

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, 2024

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE
31st Week in Ordinary Time
Monday, November 4
 7:00 a.m. Tom Miller+
 8:10 a.m. Shannon McCarville+
Tuesday, November 5
 7:00 a.m. All Souls Day intentions+
 8:10 a.m. Margaret Brophy+
Wednesday, November 6
 7:00 a.m. John & Carol Becklun+
 8:10 a.m. Alfred Gaeta+
 9:45 a.m. (Latin) Celebrant's intention
Thursday, November 7
 7:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of the Bossung family
 8:10 a.m. John & Marcia Holdridge+
Friday, November 8
 7:00 a.m. For safety of babies in the womb
 8:10 a.m. Janet Pope+
Saturday, November 9
 8:00 a.m. Laura Barnes+
 4:00 p.m. Leo Pfeifer+
Sunday, November 10 (32nd Sunday in OT)
 8:00 a.m. Helen Hanika+
 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: 503
Contributions for October 27, 2024

General Collection	\$	7,565.00
General <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	2,881.00
Debt Reduction	\$	665.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	152.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$	330.00
Utilities	\$	100.00
Memorial	\$	300.00

Holy Hour for the Election and our Country –
 Join parishioners in praying a holy hour on **Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00 p.m. in church.** We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the rosary, and the litany of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The intention of this holy hour is for the passage of Initiative 434, the defeat of Initiative 439, the retaining of school choice in Initiative 435, and for the success of all pro-life candidates in Nebraska and across our nation. We have done a lot of hard work in getting the word out about how to save babies and protect mothers, and now is the time to once more turn everything over into the hands of our Blessed Lord.

Spring Dinner Kickoff Meeting!!!
 Please join us on Sunday, November 3rd, at 7:00pm in St. Joseph Room. To pull off an event of this magnitude, it takes a village! We are looking for energetic, spirited, and motivated individuals to join the planning committee and help us gain momentum for this exciting event! If you can't attend but would like more information, don't hesitate to reach out at springdinnerinfo@gmail.com

Just a reminder... If you would like to start with the book “33 Days to Morning Glory” for your consecration to Jesus through Mary, as a group, we will begin on November 5, and be doing it individually from our own homes. A journey together, spiritually! (This is the book that the Legion of Mary was promoting a few weeks ago.)

 **A new church directory** is in the works, and it's time to schedule your picture to be taken! ***Our parish directory will not be complete without you!*** Remaining Photography Dates are November 12-16. For online scheduling, go to: www.ucdir.com Church Code: NE253 Password: photos

Some upcoming dates:
 Nov 11 – Mass of the Ages movie and Q & A #1, 7:00pm
 Nov 17 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast in gym after Masses
 Nov 18 – Mass of the Ages movie and Q & A #2, 7:00pm
 Nov 26 – Pie Social, in Commons following 6pm Mass
 Dec 2 – Mass of the Ages movie and Q & A #3, 7:00pm

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, young and old, in our parish music ministry. Whether as a soloist, part of the monthly CHS Choir, and/or Christmas & Easter choirs, we need you. Our weekly song leaders always welcome you to join them in the choir area at Mass. If you are interested in volunteering and sharing your talents on a regular basis or even occasionally, please contact Terry Little at 402-297-2127 or email tlmusic@windstream.net. “Come, praise the Lord in song!”

Hard copies of the DRAFT Strategic Plan are located in the Commons next to the comment box for review. Please continue to provide comments via the comment box or the online comment form on the Strategic Planning web page.



The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration

I praise, bless, and give myself wholly to Him, who is the true Bread of my soul, and my everlasting joy,"
- Venerable John Henry Newman

Current open Adoration Hours at CHS:

Sundays at 1am, 2am & 3am; Mondays at 2am; Wednesdays at Midnight, Noon; Thursdays at Midnight & 2am; Saturdays at 1am, 2am, 3am & 4am

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

Youth Group Meeting Schedule

Come and join us for faith-filled conversation, camaraderie, and yummy snacks! Open to all Middle School through High School youth.

All meetings are held from 7pm-8:30pm at the Koelzer Residence, 402 Waverly Rd, Murray.

