



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

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It's here! This Sunday!

October 8th from 11:30-2:30

In the Gym and Outside!



Our annual Fall Festival, with Fun and Games, a great dinner (take-home is available), and several prizes to try to win!

PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Our Lord is there!

Monday, October 9

8:10 a.m. +Marvin & Verona Petereit

Tuesday, October 10

8:10 a.m. +Virginia Pfeiffer

Wednesday, October 11

8:10 a.m. +Warren Cook

Thursday, October 12

8:10 a.m. +Don Eisenbarth

Friday, October 13

8:10 a.m. +Shirley Hildebrand

Saturday, October 14

8:00 a.m. +Aaron Ball

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, October 15

8:00 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions

10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased members of CDA

CONFESSIONS:

Weekdays: 7:30-7:45 AM

Saturdays, 3:30-4:45 PM

Sundays, 7:30-7:45 AM and 9:30-10:15 AM

Contributions for October 1, 2017

General Collection at Mass	\$	8,678.39
General Online Giving	\$	3,519.00
Debt Reduction	\$	710.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	275.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$	25.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	193.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	10.00

Our sympathies to the family of Marie Zuccarini, who died September 28th. Her Funeral Mass was at Church of the Holy Spirit on October 7th.

We would like to thank everyone involved in preparing the day for our wedding, whether it be preparing food or setting up tables. We appreciate all the hard work dedicated to making our day special. Words cannot express our gratitude! Thanks again! -Mary & Doug Tilson

Diaper Drive PCCW is organizing a drive to collect diapers to be given to the Pregnancy Centers and Catholic Social Services across the Lincoln Diocese and St. Gianna Women's Home. The Centers we serve advise that diaper sizes 4, 5 & 6 are in greatest demand. Your diaper donations are greatly appreciated. See the collection point in the Commons during October. Thank you!

Fountain of Youth The High School youth group, Fountain of Youth, is starting up again for this school year, and will have an evening for chili and a hayrack ride, next Sunday, October 15 at 6:00pm at Pat Carroll's house. All high schoolers invited, and you can bring a friend! Questions, call Cathy at 212-9453.

Spring Dinner, yes, **Spring Dinner** talk: Father Houlihan is hosting a light-hearted social gathering to assemble a team, recruit, and plan committee member roles for the 2018 Spring Dinner leadership team. It will be on Sunday Oct 15 at 6:00pm in the Rectory. Please RVSP to Patty at 402-547-7714. Thank you!

Vocations to the Priesthood! Our diocesan seminarians attend many years of college. The Bishop's Appeal for Vocations helps to cover the cost. Please be generous in this Appeal. We will have cards out in the Commons – please check the table for your card to fill out. You can also donate online, <https://give.cornerstone.cc/BAV> ...and it will record that you are from our parish. Thank you! ...And we also thank our priests for bringing us the sacraments! **Update:** 81 people have contributed over \$9,700 the first week. Our goal is a bit over \$18,000, so we're on our way!

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966 / Pat Carroll GK (402) 296-4706

General Business Meeting – Thursday, October 12th, 7:00pm in SJR.

Fall Fundraiser Weekly Winner – NE vs Illinois winner – Jim McGowan – Thanks, Jim, for your support of KofC Charity Projects.

October Breakfast – The Knights will be serving breakfast Oct 15 after the 8:00 and 10:30am Sunday Masses. Breakfast will include cinnamon rolls, egg bake, fruit salad. After the 10:30 Mass, chili will also be available. This breakfast is going to support our parish seminarians – Adam Bohan and Michael Katalenich. Please join us for breakfast.

Intellectual Disabilities Fund Raiser is coming, October 21 & 22. A sign-up genius was sent by Mike Vaughn. Please prayerfully consider a timeslot during the day on Saturday at various businesses. Many hours are available, early to mid-afternoon. We will also need volunteers for after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. Tootsie-Rolls are almost here!

The **Knights of Columbus** is always looking for new members to join our ranks! We will be having a recruitment drive on October 28 & 29. Please prayerfully consider being a Knight!

Some upcoming dates:

October 8 – Vocations support drive continues in the Commons

October 8 – Fall Festival: Dinner & Games!

October 11 – First day for St. John's Walking Club

October 13 – 100 year anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima

October 14 – Public rosary at the end of CHS's driveway, Noon

October 15 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast, after the 8 & 10:30 Masses

October 18-20 – Rummage Sale in the school gym

Be sure to check the front table in the Commons for most current notices' details.

