



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! You'll see Jesus!

Monday, January 29

8:10 a.m. +Roland & Patricia Yost

Tuesday, January 30

8:10 a.m. +Mike & Jill Walters

Wednesday, January 31

8:10 a.m. +Stacey Case

Thursday, February 1

8:10 a.m. +Bertha Gochenour

Friday, February 2

8:10 a.m. +Don Eisenbarth

Saturday, February 3

8:00 a.m. +Verona Petereit

5:00 p.m. Special Intention for T.S.

Sunday, February 4

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Special Intention for Dorie Lee

CONFESSIONS:

Weekdays: 7:45 AM

Saturdays, 3:30-4:45 PM

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

Head Count at Mass last weekend: 593

Contributions for January 21, 2018

General Collection at Mass	\$	8,078.00
General Online Giving	\$	7,469.33
Debt Reduction	\$	620.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	225.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	86.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	215.00
Southern Nebraska Register	\$	15.00
Utilities	\$	510.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	140.00

Are you new to the parish? Welcome! Come in to the rectory office to register, or...Registration Forms are in the Commons. Bring or mail it in, or put it in the collection basket at Mass!

To be on the Holy Hour of Adoration schedule, please leave a message for Sue at 296-5047.

Prayer requests? Please call 296-4404 or 296-3039 or email chsprayerchain@gmail.com

Do you have a new address or phone number?....

Do you know of anyone who is no longer healthy enough to be able to come to Sunday Mass and would like to be on the Friday Communion list?....

...Please let us know at the parish office. 296-3139

Church cleaning reminder: For Feb 3 (at 9:00am): Wynne, Yankus, Young, Zakaras, Zaliauskas, Zaykoski, Zimmer, Zitek, Zoucha, Zweibahmer

Some upcoming dates:

January 28 – Catholic Schools Week begins!

January 28 – All-Parish CSW Pot-Luck Lunch, directly after 10:30am Mass

January 29 – All High School Youth Group, at CHS, 6pm

February 2 – First Friday devotion

February 2 – Blessing of candles at Mass, bring yours

February 3 – First Saturday devotion

February 3 – St. Blaise Feast Day, blessing of throats at morning Mass

February 3 – Terry Little's 25th (& final) Coffee House, 7-10pm, in gym.

February 6 – Catering event, Wiles Brothers dinner

February 7 – 11th & 12th graders Youth Group, meet 6-7:30 at Thayer's

February 10 – Trivia Night, school gym, after 5pm Mass

February 14 – Ash Wednesday

February 16 – First 2018 Lenten Fish Fry

February 19 – Over 55 Luncheon, sign up in the Commons

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



WHAT: Terry Little's 25th (& Final) Annual Coffee House - "From Peterborough to Plattsmouth" - An evening of songs and stories by Terry Little - solo!

WHEN: Saturday, **February 3rd**, 7-10PM

WHERE: St. John's School Gym

COST: No charge. Freewill donations support a worthy cause.

WHAT ELSE: Doors open at 6PM. This is an evening for adults. Please, no children. Costume / outfits from the 60's era (hippie, beatnik, bell bottoms, beads, Roman sandals, mu-mu's, suede and velours) are encouraged. Prizes will be awarded. Coffee will be served; attendees are invited to bring snacks and beverages to share.

WHY: Because everyone needs some Peace, Love & Music!



Trivia Night ?

Saturday, February 10 at 6:00pm in the school gym.

\$25 couple / \$12.50 single; 8 people per table.

Dinner, beverage, and dessert. Special Dessert for Best Themed Table.

For questions or to reserve a table, please call Cathy at 212-9453.

Annual PCCW "Over 55 Luncheon" Monday, February 19th. Holy Mass at 11:00am; luncheon to follow in the school gym, for women and men age 55 or over. Please sign up in the Commons so we can get a headcount.

2017 Year-End Contribution Statements are ready for you to pick up, in the Commons after the weekend Masses. Or you may pick them up at the church Rectory Office Monday – Friday 9:00am to 4:30pm.

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes

Fathers Dan Rayer and Craig Doty of the Diocese of Lincoln will be leading a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of Fatima, Portugal, and Lourdes, France, from September 12-23, 2018. In addition to Lourdes and Fatima, there will be several stops in Spain in Salamanca, Avila, Segovia, Zaragoza, Montserrat, and will conclude in Barcelona. If you have any questions, contact Fr. Rayer at 402-488-0921 or fr.dan-rayer@lincolndiocese.org or Tekton Ministries, the Catholic organization that is planning the journey, at 317-574-4191. To see a brochure or register for the pilgrimage go to: www.tektonministries.org/home/upcoming-pilgrimages/.

PCCW Dues All ladies of the parish, 18 years and older, are members of PCCW. Among other things, the PCCW helps tremendously with prayer and financial assistance with liturgical (i.e. Mass) needs. They collect \$10.00 dues each year to put a kick into their funds. You can give your \$10 either in an envelope via the collection basket, or at the table in the Commons after Mass. (For those who donate to CHS online, the PCCW dues are not included in the funds list.)

