



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2017

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**PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**  
*ENTER THE MASS! Praise and honor to God!*  
**Monday, August 7**  
8:00 a.m. Special Intention of donor  
**Tuesday, August 8**  
8:00 a.m. +Eloise Classen  
**Wednesday, August 9**  
8:00 a.m. +John Holdridge  
**Thursday, August 10**  
8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Morehead family  
**Friday, August 11**  
8:00 a.m. +Miramar Downey  
+Leona Helms  
**Saturday, August 12**  
8:00 a.m. +Ed Weber  
5:00 p.m. +All Souls Day Intentions  
**Sunday, August 13**  
8:00 a.m. +Art & Ann Lucht  
10:30 a.m. +Margaret Stevens  
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 30, 2017**

General Collection at Mass	\$	6,637.40
General Online Giving	\$	1,977.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> collection (for teachers)	\$	316.56
Debt Reduction	\$	995.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	125.00
Mission Co-op	\$	100.00
Utilities	\$	115.00

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  
To be on the Holy Hour of Adoration schedule, please leave a message for Sue at 296-5047.  
Prayer requests? Please call 296-4404, or 296-3039, or email [chsprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:chsprayerchain@gmail.com)

**Church cleaning reminder:** For August 12 (at 9:00am): Jensen, Jensen, Jessen, Jeys, Johnson, Johnson, Johnson, Johnston, Jones, Joslin

**Baptism** Congratulations to Michael & Tessa Wamsley, on July 29<sup>th</sup> baptism of their son, Landon Reid!

This Sunday is Transfiguration of the Lord, when three apostles were allowed to see Jesus in His heavenly glory, talking to Moses and Elijah, who stood for the Old Testament Law and the Prophets, and who recognized and adored Jesus. It strengthened the apostles' faith and prepared them for the terrible struggle of which they were to be witnesses in Gethsemane, by giving them a foretaste of the glory and heavenly delights. Let us pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory, that they may complete their own transfiguration into their residence in Heaven, by the mercy of our beloved Lord. Amen

**Some upcoming dates:**

- 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
- September 17 – Going-Away Luncheon for Father David

**Summary of School Advisory Council July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting** Principal Linda Monahan has updated the school handbook, with help from the Council. In it will be a letter of greeting to parents from our new pastor, Fr. Houlihan. The Council discussed next year's tuition assistance program as well as the efforts of our finance pillar in finding ways to support the families who need tuition assistance. We will start tracking families' service hours, and offer as many opportunities to families as possible. The next School Advisory Council will be August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. As always, everyone is welcome!

**Bible Study** Please join fellow parishioners for Seeking Truth Catholic Bible Study at Church of the Holy Spirit. Whether you are a seasoned student or brand new to the Bible, join veteran Bible Study teacher, Sharon Doran, as she leads us, via videos of her class in Omaha, through a 23-week in-depth study of Isaiah. Sharon uses the canonical approach showing the unity of the Old and New Testaments. If you are a visual learner, you will love the fast-paced lectures with multiple visual aids. The class runs from Sept-March on either Wednesday mornings at 10:00 or Thursday evenings at 7:00. All are welcome! Registration is open starting August 13<sup>th</sup>. Look for the registration table after Masses the last 3 weekends in August to register and receive additional information.

**Knights of Columbus** – Council 1966 / Pat Carroll GK (402) 296-4706  
**General Business Meeting** – Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM in SJR.

**August Breakfast** – is scheduled for Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, after the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses. The Knights plan on serving biscuits and sausage gravy, scrambled eggs and fruit salad. Chicken pot pie will be served after the 10:30 Mass. The proceeds will go to KofC Charities.

**Knights Summer Picnic** – A pot luck picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at a Beaver Lake pavilion. The Knights will be providing the meat and providing plates, plastic ware and napkins. More information will be forth coming.

**Mark your calendars** now for a going away potluck luncheon for Father David on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30am Mass. Watch for complete details in later bulletins.

**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!

**August 6, 2017 - The Transfiguration of the Lord**

*“And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” - Matthew 17:2* Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we should reflect Christ’s light to the world. When we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we are called to be supernatural to reflect His love, mercy and forgiveness to others.



*Our Most Precious Treasure*

**Eucharistic Adoration** On occasion, we may see someone to whom we had previously been introduced, but no longer remember. Conversely, we can easily identify an out-of-sight loved one by the sound of his voice, laugh, or gait. Before the sound of your first heartbeat, Jesus Christ knew you, and can identify you from anyone ever created, because you are His loved one. This week, take time to visit The One Who Loves You, in our Adoration Chapel at Church of the Holy Spirit.

**PASTOR’S NOTES:**

Yours truly is being officially installed by our dean of the Plattsburgh Deanery, Fr. McCabe, during the 8 A.M. Mass. This is to highlight the fact that I am in communion with the Bishop (whom Fr. McCabe represents), who is in communion with other bishops and especially with the head of the “college of bishops,” namely, the Holy Father. We are glad to have our dean here for a visit.

We are expecting Fr. David to return from his vacation on Thursday. I will be glad to have him back. He is leaving his assignment here officially after September 17.

I neglected to mention the Holy Father’s Apostleship of Prayer Intention for Evangelization for the month of July: Lapsed Christians. That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayers and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life. The Priest Day intention was: Pray for chaplains and spiritual directors. For August, the Pope’s Universal Intention is: Artists. That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation. The Priest Day intention: Pray for unfaithful and erring priests and religious. Thank you for joining the Holy Father with your prayers. Please pray for him as well. God bless!

Deb Walton, who is going to be helping us with the parish website, has brought an Omaha *World-Herald* front-page story from Tuesday, July 11, to our attention. The article highlights efforts to help women and minorities move forward with STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) career pathways. One of our former St. John the Baptist School students was quoted, praising her teacher and the school. There is a copy on the bulletin board for you to read if you like. Great things happen when many work together to accomplish great things—you are all to be congratulated, since you have been instrumental in keeping our school as our primary ministry to the community-at-large since 1884 — 133 years!

Not too long ago, I noticed in the necrology book that we have on the priests of our diocese (the biographies of deceased priests) that Msgr. Prudzik, who was the pastor of the old St. John the Baptist parish (from 1956-71) had been deceased for 35 years on July 17. I was so pleased to discover that there are people praying for all those who have served the parishes in Plattsburgh. We appreciate it — even those of us that are living!

One of the joyful things in our parish is the bells in the bell tower in the front. They are, as I understand it, from the old Holy Rosary Church here in town, now joined with St. John the Baptist Church into our Church of the Holy Spirit. There is no sound quite as joyful. I remember one of our deceased priests, Fr. John Prachar, who escaped from postwar Czechoslovakia after the Communist takeover, who used to tell the story about how he knew he had made it to free soil when he was able to hear the church bells in (West) Germany. The bells ring to remind us of the freedom we enjoy because of the sacrificial love of the Father, Who sent His only-begotten Son in the power of the Holy Spirit and redeemed us. May they always ring! I understand that the Ten Commandments monument near the entrance road to our property was put up about 2004 also to assert the right to religious speech. Please pray for those who do not enjoy the blessing of liberty that we still enjoy in this country. God is good and we are grateful for His many blessings.

Thanks to Noni and Don Thiesen for planting my cherry trees near the grotto. Wherever I have been pastor, I like to have some trees planted, not only because we are the state that originated Arbor Day, but also because when I leave a place, I can honestly point to something concrete that I have done to make the place a little better. You are welcome to the fruit if and when they produce. By the way, thanks to all those who keep the flowers, gardens, and lawns of our property looking so nice. You are instruments of God’s beauty.

**Father Houlihan**