



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Give honor to God!

Monday, August 20

8:10 a.m. +Clara Windham

Tuesday, August 21

8:10 a.m. +Ray & Mary Olberding

Wednesday, August 22

8:10 a.m. +Arvilla Scanlan

Thursday, August 23

8:10 a.m. +Stacey Case

Friday, August 24

8:10 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions

Saturday, August 25

8:00 a.m. +Robert Michael Hamling

5:00 p.m. +Miramar Downey

Sunday, August 26

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Special Intention for T.S.

CONFESSIONS:

Weekdays: Before Mass

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:45 PM

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

Head Count at Mass last weekend: 621

Contributions for August 12, 2018

General Collection at Mass	\$	6,918.00
General Online Giving	\$	6,775.50
Debt Reduction	\$	50.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	835.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	82.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	95.00
Peter's Pence	\$	10.00
Utilities	\$	175.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	40.00
Mission Co-op	\$	75.00

Contributions for Aug 15, 2018, Assumption

General Collection at Mass	\$	1,020.30
General Online Giving	\$	110.00
Debt Reduction	\$	40.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	10.00

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 Sunday Communion Call list?....

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

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

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

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



Classes begin Thursday, August 20 at St. John the Baptist School. Welcome back, students & teachers!

Please consider praying with the children at the 8:10am Masses. Many adults come to daily Mass, and the kids benefit greatly from seeing the witness of those parents & grandparents who pray at Mass with our school kids.

For those who read this bulletin after the Saturday night

Mass: Spiritfest 2018! AUGUST 18th, 7-10PM: On the 49th anniversary of Woodstock, Terry Little will host Spiritfest 2018 on the grounds of St. John School, Plattsmouth. In coffee house style, the evening of folk music and fun will feature the talents of some great artists. The event is open to the public. There is no charge to attend, however, free-will donations will benefit the church and school.

Stewardship Fair is coming! ...Similar to what we did some years ago. Information will be given to all Chairpersons of a ministry and/or an organization at a meeting on Thursday, August 23rd at 7:00pm in the Commons. We ask that all Chairpersons or a representative from their organization plan to be at this meeting! Thank you!



CCD will start NEXT SUNDAY, August 26 for grades 1-8 from 9:00-10:20am, making it quite convenient to attend Mass either right before class, or right after! Fees are \$65 per student. Parents/guardians can register their child after Masses on the weekend of August 18/19 or a bit before 9:00am on the first day of class. Please contact Pam Duzik 980-4474, if you have any questions.

Some upcoming dates:

August 19 – Knights' free-will donation breakfast, in gym after Masses

August 20 – First day of school at St. John's

August 20 – **School year weekday Mass schedule begins: 8:10am**

August 21 – First day of pre-school at St. John's

August 23 – Informational meeting about Stewardship Fair for

Organization/Ministry Chairpersons; 7pm in Commons

August 26 – First day of CCD, grades 1-8, 9:00-10:20am in school gym

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

Church cleaning reminder: For August 25 (at 9:00am): Lofquest, Lutz, Macken, Malfait, Manley, Marcotte, Mathews, Mathews

Eucharistic Studies: Come and explore the radical mystery of God's love expressed in the Eucharist at the Franciscan Sisters' Convent (1503 4th Corso, Nebraska City) being offered three times weekly. Classes begin Wed. Sept. 12, 6:30 - 8:00pm, Thurs. Sept. 13, 9:00 - 10:30am and Sunday Sept. 16, 6:30 - 8:00pm. Choose the day that best fits your availability. This study will consist of a two-week session with Bishop Robert Barron's presentation on the **EUCCHARIST**, followed by a three-week viewing entitled **PRESENCE**: The Mystery of the Eucharist produced by the Augustine Institute, and then we will conclude with Bishop Barron's three-week presentation on **THE MASS**. In the Eucharist, the God of the universe invites us all into a deeper, more intimate experience of His perfect love. He is waiting for you. Call the Franciscan Sisters to register or for more information: 402-873-3052. More details on flyers on the Commons bulletin board.

Memorials Oftentimes after a death, family and friends express their gratitude to God for the gift of having had that person in their lives by giving a monetary donation to the family in memory of their loved one. Then usually the family passes it on to their church or an organization of their choosing, sometimes adding to it, and so continuing the gratitude-to-God thought process. Many spouses have given such memorials to our parish to help us continue God's work as best we can. For example, most recently, Helen Garnett, in memory of and gratitude for her husband Don, donated \$1,000 to help pay down the debt we still owe for the building of the school. Thank you, Helen, and thank you to all who have similarly linked the love they have for their spouse to their love for God in His Church.

Smile.amazon.com We recently received a donation from them for \$85.62. Thank you for doing any amazon shopping by first putting a smile in front of it and designating your charity to be Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth!

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966 / George Johnson GK (402)235-3518
August Breakfast – Sunday, August 19th after the 8:00 & 10:30am Masses. The Knights will be serving sausage biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs and fruit salad. Chicken pot pie will also be served after the 10:30 Mass. The proceeds will go to our local charity activities.

