

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 29, 2024

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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

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Monday, December 30

7:00 a.m. Cecilia Rush+

8:10 a.m. Jill Walters+

Tuesday, December 31

8:10 a.m. Virgil Johnson+

5:30 p.m. Joan Aylor+ **Mother of God vigil Mass**

Wednesday, January 1 **Marv, Mother of God**

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:00a.m. The All Souls Day intentions+

Thursday, January 2

7:00 a.m. Helen Hanika+

8:10 a.m. Paul Mestl+

Friday, January 3

7:00 a.m. Shannon McCarville+

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

11:30a.m. (Latin) Celebrant's intention

Saturday, January 4

8:00 a.m. Brandon Aylor+

4:00 p.m. Special intention for the Hrbek family

Sunday, January 5 (Epiphany of the Lord)

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30a.m. Monika Michaels+

12:30p.m. (Latin) George Johnson+

Confessions:

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

Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:45pm

Sundays, 9:45 - 10:15am

Head Count last weekend: 627

Contributions for December 22, 2024

General Collection	\$	11,945.53
Debt Reduction	\$	920.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	115.00
Utilities	\$	25.00
Flowers	\$	510.00

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1st – Holy Day of Obligation

Masses: Tues, Dec 31 at 5:30pm; Wed, Jan 1 at 8am & 10am

Are you new to the parish? Welcome!

We are glad that you are here! Maybe introduce yourself to one or both of our priests after a Mass! 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!)

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January Parish Rosary – Wednesday, Jan 8th, at 6:30pm in the church. Bring the whole family.

Men's Faith Development – Wednesday, Jan 8th, at 7:00pm in SJR.

January General Meeting – Wednesday, Jan 8th, at 7:30pm in SJR.

Epiphany Dinner - Saturday, Jan 11th in the Commons after the 4:00pm Mass. Pot Luck for sides and desserts. All else provided. Open to all Knights and their Ladies.

Nebraska Walk for Life - Save the Date. The annual pro-life walk will be Saturday morning, Feb. 1, 2025, in Lincoln.

Sunday donuts In the past we have had a donor for this. Thank you to the wonderful person who has sponsored this for all of 2024! It brought lots of smiles, and encouraged parishioners to visit with each other after Mass! ***We are looking for a parishioner who would be interested in carrying on the tradition of providing donuts after the Sunday Masses. This would be for three weeks each month, and would start with the first Sunday in January. If you are interested, please contact Barb Toman at 297-7842 for complete information.

Youth Group Next meeting: Sunday, January 5. 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. Questions? Contact Donette Koelzer, 297-0786

Mass time Note: No 7:00am Mass on Dec 31st or Jan 1st.

2025 Calendars with Catholic notations are here! Our thanks to Roby Funeral Home for making them available to us.

Please note: Contributions received at the Holy Day (January 1) Mary, Mother of God Masses, will go toward 2025's contributions, **unless** they are received by check dated 2024 or are cash in an envelope clearly marked 2024, and received at Dec. 31st Mass. And, as always... thank you for your continued generosity!

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 679-1017 or Derek.Sutton@rsmus.com. This information is offered solely for educational purposes, and there is no need to share any personal financial information.

The 3rd Annual Walk for Life Gala, a fundraiser for Nebraska Right to Life, will be held the night before the annual Walk for Life. Come join your fellow pro-lifers for either or both. Speaking at the Gala will be Jim Caveziel, the actor who portrayed Jesus in "Passion of the Christ" and most recently starred in the movie "Sound of Freedom." Tickets for the Gala, at the Embassy Suites Convention Center, LaVista on Friday, January 31, 2025, are \$75, and can be purchased online: nebraskarighttolife.ticketspice.com/2025, or send a check made out to Nebraska Right to Life (noting it is for Gala), PO Box 80410, Lincoln, NE 68501-0410. Registration deadline is Jan 17 (no ticket sales after this date).