- Sunday, November 10
- Sunday, November 24
- Sunday, December 8
- Break for Christmas
- Sunday, January 5

Questions?? Contact Donette Koelzer 402-297-0786

This week's featured Sister: From the Marian Sisters: Sr. Gabriel Perry, a Jr. Sister. **This week's Featured Seminarian:** Collin Kuzelka, who entered seminary in 2024, now in the Propaedeutic Stage at St. Gregory the Great. Please pray for all our sisters in formation and seminarians – especially seminarian Adam Bohan from our parish.

Church cleaning reminder: For Nov 9 (at 9:00am): Hammons, Hanneman, Hansen, Hardy, Harmel, Heger, Heim, Hemmer

Dinners for Priests, "Stewardship of Talent"
Nov 4: Bonnie Seyfer, Nov 5: Shelli Anderson, Nov 11: Emilee Schlickau, Nov 12: Gay Lepert, Nov 18: Patty Coleman, Nov 19: Sandy DiSomma

EPS Baby Bottles... Essential Pregnancy Services (EPS) is making a difference in the lives of women experiencing unexpected and under-supported pregnancies. Through EPS Baby Bottles, your generous financial contributions provide life-affirming, cost-free services to women and families! Bottles are available in the Commons. Fill it with coins, cash or checks. Make checks payable to EPS. Return the bottle (filled or not) by Saturday, November 30th to the Commons or directly to Shari or Teresa Barrios. Questions? Contact Shari at 616-7509. Thank you for your prayers and support!

NCBC The National Catholic Bioethics Center helps navigate ethical issues surrounding health care, end-of-life care, and more. They offer **Free Personal Ethics Consultations**, which help patients and their families understand and apply Church teaching to the difficult medical situations they face. Their ethicists are available 24/7 by phone and email, and this service is free of charge.

This could have a significant impact on the lives of family members who do not know if they should withdraw treatment from their loved ones at the end of life, health care workers who are unsure about participating in certain job-related activities, and couples seeking guidance on the Church's teaching on reproductive medicine, etc.

Made In His Image A program for dads and sons about growing up according to God's plan. November 17th, 2-4pm at Lourdes Theology Room in Nebraska City. This program is for boys ages 10-14 and a supportive male (father/grandfather/etc). Topics will include the physical and emotional changes of puberty, cultivating virtue, building healthy relationships and facilitating conversations between fathers and sons. The program is free and pizza will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. To register, contact Patrick Gress at patrickgress@yahoo.com.

New hats, scarves, gloves, and socks – for adults and children. CDA will be accepting donations; please put them in the marked basket in the Commons, through November. *My Neighbor's Closet*, (our thrift store), will distribute to local people in need.

Come join us for a special series of Movie Nights to watch *Mass of the Ages: Discover the Traditional Latin Mass*.

Many great saints were sanctified and nourished by the Traditional Latin Mass, including St. Francis, St. Clare, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Therese of Lisieux.

The Traditional Latin Mass, also known as the Tridentine Mass, has been celebrated by the Roman Catholic Church for over a thousand years. St. John Henry Cardinal Newman noted that the Traditional Latin Mass is "virtually unchanged since the third century." In the sixth century, Pope St. Gregory the Great codified the Mass, especially "Gregorian" chant, which takes its name from him.

Mass of the Ages is a trilogy that explores the richness of the TLM through stunning cinematography and inspiring stories. But it's not just beautiful. It's also an investigation into the surprising events that led to the creation of the New Mass that is celebrated today.

Movie nights shown in the Commons with refreshments and a Q&A afterwards:

November 11th @ 7:00 p.m. - Episode 1: ***Discover the Traditional Latin Mass*** (48 minutes)

November 18th @ 7:00 p.m. - Episode 2: ***A Perfect Storm*** (72 minutes)

December 2nd @ 7:00 p.m. - Episode 3: ***Guardians of Tradition*** (89 minutes)

For further information or if you have any questions, please contact Fr. Timmerman.

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

November Rosary, Men's Faith Development, and General Meeting – All begins in prayer on Wednesday, Nov. 13th, at 6:30pm in the church.

Nebraska: Protect Women & Children at the polls this election.

Two constitutional amendments are on the ballot this election. One hurts women and children and one will protect them for generations to come. Be a part of this historical election that will change the landscape of women's healthcare and safety.

VOTE AGAINST 439

Summary of why to Vote Against Initiative 439:

Three short, impactful videos feature leading female medical professionals — from Dr. Angelina Giles (DNP, APRN), Dr. Katherine Brooks (DO), and Dr. Carolyn Manhart (MD)—who break down why Initiative 439 is dangerous. You can watch these videos at VoteAgainst439.com/Toolkit.

