

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 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

### Fifth week of Lent

#### Monday, April 7

7:00 a.m. Living & deceased members of PCCW  
 8:10 a.m. Charlie Warga+

#### Tuesday, April 8

7:00 a.m. Special intention for C.A.G.  
 8:10 a.m. The 'All Souls Day' intentions+

#### Wednesday, April 9

7:00 a.m. Jay Becklun+  
 8:10 a.m. Brandon Aylor+

#### Thursday, April 10

7:00 a.m. A.A.+  
 8:10 a.m. Ed Vapenik+

#### Friday, April 11

7:00 a.m. David Hula+  
 8:10 a.m. Robert Gillen+

#### Saturday, April 12

8:00 a.m. The 'All Souls Day' intentions+  
 4:00 p.m. George & Rosemary Miller+

#### Sunday, April 13 (Holy Week)

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 10:30a.m. Jerome Brink+

### 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: 555**

### Contributions for March 30, 2025

|                    |    |           |
|--------------------|----|-----------|
| General Collection | \$ | 16,044.05 |
| Debt Reduction     | \$ | 1,440.00  |
| Teachers/Staff     | \$ | 157.00    |
| Utilities          | \$ | 120.00    |
| Combined Relief    | \$ | 415.00    |
| Flowers            | \$ | 215.00    |
| Franciscan Sisters | \$ | 90.00     |

**Next Sunday afternoon, April 13, Penance Service:**  
**Confessions: 3:30pm - 4:30pm**  
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**See the full Holy Week Schedule of Masses, Confessions, Adoration in "The Garden", and Stations of the Cross... in next week's bulletin.**

**Missing artwork** Please keep your eyes open for a piece of woodwork of the Last Supper. It was mistakenly placed on the Lost and Found table. It is approximately 14" x 6". If you come across it, please see Sue in the office. Thank you for your help.

### Youth Group Meetings and Events

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

**Apr 27** -Finding the Mass in the Bible #7 @ Koelzer Residence 4-5:30pm  
 Questions? Contact Donette Koelzer 297-0786

**Rosary & Stations** Join the Knights in praying the Rosary and Stations of the Cross this Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 in the church. We continue to pray for our Lenten journey, for all of our priests, and for individual special intentions. Bring the whole family!

**Dinners for Priests, "Stewardship of Talent"** Apr 7: Sandy Fischer, Apr 8: Gay Lepert, Apr 14: Jessette Berggren, Apr 15: Monica Yankus, Apr 21: Sandy Kerns, Apr 22: Megan Hanneman



## CARDINAL MASQUERADE



**Our Spring Dinner & Auction is just 3 weeks away and the silent auction is in need of items!** 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 15<sup>th</sup> in the St. Joseph's Room. Please remember to fill out the donation form when dropping off your item or basket. Call or email us with questions - **Lynn Gorman** (719) 287-5315 or [imgorman83@gmail.com](mailto:imgorman83@gmail.com).



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**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.



**Come be part of the tradition!** The last Fish Fry of Lent 2025 is this coming Friday!

Serving 4:30 to 7:00pm. Great menu and there will be live entertainment and raffles. We always need volunteers. If you can help, please call Bill or Tracy Bohan at 297-0522.



**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.

Pop is no longer needed **but desserts are welcomed every week of the Fish Fry.** 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!



**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 679-2457. For info on our overall parish music ministry, please contact Terry Little at 297-2127.

## St. John the Baptist School "Spotlight"

**Teacher of the Month: Angelica Prestridge** Angelica, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, has been active for 9 years at our parish and school. She feels blessed to attend Holy Mass daily and likes to share her faith with her students and their families. Angelica and her husband have been married for 9 years. She enjoys traveling, being with family, and learning more about her faith. Her favorite saint is St. Faustina, who helped spread the message of Divine Mercy.

**Volunteer of the Month: Monica Yankus** Monica is a long-time parishioner (40+ years), who worked as a PreK-K teacher for our school for many years until she retired. She continues to volunteer for the school and the parish. Monica has been married to Mike for almost 41 years, and has 2 adult children and 3 grandchildren. She has two favorite saints, St. Frances Cabrini, because of her mother's own lifelong devotion, and St. Monica, her namesake. In her spare time, Monica enjoys reading, gardening, and many types of needlework.

**Support staff of the month: Mary Tilson** Mary has been a member of our parish her entire life, and has worked at the school since 2019. She loves working with the children and watching them grow in their faith. Mary and all of her siblings are graduates of St. John the Baptist school, and she says "StJB is the best!" She enjoys spending time with husband Doug and their two adorable pups. Vacationing on the beach and being crafty are favorites too. Mary's favorite saint is Mary, the mother of Jesus, and she tries to live more like her, humble and devout.

## Now Enrolling!

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

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We invite you to learn more about our school!

