



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 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

First Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 10

7:00 a.m. Herbert & Rita Rubin+

8:10 a.m. Joan Aylor+

Tuesday, March 11

7:00 a.m. David Hula+

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

Wednesday, March 12

7:00 a.m. Marcia Holdridge+

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

Thursday, March 13

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

8:10 a.m. Brenda Todd+

Friday, March 14

7:00 a.m. Dick Wassinger+

8:10 a.m. Ed Vapenik+

Saturday, March 15

8:00 a.m. Laura Piepgras+

4:00 p.m. The All Souls Day intentions+

Sunday, March 16 (Second Sunday of Lent)

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30a.m. Paul Mestl+

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: 529

Contributions for March 2, 2025

General Collection	\$	15,066.10
Debt Reduction	\$	460.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	187.00
Utilities	\$	75.00
Southern Nebraska Register	\$	160.00
Combined Relief	\$	90.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$	20.00

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.

Kindergarten RoundUp - March 12th St. John the Baptist will host Kindergarten Round Up at 6:30pm on Wednesday, March 12th for all parents and prospective kindergarten students who are interested in enrolling their child for the 2025-26 school year.



Now Enrolling!

www.cdolinc.net/enrollment

There are so many reasons to consider a Catholic education for your child. At St. John the Baptist, we are committed to educating the whole child – mind, body, soul and spirit. We are now enrolling Pre-school - 8th grade students for the 2025-26 school year. For more information about the school, and the financial aid and scholarships available, please visit stjbcatholic.com or call the school office at 402-296-6230.

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

Remaining 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 14, Mar 21, Mar 28, Apr 4, Apr 11

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



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.

This week's Featured Seminarian: Max Knepper, who entered seminary in 2024, now in the Propaedeutic Stage at St. Gregory the Great. Please pray for all our seminarians and our sisters in formation.

The Great Warning movie Join us for a private screening of 'The Great Warning' movie in the St. John the Baptist School gym on Saturday, March 15th at 5:30pm. This documentary is about the much prophesied 'Illumination of Conscience', in which every person on earth will see the state of their souls, in a great act of mercy by the Father. ***Due to some disturbing scenes, the movie is not recommended for children under age 12.*** A free-will donation will be collected at the door to cover expenses. Concessions will be available for purchase to support the Youth Group. Learn more about the movie at <https://thegreatwarning.com> Please consider inviting family members and friends who have been away from the Church, or who do not think that the sacrament of Confession is important, to please come and see this movie. The purpose of this movie is change hearts and experience God's mercy in the Church.



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.



Kindergarten Round Up St. John the Baptist will hold Kindergarten Round Up for future Cardinals and their parents on Wed., March 12th at 6:30 p.m. To register for Kindergarten, your student must be five years of age on or by July 21, 2025. During the session, you will learn all about our kindergarten program, meet the teacher and see the classroom. For more information, call the school office at 402.296.6230 or visit stjbcatholic.com.

Youth Group Meetings and Events

- Mar 15** - *The Great Warning* Movie & Concessions in the Gym at 5:30pm
 - 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
- Questions?? Contact Donette Koelzer 402-297-0786

Some upcoming dates:

- 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
- 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

2025 Spring Dinner & Auction

Raffle Tickets are on Sale! NEW PRICING THIS YEAR! Raffle Tickets are on Sale now for the price of **\$20.00 each!** The more tickets you purchase, the more chances you have to win! You can purchase tickets after weekend Masses, from any STJB student or family, and help them earn a school incentive for selling raffle tickets or on our event website at <https://sjbs.home.qtego.us> Online Raffle ticket purchases can be made by clicking on "View Event Items", then select "Instabuy". **Raffle Cash Prizes:** Five Prizes of \$1,000 and Three Prizes of \$500. The drawing will be held at the event on April 26th, presence is not required to win. For more information about Raffle Tickets please contact Kelley Steele at (402) 297-5331 or kms_486@hotmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support of the CHS & StJB 2025 Spring Dinner & Auction!

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 Annual St Joseph's Altar Food Drive is here! Please bring in those canned and dry food items!! This year's Food Drive started on **March 8, and will 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!



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!**

Fish Fry

Our parish Fish Fry Dinners

will take place every Friday for six weeks, and started 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 **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 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 open to all.

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

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.

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

Dinners for Priests, "Stewardship of Talent"

Mar 10: Kim Sarraillon, Mar 11: Gay Lepert, Mar 17: Patty Coleman, Mar 18: Shelli Anderson, Mar 24: Sandy DiSomma, Mar 25: Bill Boyle

Church cleaning reminder: For Mar 15 (at 9:00am): Scaturro, Scheer, Scherlie, Schmidt, Schmidt, Schmidt, Schlichtemeier, Scholl

NCBC The National Catholic Bioethics Center helps navigate ethical issues surrounding health care, end-of-life care, and more. They offer [Free Personal Ethics Consultations](#), which help patients and their families understand and apply Church teaching to the difficult medical situations they face. Their ethicists are available 24/7 by phone and email, and this service is free of charge.

This could have a significant impact on the lives of family members who do not know if they should withdraw treatment from their loved ones at the end of life, health care workers who are unsure about participating in certain job-related activities, and couples who are seeking guidance on the Church's teaching on reproductive medicine, etc.

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



The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration

John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. (Jn 1:35-37)

"I'm especially attached to the line: "Behold, the Lamb of God!" I find it to be a great opener for my Adoration time, because it helps me to center on Christ and his Presence before me. It's also very helpful for me – she who is perpetually distracted – in refocusing my attention to where it belongs when my mind begins to drift.

When you consider it, this line can mean many things to many people. And, it can even mean different things to the same person on different days. That's because, when we adore the Eucharist, we bring with us countless impressions, burdens, and questions that accrue over time. That's true even if the last time we adored was a few days before!

Behold, the Lamb of God!

What better way to spend Lent than before Jesus Christ himself, quieting yourself and simply taking in his magnificence, power, and enduring love and all that that means to you? Sometimes, you needn't say a word in Adoration but instead, lovingly and devotedly, behold the Lamb of God."

-Quote from Marge Fenelon, National Catholic Register

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.

Free Men's Lenten Day Retreat

All men are invited to begin their Lenten journey with a powerful Men's Mini-Retreat on Sunday, March 9, from 2:00-6:00 PM at Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly. No registration required. This special afternoon of reflection, prayer, and fellowship will feature inspiring talks from Fr. Sean Kilcawley, Deacon Matthew Hecker, and Fr. Coulter who will guide participants in deepening their faith and preparing their hearts for Lent.

In addition to the retreat, men are encouraged to take on a spiritual challenge by joining the Exodus 40 Lent Challenge—a transformative journey of prayer and fraternity.

To learn more, visit www.exodus90.com Those interested can also connect with others and form a fraternity at the Men's Day Retreat.

Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your faith and enter into Lent with renewed purpose and brotherhood!

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