

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**November 24, 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

### Week of Christ the King

#### Monday, November 25

7:00 a.m. Jean Green+  
 8:10 a.m. The All Souls Day intentions+

#### Tuesday, November 26

7:00 a.m. Jerome Brink+  
 8:10 a.m. Antonia Vanek+

#### Wednesday, November 27

7:00 a.m. Shannon McCarville+  
 8:10 a.m. Dick Wassinger+

**6:00 p.m.** Deceased members of Legion of Mary+

#### Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day

**8:10 a.m.** Joan Aylor+

#### Friday, November 29

8:10 a.m. Monika Michaels+

#### Saturday, November 30

8:00 a.m. Jerry J. Ficklin+  
 4:00 p.m. CHS prayer warriors for J.S.

#### Sunday, December 1 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent)

8:00 a.m. Chris Sand+  
 10:30a.m. Janice E. Kirkendall+  
 12:30p.m. (Latin) 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: 565**

### Contributions for November 10, 2024

<b>General Collection</b>	\$	<b>7,342.36</b>
General <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	3,658.00
Debt Reduction	\$	1,245.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	235.00
Utilities	\$	20.00

**We give thanks** for the Cloistered Sisters of our diocese, our beloved Pink Sisters in Lincoln, and the Carmelite Sisters near Agnew. The collection taken up at the Thanksgiving Day Mass will be for them unless you otherwise noted on your donation.

### Some upcoming dates:

Nov 27 – Pie Social, in Commons following 6pm Mass  
 Dec 2 – Mass of the Ages movie and Q & A #3, 7:00pm  
 Dec 14 – Knight before Christmas – Christmas music, stories, food!  
 Dec 14/15 – Volunteer Fair

**Thanksgiving Day Mass schedule:** Wednesday, Thanksgiving 'vigil' Mass is at 6:00pm. Thursday, one Mass only, at 8:10am. **The next day,** Friday, will also have one Mass only, at 8:10am.


### Pie Social on the eve of Thanksgiving Day....

Wednesday following the 6pm Mass. Bring a pie or dessert to share in the Commons, and enjoy your Parish Family's company!

**Christmas Giving Tree**  
*Give joy to a family in need.*

Please return your wrapped gift with the tag attached and place it under the Giving Tree in the Church Commons no later than December 19<sup>th</sup>.

*Thank you for your generosity.*



**It's Pecan time again!** December 22, before and after Mass, Catholic Daughters will begin selling our famous Pecans. In addition, we will have our **Prime Rib and Ham raffle** again this year. **Drawing for the Meat Raffle will be December 15<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 Mass.** We have added Chocolate Covered Pretzel Sticks, and a Winter Deco Mesh wreath raffle item. Catholic Daughters appreciates the support of our parish for our fundraiser!

**This week's Featured Seminarian:** Peter Foley, who entered seminary in 2018, now in Theology 3 at Mount St. Mary. Please pray for all our sisters in formation and seminarians – especially seminarian Adam Bohan from our parish.

**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!

**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

## Youth Group Meetings 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 24

Sunday, December 8

Break for Christmas

Sunday, January 5

Questions?? Contact Donette Koelzer  
297-0786

## The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration



"It's time for faithful Catholics to stop trying to live *for* God. Instead we should start living *from* him. The body and blood of the Lord is the source of our life, our energy, and our joy. So let's eat and drink here every day to our heart's content and then let's rush out into a starving world and tell everybody we meet, 'Starving people, listen! We found where the food is!'" -Monsignor James Shea at the National Eucharistic Congress

**If you would like the assurance of having some solid prayer times, then perhaps the easiest, as well as most beneficial, and as well as a great gift to Jesus, would be to have a regularly scheduled Hour of Adoration! If you would like to begin that, please call Traci at 297-2295.** Our current open hours are: Sundays at 1am, 2am, & 3am; Mondays at 2am; Tuesdays at Midnight; Wednesdays at 2am & Noon; Thursdays at Midnight & 2am; Saturdays at 3am, 4am, & 11am.

An alternative would be to check the tall table in the Commons, and sign up to take a particular open hour *in the upcoming week*.