The Nebraska Walk for Life is on February 1 and begins on the North steps of the State Capitol at 10:00 a.m. A new route this year will be taking us to the Cornhusker Hotel where you can browse informational booths and hear speaker Elizabeth Gillette's keynote speech at 11:30 a.m. For questions, contact Nebraska Right to Life, 402-438-4802, nebraskartl@gmail.com.

Dinners for Priests, "Stewardship of Talent"

Dec 30: Deb Warga, Jan 6: Bonnie Seyfer,
Jan 7: Emilee Schlickau, Jan 13: Kim Sarraillon,
Jan 14: Gay Lepert

Church cleaning reminder: For Jan 4 (at 9:00am): Ludwig, Ludwig, Lusso, MacTaggart, Malfait, Malterer, Marcotte, Mathews

CDA pecans Thank you to everyone who supported our Catholic Daughters Fundraiser – your support is truly appreciated. Congratulations to the raffle winners: Velora Riese and Ann White won the prime rib; Mike Kief, the ham; and Marie Ficklin, the wreath.

This week's Featured Seminarian: Trent Moundry, 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.

PCCW will be collecting 2025 dues (\$10) in the Commons during January. Please use the envelope provided with your monthly envelopes or you can use your own envelope. Mark it PCCW dues (with your name if paying with cash) and either bring it to the table in the Commons during January or you can drop it in the collection basket. Only about 25% of PCCW members paid their 2024 dues. We are required to send a stipend to the Lincoln Diocese for ALL members whether their dues were paid or not. You can still pay your 2024 dues if you did not pay them. And be sure to sign up for the FREE raffle at the table in the Commons.

Some upcoming dates:

December 31 – Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass: 5:30pm

January 1 – Mary, Mother of God. Mass: 8:00am & 10:00am

January 5 – Youth Group, 7pm at Koelzer's



The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration

"I love so many things about being Catholic, but what I love most is the privilege and joy of receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. But I also know how easy it is to take things for granted. We do that a lot in life, and as Catholics, we do that a lot with the extraordinary faith we have been gifted."

- Allen Hunt in "Beautiful Eucharist" by Matthew Kelly

Are you ready to have a scheduled, regular time of prayer, and in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament!?!?! Do you have questions about our Perpetual Adoration? Call Traci: 297-2295

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- The Holy Spirit Fund earns a market rate of return like the school endowment, but is liquid like our bank account.
- The Holy Spirit Fund is actively invested to ensure an attractive market rate of return.
- The Holy Spirit Fund investments are screened to ensure adherence to Catholic moral teaching.
- The Holy Spirit Fund is liquid, and our parish has immediate access to the funds.
- The Holy Spirit Fund can accept gifts of cash or more strategic tax-advantaged gifts of non-cash assets such as:


- § QCDs (RMDs) from Traditional IRAs
- § Appreciated Stock
- § Life Insurance Policies (Cash Value or Death Benefit)
- § Real Estate
- § Depreciated Business or Farm Equipment
- § Grain & Other Agricultural Products
- § Remainder Amounts from Investment, Retirement, or Bank Accounts
- § Annuity Payments or Remainder Amounts
- § Royalties
- § Other Marketable Assets

- The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska can arrange to appraise, liquidate, and pass 100% of the proceeds of the gifts mentioned above into The Holy Spirit Fund and will do so at no charge.

The graphic below, “Gifts of Grain”, works not only for farmers and grain, but for any strategic tax-advantaged gifts of non-cash assets that are listed above in the bullet points.

The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska works in the best interest and benefit of the donors and the charities they wish to support. Please remember the ongoing and long-range needs which exist here at our parish. Contact Chris Raun or Scott Yates at 402-488-2142 for free advice to all Catholics in our Diocese.

Gifts of Grain



For God is the One who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, He will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

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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 has recently (Late November 2024) been blessed with a generous donation to start a brand-new parish Fund!** The new **HOLY SPIRIT FUND** directly supports the ongoing operations of Church of the Holy Spirit parish. The funds are invested and CHS receives regular distributions throughout the year. The Holy Spirit Fund is something that all parishioners can donate towards with cash or ANY ASSET. Stocks, Grain, Depreciated Equipment, Real Estate, etc. This is something that 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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