

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

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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

Baptism of the Lord

Monday, January 13

7:00 a.m. Joan Aylor+
 8:10 a.m. Dick Vaughn+

Tuesday, January 14

7:00 a.m. Shirley Pierce+
 8:10 a.m. Bob Combs+

Wednesday, January 15

7:00 a.m. The All Souls Day Intentions+
 8:10 a.m. Lillian Kline+

Thursday, January 16

7:00 a.m. Brenda Todd+
 8:10 a.m. Laura Barnes+

Friday, January 17

7:00 a.m. George & Rosemary Miller+
 8:10 a.m. Deborah Grier+

Saturday, January 18

8:00 a.m. Dennis Hildebrand+
 4:00 p.m. Matthew & Bette Sedlak+

Sunday, January 19 (2nd Sunday in OT)

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30a.m. Six Pathfinders from the 101st, KIA+

Confessions:

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

Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:45pm

Sundays, 9:45 - 10:15am

Head Count for the Holy Day, Jan 1: 431

Head Count last weekend: 525

Contributions for January 1 & 5, 2025

General Collection	\$	30,900.85
Debt Reduction	\$	2,030.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	553.00
Utilities	\$	465.00
Memorials	\$	500.00

Note: Sundays' scheduled Confession time is changing beginning next Sunday, Jan 19: 7:30-7:55am & 10:00-10:25am

The new Parish Leadership Team needs you! If you are passionate about helping the parish fulfill our mission of Lighting the Way to Christ, please consider running for a Pillar Lead on the Parish Leadership Team. Applications are located in the Commons next to the Strategic Planning comment box. Applications are due to the parish office January 12th. Elections will be held the weekend of February 1 & 2.

Catholic Men:
SAVE THE DATE
 And Register



Register Here



The Catholic Men's Leadership Summit is on February 22, 2025, at 3 locations across the Diocese of Lincoln. Registration is FREE, so register now. At the summit, you will learn how to become an effective leader in your personal life, in your role as a leader of your household, in your parish, and in the community around your parish. You will also learn how to form or join your team of brothers who will accompany you your mission as a Catholic man. There is more information on the registration site. Go to <https://bit.ly/CatholicMan> or scan the QR Code for registration and more details. There is also telephone and email contact information on the registration page if you have any further questions. Register before February 1st to be guaranteed breakfast and lunch.

Dear Parishioners, Our parish has been blessed with a recent gift from one family of \$15,000 towards paying down our debt. This brings the total parish debt down to \$137,690. Of that, only \$22,690 remains for the *building* loan portion of our debt!!!, along with \$115,000 for *operational* loans needed in 2013 & 2015.

Getting this far is fantastic! Just three months ago, the *building* portion of the debt stood at \$54,105. Thanks to dedicated parishioners who have been continually giving to pay down the debt, steady progress has continued to be made. Then with this large one-time extra donation, it became apparent that the end of our *building* debt is quite within reach! Let's keep up the good work! I think it would be wonderful if in the next four weeks, we could match or surpass that gift of \$15,000 with other extra gifts from parishioners. Do you think that in these four weeks, with the steady and the extra effort, we could maybe even finish off the remaining \$22,690 building debt portion??? What a good milestone to have accomplished! If you would like your donation to go towards the debt, just indicate so with your envelope or on your check.

We have also received two additional gifts (\$10,000 and \$18,000) towards the new church foundation/endowment, "Holy Spirit Fund". What started out a few weeks ago at \$10,000 is now very close to \$40,000! If you would like to donate to Holy Spirit Fund, you can make the check out to: "The Catholic Foundation", with Holy Spirit Fund in the memo. You can either send that in yourself or we can do it for you. -Fr. Timmerman

Pro-Life Mass and Nebraska Walk For Life

The Nebraska Catholic Conference invites you to join Catholics from across the state on Saturday, February 1 for the annual Pro-Life Mass and Nebraska Walk for Life in Lincoln. The day begins with Mass at St. Mary's Church downtown at 9am, offering an opportunity for pro-life advocates to unite in prayer and receive the Eucharist before the Walk. Following the Mass, the annual Nebraska Walk for Life, sponsored by Nebraska Right to Life, will start at 10am. Please meet near the steps north of the Nebraska State Capitol. A new route this year will take us to the Cornhusker Hotel where you can browse informational booths and hear speaker Elizabeth Gillette's keynote speech at 11:30am. Questions? Contact Nebraska Right to Life: 402-438-4802 or at nebraskartl@gmail.com.

