



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2017

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## PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**ENTER THE MASS! Glorify God!**

### Monday, August 28

8:10 a.m. +Albert & Rosemary Ulrich  
 Special Intention of donor

### Tuesday, August 29

8:10 a.m. +Kevin Weber  
 +Michael Ofe

### Wednesday, August 30

8:10 a.m. +Stuart Meisinger  
 9:30 a.m. (at Woodbridge) +Lucille Morris

### Thursday, August 31

8:10 a.m. +Lloyd Morehead  
 Special Intention for the Tamisiea &  
 Bleich families

### Friday, September 1

8:10 a.m. +Shirley Hildebrand  
 10:00 a.m. (at PCR) +Grace Azambawu

### Saturday, September 2

8:00 a.m. +Sid Salzman  
 5:00 p.m. +Tony Rotundo

### Sunday, September 3

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 10:30 a.m. +All Souls Day Intentions  
 5:00 p.m. Ken & Joan Aylor's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### CONFESSIONS:

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

### Contributions for August 20, 2017

General Collection at Mass	\$	6,914.53
General Online Giving	\$	6,855.33
2 <sup>nd</sup> collection (for teachers)	\$	353.19
Debt Reduction	\$	710.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	165.00
Utilities	\$	235.00
Utilities Online Giving	\$	30.00

**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!

**Church cleaning reminder:** For September 2 (at 9:00am): Korsmo, Koubsky, Kragness, Krejci, Ksiazek, Ksiazek, Kuklinski, Kush, Lambert, Laney

**Our condolences** to the family of Shirley Henderson, who died this past week.

**CCD** starts THIS Sunday, August 27 for grades 1-8, from 9:00-10:15am, for parish children not attending a Catholic school. If you haven't yet registered your child, please come to the gym a bit before 9:00am on the first day of class. Please contact Keri Witherell, 212-1881, if you have any questions.

**There are** a few scheduling changes that Father Houlihan has decided that he needs to put into effect, and has chosen to implement them all at the same time, right after Labor Day. They are:

#### Beginning September 6 & 8

Father will be having a Communion Service at Woodbridge and the Plattsmouth Care & Rehab Center, rather than a Mass. He will still go there for confessions and a Communion service.

#### Beginning September 9

Weekend Masses will be Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm, and Sunday Masses at 8:00am and 10:30am. (The Sunday 5:00pm Mass will be dropped.)

#### Beginning September 9

Your loving donations to enable a November & May bonus for our teachers and staff will be gathered from a single monthly envelope that comes in your envelope packets rather than the weekly 2<sup>nd</sup> collection we've been taking up during weekend Masses. For those of you who plan your year of supporting the parish through ACH, there is now an additional fund set up online for you to use. (Anyone not yet using ACH for automatic scheduled giving, and would like to, can find instructions and a planning guide in the Commons, outside St. Joseph's Room.)

#### Beginning September 9

Regularly scheduled confession times will be: Weekdays 7:30-7:45am; Saturday 3:30-4:45pm; Sunday at 7:30-7:45am and 9:30-10:15am.

#### Beginning September 9

Father will not be saying a Mass at the jail on Saturday afternoons. He will still periodically go there for confessions and a Communion service.

**In September's envelope packet** is a green Bishop's Lay Committee for Vocations envelope. This year, the diocese is asking us to have a collection for Vocations done in a similar way that DDP is done. So... please DO support the Vocations assistance drive, but do not use the green envelopes. In the upcoming weeks, we will have cards out in the Commons. *Thank you!*

**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 First Communion or Confirmation
- 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

**"Going Away Potluck Luncheon"** for Father David. All parishioners are invited to a potluck lunch in the school gym for Father David on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30am Mass. *There are two sign-up sheets in the Commons; one for attendance (for headcount for the meat which is being provided) and one to bring a side dish.* Thank you.

**My Neighbor's Closet**, our affiliated thrift store, is now open on Thursdays, as well as Friday & Saturday, 10am to 2pm. They have a good supply of Husker apparel, among other fun and useful items. Currently they're having a sale on jeans and corduroy pants for \$1.00. Their bag sales are ongoing and are \$4.00. The store is located on the south side of our parking lot.

#### Some upcoming dates:

August 27 – CCD begins, grades 1-8; 9:00-10:15am in the school  
 September 12 – RCIA begins, 7pm in the Commons Come and see!  
 September 17 – Going-Away Pot Luck Luncheon for Father David  
 September 21 – Spring Dinner 2018 planning meeting, 7pm  
 October 8 – Fall Festival: Dinner & games!

**Water:** We are looking for donations of water bottles. The Communication and Community Pillar of our strategic plan will be placing labels on these water bottles, advertising our school and parish and letting people know what a great thing we have here. These water bottles would then be handed out for free at events such as the Harvest Festival and the upcoming car show. Please consider helping to promote our school and church in this way.

