



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 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

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**Monday, January 27**

7:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of the Manley family

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

**Tuesday, January 28**

7:00 a.m. George & Rosemary Miller+

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

**Wednesday, January 29**

7:00 a.m. Special intention for C.A.G.

8:10 a.m. Special intention of T.L.

**Thursday, January 30**

7:00 a.m. Joan Aylor+

8:10 a.m. Health of F.L.

**Friday, January 31**

7:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of the Schlueter family

8:10 a.m. Michael & Margaret Traxinger+

**Saturday, February 1**

8:00 a.m. Brenda Todd+

4:00 p.m. Allison Welch+

**Sunday, February 2 (Presentation of the Lord)**

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30a.m. Dennis Todd+

12:30p.m. (Latin) Living & deceased members of PCCW

### Confessions:

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

**Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:45pm**

**Sundays, 7:30-7:55am & 10:00-10:25am**

**Head Count last weekend: 567**

### Contributions for January 19, 2025

General Collection	\$	23,199.53
Debt Reduction	\$	2,115.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	630.00
Utilities	\$	290.00
Southern Nebraska Register	\$	105.00

**Youth Group Walk for Life** We're planning a trip to the Walk for Life in Lincoln on Saturday, Feb. 1. We'll plan to leave Plattsmouth at 8:15am. Please contact Donette Koelzer at 402-297-0786 if your child(ren) would like to attend or if you are willing to drive.



## The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration

Each morning Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass in his private chapel with about twenty guests. When he knelt down to pray after Communion, he would close his eyes and go to a place deep within himself. Once he was there nothing and no one could distract him from communing with God. What does it mean to commune with God? To share your intimate thoughts and feelings. Pope John Paul II would go to that place deep within himself, and from that place he brought forth the fruit of his life: wisdom, compassion, generosity, understanding, patience, courage, insight, forgiveness, humility, inspiration, and a love so apparent you could almost touch it. In those moments after Communion, he allowed nothing to distract him from his prayer. And he lived his life from that place.

Find that place within you. Find that place deep, deep within yourself, the place where you can connect with God. Find that place, spend more and more time in that place, and begin to live your life from that deep place.

*-excerpts from "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" 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

### Current open Adoration Hours at CHS:

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

**Do you have medical training?** Father Timmerman would like to develop a (confidential) list of parishioners who might be able to help in the case of a medical emergency at Mass. If you are a First Responder, doctor, nurse, PA, NP, CNA, or otherwise have medical training that could help in an emergency, and would be willing to be on his list, please contact the rectory office, 296-3139. Thank you!

**Get Ready for the 2025 Spring Dinner & Auction – Cardinal Masquerade – April 26, 2025!** Invitations are on their way, and we are excited to announce that **Raffle Ticket Sales & Online Registrations** are now open! Visit our event website at <https://sjbs.home.qtego.us/> to register and purchase raffle tickets, or see the Spring Dinner table located in the Commons for more details! **NEW THIS YEAR** - Flash Sale Table pricing will be available **Feb 1-9** for the first 15 tables purchased! Purchases for the Flash Sale can ONLY be made by contacting Kelley Steele (402) 297-5331. Regular Seat/Table Purchases can be made online after February 9<sup>th</sup>, after Masses, or by contacting us at [springdinnerinfo@gmail.com](mailto:springdinnerinfo@gmail.com). Payments will no longer be accepted in the Church or School Offices, so don't hesitate to contact a committee member today!

**Year-end contribution statements** will be ready by January 31<sup>st</sup> for you to pick yours up. They will be in the Commons before & after weekend Masses for a few weekends. They will also be available in the church office throughout the week, during office hours. Thank you for all your generosity throughout the year, as we all try to serve God through our parish and school.

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.

As I wrote in the bulletin for January 12, getting this far is fantastic! At the end of last September, 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 four weeks' time we could match or surpass that gift of \$15,000 with more extra gifts from parishioners. Do you think that **by day's end on February 9<sup>th</sup>**, with the steady plus 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.

And if we happen to surpass the \$22,690, we'll get going on the *operational* portion of our debt!  
-Fr. Timmerman

**This week's Featured Seminarian:** Leo Bykerk, 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.

**Ash Wednesday is March 5!** If you have any blessed palms that you don't want to still keep from previous Palm Sundays, there is a tall box in the Commons for you to put them in! We will burn them into the **ashes** for Ash Wednesday!

