



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2, 2017

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*May God Bless the United States of America
this Fourth of July, and always!*

PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Out Lord is there!

Monday, July 3

8:00 a.m. +Naomi Stevens
Special Intention of donor

Tuesday, July 4

8:00 a.m. +Ray Olberding
+Cecile Hoppe

Wednesday, July 5

8:00 a.m. Safety of babies in the womb
9:30 a.m. (at Woodbridge) +Joe Gradoville

Thursday, July 6

8:00 a.m. +Mike Hausladen
Health of Vincent Caggiano

Friday, July 7

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for K & D Hoeck
10:00 a.m. (at PCR) +Leona Helms

Saturday, July 8

8:00 a.m. +Harry Nienaber
5:00 p.m. +Tony Rotundo

Sunday, July 9

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. +Albert & Rosemary Ulrich
5:00 p.m. +All Souls Day Intentions

CONFESSIONS:

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

Contributions for June 25, 2017

General Collection at Mass	\$ 8,108.01
General Online Giving	\$ 6,825.33
2 nd collection (for teachers)	\$ 363.76
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,380.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$ 155.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 540.00
Peter's Pence Online Giving	\$ 135.00
Mission Co-op	\$ 255.00
Utilities	\$ 45.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$ 20.00

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

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!

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.

Registration continues for our next youth summer camp: **Totus Tuus**, held July 10-14 (high school, July 9-13). Look for the registration table in the Commons.

Knights of Columbus – Council 1966 / Pat Carroll GK (402) 296-4706
General Business Meeting – Thursday, July 13th, 7:00 PM in SJR.

July Breakfast – The Knights will be serving breakfast after the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses, Sunday July 16th. The Knights will be serving pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage and apple sauce. The proceeds will go the Church for air conditioning costs.

Knights Summer Picnic – A pot luck picnic tentatively scheduled for a Sunday in the latter weeks of July. Dates are being discussed. The location would be a Beaver Lake pavilion.

Baptism congratulations to the family of Edward & Michelle Rubin, on the June 27 baptism at CHS of their daughter, Clara Marie Antonia Rubin. Grandparents are parishioners Dan & Liz Rubin.

Church cleaning reminder: For July 8 (at 9:00am): Franzen, Fredrichs, Frye, Fuxa, Gaeta, Gallagher, Garbers, Garrido, Gertsch, Gibson

July 2, 2017 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." - Matthew 10:38 Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness". "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

Some upcoming dates:

- July 7 – First Friday of the month
- July 9 -13 – Totus Tuus for high school
- July 10 -14 – Totus Tuus for kids entering grades 1-8
- July 16 – Free-will donation breakfast in the gym, provided by the Knights
- July 19 - 21 – PCCW's summer Rummage Sale
- August 14 – Open House for St. John the Baptist School, 7pm
- August 15 – Feast of the Assumption – Holy Day of Obligation
- August 17 – First day of school for St. John's students
- August 21 – First day of Pre-School at St. John's



Open Adoration Hours... Set up your "appointments" for one-on-one visits with Jesus! Have a regular hour of Adoration! It's so good for you and by extension, for your family. And... it delights the Lord! Leave a message for Sue at 296-3139 or 296-5047, and she will call you back to arrange your own weekly hour. Hours needing coverage: Sundays at 1am & 11:30am-1:00pm; Wednesdays at 1am, 9am & 1pm; Thursdays at Midnight am; Fridays at 1am & 2am; Saturdays at 2am, 3am, & 2pm.

July - Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness

A husband and wife express their committed love not only with words, but with the language of their bodies. The total giving of oneself, body and soul, to one's beloved is not a time to say: "I give you everything I am – except. . . ." The Church's teaching is about preserving, with integrity, that total, mutual gift of two persons. Natural methods of family planning involve fertility education that enables couples to cooperate with the body as God designed it.

QUESTIONS? Go to www.usccb.org - Issues and Actions - Marriage and Family - What is NFP?

Is NFP based on guess-work? Who can use NFP? What are the methods of NFP? What are the signs of fertility? How does NFP work? What are the benefits of using NFP? How effective are NFP methods for avoiding pregnancy? Where can I learn how to use NFP?

Or call parishioner, Jeanice Vinduska, Fertility Care Practitioner: 402-660-0022

PASTOR'S NOTES:

This week we celebrate the 241st anniversary of the beginning of the greatest political experiment in human history—the Declaration of Independence of the thirteen English colonies on the eastern coast of North America, with its ensuing opportunity for political liberty and self-governance of the people there. The “experiment” is ongoing and continually facing challenges, such as the current polarization in our political life. Nevertheless, we can take this Independence Day holiday on Tuesday as not only a chance to barbecue, go to the lake, and shoot off fireworks, but as a chance to thank God for the many blessings of our country. We do not say: “My country, right or wrong” but rather: “My country, a gift to us—let us keep it on the right path.” We can express our gratitude by attending Mass at 8 A.M. that morning and praying for our country, as well as remembering all those who sacrificed to keep and strengthen the blessings we enjoy. May God bless America, and may our country be a blessing to the other nations and peoples of the world.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the good people of the Church of the Holy Spirit for their great warmth and kindness in welcoming me to Plattsmouth. It has not even been two weeks since I came and already I feel a sense of belonging. This is a very valuable thing that many people are seeking in the world around us, and the People of God, the Church, are the means by which God wants to enfold all in His love. My hope is that we can learn to appreciate this gift and to use it for the greater honor and glory of the God who created us, sustains us, and calls us to the same outstretched arms that sent us into this life as images of the Divine Son, Jesus Christ. You have much to share, and a world that is hungry is waiting for the life-giving message. God bless you all!

Yours truly will be gone for a few days beginning next Sunday afternoon through the following Friday evening. I have done this for many years with several priest-friends, including my

classmate and your former pastor (#7), Fr. Au. Fr. David will continue to take the good care of you that he has done for the last several years during my absence.

Next weekend, we also welcome our Totus Tuus team that will be with us and our young people as in years past. This is for all in the parish, Catholic school, public school, and home school students—and even friends outside the parish. Please sign up and take part if you have not already done so. All of our young people deserve to learn more about Jesus Christ—and to have a good time in the process!

As I write this letter, I am grateful that there has been the traditional summer lull in many activities. It has given me a chance to settle in and get my bearings. I hope that none of you feels badly about enjoying this beautiful time of the year. We like to define ourselves in this country by how much work we do, but God wants us to recharge our batteries from time to time as well.

During the last year or so, many members of the parish and other experts have helped to develop a plan of action to address the issue of the school and parish being “under water” due to the three-quarters of a million dollars or so in debt which has not been discharged, as well as operating expenses. There is also a need for about a quarter of a million dollars or so in rather pressing capital repairs—in case you have not heard, the roof leaks, for example, and we do not want to be literally “under water” as well as figuratively. It is discouraging that we have these large expenditures looming, but it is very encouraging to know that there is a process in place to begin to address the solutions. This can only lead to good things. Please pray for the financial welfare of our parish as we work toward a bright future. God bless all of you who have done so much for so many already.

Fr. Houlihan