**Bible Study** Please join fellow parishioners for Seeking Truth Catholic Bible Study. The class runs from Sept-March on either Wednesday mornings at 10:00 or Thursday evenings at 7:00. Register in the Commons after Masses this weekend and to receive additional information.

**With the elimination** of the second collection at Sunday Mass, which was for your offering to enable us to give a semi-annual bonus to the teachers and staff, there will be an envelope in the envelope packets that are mailed to you each month, so that you can still designate an offering for that purpose, if you wish, though on a monthly basis. For those who donate automatically through online banking (ACH), there is now a fund for you to choose to set this up, similar to the other specialty envelopes that come throughout the year in the packets. If you are using ACH, but had asked our bookkeeper, Noni, to set the ACH up for you, and you'd like to add this to your schedule, please call Noni, 296-3139, Mon-Thurs, and she will help you add what you want to your schedule.

## **PASTOR'S NOTES:**

Welcome back to all of our students—the school children began the school year a week ago Thursday, and our CCD students are back today (Sunday), from 9-10:20. It is good for us to be here!

Congratulations to Josh and Julia Colgrove, who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend. May God be with you always!

If anyone has a “milestone” wedding anniversary (such as 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup>), please let me know some time in advance if you would like a special blessing during the weekend Mass at the time of the announcements. It is a good thing for all of us to see the perseverance of fidelity and commitment through the ups and downs of life between a man and a woman. Marriage is a sacrament given to us by Christ, and it was a good natural thing even before He made it a sacrament—it has been with us since Adam and Eve. Technically, a “sacrament” exists between a baptized man and a baptized woman, even if both are Protestants, for example. This assumes, of course, that each is free to marry and intends to enter a life-long union open to God’s plan. For all of us, whether single, celibate, married, divorced, or widowed, it is a sign of hope and encouragement, since it is a sign of Christ’s love for His holy people, the Church. Marriage is not quite as popular for many as it once was—national statistics show that fewer persons seek it as a goal—especially those in lower socio-economic groups—and there are many people simply content with what has been called “serial monogamy”—I will stay with you until I don’t. With many people in hurting situations today, it is a good thing to witness success stories. God is good, and

## ***Coming Soon:***

### ***Dave Ramsey’s “Financial Peace University”***

**Questions, ask: Bill Bohan, 402-297-0522 or [wjbohan@gmail.com](mailto:wjbohan@gmail.com)**

In St. John’s Strategic Planning, it was suggested to provide the opportunity for all to take this class. We are bringing the classes to Church of the Holy Spirit, to make it easier for you to attend them. Last spring we had the classes, and soon will be bringing them here again. So here is another chance for you:

When it comes to managing money, this class will teach you how to:

- **Become Debt Free**  
Pay off your credit cards, car loans, mortgage, and student loans.
- **Prepare for the Future**  
Save for financial emergencies and confidently plan for retirement.
- **Get on a Plan Together**  
Create a budget that actually works for you AND your spouse.

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

**Knights Summer Picnic** – A wonderful turnout this year at the Knights and Fish Fry Workers summer picnic at the Beaver Lake pavilion. The weather was just perfect and everyone’s attendance made it a wonderful. Thank you to everyone who could make it last Sunday!

**General Business Meeting** – Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm in SJR. We will be discussing the Harvest Festival and food we will be serving. Remember, Pat will have his Italian sausages again.

**September Breakfast** – The Knights will be serving breakfast after the 8:00 and 10:30am Sunday Masses on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds from the breakfast will go to support our school bus that takes our children to Lourdes Catholic School.

marriage shows one of His great blessings to the human race. May God bless all of His people, no matter what their state in life, who are seeking to do His holy will.

This Thursday marks the tenth anniversary of the death of a special priest in my life and in the life of my family, Msgr. Edgar Wortman. He baptized me in 1953 at our parish, Blessed Sacrament in Omaha, when he was an assistant, but he returned as pastor in 1972 and served for 35 years, long past the normal retirement age, and died when celebrating a funeral Mass for a man who was in a class a year behind me. I will remember him in my prayers. Please remember me and the other priests that serve you. We are not perfect and we are quite different from each other, but we all are (I hope) trying to serve you and our God. God bless you!

Classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will begin on Tuesday, September 12. These classes are for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, including those who are already Catholic. It is primarily for those who know little or nothing about our Lord, Jesus Christ, who have never been baptized (that is, those who have become followers of the Lord in a formal way), but certainly also for those who are already the Lord’s followers and wish to share in the fullness of the Catholic Christian faith, to come into full communion and begin to receive Holy Communion. Thanks to Earl and Laura Culek, our RCIA coordinators. Contact me or the office if you would like more information or would like to register. God bless you!

**Father Houlihan**