. 25-29 4-day with Fr. Coulter

Oct. 7-14, 7-10, or 11-14 with Fr. Coulter, Fr. Barak, Matt Simmons

These retreats are for either men or women and offered both in-person and online. Scholarships are available, contact the Retreat House office for more info 402-786-2705

Dear Parishioners,

In vitro fertilization has been in the news a lot lately, and politicians on both sides of the aisle have been eager to show that they support it. But what exactly is it, and is it morally okay to do? Children are a beautiful blessing for every family, but does the end always justify the means? Below is an excellent article from CatholicVote.org that explains the science and the morality of IVF.

In vitro fertilization (IVF) is not a pro-life procedure for several reasons, including that the process necessarily includes leaving human embryos to be frozen or discarded, a professor of theology explained in a recent article. "In order for IVF to be successful, multiple eggs are fertilized—that is, multiple humans are created—but only some of them are implanted in the womb," Dr. Richard DeClue wrote in a September 16 article for Word on Fire. DeClue has an undergraduate degree in theology from Belmont Abbey College and three ecclesiastical degrees in theology from Catholic University of America. "The rest are discarded or frozen indefinitely, which is contrary to their human dignity," he added.

According to the National Embryo Donation Center, there are currently approximately 1,500,000 frozen embryonic human beings in the United States. Additionally, DeClue later highlighted a recent statistic that "only 7 percent of embryos resulting from IVF will make it to live birth."

In some cases, more than one human embryo is transferred to the woman's uterus, to increase the chance of a successful implantation, DeClue explained. He pointed out that the Mayo Clinic states that it is possible for more than one human embryo to implant in the woman's uterus at a time, resulting in "a multiple pregnancy."

If this happens, the Mayo Clinic states, "A surgery called fetal reduction can be used to help a person deliver fewer babies." DeClue indicated that "fetal reduction" essentially means a selective abortion. Moreover, not only is abortion sometimes employed in the process of IVF, but, according to DeClue, "eugenics is not uncommon either."

During the stages before implantation, human embryos created in the laboratory are subject to testing for genetic diseases. DeClue cited another author from Word on Fire, Mark Bradford, who previously wrote that human embryos who appear to have genetic anomalies, such as Down syndrome, are not chosen for implantation. Instead, they are discarded. DeClue also explained why the Catholic Church teaches that the use of IVF is a grave sin, noting that several steps in the IVF procedure are intrinsically immoral. The process of fertilizing an egg in a laboratory to create a human embryo involves "the separation of the unitive and procreative aspects of the marital act," DeClue wrote, which is "contrary to natural and divine law."

"During the process," DeClue explained: the woman takes "medicines to spur the growth of sacs in the ovaries that each contain an egg" and "a procedure is done to collect the eggs." For the man's part, "most often, the semen sample is collected through masturbation," although other procedures are sometimes used such as "testicular aspiration" which "uses a needle or surgery to collect sperm directly from the testicle." Of course, masturbation is an objectively grave sin, as the Catechism teaches (see CCC 2352).

The eggs are then fertilized with the collected semen in the laboratory. This is where the term in vitro comes from. It literally means "in glass," referring to a laboratory dish.

As CatholicVote previously reported, the Catholic Church has condemned both surrogacy and IVF, teaching that "children have specific rights that protect them from being treated as commodities or scientific projects." In March, Students for Life Action President Kristan Hawkins, a Catholic, pointed out on a social media thread about IVF: "Children are gifts and should always be treated as precious, valuable, and with respect." In the same thread, Hawkins wrote that "[t]he IVF Industry profits off the struggles, fears, and good desires of couples, while ignoring medical healing that could address the cause of many couples' seasons of infertility."

https://catholicvote.org/theologian-explains-why-ivf-is-not-pro-life

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Sean M. Timmerman

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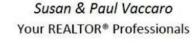
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