

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, March 3

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's intention
 8:10 a.m. Dick Vaughn+

Tuesday, March 4

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's intention
 8:10 a.m. Dee Spreitzer+

Wednesday, March 5 ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's intention
 8:10 a.m. Celebrant's intention

7:00 p.m. Shirley Pierce+

Thursday, March 6

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's intention
 8:10 a.m. Special intention of S.R.

Friday, March 7

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's intention
 8:10 a.m. Michael Blankman+

Saturday, March 8

8:00 a.m. Mary Anna Morehead+
 4:00 p.m. Special intention for the Reichart family

Sunday, March 9 (First Sunday of Lent)

8:00 a.m. Janet Pope+
 10:30a.m. People of the Parish

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: 538

Contributions for February 23, 2025

General Collection	\$	19,946.75
Debt Reduction	\$	620.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	314.00
Utilities	\$	60.00
Southern Nebraska Register	\$	175.00

March 5th is Ash Wednesday

Masses: 7:00am, 8:10am and 7:00pm

...A day for sacrifice, sorrow and reparation for sins, giving of alms due to gratitude, and remembrance that this world leads us to eternity.

Stations of the Cross dates this Lent:

Wednesdays at **2:40pm:** Mar 12, Mar 19, Mar 26, Apr 2, Apr 9, Apr 16

Fridays at **6:30pm:** Mar 7, Mar 14, Mar 21, Mar 28, Apr 4, Apr 11

(2:40pm Stations will be canceled if school is canceled.)

Latin Masses note: There will be no 12:30pm Latin Mass on March 2nd, and the 8:10am school Mass for March's First Friday, March 7th, will not be a Latin Mass.

Lenten Regulations for the Diocese of Lincoln

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting means eating one full meal with two smaller meals, which together do not equal the full meal. No snacks or eating between meals allowed. Fasting obliges Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

Abstinence means eating no meat nor soup nor gravy made from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholics over the age of 14. Sickness, hard manual labor, pregnancy, etc., automatically excuse a person from these obligations. Nevertheless, it should be pointed out that these are **serious** obligations. In cases of doubt or question, the priest who hears a person's confession should be consulted.



Now Enrolling!

St. John the Baptist is now enrolling new students for the 2025-2026 school year!

www.cdolinc.net/enrollment

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Come and be part of the tradition!

On Fridays from March 7 to April 11th. We will be having our time-honored Lenten Fish Fry dinners, serving 4:30 to 7:00pm. **NEW MENU ITEMS** - Cheese Quesadillas, and French Fries. There will be live entertainment and raffles. We always need volunteers. If you can help, please call Bill or Tracy Bohan at 402-297-0522



Triduum Choir Rehearsals: In preparation for Holy Week services, specifically Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil), choir rehearsals will begin at 6:30pm on Tuesday, March 11, and each Tuesday thereafter. New members (singers and musicians) are most welcome to join the choir. For more rehearsal info, please contact Laurie Hajek-Jones at 402-679-2457. For info on our overall parish music ministry, please contact Terry Little at 402-297-2127.

The Annual St Joseph's Altar Food Drive will be here before we know it. Please start saving those canned and dry food items!! This year's Food Drive will start on **March 8, and run through March 23** (March 19 is the Feast of St. Joseph). That's 3 weekends that will make a difference right here in Cass County! We will also be accepting packages of disposable diapers – they are always in short supply. We offer our thanks in advance!

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

March Parish Rosary - Wednesday, March 12th at 6:30pm in the church. This is a family event led by Knights and open to all.

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

March Breakfast - Sunday March 16th, after the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses. Biscuits & Gravy, Eggs, Fruit, and Coffee. Free-will donations go to Church Maintenance.

March Planning Meeting - Thursday, March 27th, at 7:00pm in SJR.

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

2025 Spring Dinner & Auction

Here's How You Can Help!

