

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2025

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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

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Monday, February 10

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

8:10 a.m. Alfred Gaeta+

Tuesday, February 11

7:00 a.m. Dee Spreitzer+

8:10 a.m. Special intention for G.L. & P.L.

Wednesday, February 12

7:00 a.m. Dick Wassinger+

8:10 a.m. Ray & Del Rolfson+

Thursday, February 13

7:00 a.m. The All Souls Day Intentions+

8:10 a.m. Josephine Warga+

Friday, February 14

7:00 a.m. The All Souls Day Intentions+

8:10 a.m. Joan Aylor+

Saturday, February 15

8:00 a.m. Celebrant's intention

4:00 p.m. Janet Pope+

Sunday, February 16 (6th Sunday in OT)

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30a.m. George Johnson+

12:30p.m. (Latin) Celebrant's intention

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: 600

Contributions for February 2, 2025

General Collection	\$	17,450.18
Debt Reduction	\$	600.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	142.00
Utilities	\$	330.00
Southern Nebraska Register	\$	618.00

2025 Spring Dinner We are so thrilled at the response of the Flash Sale Table purchases for the 2025 Spring Dinner "Cardinal Masquerade" - we have sold out of the reduced-price tables! However, there are many ways you can still attend and support the event!

- **Purchase Regular Tables or Individual Seats for Saturday**
- **Purchase Friday Night Social Hour Tickets**
- **Purchase Raffle Tickets** – Available from StJB Students, online, or visit us after Mass
- **Register to Bid** - <https://sjbs.home.qtego.us/> or text "Spirit" to 79230
- **Donate an Item to the Auction** - see website above for more details

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another successful event!

Year-end contribution statements are in the Commons before & after weekend Masses, and will be through February. 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 church and school.

Youth Group Please join us Sunday, February 16th in the rectory from 9:00am until 10:15am for our next meeting. Breakfast provided!

Ash Wednesday is March 5! If you have any blessed palms that you don't want to 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!

Congratulations to the following parishioners who were elected to the Parish Leadership Team (PLT) last week!

Worship Pillar: Laurie Hajek-Jones

Education Pillar: Maris Bentley

Evangelization Pillar: Theresa Gunia

Thank you to all of the candidates for being willing to share your talents to benefit the parish.

This week's Featured Seminarian: Emmanuel Consbrook, who entered seminary in 2024, now in the Propaedeutic State at St. Gregory the Great. Please pray for all our sisters in formation and seminarians – especially seminarian Adam Bohan from our parish.

Dinners for Priests, "Stewardship of Talent" Feb 10: Jessette Berggren, Feb 11: Monica Yankus, Feb 17: Sandy Kerns, Feb 18: Megan Hanneman, Feb 24: Steph Ball, Feb 25: Deb Warga

Church cleaning reminder: For Feb 15 (at 9:00am): Pfeiffer, Pohlmeier, Poppleton, Porter, Potter, Poutre, Powers, Rader

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Canada & Eastern US with Fr. Joseph Steele

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 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. A few brochures are in the Commons. It will fill quickly so don't delay!

Catholic Men:

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The Catholic Men's Leadership Summit is 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.

A possibility! What will the reality be?

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

As I wrote in the bulletin for January 12, getting this far is fantastic! Thanks to dedicated parishioners who have been continually giving to pay down the debt, steady progress had 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 9th**, (THIS SUNDAY), with the steady plus the extra effort, we could maybe even do more than *match* the \$15,000, but actually 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!

I'll give you an update next week!

-Fr. Timmerman

Some upcoming dates:

February 16 – Free-will donation breakfast, gym
February 19 & 20 – Bible Classes begin

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

Membership Drive - Saturday and Sunday, February 15 & 16. All hands on deck! Every Knight is challenged to bring in a new member this year.

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

February Parish Rosary - Wednesday, Feb. 12, 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 – Wed, Feb. 12, at 7:00pm.

February Planning Meeting - Thurs, Feb 27, at 7:00pm in SJR

The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration



Famed coach at Notre Dame from 1918 to 1931, Knute Rockne, gave testimony of his conversion to the Catholic Faith: “When we arrived in town for a game, the general public would see my boys rushing off to church as soon as they got off the train, while their coach rode to the hotel and took his ease. So for the sake of appearances, if nothing else, I made it a point to go to church with the boys on the morning of a game...”