Bible Study Would you like to get ready to enrich your Lent? (Yes, Lent is on the horizon!) Sign up in the Commons after the Masses Jan 11/12 or 18/19 for a 6-week Bible Study on St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, written toward the end of his life, under arrest and awaiting trial in Rome. Classes are Wednesdays at 10am or Thursdays at 7pm, beginning February 19th.

Parents of 8th-12th grade students:

Steubenville Informational Meeting is being held Monday, January 13th in the Lourdes Central Catholic library at 6:30pm. Parents of students currently in 8th through 12th grades who wish to attend Steubenville in Springfield, Missouri this summer from July 11th through July 13th should plan to attend. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but have a student who would like to go, please contact Donette Koelzer at 297-0786.

Mugs & Muffins for Mommas

The Church of the Holy Spirit will be hosting a Catholic mom's Bible study and fellowship group. We will meet at 9am the 3rd Saturday of the month in St. Gabriel's Room (in the school) starting January 18th. As a group, we will go through Fearless and Free, a Catholic woman's Bible study. Kids are welcome. Bring your mug. Coffee and muffins on us.

Our Parish Council of Catholic Women

(PCCW) (which automatically includes all adult parish women), is collecting 2025 dues, \$10, during January. PCCW dues plus any other funds that they raise, primarily go to costs associated with the Mass: candles, missals, hosts, etc. Please use the envelope provided with your monthly envelopes, or another marked "PCCW dues", with your name if paying with cash. See us in the Commons during January or drop it in the collection basket. And be sure to sign up for the FREE raffle at the table in the Commons!

This week's Featured Seminarian: Joshua Jeffrey, 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.

Youth Group We're trying a new time and location for our meeting next Sunday, January 19th. Please join us in the rectory from 9:00am until 10:15am. Breakfast provided!

Volunteer/Stewardship Forms are available in the Commons. If you have not had the opportunity to complete a form, please pick one up to fill out and drop in the collection basket or at the parish office. You may also fill out the form online on our parish website under the Strategic Planning page, or here: [Volunteer Fair \(Stewardship Renewal\)](#)

PCCW Meeting, Thursday, Jan 16th at 5pm in St. Joseph's Room. All ladies of the parish are members of PCCW and are invited to join us!

Dinners for Priests, "Stewardship of Talent" Jan 13: Kim Sarraillon, Jan 14: Emilee Schlickau, Jan 20: Patti Coleman, Jan 21: Sandy DiSomma, Jan 27: Nicolette Kerns, Jan 28: Bill Boyle

Church cleaning reminder: For Jan 18 (at 9:00am): Mestl, Mestl, Michel, Miller, Minahan, Mixan, Monahan, Montes

Marriage Encounter Experience Finding a heart-to-heart exchange. Feb. 14-16 Lincoln. To register or for more info, contact Gary & Brenda, 402-370-5839.

Some upcoming dates:

January 13 – Parent meeting for 8th - 12th graders attending the Steubenville trip; see write-up in this bulletin

January 16 – PCCW mtg, 5pm in SJR

January 19 – Youth Group breakfast meeting, rectory

January 19 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast, gym after Masses

February 1 – Nebraska Walk for Life, 10:00am, Lincoln

Are you facing tough ethical decisions in health care and biomedical research, or have been asked for advice on these matters? Try <https://www.ncbcenter.org/consultation-form> for free help from National Catholic Bioethics Center.

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

January Planning Meeting - Thursday, Jan 23rd, at 7:00pm in SJR.

January Breakfast - Join us next Sunday, Jan 19th after the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses. Free-will donations support the One Rose One Life campaign and our pro-life activities.

Nebraska Walk for Life - The annual pro-life rally and walk will begin Saturday morning, Feb. 1st, at 10:00 at the Capitol Building in Lincoln. Here in Plattsmouth, we'll start with Mass at 8:00 at CHS and then convoy to Lincoln. After the rally, the Walk will take us to the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel where we will hear from speaker Elizabeth Gillette on how love can conquer abortion. Dress warmly! Optional lunch before returning home.

February Parish Rosary - Wednesday, Feb. 12th, at 6:30pm in the church. Led by Knights, this is a family-friendly event.

February Men's Faith Development and General Meeting – Wednesday, Feb. 12th, at 7:00pm.



The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration

There is a list of substitutes for when you are on vacation, or sick, etc. (Most likely, you won't be able to get to your Holy Hour each and every time throughout the year, so the sub list is great to have. Thank you, all you subs!!!)

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

Current open Adoration Hours at CHS:

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

A generous donor has recently established “The Holy Spirit Fund” to support our parish's ongoing operations. This fund is unique in the following ways:

- 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



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2 Corinthians 9:10-11

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