“All Souls Day Mass Intentions”: We will again this year have the All Souls custom where you list (in the Commons) the names of all those who have died who you want to pray for, and, in the marked box put whatever amount you deem appropriate as a stipend. Or put the stipend in an envelope clearly marked for that purpose, and drop it in the collection basket. Names and stipends will be collected through October. The names are put together as one “All Souls Day Intentions” and the stipends collected are divided into the standard \$10 Mass stipends. That many Masses are then offered throughout the year for all those listed.

Diplomat Jessica Slattery will be here on Tuesday, October 17 at 9:00 to visit with the 5th-8th grades about her life as a State Department diplomat. We will host this in the Commons since the rummage sale will be set up and we invite parishioners, also.

This week’s featured Sisters in Formation: From the Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln: Sr. Joan Kolbe from Quinn, SD, and Sr. Megan Therese from Elkhorn, who are novices. Also, Sr. Abigail Marie from Lincoln, and Sr. Amy Marie from Crete. Both are Junior Professed. Please pray for all our sisters in formation, and also for our seminarians, especially Adam Bohan and Michael Katalenich from our parish.

Church cleaning reminder: For October 14 (at 9:00am): O’Shea, O’Shea, Ostaseski, Owens, Pankonin, Parson, Payne, Payton, Peckham

PASTOR’S NOTES:

Today is the day for our annual Fall Festival. This is a parish tradition that is new to me, and perhaps there are several of you that will find it new as well, but most traditions like this are a lot of fun and a chance to get together with some very nice people. Hope to see you there!

Congratulations also to Sandy Rhoades (7th grade), Pam Reinsch (8th grade) and Jennifer Ludwig (3rd grade), each of whom is being honored for their teaching service to our young people at St. John the Baptist School—the first two for twenty years of service each, and the last for five. Thanks to our dedicated and talented teachers, even those who are not being honored at a dinner in Lincoln tonight. There is no school on Monday, due to the Diocesan Teachers’ Institute in Lincoln on that day.

Every once in a while, it is good to thank some of our marvelous volunteers. I was very impressed with our catering crew at the wedding here a couple weeks ago. Joy Scanlan and a very broad spectrum of parishioners were involved—some even stayed until after 1 A.M. to help with the cleanup (all very organized!) so that another activity could proceed in that place the next day. Thanks also to Tony Curtis for making sure the large holy water font in the Commons stays clean and fresh, and to our Knights of Columbus under Pat Carroll for putting on wonderful breakfasts for everyone in the gym once a month. We have a lot of great people here—it goes without saying, but I am going to say it anyway! God bless!

Thanks for counting (or even being counted!) during our annual weekend Mass attendance census for the diocese. There will be the same effort next weekend as well. This would be valuable information to have every weekend, but we need to do it this weekend and next for sure. Thanks!

Please remember the Pope’s Universal Intention for the month of October: Workers and the Unemployed. That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good. The Priest

Day Intention for the month: Pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Thank you!

Last week, I neglected to mention another acolyte who has been very helpful on Fridays bringing Holy Communion to the sick: Leo “Butch” Sand. He is not a regular (at the present time), but he has been and continues to be very committed. God bless!

October is the month dedicated to the Rosary. Since one of our “ancestor” parishes was Holy Rosary here in town, it is especially fitting that mention be made of this long-standing and popular devotion. The Rosary, as someone once said, is a Biblical meditation on the life of Jesus Christ, as seen through the eyes of His first and greatest disciple, the Blessed Virgin Mary. This year we mark the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Mary to the three children at Fatima in Portugal, as the First World War was raging. You are invited to pray the Rosary on your own, with your family, with your fellow parishioners before Mass, and with the Catholic Daughters at 12 Noon on Saturday at the main entrance of the parish property on 18th Street. If you want to pray for your family, your community, your nation, or the world, especially for peace, this is a good start. Fr. Patrick Peyton, an Irish priest who went around the world with his Family Rosary Crusade, is attributed with the famous quote: “The family that prays together, stays together.” Still true! Use the “mystery” at the beginning of each decade (of ten Hail Marys) to be the source of meditation while you recite the rote prayers, which are said to free your mind to go a little bit deeper into the spiritual realm. No wonder that the Rosary has been a source of strength and consolation to Catholics of all kinds, in all walks of life, for so many years. “Rosary” means “bouquet,” and it is beautiful gift of a child to a mother. Our mother (because she is the mother of our brother, Jesus) will always lead us to her Son. One of the groups in our parish that promotes the Rosary is the Legion of Mary, a truly evangelistic group of men and women who, by their prayers and actions, bring people to Christ through Mary.

Father Houlihan