



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2017

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PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

ENTER THE MASS! Encounter Jesus!

Monday, September 4

8:10 a.m. Living & Deceased member of the Morehead family
Special Intention

Tuesday, September 5

8:10 a.m. Safety of babies in the womb
+Laura Piegras

Wednesday, September 6

8:10 a.m. +Grace Azambawu
Special Intention for 40th Anniversary of Bill & Pam Reinsch

Thursday, September 7

8:10 a.m. +Miramar Downey
+Roland & Patricia Yost

Friday, September 8

8:10 a.m. Special Intention of donor
10:00 a.m. (at PCR) +Edward Jones

Saturday, September 9

8:00 a.m. +Betty Morehead Owings
5:00 p.m. +All Souls Day Intentions

Sunday, September 10

8:00 a.m. +Monika Michaels
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS: (New times)

Weekdays: 7:30-7:45 AM
Saturdays, 3:30-4:45 PM
Sundays, 7:30-7:45 AM and 9:30-10:15 AM

Contributions for August 27, 2017

General Collection at Mass	\$	6,132.95
General Online Giving	\$	1,977.00
2 nd collection (for teachers)	\$	368.32
Debt Reduction	\$	1,178.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	125.00
Utilities	\$	40.00

CCD began last Sunday for grades 1-8, from 9:00-10:15am, for parish children not attending a Catholic school. Call Keri Witherell, 212-1881, if you have questions.

Hurricane Harvey Those who want to help with the relief effort for people affected by Hurricane Harvey may mail a check to Catholic Bishop of Lincoln, 3400 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68506 with a note stating "for hurricane relief."

Church cleaning reminder: For September 9 (at 9:00am): LeBlanc, Leffler, Leger, Leonardo, Lepert, Lepert, Lewandowski, Light, Little, Little

Beginning next weekend... ♦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.)

"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 17th after the 10:30am Mass.



The CHS Fall Festival is nearing! The theme this year is Celebrating the Great Pumpkin, and it will be a great day! Much fun and food! Plan to be here! But we can't do it without your help. If you would like to volunteer, look for signups coming soon. For now, we are requesting donations of themed baskets to sell chances on, or if you have a large item you think would make a great raffle item please let us know. The festival is October 8th from 11:00-2:30. Questions? Email us at chsfallfestival@gmail.com or call Beth at 297-9244.

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. Near the end of September, we will have cards out in the Commons.

Our school collects. General Mills box tops; Our Family & Best Choice UPC's, Country Hearth Bread & Village Hearth Bread UPC's; No Frills receipts; and Hy-Vee receipts (if dated September-December). Send them to school with your child or drop them off into the designated collection box in the Commons. Thank you for your continued support!

Smile.amazon Church of the Holy Spirit has recently been issued a \$94.39 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2017. Thank you for designating your charity to be Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth, and for doing any Amazon shopping by first putting a smile in front of it!

Magnificat subscription re-order time. The current subscription for those who are receiving the Magnificat missalette with the parish bulk rate will end with November's issue. To renew or to newly subscribe, call Sue at the rectory office, 296-3139, **no later than Sept. 25th**. (Or put a note & money in a clearly marked envelope into Sunday's collection basket.) The bulk rate is \$30.00 for the year, rather than its regular \$44.95 rate. The missallettes are sent to the church, for you to pick up there. Father Grell highly recommends Magnificat as a great way to enter into the daily Mass readings, as well as Magnificat's many nourishing and faith-building meditations.

Fiat Ministries is devoted to encouraging young women to answer "yes" to the vocation to which God is calling them. The Fiat Discernment Retreat is an opportunity for young women to ask questions, pray, listen, and open their hearts to the Lord's will. The retreat at Camp Kateri Tekakwitha is Sept 29 - Oct 1. More information is on the Commons bulletin board.

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 teachings of the Catholic Church

Some upcoming dates:

September 10 – Sunday Mass schedule changes to having no 5pm Mass.
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!

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

General Business Meeting – Thursday, September 7th, 7:00pm in SJR. We will be discussing the Harvest Festival and food we will be serving.

2016 Harvest Festival – The Knights will have their food stand at the Harvest Festival (9/8 and 9/9). We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, Pat's Italian sausages, and lots of cold pop/sodas! Come down and say hello and support Knight's charities! Knights, we are looking for donations of pop/soda and we would love for you to sign up for a shift!