**Jubilee Pilgrimage to Canada and Eastern US**  
Fr. Joseph Steele is leading a Jubilee Pilgrimage through Canada and Eastern US, September 29 – October 8, 2025. This tour includes Quebec City, Montreal, Albany NY, Stockbridge MA, Niagara Falls, and more. For more information, go to [executivetravel.com](http://executivetravel.com) under the Vacation/Escorted Tours and scroll down to September for the official brochure, itinerary, and costs. Contact Barb Wallingford (402-430-5811) for more information or call Executive Travel (402-435-8888) to sign up. Limited spots are available! It will fill quickly so don't delay!

**Dinners for Priests, "Stewardship of Talent"**  
Jan 27: Nicolette Kerns, Jan 28: Bill Boyle, Feb 3: Sandy Fischer, Feb 4: Amy Kotera, Feb 10: Jessette Berggren, Feb 11: Monica Yankus

**Church cleaning reminder:** For Feb 1 (at 9:00am): Nielsen, O'Shea, O'Shea, O'Shea, O'Shea, Oatman, Olson, Olson

## Catholic Men: SAVE THE DATE And Register



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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 1<sup>st</sup> to be guaranteed breakfast and lunch.

### **Some upcoming dates:**

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

February 19 & 20 – Bible Classes begin

**Catholic Schools Week, Jan 26 - Feb 1** Thank you to all our parishioners for your ongoing support of St. John the Baptist School! As we kickoff Catholic Schools Week this weekend, let us reflect on this year's national theme, "United in Faith and Community." This theme beautifully captures the essence of our Parish and school and the longstanding tradition we have to provide a Catholic education to all who desire in our community.

Please also join STJB as we celebrate our Catholic school and Parish this week! A number of exciting and meaningful activities are planned to celebrate the wonderful gift of a Catholic education. **Copies of the "Catholic Schools Week Schedule of Events" can be found in the Commons.**

**St. John the Baptist Tuition Assistance Fund** This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week and the gift a Catholic education brings to families in our community. Please consider a donation to our StJB Tuition Assistance Fund and help us keep Catholic education in our community available, accessible, and affordable to all. For more information about the fund or how to make a donation, please pick up a StJB Tuition Assistance donation form in the commons [or go online here to download a donation form](#) Our Parish students and families are grateful for your help!

**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.

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

**Catholic School Week** - The Knights' Cinnamon Roll Team will bake cinnamon rolls on Thursday, Jan 30, at 5:00pm in the School Kitchen and served to Catholic Schools Week guests on Friday.

**February Breakfast** - Sunday Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, after the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses. Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs, Fruit, and Coffee. Free-will donations support our Seminarians and Knights' Charities.

**Nebraska Walk for Life** - The annual pro-life rally and walk will begin Saturday morning, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 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. 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the church. This is a family-friendly event led by Knights and open to all.

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

**February Planning Meeting** - Thursday, Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in SJR.



## Parish Leadership Team Elections

Elections for Pillar Leads for the Parish Leadership Team will be held the weekend of February 1st and 2nd. Below you will find information on the current candidates.

Thank you!

Donette Koelzer

## Worship Candidates



Sheryl Fitzgerald and her husband, Matt – both life-long Catholics - moved from Omaha to Plattsmouth in the fall of 2023. They raised four children in the Catholic school system, and Sheryl, herself, received her education in a rural Catholic school from 1<sup>st</sup> grade through high school. Sheryl is currently the Controller for Habitat For Humanity of Omaha. She and her husband are no strangers to volunteering, having served their former parish in various capacities, and on many committees. Matt and Sheryl are committed to their faith and dedicated to helping foster faith and community through time, talent and treasure.



Laurie Hajek-Jones - My husband Mike and I have been members of the Church of the Holy Spirit for 35 years. We have raised six children in our parish, with the youngest now in 7th grade. Our family has been part of the music ministry, catering ministry, adoration, Spring Dinner, Fall Festival and numerous other activities. I have worked for the City of Omaha for twenty years, currently at Omaha Public Library in the Learning & Strategy department. Our parish family is important to me and I am interested in representing our parish serving on the Worship Pillar.

## Education Candidates



Maris Bentley has been a member of CHS since moving to Plattsmouth in 2017. She and her husband David have been married for 48 years and have 4 adult children and 11 grandchildren. A lifelong Catholic, she became very interested in sharing the truths of Catholicism after studying and learning the historical and biblical basis of the faith. Maris is a retired teacher and school counselor who helped found the Chesterton Academy of Omaha, a classical high school in the Catholic tradition.

## Evangelization Candidates



My name is Theresa Gunia and I have been a parishioner of Church of the Holy Spirit for eight years. I am married to my husband Bob. We have two, married adult children and are expecting our first grandchild any day now. I feel a deep call to evangelization. My hope and prayer is for each parishioner of Holy Spirit to have a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ and be equipped to walk with others on their journey towards Jesus.

**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:**

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- 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:

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- § Appreciated Stock
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- § 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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