



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE
ENTER THE MASS! Glory to God forever!

Monday, May 15
 8:10 a.m. +Jim Kildare
 +Venancio Nicolas

Tuesday, May 16
 8:10 a.m. +Doug Townsend
 +Hilde Gamache

Wednesday, May 17
 8:10 a.m. Special Intention of donor
 9:30 a.m. (at Woodbridge) +George Miller

Thursday, May 18
 8:10 a.m. +Roland & Patricia Yost
 +Mary Olberding

Friday, May 19
 8:00 a.m. +Darwin Gammell
 10:00 a.m. (at PCR) Special Intention for S.S.

Saturday, May 20
 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of PCCW
 5:00 p.m. +Anne Gilbride

Sunday, May 21
 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions
 5:00 p.m. +Tony Rotundo

CONFESSIONS:
 Weekdays: 7:30 – 8:00AM
 Saturdays, 4 - 4:45PM
 Sundays, 45 - 15 min. before Mass

Contributions for May 7, 2017

General Collection at Mass	\$	9,865.43
General Online Giving	\$	7,357.00
2 nd collection (for teachers)	\$	391.78
Debt Reduction	\$	1,160.00
Debt Reduction <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	730.00
Holy Land	\$	125.00
Franciscan Sisters	\$	125.00
Franciscan Sisters <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	50.00
Utilities <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	40.00

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

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

Next PCCW meeting: Thursday, May 18, 6:00pm in St Joseph's Room. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend!

Happy Mother's Day!

Coming soon...
Thursday, May 25 is Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation.
 Masses will be: Wednesday May 24 at 6:00pm; and Thursday, May 25 at 8:00am, Noon, and 7:00pm.

Beginning May 19, (with the ending of the school year), the Monday-Friday Masses will be at 8:00am rather than 8:10am.

Landscaping meeting Anyone interested in joining in on the fun of maintaining/enhancing the landscaping for our church and school, come to this meeting! May 17 at 6:30pm in the Commons.

Graduations to celebrate? Gift cards using our SCRIP program might come in handy! See what we have on hand after Saturday Mass, or the Sunday morning Masses. You can also order ones we don't have on hand, and they will be ready the following Thursday!



4th Grade Teacher St. John the Baptist School is seeking to fill the position of 4th Grade Teacher. Experience preferred. An application can be found at www.holyspiritplattsmouth.com. Click on "Join Our Team". Send application, cover letter, resume, transcripts and letters of recommendation to Linda-Monahan@cdolinc.net

Some upcoming dates:
 Weekend of May 13/14 – Charity and Stewardship Appeal (DDP) continues
 Sunday, May 14 – May Crowning, 1st Communion kids, before 10:30am Mass
 Sunday, May 14 – Mother's Day Breakfast– for Knights' Pro-Life causes
 Wednesday, May 17 – Landscaping meeting, 6:30pm in the Commons
 Friday, May 19 – Daily Mass time changes to 8:00am
 Sat & Sun, May 20/21 – School Registration: Sat, 6-8pm Sun, 9am-Noon
 Weekend of May 20/21 –last weekend for Charity & Stewardship Appeal (DDP)
 Sunday, May 21 –after 10:30 Mass, cake to celebrate Fr. David's graduation
 Thursday, May 25 – Ascension of the Lord, *Holy Day of Obligation*
 Friday, May 26 – Deacon ordinations, 7:00pm in Lincoln
 Saturday, May 27 – Priest ordinations, 11:00am in Lincoln
 Saturday & Sunday, May 27/28 – Father Marneni will be visiting us
 May 29 – Memorial Day Mass at the cemetery, 8:15am, weather permitting
 Sunday, June 4 – Church of the Holy Spirit's feast day
 Sunday, June 4 – Priest Appreciation Day! Cake after 10:30 Mass
 Sat. or Sun., June 17 or 18 – Corpus Christi Procession on church grounds
 Monday, June 19 – Father Grell leaves for Aurora for a new assignment
 Monday, June 19 – Father Michael Houlihan arrives at CHS to be Pastor
 June 19 - June 26 – Cor Jesu Rex summer camp, for entering grades 2-9
 July 9-13 – Totus Tuus for high school
 July 10-14 – Totus Tuus for kids entering grades 1-8

An outdoor education garden is being constructed this spring between the school entrance and the church. Memorial bricks are being sold to edge the concrete path through the garden. Engraved bricks include three lines with 14 characters per line (spaces and punctuation count as characters). The cost for each engraved brick is \$50. Please make checks payable to St. John School. See the display in the Commons. If you have any questions, contact Sandy Rhoades 402-298-7125, sandy-rhoades@cdolinc.net

From the Pastor

My Family I have been in touch a lot with my parents by phone, and by visiting them a time or two since Easter. They are doing well. Dad is pleased to have corn planted and sprouting upward! And Mom is pleased when he is pleased! Mary and Mark are the same; meaning especially, that Mary continues her world of cancer-free status for her health. Mary and Bob's son, Will, has 8th grade graduation from St. Teresa's School in Lincoln on May 22. I am looking forward to attending that.

