



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2017

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! *Saints and Angels are there!*

Monday, July 31

8:00 a.m. Special Intention of donor
 +Grace Azambawu

Tuesday, August 1

8:00 a.m. +Marilyn Schuette
 Special Intention for A.V.

Wednesday, August 2

8:00 a.m. Safety of babies in the womb

Thursday, August 3

8:00 a.m. +Robert G. Kiser

Friday, August 4

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the
 St. John Vianney Association

Saturday, August 5

8:00 a.m. +Matthew Schulte
 5:00 p.m. +Helen Kowalski

Sunday, August 6

8:00 a.m. +Donna Alm
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 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 July 23, 2017

General Collection at Mass	\$	5,374.35
General Online Giving	\$	6,785.33
2 nd collection (for teachers)	\$	377.30
Debt Reduction	\$	635.00
Debt Reduction <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	165.00
Peter's Pence <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	20.00
Utilities	\$	100.00
Utilities <i>Online Giving</i>	\$	45.00

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!

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 August 5 (at 9:00am): Hobscheidt, Hobscheidt, Hobscheidt, Hoppe, Horn, Houchin, Howell, Hurst, Isham, Jacobo

Formal Installation of Rev. Michael Houlihan
as Pastor of Church of the Holy Spirit,
during the 8:00am Mass on August 6.

Reception in Commons following Mass.

Prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola *Monday, July 31st, is the feast day of St. Ignatius, great teacher of spiritual exercises.*

“Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will. You have given me all that I am and all that I have. I give it back to you to be disposed of according to your good pleasure. Give me your love and your grace; with these I will be rich enough and will desire nothing more. Amen.”

Back-to-School SCRIP bonuses! Through August 4, we/you can order certain SCRIP gift cards with increased %'s of rebates to the parish! Please check with the people at the SCRIP table after Mass. If a store where you shop is on the list, you can order SCRIP at this increased % of CHS rebate! Or...if you already have a family account, the list is on ShopWithScrip.com.

Some upcoming dates:

- August 4 – First Friday of the month
- August 6 – Installation of Fr. Houlihan as Pastor, 8:00am Mass
- August 6 – Pre-School potluck, gym
- 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

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 sandy-rhoades@cdolinc.net

Rummage Sale Thank you to all who helped set up and take down tables and clothes racks on Sunday and Friday. Thanks to all the ladies who worked during the rummage sale as well as packed up on Friday. Thank you to the youth group kids and other kids who helped set up and pack up. The work is hard but very rewarding and we couldn't do it without everyone's help. And finally, thank you to everyone for your generous donations, and for your purchases! Total sales were \$3,937.72. Money will be used to pay for items for the church.

Car Wash The 8th grade class is planning a car wash this Sunday, July 30 from 12:00pm until 3:00pm at Jeff Henry Chevrolet on Hwy 75. The funds will be used to help pay for their Harvest Festival Float. Who doesn't enjoy a clean car???

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

Are you ready for Football? CDA can help you get ready with an extra-large Nebraska blanket to use for all those crisp, cold football games. They will be selling chances after all weekend Masses July 29 – Sept. 10. See their table in the Commons.

July 30, 2017 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28 Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for good? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, means that God's plan for our lives may be different than our plan. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

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

General Business Meeting – Thursday, August 10th, 7:00 PM in SJR.

July Breakfast – Thank you to the parishioners who supported the Knights' breakfast earlier this month. We were able to give \$600 towards the church's air conditioning costs. Thanks to the Knights who shopped, prepped, cooked, served and cleaned up.

Knights Summer Picnic – A pot luck picnic is scheduled Sunday, August 20th at a Beaver Lake pavilion. More information will be forthcoming.

PASTOR'S NOTES:

After being here a few weeks, I am beginning to understand the complexity of some of the buildings & grounds and finance issues of our parish. We have some excellent people in positions to help us move forward, and I am already grateful for the wonderful guidance and advice that I have received. All of these people want what is best for our parish, and I am only too happy to join them in that quest. As most of you know, the unpaid debt on our school complex, the new diocesan assessments, school tuition issues, and a few other things all combined to create the "perfect storm" that caused the events leading to the diocese providing temporary financial help (through the school) that prevented a fiscal crisis that had been in the making for quite some time. I have been told by someone who was instrumental in the helping process (from the diocese) that we should be able to pull away from the brink and get back on sound footing. The direction in which we are now heading was due to the hard work and leadership of Fr. Grell and many people in the parish in their work on the "strategic plan," as it is called. The "strategic plan" is a kind of a roadmap to look forward down the road five years in the future. We know where we need to go, and we definitely seem to have the "passion" of many people to commit resources of time and talent to that goal, and we are continuing to explore ways to help get commitments of financial resources as well—from the school families, from the parish at large, and from the larger community. I was told that there is no reason why we should not "survive." I think that there is something good about the process that began last year that bodes very well for our future—not only to "survive," but to "thrive." Through God's grace, the commitment of our already-committed people, as well as the continuing outreach to those that are not yet committed, we have the foundation of something very special. Someone once pointed out that the big issue that the Church in the United States is facing at the present time is the need to help people realize that God and the Church are indeed real and important in their

everyday lives—that they "matter." Those who are already "committed" know that that is the case and want to share their insights with their brothers and sisters in the world—not because they are "pushy" religious fanatics, but because they are on fire with the Holy Spirit, Who is leading them to set the world ablaze with God's love. We want to be ready instruments in the hand of God.

By the way, I find it sad when I hear people say that they are "religious" without a personal relationship (in prayer) with God or especially those who claim that you do not need "organized religion" to have a relationship with God. God created us as beings that have social needs—we need other people and we need God. There is really no such thing as a "lone ranger" Christian. We learn about God, worship God, and experience God through other people—maybe from the families in which we grew up, maybe from a spouse or friend that was very influential in our lives, maybe from an encounter with someone. We are called to bring that same influence to our children or grandchildren, our neighbors or schoolmates or people that we work with or even perfect strangers. I do not know of any social institutions that have made a real difference to others that are run under the sponsorship of atheists or agnostics, but I know of plenty that are run by "organized religion"—look at hospitals run by Catholics, Protestants, and Jews, for example, or things like Catholic Social Services or even the Salvation Army. Together, with Jesus Christ as the invisible Head of the Church (and the Holy Father as the visible head), we can do anything. Without Him and without our brothers and sisters in Christ, we can do nothing. I think we are ready to do something good.

Fr. David will be on vacation from Wednesday, August 2 until Thursday, August 10. Pray for safe travel and return. God bless!

Father Houlihan