September Breakfast – The Knights will be serving breakfast after the 8:00 and 10:30am Sunday Masses on the 24th. The proceeds from the breakfast will go to support our school bus that takes our children to Lourdes Catholic School. The Knights will be serving pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs and apple sauce.

School Advisory Council August meeting's summary: New officers were elected. Congratulations to Donette Koelzer, President; Marcia Schutz, Vice-President; and Beth Staskiewicz, Secretary. Father Houlihan spoke to the group about the importance of tithing and the significance of the school parents setting the example of what giving to our Church and School should look like. School has started and Open House went off with out a hitch. This was the first time Open House was before school started which allowed parents and students to meet their new teacher and put things away in their classroom. Our next meeting is September 12th at 7:00pm. See you there!

Coming Soon: Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace University"

Questions, ask: Bill Bohan, 402-297-0522 or wjbohan@gmail.com

In St. John's Strategic Planning, it was suggested to provide the opportunity for all to take this class. The informational session will be Sept. 24, 3:30pm in the Commons. When it comes to managing money, these classes 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.

PASTOR'S NOTES:

Today is the last day for the 5 P.M. Sunday Mass. Change is sometimes difficult, but we hope that those who had been attending that Mass will be able to attend one of the other three here. This will also be the last day for the "second collection" for the teachers and staff, since there is now an envelope every month in the packet for this purpose. This second collection was started several years ago for the very worthy purpose of providing our fine teachers and staff something "extra" a couple of times a year. There have been many worthy fundraising activities in our parish, but the gist of the strategic plan is to coordinate, consolidate, and control some of these things so that we can get a clearer picture of where we are and where we are headed. This effort at "strategic planning"—which basically means having a road map, because we cannot get anywhere unless we know where we want to go and how to get there--started in the school (due to the way the diocese set it up for us), but we are trying to extend the process to the parish at large, at least to a certain extent. An example of "coordinate" is the "meeting of the minds" of our finance committee, parish council, school advisory board, and the chairmen of the five "pillars" in the plan to make sure all of us know the roles our groups play in the whole picture. An example of "consolidate" was the effort to bring all financial accounts of various groups into many fewer ones, so that we can have a better "cash flow" to pay salaries and our bills. An example of "control" is the effort discussed at parish council about having some kind of "gatekeeper" system so that the many worthy causes that are around do not degenerate into the "den of thieves" (not that anyone here is dishonest) in the Commons area that the Lord had to clear out of the Temple in Jerusalem. I will admit that this "coordinate-consolidate-control" way of looking at things is of my own construction, but it is based on what I have heard from many people at many meetings and seems to summarize some of the efforts already underway when I came here.

We have already begun working with our school families to help all of them become as accountable for their children's education as some (in fact, many) of them

already are. We are going to be doing the same with the rest of the parish as well. This will involve what is called (in the Bible) "stewardship." This is sometimes confused with raising money—that will happen when the principle is explained and understood—but it is something that could be better understood as "a way of life." It involves learning to see our time, talent, and treasures as things given to us "on loan" by God to use for our own needs and the needs of our families, but also for the building up of the Kingdom of God. When we have 40% of the families that are registered here that are apparently not engaged in any way, there is a challenge for us. This is not just the priest's challenge, for each one of us is called to "go out to all the world" by our baptism, not just one of us. We cannot do what we are called and able to do without the engagement of all here. That is the challenge that Jesus left us, for the truth is that we are not here just to be "fed" spiritually, as many people describe it today, but to feed—to feed others, not only in our own community, but in the community at large. Our parish was not designed to be a "gas station" for spiritual needs only, but a launching pad to the heavens. This challenge is not unique to the Church of the Holy Spirit or to the Catholic Church, but is a challenge found in our country by all believers in these early years of the third millenium. Jesus Christ is not just a "nice man," but He is God and He is risen from the dead and He is here in our midst, wanting us to bring to others the spiritual treasures that we already enjoy—to bring Him! That is why we have a school, and that is why, even more basically, we have a parish. If we can manage to harness and direct some of the good will and passion and energy that I have seen so abundantly around here since I came, it will make the splitting of the atom seem like small potatoes.

The Mass on Monday, Labor Day, is at 8:10 A.M. It is a chance for us to give thanks to the Lord for the blessings of human labor—our own and that of our brothers and sisters. Each of us has a contribution to the larger human family that we make by our work. God bless!

Father Houlihan