We are asking for your continued support in making "**The Cardinal Masquerade**" on **April 26** a success. Please consider donating an item, basket, or your gift of time and talents! **Examples:** Gift Baskets, Gift Cards, Concert/Sports Tickets, Wine, Alcohol, Family Board Games, BBQ Items, Babysitting, Music or Sports lessons. **Unsure what to donate?** See our "Wish List" board in the church commons for a needed item and we will put together the basket! Kindly drop off donations by April 1st in the St. Joseph's Room. Please remember to fill out the donation form when dropping off your item or basket.

Call or email with questions Lynn Gorman (719) 287-5313 or lmgorman83@gmail.com



Our parish Fish Fry Dinners will take place every Friday for six weeks starting on Friday, March 7 to April 11, 2025. There are many people who are committed to making them a great success & your help is needed.

We are asking for donations of the following. Please donate pop and **HOMEMADE** desserts. Please bring your donation to the school office during the school day or label them "Fish Fry" and put them in the Commons. For desserts; please bring cookies, bars, or cupcakes that are wrapped individually. (Please package the portion size as medium or large pieces.) You can also bring a whole cake or pie and it will be cut at the Fish Fry. For pop, please buy Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Coke, Sprite, orange or root beer. Please bring all pop donations before the first Fish Fry Friday, March 7th.

THANK YOU! Your stewardship would help the Parish/School a great deal. We hope to see you at the Fish Fry!

Note: No letter from Fr. Timmerman in the bulletin because he is on Pilgrimage in Italy.

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery guidelines for Spring Cleanup of decorations ♦Prior to the start of spring cleanup, all decorations from winter must be removed from graves **by March 10th** except those in permanent vases: No shepherd hooks, statues, figurines, eternal light, etc. are allowed from March through November unless they are permanently and correctly installed in the minimal 4” foundation ribbon of the headstone. Grave blankets are not allowed any time of the year. Remove any seasonal / holiday flowers or decorations from fall and winter. Our parishioners who maintain the cemetery grounds will clear out the above stated objects that should not be in the cemetery March-November. *Before March 10*, please check any cemetery areas where you have placed decorations to make sure they are kept within the guidelines. If in doubt, please remove any objects, or call the rectory for clarification.

Dinners for Priests, “Stewardship of Talent” Mar 3: Bonnie Seyfer, Mar 4: Emilee Schlickau, Mar 10: Kim Sarraillon, Mar 11: Gay Lepert, Mar 17: Patty Coleman, Mar 18: Shelli Anderson

An upcoming retreat at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House near Waverly, NE, March 7-9: Flame of Love retreat. National speakers will direct this retreat – experience a weekend immersion into The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For more information: www.goodcounselretreat.org.

This week’s Featured Seminarian: Joseph Heimbrecht, who entered seminary in 2023, now in College 1 at St. Gregory the Great. Please pray for all our seminarians, and our sisters in formation.


Some upcoming dates:

- March 5 – Ash Wednesday Masses at 7:00am, 8:10am, and 7:00pm
- March 7 – First Fish Fry of Lent 2025 4:30-7:00pm in school gym.
- March 7 – Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm
- March 10 – Holy Sepulchre Cemetery clean-up date
- March 12 – Stations of the Cross, 2:40pm
- March 12 – Kindergarten Round-up, 6:30pm in the school
- March 14 – Fish Fry 4:30-7pm in school gym
- March 14 – Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm
- March 15 – “Great Warning” movie, 5:30pm in gym
- March 16 – Knights’ free-will donation breakfast in gym after Masses
- March 19 – Stations of the Cross, 2:40pm
- March 21 – Fish Fry 4:30-7pm in school gym
- March 21 – Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm

Church cleaning reminder: For Mar 8 (at 9:00am): Roloff, Roloff, Rubin, Ryan, Salazar, Salinas, Sarraillon, Sautter

Rosary Repair In the Commons, Sundays through Palm Sunday, before and after the Sunday 10:30am Mass. If you want to bring in a broken rosary during the week, please put it in a baggie, label with your name and phone number, and take it to the rectory office.

