



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 2017

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Receive the Lord!

Monday, August 14

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for K.D.

6:00 p.m. +Margaret Traxinger

Tuesday, August 15 Feast of the Assumption

8:00 a.m. +Betty Sand

Noon People of the Parish

7:00 p.m. +Don Eisenbarth

Wednesday, August 16

8:00 a.m. +Mary Lou Stageman

+Grace Azambawu

Thursday, August 17

8:10 a.m. Special Intention of donor

+Bill Hawk

Friday, August 18

8:10 a.m. +Marvin & Verona Petereit

Saturday, August 19

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased members of PCCW

5:00 p.m. +Rita Kiser

Sunday, August 20

8:00 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

5:00 p.m. +Maureen Prusha

CONFESSIONS:

Weekdays: 7:30 – 8:00AM

Saturdays, 4 - 4:45PM

Sundays, 45 - 15 min. before Mass

Contributions for August 6, 2017

General Collection at Mass	\$	8,435.78
General Online Giving	\$	7,207.00
2 nd collection (for teachers)	\$	372.94
Debt Reduction	\$	432.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	630.00
Utilities	\$	365.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	10.00

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

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!

Holy Day of Obligation

Remember, the great Solemnity of the Assumption is Tuesday, August 15. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, a GREAT opportunity to show Our Mother Mary how much we love her! Come to honor our Blessed Mother and the gift given to her – assumption of body and soul, into Heaven. For your convenience, Holy Masses for the Holy Day will be held as follows:

Aug. 14 Vigil – 6:00pm; Aug. 15 – 8:00am, Noon, and 7:00pm.



Classes begin Thursday, August 17

at St. John the Baptist School.

Welcome back, students & teachers!

CCD will start on August 27 for grades 1-8 from 9:00-10:15am, making it convenient to attend Mass either right before class, or right after! Fees are \$65 per student. Parents/guardians can register their child after Masses on the weekend of August 19/20 or a bit before 9:00am on the first day of class. Please contact Keri Witherell, 212-1881, if you have any questions.

RCIA will begin Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00pm. If you have questions, please call Earl or Laura, 235-3510. **RCIA is for:**

- Non-Catholics who are interested in joining the Catholic Church
- Adult Catholics who have not received Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion
- Non-Catholics who just want to see what the Catholic Church teaches
- Catholics who want a good study in the basic (and some not so basic) teachings of the Catholic Church

Knights & Fish Fry workers The Knights of Columbus are having their annual Summer Picnic for their members, the Fish Fry helpers, and their families at Beaver Lake next Sunday. Please sign up in the Commons so they can have a head count.

Church cleaning reminder: For August 19 (at 9:00am): Jost, Jura, Kamphaus, Kayhanfar, Kerns, Kerns, Kerns, Keruzis, Keruzis, Keruzis

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

August Breakfast – is scheduled for Sunday, August 13th, after the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses. The Knights will be 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 20th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at a Beaver Lake pavilion. The Knights will be providing the meat and providing plates, plastic ware, napkins and drinks.

Officer's Meeting – Thursday, August 24th, 7:00 PM in the SJR

Thank you to all who deposited aluminum cans into the receptacle by My Neighbor's Closet. Our youth group recycled them and received \$84, which will be put to good use!

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 13th. Look for the registration table after Masses the last 3 weekends in August to register and receive additional information.

Some upcoming dates:

August 13 – Free-will donation breakfast in the gym, provided by the Knights
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 17 – Mass time for Monday-Friday changes to 8:10am
August 19/20 – Register in the Commons for CCD, which starts August 27
August 21 – First day of Pre-School at St. John's
August 27 – CCD begins, grades 1-8; 9:00-10:15am in the school
September 12 – RCIA begins, 7pm
September 17 – Going-Away Luncheon for Father David



Our Most Precious Treasure

Eucharistic Adoration It's not unusual to hear of a person being made aware of the great worth of a seemingly ordinary item. That "ol' thing", passed down by family members for generations, is suddenly not only appreciated, it's cherished. The great worth of the ordinary-appearing Eucharistic Host is the real presence of Jesus Christ. Don't let this gift, which has been passed to us, be taken for granted; cherish it. This week personally visit Jesus, awaiting you at CHS.

PASTOR'S NOTES:

We extend heartfelt condolences to Sue Stevens, our loyal and efficient parish secretary, on the death of her mother on July 29. Her mother, Shirley Hildebrand, was buried in St. Paul, Minnesota. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her! When we pray for those who have died, we are extending our love to the person and to the family. Love is stronger than death. That is what we learn from the Song of Songs in the Old Testament.

Yours truly will be attending a family reunion in North Carolina next weekend. I will, unfortunately, miss most of the opening day of our school on Thursday, but the trip was planned long before I even knew I would be getting a new assignment. Last year, when we buried the ashes of my mother in Calvary Cemetery in Omaha next to Dad's (they had each donated their bodies to the medical school at Creighton, and so we did not receive the remains until last year, 2016, even though she had died in 2014), we six siblings resolved to try to get together at least once a year, and, in birth order, each sibling will get the chance to "host" the reunion. Last year was mine, since I am the oldest, and this year is number two's place in North Carolina. Next year should be back in Nebraska. I am scheduled to return late on Monday, the day of the famous solar eclipse. Everything will be in good hands with Fr. David until then.

Speaking of Fr. David, he recently spotted a coyote on the west part of the property. Not too long ago, one of these critters bit a child in Hastings. There are, I hope, enough rabbits and other things to keep it fed. We are very close to nature here "on the hill." It is a beautiful spot.

We are happy to welcome back the boys and girls to our school for the new school year. Even

though there have been a few changes with the strategic plan process last year, the enrolment (at last check) was holding up and might even be up a little bit. We have a wonderful faculty and staff that welcomes them back. The school is the "crown jewel" of our parish, and we are fortunate to have it. The daily Mass will begin at 8:10 beginning Thursday, the first day of school, as has been the custom.

As part of our "accountability" initiative with the school finances, we will be asking the whole parish to help (and already about 71% of our parish resources go towards the school), but the school families will be asked to take the lead. These families will be expected to be contributors not only to school tuition, but even more basically, to the parish itself in regular planned giving. These families will be expected to have contributed at least \$50 per month (or, if you prefer, \$15 per week) to parish support during all of 2017 in order to be considered "contributing" families for the 2018-19 school year (not this one, but the next one). If families need help, there will be help available for tuition, but all are expected to "have some skin in the game" by contributing to the parish itself. It is the parish which has made this wonderful school possible and it is from the parish that we expect continued support to come. Please join the continued effort coming from the "strategic plan" to help not only our school to survive (and, according to those who organized the effort last year, that is quite likely, given the initial interest and even passion shown by so many here), but to thrive as well. It is a major part of the "city on the hill" that is the Church of the Holy Spirit. We need to address some issues with the church as well. We are looking forward to the future!

Father Houlihan