



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2017

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## PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**ENTER THE MASS! Heaven on Earth!**

### Monday, July 17

8:00 a.m. +Bert Stevens  
Special Intention for L.J.

### Tuesday, July 18

8:00 a.m. Special Intention of donor  
+Eloise Classen

### Wednesday, July 19

8:00 a.m. +Aaron Ball  
9:30 a.m. (at Woodbridge) +Marvin & Verona Petereit

### Thursday, July 20

8:00 a.m. +George Miller  
+Grace Azambawu

### Friday, July 21

8:00 a.m. +Margaret Stransky  
10:00 a.m. (at PCR) +Don Eisenbarth

### Saturday, July 22

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of PCCW  
5:00 p.m. +Leo & Mary Ellen Monahan

### Sunday, July 23

8:00 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions  
10:30 a.m. +Hilde Gamache  
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

## CONFESSIONS:

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

## Contributions for July 9, 2017

<b>General Collection at Mass</b>	\$	<b>6,963.64</b>
<b>General Online Giving</b>	\$	<b>7,107.00</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> collection (for teachers)	\$	364.60
Debt Reduction	\$	790.00
Debt Reduction <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	730.00
Peter's Pence	\$	925.00
Peter's Pence <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	25.00
Mission Co-op	\$	145.00
Utilities <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	10.00

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

**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!

**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.**

**Rummage sale this week!** Please bring your donations Sunday, July 16, 1pm-3pm; or Monday, 9am-7pm; or Tuesday, 9am-4pm. Thank you for your donations! **Find yourself a treasure: Sale dates & times are July 19 & 20, 8:30am-7:00pm and July 21, 8:30am-1:00pm.**

**An outdoor education garden** is being constructed. Check out the progress: between the school entrance and the church! Memorial bricks are still 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. If you have any questions, contact Sandy Rhoades, 298-7125, or email sandyrhoades@cdolinc.net

**Legion of Mary** Parishioners with a devotion to Mary and the Rosary, if you are interested in becoming an Auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary, contact Dee Gaeta, 235-3773. Requirements are to offer a daily rosary and to pray the Legion Tesserera. No weekly meetings or other obligations. Your only obligation is to Pray, Pray, & Pray!!!! Active membership entails a weekly meeting, assigned weekly work, and to pray the Catena from the Legion Tesserera. Contact or Dee if interested in learning more.

**Holy Family Shrine** CDA, Our Lady of Loretto Court 709, is organizing a parish-wide outing, Sat., July 29. We'll carpool from church at 9am to Holy Family Shrine, Gretna for the 10am Mass. Following Mass, we'll go to Louisville and eat at the Main Street Café. Call Cheryl Todd, 298-8932, or Barb Toman, 296-3890. If no answer, please leave a message.

## Some upcoming dates:

- July 16 – Free-will donation breakfast in the gym, provided by the Knights
- July 16 - 18 – Rummage Sale donations received, gym, times on bulletin board
- July 18 – CDA Picnic 12:00 Noon in the Commons
- July 19 - 21 – PCCW's summer Rummage Sale
- July 29 – CDA invites all to meet at Holy Family Shrine, Gretna for Mass
- 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 20 – Free-will donation breakfast in the gym, provided by the Knights
- August 21 – First day of Pre-School at St. John's

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

**General Business Meeting** – Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM in SJR.

**July Breakfast** – The Knights will be serving breakfast after the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses this Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>: 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 August. Dates are being discussed. The location would be a Beaver Lake pavilion.

**KC Annual Football Fundraiser** is starting up! Please see a Knight after Mass to get in on this!

**Baptismal Preparation:** To schedule baptism prep with Father Houlihan, please call the rectory office, 296-3139, preferably before your child is born. If you have waited beyond new baby time, still please call and arrange for this important sacrament for your child!

**Church cleaning reminder:** For July 22 (at 9:00am): Haag, Hadfield, Hajek-Jones, Haller, Halmes, Hamling, Hammons, Hanneman, Hardy, Harmel

**CDA Picnic** July 18, 12:00pm in the Commons. Bring a dish to share and a \$5 gift.

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### **PASTOR'S NOTES:**

I want to confirm what I had hinted at when I first came to this parish a few weeks ago. I will be making some permanent changes in the schedule, beginning in September, the month that Fr. David will be leaving us and preparing for his new assignment in his home diocese in Ghana. It is certain, by the way, that his last official weekend here will be the weekend of September 16/17, so I hope that there will be some appropriate farewell that can be made to thank him for his loyal and diligent service to us during the time he was here. The last weekend we will have Mass on Sunday afternoon at 5 P.M. will be the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, September 3. I understand that when one of my predecessors started this Mass, it was originally on the understanding that it would be only for the summer months anyway and that it would be started as an experiment. Although we have had it for several years, the number of people who attend could easily be accommodated at the other three weekend Masses (5 P.M. on Saturday and 8 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. on Sunday). I would be completely open to adding a fourth Mass again if the number of parishioners attending Mass on a weekend warranted it—at that time or another time. In fact, that is a great wish of mine that that would be the case sometime in the not-too-distant future. When we bring in others to meet Jesus Christ, that will happen, for there are many in our community (and communities all over the country and all over the world) who are hungry for an encounter with the living God, even though they may not know Him explicitly. It is also possible that there may be other growth here since we are in the metropolitan area of Omaha. That would be a problem that most parish communities in most parts of our state would love to have. I would not bring this Mass back even if we again have an assistant assigned here, due to the fact that having an assistant may not be something that we can count on consistently (although we have had one about 29 out of the last 46 years, by my reckoning). I understand that the Sunday afternoon Mass had been difficult for previous pastors to cover (either by themselves or with substitute priests), so this may be the best time to make the change, although changes of this sort may be difficult for some. I will try to be of

assistance to any who may have a difficult time with the change, but my present options are limited. I want to meet “needs”, but I may not be able to meet all “wants.” The other Masses that would be dropped, beginning on September 3, would be the 9:30 A.M. Mass at Woodbridge on Wednesdays, the 10 A.M. Mass on Fridays at the Plattsmouth Care and Rehabilitation Center, and the 2 P.M. Mass Saturdays at the Cass County jail. That does not mean that I will not be visiting and bringing the sacraments—I most certainly will be doing those things, and for now the visiting will be at the same times, other obligations permitting, of course (weddings, funerals). The Church, in her canon law (the law that helps regulate her work) presumes that priests are not saying countless numbers of Masses—one is the norm and two is permitted on a given day, but more than that is regulated by law and is based on “needs,” not “wants.” We also have several very faithful acolytes who take Holy Communion to shut-ins on Fridays (based on the “First Friday” notion associated with the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus). I will try to work with these men and go with them to visit all of our shut-ins so that I can visit them on a regular basis, and I would be interested in making Holy Communion available on Sundays eventually, if we can build a core of acolytes who would do so (this would include the retirement homes). In any event, I will be flying solo after Fr. David leaves for the first time (except for an unusual two years of the time I spent at Blessed Sacrament in Lincoln) in thirty years. I had assistants longer than any other priest currently serving our diocese. With these adjustments, I should be able to serve the people here well until I would be carried out on a stretcher or in a coffin or moved or retired, none of which is in my current plans. As most of you know, of course, life is what happens after we make our plans. Nevertheless, God is good and so are you. Thank you for your understanding and support. It is much appreciated.

I hope that you enjoy the Knights of Columbus breakfast this morning, the Catholic Daughters picnic on Tuesday (if you are a CDA member), the PCCW rummage sale, and the other activities taking place this month.

**Father Houlihan**