

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 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

Second Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 17

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

8:10 a.m. George & Loretta Hrbek+

Tuesday, March 18

7:00 a.m. Dee Spreitzer+

8:10 a.m. Joan Aylor+

Wednesday, March 19

7:00 a.m. Dick & Mary Michaels+

8:10 a.m. Joann Arnold+

Thursday, March 20

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

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

Friday, March 21

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

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

Saturday, March 22

8:00 a.m. Tyanna Jenkins+

4:00 p.m. Thomas Blankman+

Sunday, March 23 (Third Sunday of Lent)

8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Gene Ward+

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 Ash Wed.: 298 Last weekend: 555

Contributions for Ash Wed. & March 9, 2025

General Collection	\$	22,841.89
Debt Reduction	\$	3,785.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	310.00
Utilities	\$	535.00
Combined Relief	\$	195.00



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Serving pre-school through 8th grade students, the mission of St. John the Baptist Catholic School is to educate the whole child. Our educational philosophy is designed to prepare students to succeed in any rigorous high school academic program by providing a firm foundation in knowledge and skills, encouraging a wide variety of intellectual exposure, providing practice and knowledge of good study habits and inspiring creativity and critical analysis in each child. We also offer a rich academic tradition grounded in a Christ-centered, loving environment. With a focus on Catholic sacraments and tradition, our students live out their faith in action through service.

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We invite you to learn more about our school! Contact us at 402-296-6230, to schedule a visit or a tour.

Fish Fry Come and be part of the tradition! On Fridays through 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



2025 Spring Dinner & Auction

WHAT IS OUR THEME?

A *Cardinal Masquerade* theme blends vibrant, luxurious colors of Red, Black, and Gold! Combined with detailed designs, and a refined atmosphere, capturing the lavishness of a masquerade ball with a regal or ecclesiastical flair. Inspired by the grandeur of cardinals—this theme embodies both mystery and majesty!

WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?

The annual Spring Dinner is when we gather as a community in support of our parish and 140 years of Catholic education in Plattsmouth and the surrounding area. It is the biggest fundraising event of the year for the Church of the Holy Spirit and St. John the Baptist School!

The Annual St Joseph's Altar Food Drive is here! Please bring in those canned and dry food items!! This year's Food Drive **will run through March 23** (March 19 is the Feast of St. Joseph). It 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!

Church of the Holy Spirit Hiring CHS is seeking qualified applicants for a full-time Director of Advancement Marketing and Communications to lead the strategic efforts for Church of the Holy Spirit, St. John the Baptist School, and associated donor audiences. Please reach out to Father Timmerman for more information or to submit a resume.



Thank you to all volunteers who have helped mow our cemetery! It's a worthy endeavor – showing our respect for those who have gone before us. Anyone who would like to join this team, (We could really use a few more people.), please contact Larry Rolfson at 619-0029. If you have helped Larry in the past, please call or text Larry to let him know whether you are or are not going to be able to do so again this year. Thank you!



Triduum Choir Rehearsals: In preparation for Holy Week services, specifically Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil), choir rehearsals will be at 6:30pm on Tuesdays. 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.



Now Hiring! St. John the Baptist School is seeking qualified applicants for a junior high classroom teacher. We desire candidates who have a passion for their Catholic faith and an appreciation for traditional Catholic education.

Qualified candidates must possess a valid Nebraska teaching certificate. To learn more about the job and how to apply, visit <https://stjbcatholic.com/join-our-team/> or contact the school office.

Some upcoming dates:

- March 16 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast in gym after Masses
- March 19 – Stations of the Cross, 2:40pm
- March 20 – PCCW mtg, 5pm in SJR, for all ladies of the parish!
- March 21 – Fish Fry 4:30-7pm in school gym
- March 21 – Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm
- March 23 – Spring Dinner meeting, 6:00pm in St. Joseph's Room
- March 26 – Stations of the Cross, 2:40pm
- March 28 – Fish Fry 4:30-7pm in school gym
- March 28 – Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm

To help plan for the summer:

- July 6-10 – TOTUS TUUS for High School students
- July 7-11 – TOTUS TUUS for students entering grades 1-8
- July 16-18 – PCCW Rummage Sale (Donate: July 13-14)
- August 2 – StJB Golf Classic
- Any day – Find Mass times for where you travel: www.masstimes.org