“One night before a big game in the east, I was nervous and worried about the outcome of the game the next day and was unable to sleep. I tossed and rolled about the bed, and finally decided that I'd get up and dress, then go down to the lobby and sit in a chair and try to get that football game off my mind by engaging some bellboys in conversation.

Along about five or six o'clock in the morning I started pacing the lobby of the hotel; when suddenly I ran into two of my players hurrying out. I asked them where they were going at such an hour, although I had a good idea.

Then I retired to a chair in the corner of the lobby where I couldn't be seen, but where I could see everyone who went in or out of the door. Within the next few minutes, my players kept hurrying out of the door in pairs and groups, and finally when they were all gone, I got over near the door so I could question the next player who came along. In a minute or two, the last members of the squad hurried out of an elevator and made for the door. I stopped them and asked them if they, too, were going to Mass, and they replied that they were. I decided to go along with them.

Although they probably didn't realize it, these youngsters were making a powerful impression on me with their piety and devotion, and when I saw all of them walking up to the communion rail to receive, and realized the several hours' sleep they had sacrificed in order to do this, I understood for the first time what a powerful ally their religion was to those boys in their work on the football field. This was when I really began to see the light, to know what was missing in my life, and, later on, I had the great pleasure of being able to join my boys at the Communion rail. -Knute Rockne, excerpt from *Hidden Treasure, the Riches of the Eucharist*, by Louis Kaczmarek

Would you like to give a special example of your faithfulness and belief in the Real Presence? Would you like to have a scheduled, regular time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament? If yes, or 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

Dear Parishioners,

We are very blessed to have families with young children in our parish. In fact, I pray that God sends us more! Children at Mass are always very welcome here at Church of the Holy Spirit.

Even more than being a good sign that the future of a parish bodes well with increasing members, parents bringing all of their children to Mass with them is important. Young children need to understand that going to Mass on Sunday is THE way we worship God as a family, and that it is the top priority for the sabbath day. We want to spend time with Jesus Christ who loves us.

At the same time, some parents might get discouraged because at times it can be difficult for them to focus and pray during Mass, especially if their children are acting up. Please know that you're doing an amazing job as parents, and we're here to support you!

Here are a few bits of advice on how to handle disruptions at Mass:

1. Continue to always bring them to Mass and don't split up parents so one parent can stay home with the children. It is important that kids learn early on that we go to Mass together as a family and we worship God every Sunday.
2. If they are being very noisy or squirmy and become a distraction to others, calmly walk them back to the Commons area until they settle down. Bring them back inside church as soon as they are calmed down. We want children to know that behaving at Mass is important, just as it is important at the dinner table and in the classroom.
3. If they are under 3 years old and you need to bring a non-noisy snack, it's fine. Just be sure to clean up any mess. If you need to bring books, that's fine too. Some parishioners use books about the Mass that are age appropriate.
4. Sit up front so they can easily view the sanctuary, and you can point out different persons or things on the altar. Describe and explain the large crucifix on the wall, Stations of the Cross on the north wall, the statues and the tabernacle. (Stained glass windows are also an excellent catechetical tool for kids, but we don't have those. Maybe someday!)
5. Encourage your children to pay attention especially during the consecration.

Otherwise, you know your children better than anyone else. Do what you can to keep them settled and get through. Please know that the parish is not here to judge. We understand that sometimes children get restless during a longer liturgy like Holy Mass. It's part of their learning and growth, and we want you to feel comfortable bringing your little ones, knowing that they are always welcome at CHS.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." He knows how children are and you are going to Mass to be with Him. You are receiving graces by coming to Mass whether or not your children prevent you from fully entering into it. So relax, stay calm, and remind your children that we go to Mass to spend time with Jesus who loves them.

For those of you with grown children, or who may not be parents or grandparents, please help us support these young families as they strive to bring their children up in the Catholic faith. A simple smile, or words of affirmation can go a long way in encouraging parents. Complimenting parents or young children on their nice respectful behavior can be powerful as well.

We hope to see your whole family with us this Sunday and every Sunday!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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