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

Sundays at 1am, 2am & 3am; Mondays at 2am; Tuesdays at Midnight; Wednesdays at 2am & Noon; Thursdays at Midnight & 2am; Saturdays at 3am, 4am & 11am

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

**From Legion of Mary...** We hope you have enjoyed reading through "33 Days to Morning Glory"! If you would like to get together for a little wrap-up discussion on it, prior to Consecration Day on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, please join us Thursday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> on at 5:00pm in St. Joseph's Room. Questions? Call Sherry at 321-3372.

**Church cleaning reminder:** For Nov 30 (at 9:00am): Johnston, Joslin, Jost, Kayhanfar, Kerns, Kerns, Kerns, Kief

**Dinners for Priests, "Stewardship of Talent"** Nov 25: Nicolette Kerns, Nov 26: Bill Boyle, Dec 2: Sandy Fischer, Dec 3: Amy Kotera, Dec 9: Monica Yankus, Dec 10: Jessette Berggren

**Final call for 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. **Please return the bottle (filled or not) by Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** to the Commons or directly to Shari or Teresa Barrios. Questions? Contact Shari at 616-7509. Thank you for your prayers and support!

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

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

**Christmas Cards** -- Help Keep Christ in Christmas. Available for sale in the Commons after all Masses until they are gone!

**December Parish Rosary** – Wed, Dec. 11, at 6:30pm in the church.

**Men's Faith Development** – Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 7:00pm in SJR.

**December General Meeting** – Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 7:30pm in SJR

**The Knight Before Christmas** – Back by popular demand! Saturday, Dec. 14 about 5:30pm (after the 4:00pm Mass) in the Commons. Christmas music, stories, and food. Bring the whole family!

**Strategies Handout in the bulletin** - If parishioners have any general questions regarding the charitable planning strategies handout, they are welcome to reach out to Derek Sutton, a certified public accountant, at 402-679-1017 or [Derek.Sutton@rsmus.com](mailto:Derek.Sutton@rsmus.com). This information is offered solely for educational purposes, and there is no need to share any personal financial information.

**Our DVD and CD Lending Library** A new liturgical season is nearing – Advent! A good time to look over what's in our Lending Library! In the Commons, just outside the Sacristy, are many very good Catholic DVDs and CDs for you to borrow. Feel free to take one or two at a time, and return them afterwards for others to borrow, ...and then take home another! (Do you have one at home that you borrowed and have watched already? Please do bring it back in so others can borrow it! 😊) So this Advent season, and all through the year, do check out the great titles – something will interest you!

## Creative Ways to Give to Church of the Holy Spirit

As the calendar year draws to a close, many parishioners are thinking about the many blessings we have been given and charitable giving. Our Church of the Holy Spirit is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that can accept most contributions. Following are a few practical and creative ways of making contributions to our parish and school.

1. **Pray the Holy Mass every Sunday and go to Confession once a month.** Above and beyond any material/financial contributions you can make to CHS, Mass on Sunday and regular confession speaks to us deeply as a Catholic people, and has spiritual benefits that reach into eternity.
2. **Give to causes that are important to you.** As an outreach of the Church established by our Lord Jesus Christ, CHS is our spiritual home and exists to be His visible presence in the world through humanitarian, educational, religious, and pastoral undertakings. For many of us it is our second home.
3. **Make closet cleaning charitable.** Go through your closet and dressers and if you haven't worn something for a year, wash it, and take it to "My Neighbor's Closet", a charitable outreach of our parish. Or set it aside for a bit to donate to our PCCW's rummage sale.
4. **Double your donation.** Many employers offer matching funds for employee's charitable contributions. Check your workplace human resources department for details.
5. **Itemize.** In order to claim a charitable deduction on your tax return, you must itemize your deductions.
6. **Appreciated Assets.** Consider donating appreciated assets or securities. Donating property held long-term (one year or more) that has appreciated in value, can result in a double benefit, and not for just big donors:
  - A.) You can deduct the fair market value of the asset as of the date of the gift.
  - B.) You can avoid paying capital gains tax.
  - C.) Church of the Holy Spirit can accept virtually any assets of value - bonds, real estate, grain, vehicles, jewelry, stocks, etc.
7. **Grain.** Farmers, in particular, should prayerfully consider donating grain to CHS that the Lord has blessed them with from their recent harvest. This results in a double benefit as farmers are able to exclude the grain income on their tax return and CHS does not pay taxes on the sale.
8. **Cash....** a simple and much appreciated charitable contribution. It goes directly to the mission of CHS.
9. **ACH online giving.** Would you consider setting up an automatic gift to CHS in making your regular contribution? Scheduled automatic withdrawals assures CHS a more consistent cash flow, especially when you are out of town. 209 parish families already do this. Worksheet and instructions to set it up are in the Commons, or please contact us at 296-3139 if you'd like assistance in setting it up.
10. **Scrip.** Would you please consider using Scrip in making your holiday purchases or in giving gifts? **Employers,** would you consider giving your workers Scrip gift cards purchased here at CHS? Participating retail vendors give us a certain percentage of all sales purchased through Scrip.
11. **IRA.** Do you have an IRA? Along with your children, include CHS as an additional beneficiary. Contact your IRA trustee and ask for change of beneficiary forms to include our parish. Donating an IRA to CHS can also be an estate planning strategy to minimize the ordinary income that is passed to heirs. Another common strategy with IRAs for people 73 and older is to send their required minimum distribution (RMD) directly to CHS. This is known as a qualified charitable distribution which allows taxpayers to contribute up to \$100,000 from their IRA directly to a charity and avoid paying income taxes on the distribution.