CDA installation of new members: Shortly after the 10:30 Mass next Sunday.

This week's featured Seminarians: Daniel LeDuc from Lincoln, who entered seminary in 2014 and is now in Theology 1 at St. Charles Borromeo, and Scott Nemec from Bee, who entered seminary in 2015 and is now in College 3 at St. Gregory the Great. We pray, too, for Adam Bohan from our parish. Adam entered seminary for the Society of Jesus in 2015. Please keep all our seminarians and sisters in formation in your prayers.

World Marriage Day breakfast at St. Mary's in Nebraska City, Feb. 11 after 8 & 10 Masses. Proceeds will benefit After Prom festivities scheduled for this year's Lourdes Central Catholic Prom.

SKY Camp & Leadership Camp Registration Online registration is open for SKY Camp and Leadership Camp. To register your child, or learn more about these outdoor experiences, go to www.campkateri.org

Leadership Camp & SKY Camp Volunteer Applications Camp Kateri is looking for youth counselors and adult volunteers for all summer camp programs. To download an application form, go to www.campkateri.org.

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966 / Pat Carroll GK (402) 296-4706
January Breakfast – Thank you to all the parishioners who continue to support the Knights Breakfasts. We had a wonderful show of support for the Nebraska KofC One Rose, One Life campaign. Thanks to the Knights who shopped, prepped, cooked, served and cleaned up. It was a fantastic breakfast!

General Business Meeting – Thursday, February 8th, 7:00pm in SJR.



STJB NIGHT OUT!



WHERE: GODFATHERS PIZZA, PLATTSMOUTH

WHEN: Tuesday, January 30

FROM: 5-8PM

**COME HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!
10% OF THE PROFITS GO TO
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL.**



PASTOR'S NOTES:

It has been 45 years (!) since, as a college student, I heard about the shocking decisions of the United States Supreme Court on January 22, 1973, which struck down laws in all the states and legalized abortion with virtually no limits, in all nine months of pregnancy. *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* changed many things in our society's dynamics, and the issue is far from settled. In fact, it may be one of the most basic issues that has contributed to the deep cultural divide in our country. Because of the turmoil it has brought to many lives of men and women (not to mention the unborn!), it has been the source of much suffering for too many. The label "choice" has been used effectively by those who think that abortion is a good thing to have around, but the reality is that many do not feel that they have any choice at all. I have nothing but deep respect and admiration for those who have worked tirelessly on "pro-life" issues, those who make public statements of witness in things like the March for Life in Lincoln or Washington, the local LifeChains, and those who work to educate their fellow citizens, and those who work to change the laws. I especially respect and admire the many who have worked in organizations like Birthright and pregnancy centers—many for more than 45 years. Project Rachel and other efforts that reach out to those victimized by the abortion industry (or even for those who have been a part of it) have been a tremendous source of hope and healing to both men and women. I am becoming more convinced that political and legal change will happen when many individual hearts change, and I am also convinced that that is happening on a large scale. Public opinion tries to measure this, and there are indications that it is beginning to happen. Continue to pray for the unborn and those involved in all aspects of this issue. Better days lie ahead.

Today begins our annual Catholic Schools Week. This is a national celebration, but each school has its traditions which become endearing as the years go by. We will be having a potluck with the parents and students (and everyone else!) after the 10:30 Mass this morning in the gym at school, and there are activities all during the week. We thank all of our parishioners for making St. John the

Baptist School (named after one of our two "ancestor" parishes here in Plattsmouth—the other being Holy Rosary) such an important part of our parish and our parish mission for 134 years—since 1884 (why, it is even older than I am!)! We invite all of you to take part in the festivities that are open to you. You are especially invited to the school/parish potluck today. This is one way to celebrate the great work of so many in our parish that share time, talent, and treasure to make everything work. The Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) is not only furnishing the meat, but will make sure that any "pots" brought before Mass will be kept right. Bring a salad or dessert and bring the family and friends. This is a chance for us to celebrate the wonderful work and progress that has taken place the last two years especially as we continue to implement the school's strategic plan and as this now flows over to affect the whole parish and helps us to plan as well. You are all a part of the good things that are happening here. Let's have a wonderful celebration!

Friday is the Feast of the Presentation, the fortieth day after Christmas, also known as "Candlemas," when we recall the Lord being taken to the Temple to be "redeemed" as a first-born son, in commemoration of God saving the first-born sons of the Hebrews in Egypt during the Tenth Plague. This is the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. Mary and Joseph were met by two holy older people, Simeon and Anna, who rejoiced to see the Light of the world coming into their presence there. We will bless any candles you want for your home if you wish to bring them on that day at the 8:10 Mass (on the "landing"). St. Blaise is commemorated on Saturday with the blessing of throats with candles blessed the day before. Jesus truly is the Light of the world!

The Pope's Universal Intention for February: Say "No" to Corruption. That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption. The Priest Day Intention: Pray for the hierarchy. Thank you for your prayers!

Father Houlihan