Holy Spirit Catering is a parish serving ministry. Next Catering Event:

Saturday, April 5, Plattsmouth JROTC Military Ball Can use help to set-up, dress tables, serve, and clean up! It's a fun catering event to be working! **Please call Joy at 669-2455 to let her know you can help. (For dressing the tables, call Cherie at 298-8957.) Thank you!**

Questions?? Contact Donette Koelzer 297-0786

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Dear Ladies of the Parish,

Our Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) primarily functions around aspects associated with the altar. PCCW automatically includes all adult women of the parish, and all are invited and encouraged to attend our monthly meetings for planning and for fellowship! As members of the PCCW/Altar Society, we are blessed to have a community of approximately 445 women dedicated to serving our parish. The majority of our fundraisers and dues are used to provide for hosts, wine, candles, linens, flowers, and more.

Each year, we are also responsible for sending a stipend to the Lincoln Diocesan Council (LDCCW) for each parish lady, regardless of whether their individual dues have been brought in. To help meet this commitment, we kindly ask those who have not yet submitted their \$10 dues to do so at their convenience. So far, we have received dues from 139 members – thank you to those who have contributed!

Dues can be placed in an envelope marked "PCCW Dues" and dropped in the Sunday collection. If paying with cash, please include your name so we can properly record your contribution. We sincerely appreciate your support and participation in our parish community. Thank you, and may God bless you!

And congratulations to Heather Davidge, our raffle prize winner!

PCCW Meeting Thursday, March 20 at 5:00pm in St. Joseph's Room. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us!

Dinners for Priests, "Stewardship of Talent"

Mar 17: Patty Coleman, Mar 18: Shelli Anderson, Mar 24: Sandy DiSomma, Mar 25: Bill Boyle, Mar 31: Nicolette kerns, Apr 7: Sandy Fischer

Youth Group Meetings and Events

Mar 30 - Finding the Mass in the Bible Session 5 @ Koelzer Residence 4-5:30pm

Apr 13 - Finding the Mass in the Bible Session 6 @ Koelzer Residence 4-5:30pm

Apr 27 - Finding the Mass in the Bible Session 7 @ Koelzer Residence 4-5:30pm

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Fish Fry

Our parish Fish Fry Dinners

will take place every Friday in Lent, through 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 **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. 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.

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

Knights free-will donation Breakfast served THIS Sunday! In the gym after the 8am & 10:30am Masses. (*Mmm...It's always quite tasty!*)

Lourdes Event "Knights on the Green" is coming up, on April 5. It will be an Event like no other! Grab your golf outfit and join us for this amazing night. No golf outfit? That is ok!.... Grab your tickets and celebrate Lourdes Central Catholic. To get your tickets, go to the Lourdes website or stop by Lourdes to buy your tickets. We are also taking donations for silent auction. Contact Kay DeFreece at Lourdes if you have items to donate.

Remaining Stations of the Cross dates this Lent:

Wednesdays at **2:40pm**: Mar 19, Mar 26, Apr 2, Apr 9, Apr 16
Fridays at **6:30pm**: Mar 21, Mar 28, Apr 4, Apr 11
(2:40pm Stations will be canceled if school is canceled.)

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

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

April Parish Rosary - Wednesday, April 9th, 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, April 9th, at 7:00pm.

April Breakfast - With Easter falling on a third Sunday, April's breakfast will be moved up one week to Palm Sunday, April 13th.

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.

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This week's Featured Seminarian: Max Summa, 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.

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.

Church cleaning reminder: For Mar 122 (at 9:00am): Schuette, Schuette, Schultz, Schultze, Sedlak, Sharman, Sharp, Silvis

The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration



- "Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration."
- "Our hours of adoration will be special hours of reparation for sins, and intercession for the needs of the whole world, exposing the sin-sick and suffering humanity to the healing, sustaining and transforming rays of Jesus, radiating from the Eucharist."
- "I know I would not be able to work one week if it were not for that continual force coming from Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament (during my Holy Hour of Adoration)."