12. **Life Insurance.** Don't cancel life insurance you no longer need! Name CHS or SJB as owner of the life insurance, or instruct your life insurance agent to include CHS as a primary or secondary beneficiary on your policies– which can provide future financial support and possibly qualify for tax free benefits as well.
13. **Memorial donation.** Make a charitable contribution to CHS in memory of a loved one. More and more Catholic families are making substantial gifts or designated gifts to parish endowment funds and/or other areas in *memory* of parents and other relatives.... Consider starting your own family endowment fund for CHS, where the principal is restricted, and the parish receives the interest as a regular distribution in perpetuity.
14. **Our parish currently does NOT have an endowment,** or foundation. St. John the Baptist School does have one. A new endowment fund for Holy Spirit can be started with a minimum gift of \$10,000. A fund (with a name of your choosing) can also be established with ANY ASSET – not just cash. Stocks, Grain, Depreciated Equipment, Real Estate, etc. This is something that you and all parishioners can continue to donate to.
15. **Donor Advised Funds** – This can be set up through the Catholic Foundation. When you make a charitable contribution of assets, the funds are invested and grow tax-free. Then at your request, the Foundation distributes the funds to the charity of your choice.
16. **Planned giving.** Bequests to the parish, gifts of real estate and life insurance, stocks, bonds and certificates of deposit can help perpetuate your faith commitment. Please remember the ongoing and long-range needs which exist here at CHS and St. John the Baptist School. Contact Fr. Timmerman or the Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska for more information about planning. At the Foundation, contact Chris Raun or Scott Yates at 402-488-2142 for free advice to all Catholics in our Diocese.
17. **Will.** Have you included CHS and/or SJB in your will? Making a will isn't expensive! But not having one may cost your family a great deal. Please be a good steward of your resources by using wisely the Lord's gifts given to you. Make a will or revise the one you have if you haven't done so in the last five years. Including CHS or our Catholic schools as “an extra child” in your will is an easy choice to create a will that can benefit the family *and* CHS.
18. **Residual of your will.** Name CHS last. In your will after all your family and friends have been taken care of, name your parish as recipients of the residuary (the amount that is left).
19. **Gift Annuities.** A charitable gift annuity can be an excellent tool for charitable giving because it combines the benefits of an immediate income tax deduction and a lifetime income stream. With a gift annuity, the donor makes a gift of cash or other property to a charity in exchange for an annual annuity to an individual for the remainder of the individual's life.
20. **Charitable trusts.** A charitable remainder trust provides a unique opportunity for a donor to retain lifetime income from property while obtaining a current income or estate tax deduction for the remainder interest that will eventually pass to charity. If you own an appreciated asset and have thought about donating to CHS consider setting up a charitable trust during your life and to receive income payments back. This is a great way to financially benefit both you and CHS during your life. There are certain complexities that arise with charitable trusts and you should work closely with an estate planning attorney and CPA if you are interested in this type of giving.

**These ideas are for your consideration. Always consult your attorney in conjunction with your accountant/tax preparer in preparing a proper will and making of contributions to the Church in estate planning.**



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