Contact us at 296-6230, to schedule a visit or a tour.

**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.



**Easter flowers...** Envelopes are in the Commons if you'd like to donate toward Easter flowers in memory of someone. Shortly after Easter, the bulletin will list the names in whose memory the donations were made.

**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.

They have SO MUCH good Catholic information on SO MANY related topics. Here is a link to the archives of one general topic – by Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD on **Making Sense of Bioethics**. Check it out, and look at some of the other topics on [www.ncbcenter.org](http://www.ncbcenter.org)

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

**April General Meeting** – Wed., April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm in SJR.

**April Breakfast** - April's breakfast will be on Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**April Planning Meeting** - Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in SJR.

**This week's Featured Seminarian:** Jonathan Andreason, 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.

**Church cleaning reminder:** For April 12 (at 9:00am): St. Pierre, Starke, Steele, Sterba, Stevens, Stodola, Sutton, Sweredoski

**Remaining Stations of the Cross dates this Lent:** **Wednesdays at 2:40pm:** Apr 9, Apr 16; (2:40pm Stations will be canceled if school is canceled.)

**Friday at 6:30pm:** Apr 11 **Good Friday** at Noon: Apr 18



### The Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration

“The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world ... Let Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: He is God with us. Seek him *without tiring*; welcome him *without reserve*; love him *without interruption*: today, tomorrow, forever!”

– Pope Saint John Paul II

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To have a scheduled, regular time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament here at CHS, 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; Wednesdays at 10pm; Thursdays at Midnight & 2am; Saturdays at 1am, 2am, 3am & 11pm

#### **Some upcoming dates:**

April 9 – Stations of the Cross, 2:40pm

April 11 – Last 2025 Fish Fry 4:30-7pm in school gym

April 11 – Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm

April 13-20 – Holy Week, full schedule in next week's bulletin

April 13 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast, gym after Masses

April 13 – Penance Service, 3:30pm, with many priests available

April 14 – Chrism Mass, 5pm, Cathedral of the Risen Christ, Lincoln

April 16 – Last Wednesday 2025 Stations of the Cross, 2:40pm

April 18 – Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, Noon

#### **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](http://www.masstimes.org)

#### **Special Holy Week Collections:**

##### **Holy Thursday – Collection for Catholic Social Services**

Please note that the collection at this Mass will go to CSS in Lincoln, to assist them in our diocesan work for the poor.

##### **Good Friday – Collection for the Holy Land**

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. This collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. The war in Israel has hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. In these times of crisis, this collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. When you contribute, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous!



Dear Parishioners,

It may seem like it was only yesterday that we prayed about what we were going to do for our Lenten penances. But now there are only two weeks left! Next Sunday will be Palm Sunday already, and then we enter into the most remarkable week of the whole year, Holy Week. I pray that your Lent is going well. But even if it is not exactly what you wanted it to be, don't be discouraged. There are still two full weeks left to make a real change in your life with our Lord. Start over again, and make the most of this valuable season.


**Our tradition here at CHS is to have a Palm Sunday Penance Service at 3:30 p.m.** We will have many deanery priests here, so please take advantage of the opportunity. Making a good and holy confession is not only a beautiful thing to do, it is also one of the 6 (six) precepts of the Church. The precepts of the Church are binding on all Catholics, and they exist in order to strengthen and encourage us to keep the 10 Commandments, practice the teachings of Christ from the Gospel, and to increase the virtues of faith, hope and charity in our souls. Here is a quick review of the Precepts of the Catholic Church:

1. Assist at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
2. Fast and abstain on the days appointed.
3. Confess at least once a year.
4. Receive the Holy Eucharist at least once a year, at Easter time.
5. Contribute to the support of the Church.
6. Observe the marriage laws of the Church.

These are just the bare minimums for all Catholics. Jesus wants you to live not the lowest possible life in the Church where you are just hanging on, but a truly abundant life with Him that is full of joyful blessings for you and added glory for God! So, if going to confession on Palm Sunday is an annual tradition for you, that is great! We are very glad that you are here. But if it is the only time a year you come, or twice including Advent before Christmas, I encourage you to try going monthly to confession. You might say that you don't think you sin very much in a month, but I will honestly tell you, it is a lot easier to confess monthly, or bi-weekly, or weekly, because your life and your sins are much easier to remember. Many of us forget what we ate for lunch yesterday, so it is probably not surprising that we have a hard time remembering all of our sins in the past 6 months!

So regular confession, be it monthly, bi-weekly or weekly, not only makes it a lot easier for us when confessing our sins, it also allows us to receive many more graces to destroy old habits of sin and strengthen the virtues. God wants to fill us with an overflow of His love and help in our lives, and He desires happiness for us now and for eternity. He doesn't want us living just the bare minimums, He wants us to live the abundant life with Him.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Sean M. Timmerman

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