Knights' Picnic – This Sunday, August 19th, from 1:00pm to 8:00pm at Memorial Park. This will be pot-luck with the Knights providing the meat, cole slaw, drinks, plates and plasticware. See info in the Commons.

Officer's Meeting – Thursday, August 23th, 7:00pm in SJR.

Fall Festival update. We are getting ready for our annual Fall Festival (Oct 7) and it's going well! We're currently looking for:

Big raffle items

"Chance" basket items

Non-perishable food items

Plant starts

Stuffed animals

Glassware and mugs

Sign-ups for baked goods will be coming in a couple of weeks.

If you have questions, call Beth & Kenny Staskiewicz, 297-9244.

Please bring donations to the church or school office.



St. John the Baptist School Band... We are building up our band program and would like to have a variety of instruments on hand for the students to try out. If you happen to have a band instrument that you would like to donate to the school's program, we would so greatly appreciate it.



WEE WORSHIP! Children's Liturgy

We offer a hands-on children's liturgy program with activities during the Sunday 10:30am Masses. **The children are dismissed from Mass after the Opening Prayer**, participate in Wee Worship for about 20 minutes in the Commons, and are then **brought back into church at Offertory** to finish up the Mass with you. Who is this for? Children ages **4 years old through 1st Grade.**

Mass Daycare is also available! Located in the St. Joseph Room **for the entire length of Mass. Ages 1-3 years only.** Questions? For additional information about bringing your child(ren), or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jill at 297-9486 or chsweeworship@gmail.com.



Are you new to the parish? ...We love that you are here!!! Maybe introduce yourself to Father!?! Parish Registration Forms are in the Commons – look for green papers on a table! Bring or mail it in, or put it in the collection basket at Mass!

PASTOR'S NOTES:

Saturday of this weekend would have been my parents' 67th wedding anniversary—they were married in the Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel at St. Cecilia's Cathedral—and since they are both gone (Dad in 2012 and Mom in 2014), the six of us children have a plan to get together near the time of their anniversary every year. This year we will meet in mother Nebraska for dinner and other associated activities.

On that date our parish is also happy to be hosting "Spiritfest" with Terry Little and company outdoors (weather permitting). Come and enjoy the moment! It will be an old-fashioned "happening."

For those who are liturgically-inclined, this weekend on Saturday morning we celebrated the feast of the anniversary of the dedication of our own diocesan cathedral, the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. This is a feast which is observed in all the parishes of our diocese (as it is on the appropriate day in every Catholic diocese) as a sign of our communion in the local Church (the Church of Lincoln, in our case), our union with each other under our local shepherd, Bishop Conley, just as we observe the communion of ourselves as individuals and as members of the diocesan Church with the Holy Father and the Church of Rome as members of the one Body of Christ, the Church One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. Ultimately, it is about Holy Communion, with Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord and King. He makes us one with Him and with each other, brothers and sisters to Him and sons and daughters of our heavenly Father. St. Cyprian of Carthage (a bishop and Father of the Church who was martyred) once said that "you cannot have God as father without the Church as mother." "Spiritual, yes, but religious, no" is not an option for Christians. God and Church go together always.

Monday is the first day of school at St. John the Baptist Catholic School. Beginning with this first day of school, daily Mass (Monday-Friday, even when there is no school that day) will be at 8:10 A.M., rather than the 8 A.M. during summer vacation time. Sorry for any adults who are inconvenienced on Monday, but, of course, you are more than welcome to come to any of the school Masses. Saturday morning Mass, as in the past, will continue to be at 8 A.M. Thanks to all those who try to attend daily Mass—it is a very good thing if you can!

As I begin my second year as the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of St. John the Baptist School, I feel a greater sense of confidence in the future of our school. It was not so clear a few years ago, due to many factors that all converged at once, but the great ability of many people to come together for a common purpose with a strategic plan for the future has helped tremendously (and the \$160,000 we have received in each of the four most recent fiscal years from the Francis Fund of the Joy of the Gospel campaign has been no small help either!), but some of the issues we confront go beyond the scope of just our local community. That does not mean that we cannot be innovative and help to steer things in a more favorable direction. The work of the strategic plan is for five years, but it is only the beginning of a process which should go beyond that time and continue into the coming years. It would be helpful if we could extend that process to the wider parish as well. I find that many people are generous in giving to a particular need or cause, but we have to learn to go beyond giving to a need and continue to realize that we have a need to give. We do not want just to be patching holes in a leaky boat—we want a solid ship that will take us to our destination. In other words, we want to make more of a transition from "reactive" to "proactive" in the way we deal with things. My goal will be to bring people (beginning with parish council, for example) into the process of some creative planning. Maybe we do not want just to keep things going—maybe we want to launch forth with some new initiatives or to reinforce and expand some of those that we have. Maybe we want to identify and strengthen those things that we are already doing well, and begin to address things we need to do better. The more that we expand the circle of "involvement," the better and more effective we will be. Of course, there is never a shortage of ideas floating around in people's heads, but there is often a shortage of willing hands and feet to make them happen. Talk is cheap, but work is hard. However, with brothers and sisters who share our values and our vision for what is to come (heaven!), the work can seem relatively easy and light. God bless us, each and every one!

Father Houlihan