



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 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

### Epiphany of the Lord

#### Monday, January 6

7:00 a.m. Marilyn Connor+  
 8:10 a.m. Ray & Mary Olberding+

#### Tuesday, January 7

7:00 a.m. George & Rosemary Miller+  
 8:10 a.m. David Hula+

#### Wednesday, January 8

7:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of the Pohlmeier family  
 8:10 a.m. Dick Wassinger+

#### Thursday, January 9

7:00 a.m. Special intention for K.S.  
 8:10 a.m. Living & deceased members of the Reichart family

#### Friday, January 10

7:00 a.m. Brandan Aylor+  
 8:10 a.m. Health of F.L.

#### Saturday, January 11

8:00 a.m. Norman Manley+  
 4:00 p.m. Dorothy Cherek+

#### Sunday, January 12 (Baptism of the Lord)

8:00 a.m. Greg Sis+  
 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 for Christmas: 913**

**Head Count last weekend: 497**

**Contributions for December 25 & 29, 2024**

General Collection	\$	46,087.77
Debt Reduction	\$	15,880.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	275.00
Utilities	\$	40.00
Flowers	\$	145.00
Memorials	\$	2,525.00

**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 as soon after the first Sunday in January as possible. If you are interested, please contact Barb Toman at 297-7842 for complete information.

**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 12<sup>th</sup>. Elections will be held the weekend of February 1 & 2.

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

**Youth Group THIS 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

**Parents of 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students:** Steubenville Informational Meeting is being held Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> in the Lourdes Central Catholic library at 6:30pm. Parents of students currently in 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades who wish to attend Steubenville in Springfield, Missouri this summer from July 11<sup>th</sup> through July 13<sup>th</sup> 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 402-297-0786.

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

### Some upcoming dates:

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

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

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

**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 \(Stewardship Renewal\)](#)

**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 19<sup>th</sup>.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Walk for Life Gala**, is a fundraiser for Nebraska Right to Life. Speaking at the Gala (Embassy Suites Convention Center, LaVista on Friday, January 31, 2025) will be Jim Caveziel, the actor who portrayed Jesus in "Passion of the Christ" and most recently starred in the movie "Sound of Freedom." Registration & ticket sales deadline is Jan 17. Tickets are \$75. Purchase at: [nebraskarighttolife.ticketspice.com/2025](http://nebraskarighttolife.ticketspice.com/2025) or send a check made out to Nebraska Right to Life (memo: Gala), PO Box 80410, Lincoln, NE 68501-0410.

**The Nebraska Walk for Life** is on Feb 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](mailto:nebraskartl@gmail.com)

**Dinners for Priests, "Stewardship of Talent"**  
Jan 6: Bonnie Seyfer, Jan 7: Emilee Schlickau, Jan 13: Kim Sarraillon, Jan 14: Gay Lepert, Jan 20: Patti Coleman, Jan 21: Sandy DiSomma

**Church cleaning reminder:** For Jan 11 (at 9:00am): McAlevy, McCartney, McCarville, McMullin, Mealey, Meisinger, Meisinger, Metzger

**Thank you** so much for your generous donations to Essential Pregnancy Services (EPS) during the Baby Bottle Campaign. Our parish successfully raised donations in the amount of \$2,898! EPS was very grateful and extend their gratitude for your amazing generosity! I also knit several baby hats with my sisters to donate to the babies. Our wonderful parishioner, Linda Jost, sewed several baby quilts to also be donated! Our family wishes you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Sincerely in Christ, Teresa Barrios

**2025 Calendars with Catholic notations are here!** Our thanks to Roby Funeral Home for making them available to 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 use your own envelope marked "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. And be sure to sign up for the FREE raffle at the table in the Commons!

**Free Service: Church Teaching for Health Care Decisions** The National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) equips you with reliable references, thorough explanations, and case-based guidance so you can form your conscience with Catholic teaching when making health care decisions. This free service covers topics including end-of-life care, assisted nourishment, and hospice; avoiding, achieving, or managing pregnancy; biomedical research; cooperating with the wrongdoing of others; and many more. Contact NCBC at 215-877-2660 or [www.ncbcenter.org/ask-a-question](http://www.ncbcenter.org/ask-a-question)

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

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

**Men's Faith Development** – Wednesday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in SJR.

**January General Meeting** – Wednesday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm in SJR.

**Epiphany Dinner** - Saturday, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**This week's Featured Seminarian:** Rev. Mr. David Tines, who entered seminary in 2018, now in Theology 4 at Mount St. Mary. Please pray for all our sisters in formation and seminarians – especially seminarian Adam Bohan from our parish.



### **The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration**

"Experience has taught me time and time again that all the answers are in that tabernacle. I can go to many people in my life and ask them what they think I should do in a given situation, but nothing compares to sitting before Jesus in the tabernacle and placing my question before him. So here is my invitation to you: Stop by a church for ten minutes each day this week and spend time in the quiet. Sit before Jesus in the tabernacle. If you can, do it first thing in the morning. You will find that your days are more fruitful and focused, and filled with a passion that is invigorating and a joy that is intoxicating." - Matthew Kelly in "Beautiful Eucharist"

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)
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- § 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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