In just 30 seconds, they address:

- Initiative 439 would leave women unsupported.
- Initiative 439 would allow non-physicians to control medical decisions.
- Initiative 439 wipes out critical protections for women and babies.

VOTE FOR 434

Short summary: Nebraska medical professionals launched this measure, proposing a Nebraska constitutional amendment to **safeguard women's health care with clear, commonsense abortion limits and exceptions.**

An important Referendum:

VOTE to RETAIN 435

School Choice Referendum: Vote RETAIN on Referendum 435. This election cycle, an important law which provides education funding scholarships for children across Nebraska to attend non-public schools is on the ballot. The education scholarship program is benefiting thousands of Nebraska students and repeal would take away scholarships from those students. It is critical for Nebraskans to vote RETAIN on Referendum 435 so we can make sure children receive these educational opportunities. This law gives kids hope, empowers parents and parental involvement, and saves taxpayers money. Visit www.NEcatholic.org to learn more!

Quotes from the Southern Nebraska Register:

Nebraska has recently made historic investments in public education, to the tune of more than \$15,000 per student. And a surprising number of the parents we hear from are proud current or former public school educators. They tell us that Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska make sense because we must prioritize the future: our children. ... As one said, "We need great public schools. It's a great fit for most kids. But my little one, for example, needs something different."

Stories are one thing, but the data is also revealing. Roughly 50% of applicants to OSN are from outside the Lincoln and Omaha areas. Over a third are under the poverty standard for the Children's Health Insurance Program (213% of poverty) and the majority are below 300% of poverty. In short, this program is helping hard-working Nebraskans—these folks are your neighbors and co-workers.

To pull the lens back a bit, to most of our friends in other states, educational opportunity is the norm (as it is worldwide in most developed Christian countries). We are seeing new and massive expansions of programs across the U.S. This is because, with over 30 years of experience and data in the U.S., school choice programs clearly change lives. Now we're seeing it firsthand in Nebraska, which is a beautiful thing for our families, kids, and future.

These are the families that need us to vote RETAIN on Referendum 435 this election cycle.

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 Mary Immaculate, pray for us. Amen.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your hard work in getting the word out to eligible Nebraska voters about the importance of the pro-life and pro-abortion ballot initiatives in this upcoming election. If Initiative 439 would pass, babies will die, and women will be forever damaged and traumatized unnecessarily by the scourge of abortion. If 434 passes, new lives from God will be saved, and women will be protected from the deceitful lie that abortion is the only way out of a very difficult situation. So many people, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, are ready and willing to help mothers and fathers during this scary time, and help them to choose the option that is truly for the good of their welfare, as well, of course, for the life and good of their child.

But at some point, after all of the TV ads, discussing the election and ballots with friends, neighbors and co-workers, we need to completely turn everything over into the hands of God, and ask that His holy will be done. Please join parishioners in praying a holy hour on **Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00 p.m. in church**. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the rosary, and the litany of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The intention of this holy hour is for the passage of Initiative 434, the defeat of Initiative 439, the retaining of school choice in Initiative 435, and for the success of all pro-life candidates in Nebraska and across our nation. We have done a lot of hard work in getting the word out about how to save babies and protect mothers, and now is the time to once more turn everything over into the hands of our Blessed Lord.

Some may ask, why pray a holy hour now, when most people have voted already? Isn't it too late? NO! We remember that God is outside of time, and our prayers, whenever we may pray them, are efficacious and are received by God and attributed by Him. For example, the prayers you pray NOW for a deceased loved one, even though they have been dead for many years, have a real impact at the moment of their death and judgment by God. How? Because God is outside of time, and He could foresee and know that you were praying for this person today, 10, 20, even 30 years after they died. He knew and received that prayer and attributed it to your loved one's soul at the precise moment of their death.

In like manner, our prayers for the election now can be the reason why some people will have had a change of heart two weeks ago when they voted, and instead of voting FOR 439, they voted AGAINST it! They might not know why they changed their mind at the last minute, but we do! It is the POWER of PRAYER!! All because of you and your prayers, either **Tuesday night at 7:00p.m.**, or any other time you have prayed for this pro-life intention. But we do have to pray! We do have to put in the work of saving babies and protecting mothers and fathers from the evil of abortion. Thank you for your fidelity and perseverance in this great fight of our time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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gave of their time
and talents,
we too give ours.

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