My Appointment I have a series of FAQ's (frequently asked questions) about the new appointment given to me by Bishop Conley.

Was I expecting to go to a new parish?
No. But God's ways are not our ways.

How does the Bishop determine new appointments? I don't really know all the parameters which are considered. A diverse variety of factors play into the decisions which His Excellency needs to make. One glance at the sheer number of priests who are accepting new appointments in this go-around of changes shows that many of us were needed to go to new places.

Does Aurora and Giltner have a Catholic school? No. But I have been told they have a wonderful community which supports the Christian education of the youth through CCD, Godteens, and Totus Tuus.

How far is the new appointment from my family's farm? According to google maps, it is about 117 miles and slightly less than two hours in driving time. This compares to Plattsmouth being about 98 miles from the farm, but within several minutes of the exact same driving time I will have from Aurora to rural Blue Springs.

What do I know about the new parishes?
I have several connections to the Aurora and Giltner area, including relatives who live there! In my 21 years as a priest, every assignment has had relatives from my vast array of cousins and once or twice removed cousins! Aurora has around 4,300 people in total population while Giltner is around 400.

Will I come back to visit Plattsmouth?
This is so difficult to answer when I am asked. The distance between Plattsmouth and Aurora is about 122 miles. My heart and my prayers will certainly be with all of you. The gift of technology and social media will make it easier to be connected with you all. At the same time, my attention will be devoted to my new flock of parish congregations.

What do my parents think of my new appointment? They enjoy having me meet a wide range of people in different places. So this is an opportunity for that to happen for me (and them). But they know also that it is difficult for me to move and change.

Can we come and visit you? Sure! Being only a mile or two off of I-80 makes Aurora a great stop-by for anyone who is traveling our great State of Nebraska.

Do you need help in moving? Yes! I will be asking for packing assistance and transport assistance. I haven't arranged anything yet. My sense is that I want people to understand my needs, and that I

need to identify those needs before I can make outreach to people for assistance.

What is Father Houlihan like? I know that he went to the same seminary as me, Mount St. Mary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, being ordained in 1979. I know that he has been at St. Michael in Hastings since 2000, and that he previously served at places like Blessed Sacrament in Lincoln and Brainard. He brings many gifts to share with you all. You will love him!

When does Father David go back to Ghana...and will we receive another assistant priest?
Father's exact departure date is not set yet. His bishop will inform him of when he needs him back, probably in August or September. Another assistant priest will not at that time be assigned to Plattsmouth, but one could possibly come here in the future.

How am I feeling about all of this? Lots of emotions are running in me...I feel like a yo-yo at times, going up and down. I have been given much consolation in my personal prayer and in your gracious prayers and well wishes. Spending time in Adoration, looking at Jesus and letting him look at me and listen to my heart, has been such a blessing.

Perfect Storm So many spiritual blessings have consolidated together in recent weeks and in the weeks and months ahead. The Five First Saturdays is one example. The 13th of the month indulgence for Fatima from May through October is another. The pilgrim Fatima statue of Mother Mary visiting St. Benedict in Nebraska City is a great blessing (see attachment). The relics of Padre Pio being in our Cathedral in Lincoln is mind-blowing to me. We also have five new priests and two new deacons to be ordained on Memorial Day weekend. The emphasis by Bishop Conley on perpetual Adoration, and establishing a diocesan-chapel designated for Adoration at the Cathedral, is a heart-stretching occasion for goodness and mercy to be poured upon all of us. Soak in all of these occasions of a perfect storm of God at work and alive and well in our lives!

School Registration Please give St. John the Baptist School a consideration for your child(ren)'s education and Christian formation as a disciple of the Lord. Call us or just show up and have your questions answered at Registration May 20-21 (see more information on page 1 or on www.stjbcatholic.com).

Spring Dinner God's grace provided great leadership in past Spring Dinners, and that same rich grace of the Almighty provided many new leaders to step forward this year. I am so grateful to you all!

Charity and Stewardship Appeal New leadership is stepping forward for this appeal as well! Please be generous.

Formed.org Go here to read, study, listen to audios, and watch movies. Parish code: Z4BEZD

I-80 Priests Softball Game Lincoln priests will play Omaha priests, June 25 at Haymarket Park in Lincoln, with first pitch at 6:00 p.m. I just found this out in the past week.

God Bless You!

Father Grell