-St. Teresa of Calcutta

To have a scheduled, regular time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, or if you have questions about our Perpetual Adoration, please 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

Join Fr. Gary Coulter for an Easter Monday Jubilee Churches

Pilgrimage on Monday, April 21. Departure 7:00am sharp from North American Martyrs in Lincoln. Charter bus will stop at Tarnov on the way to Immaculata Monastery in Norfolk. Mass and prayers throughout the day, return via St. Benedict Center in Schuyler by 6:30pm. Cost is \$70 which includes snacks and lunch. Make your reservations early: frcoulter.com/EasterMonday online, or email office@olgcretreat.org or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705.

Healing Retreat at St. Mary Catholic Church in Elmwood.

Led by Fr. Steve Graeve, Lincoln Diocesan priest, March 29, 8am - 12pm. This Lent, everyone is invited to encounter Jesus in His mission of healing. This retreat focuses on physical, spiritual, and emotional healing, which are fundamental to the Church's life and its 2,000-year tradition. Through teaching, prayer, personal reflection, Adoration, and the Sacraments, you will witness and experience God's healing love. Breakfast, Mass and the opportunity for Confession are included as part of the retreat schedule. A \$20 free-will donation per person (taken at event) to help cover retreat costs is gratefully accepted. Sign up by 3/26/25. QR code on bulletin board of Commons, or direct questions to Mollie at agme.outreach@gmail.com or 450-5903.

Dear Parishioners,

Some of you may know that long-time teacher at St. John the Baptist, Mrs. Sandy Rhoades, is retiring at the end of this school year. We are saddened that she is leaving us, but we wish her only the very best as she begins this new chapter of her life. Mrs. Melinda Hagerbaumer will also be leaving St. John's at the end of the year. She has been with us as our 4th grade teacher since the Fall of 2022, and we also wish her God's blessings in her new endeavors.

Sandy Rhoades has been and is an influential leader of young people, in teaching not only the secular subjects, but most importantly religion. It is clear from watching Mrs. Rhoades teach and interact with junior high students that the most important thing that she wants to communicate to her children is having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. That foundational relationship with God, that nothing else can replace, is lived out each day by prayer, study and the practice of the Catholic faith, especially through Mass and the sacraments.

Not only has Sandy been a strong advocate for children and the Faith, she has been a wonderful fellow teacher for our faculty members. She has been very helpful in assisting new teachers acclimate to St. John the Baptist, and has always been very willing to volunteer with different school projects. Her type of dedication to Catholic grade school education, especially here at St. John the Baptist, is unfortunately not as typical today as it once was, and we are very grateful to her.

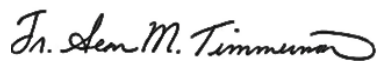
Lastly, Mrs. Rhoades has been a tireless champion for the unborn and the pro-life cause, most especially by teaching her students the importance of cherishing every human life, from conception unto natural death. One of the blessings of a Catholic school education is the ability of our teachers to instill the Catholic faith in their students, not only in religion class, but in the non-sacred subjects as well, like Science, Civics and Literature. Sandy is a master teacher, able to weave our Catholic faith and defense of innocent babies into all subjects, not just religion.

Thank you, Mrs. Rhoades, for everything, and be assured of our prayers for you!

While we begin our search for a new junior-high teacher, we are also beginning advertising for a newly created position from our Strategic Planning efforts. We are seeking a full-time Director of Advancement, Marketing and Communications position that would be responsible for the whole parish - both the church and the school. Currently, Mrs. Deb Walton fulfills this role, but only on a part-time basis, and for the school only, not the church side. She does a very good job for St. John the Baptist, but it became evident through months of strategic planning that this position needed to be expanded to cover the entire parish; both church and school. There are measurable goals that the church and school need to accomplish hand in hand over the next 5 to 20 years, and these strategic goals cannot be met without someone who is solely dedicated to the advancement and marketing of both the church and the school.

Again, I want to compliment Mrs. Walton for the great work that she has done for our St. John the Baptist school. She has also volunteered many hours for marketing on the church side, and her expertise there has been very helpful. While this part-time position for the school only is being eliminated in order to expand it for the whole parish, I want to thank Deb for being instrumental for many years in making sure that it is known throughout our community that St. John's is here and eager to teach the Catholic faith to young people.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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