The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration



"The first time you received Jesus in the Eucharist was a historic moment. You stepped into a 2,000 year history of men and women participating in Eucharistic Glory. You became part of an eternal community who all come to the same table for this one meal. You received Jesus into your body and soul in the most intimate way possible for the first time.

Whether you received the Eucharist for the first time at seven or seventy, that first time was just the beginning of the rest of your life. Every time you receive Jesus from that point forward, you have the chance to have a powerful encounter with the Alpha and the Omega.”
–Excerpt from 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

Would you like to pray particularly in light of your faithfulness and belief in the Real Presence? ...To have a scheduled, regular time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament? If yes, or if 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

ASH WEDNESDAY 2025 LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

March 5, 2025	Wednesday 7:00 AM	8:10 AM Wednesday	7:00 PM Wednesday
Lector/Reader:	Mike Vaughn	Keith Wiese	Tracy Bohan
Acolytes:	Sean Gillen Ryan Vulgamott	Butch Sands Jeff Cherek	Scott Koelzer Nick Halmes Joe Warga
Servers:	Hunter Scherlie Knox Scherlie Volunteer	School Volunteers	Brandon O'Shea Bennett MacTaggart Volunteer
Music:	Silent Mass (No Music)	School Mass - Amanda Bair	Terry Little

What should I do for Lent this year?

Stations of the Cross each week. (See the schedule in the bulletin.) As you pray through the Stations, ask Jesus what it is that He wants you to notice. Ask Mary what she saw and felt during each point of Christ's Passion. Your heart will grow in love for Jesus!

Daily Masses are at 7:00am and 8:10am Monday-Friday, and Saturdays at 8:00am. Lent is a holy time of year to get to extra Masses throughout the week.

Read the Gospels. Two chapters a day will move you through the four Gospels during the Season of Lent. The daily readings are also provided in an app at: www.truthandlifeapp.com, or simply search the app store on your phone or tablet for the free "Truth and Life Bible App".

Almsgiving. Especially on Ash Wednesday, but continued throughout Lent, it is a custom to give extra-heavily of alms (money), as a reparation format that is understood by the world, to God for our own sins and for sins of others. How can we give these alms to God? By giving to your parish to support the good done through His Church.

Crucifix. If you don't have a crucifix in your home, buy a simple one and put it in your bedroom.

Begin dedicating a weekly hour of adoration of Our Lord. Pray like you can't otherwise! Who is it you will be meeting with? Jesus Himself! How wonderful of a Lent that would be – to begin the habit. If you'd like a regular hour of adoration, our current open hours are: Sundays at 1am, 2am & 3am; Tuesdays at Midnight; Thursdays at Midnight & 2am; Saturdays at 3am. (*Oh, what extra graces must be given in the extra efforts of a middle-of-the-night hour!*) Leave a message for Traci at 297-2295, and she'll call you back to set up your hour of the week. Or... each Sunday check out the Adoration table in the Commons to see which hours are open *in the upcoming week*, and take the hour for that particular date.

Pray for somebody. As you're at work, driving the highways, or in the grocery store, etc., pick out a person who appears to be in need and pray for that person. Truly notice the person, and pray with specific thought! Sometimes the way we can help is indeed to pray, and to trust that in doing so we are contributing to God's grand plan.

Discerning Hearts podcasts. Lent is an appropriate time to get the free great app from Discerning Hearts, or another Catholic app. Then be determined to listen to a podcast once or twice a week.

Doing, Bearing, Self-denial:

Doing: daily family rosary; daily spiritual reading; eating simpler meals and giving the money saved to the poor or the Church; being more cheerful, helpful, and respectful to family members, fellow workers, neighbors, etc.

Bearing with smiling acceptance and resignation: hardships, pains, sufferings, and various kinds of discomforts and inconveniences.

Giving up: television, Facebook, smoking, alcoholic beverages, or junk food and snacks. Also, giving up anger, envy, grudges, greed, etc.

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