



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2017

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**Registration is now open** for the Church of the Holy Spirit Children's Choir. The choir will periodically provide the music during parish Masses throughout the year. Not only is music itself powerful in helping to convert hearts and souls, but so are your children. • Children's choir is open to all 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the parish. • Practices will be held on Monday, 3:15-4:00pm. **For the benefit of**

**ALL** - We want all to be prepared and comfortable leading the music at Mass, and without practice they will not be. We will take attendance at practice. Members who are frequently absent from practice will be asked to sit with their family for Mass. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. **If your child** is interested in singing with this choir, please register online according to the paper sent home from school or CCD, or contact Renée Spicka at reneespicka@gmail.com for more information.

## PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

**ENTER THE MASS! Give honor to God!**

### Monday, September 25

8:10 a.m. Living & Deceased members of the Morehead family

### Tuesday, September 26

8:10 a.m. Lourdes School faculty and staff

### Wednesday, September 27

8:10 a.m. Special Intention for Pfeiffer family

### Thursday, September 28

8:10 a.m. +Dennis Todd

### Friday, September 29

8:10 a.m. +Gerald Wisner

### Saturday, September 30

8:00 a.m. +Mike & Jill Walters

5:00 p.m. +Lillian Feder

### Sunday, October 1

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

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

## CONFESSIONS:

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 September 17, 2017

General Collection at Mass	\$	6,047.75
General Online Giving	\$	1,975.00
Debt Reduction	\$	275.00
Debt Reduction Online Giving	\$	125.00
Teachers/Staff	\$	119.00
Teachers/Staff Online Giving	\$	10.00

**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

## **This Monday, is the last day for Magnificat subscription re-orders or new orders.**

MAGNIFICAT is a monthly publication with the daily Mass readings, and also includes many nourishing and faith-building meditations for daily use. 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. 25<sup>th</sup>**. This bulk rate is \$30.00 for the year, rather than its regular \$44.95 rate. The missalettes are sent to the church, for you to pick up there.



## **In two weeks**

October 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-2:30



...Be here for our annual Fall Festival, with Fun and Games, a great dinner (take-home is available), and several raffle items to try to win.

Raffle tickets! Prizes are: Grand Prize \$1000 and two \$500 prizes, as well as Game 6 Husker Tickets, Mad Cow Paint Ball, Bloom Where Your Planted and A Christmas Carol Experience. Buy your chance to win for just \$1.00. Questions? Call Beth at 297-9244 or email us at chsfallfestival@gmail.com.

**Fun for the kids.**

**Fundraiser for the parish.**

**Funtastic to visit others as we eat and play!**

**Vocations to the Priesthood!** What a blessing our diocese has, with the number of men discerning their vocation this way. These men attend many years of college. The Bishop's Appeal for Vocations helps to cover the cost. Please be generous to this Appeal. Next week, we will have cards out in the Commons – please check the table for your card to fill out. If you have already used the green Vocations envelope that came in your envelope packet, it will be attached to your card...verify that it is the way you'd like, and sign the card. You can also donate online, and it will record that you are from our parish. <https://give.cornerstone.cc/BAV> Thank you!


**Confession times on Saturday afternoon** Have you noticed? Father Houlihan is trying out a new extended time to offer Confessions: Saturday afternoons from 3:30 – 4:45pm. Are you old enough to remember the days when people routinely went to confession each Saturday afternoon?

## **Coming Soon! Mass Daycare & Childrens Liturgy Programs**

- If you are interested in volunteering, please join us for an informational volunteer meeting that will be held in the Commons on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Father David's solar water well project**  
Spearheaded by workers at My Neighbor's Closet, their goal of collecting \$15,000 for Father's well was reached! They wish to thank 1) God, 2) CHS parishioners, 3) StJB students and faculty, 4) MNC workers and patrons. Please look for updates of the building of the well on our parish Facebook page in the new year.

**Our next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7:00pm in St. Joseph's room.** At this meeting, we will be discussing the organizational and governance structure of our Parish and the roles and responsibilities of various committees/groups.



**Our Most Precious Treasure**  
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Wouldn't it be wonderful if that special person you had loved being with had been able to leave you with more than memories after their death? Imagine if they could be present in more than your thoughts when you needed or longed for them most! The truly special person in your life, Jesus of Nazareth, has left you Himself; totally present in the Holy Eucharist at CHS. Take time this week to visit your Friend.



**Life Chain**  
Next Sunday,  
October 1<sup>st</sup>  
2:00pm to 3:00pm



Along the corner of Chicago & 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. (by Casey's)  
Pro-life posters will be provided for this quiet show of faith.  
Rain or shine, shine with your Pro-Life Faith!

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**September 24<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Dave Ramsey's**  
**"Financial Peace University"**

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

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Here is an 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.

**Diaper Drive** PCCW is organizing a drive to collect diapers to be given to the Pregnancy Centers and Catholic Social Services across the Lincoln Diocese and St. Gianna Women's Home. See the collection point in the Commons during October. Thank you!


**Holy Spirit Catering Sign up to help! Next Event:**  
Friday, November 17, Plattsburgh Trivia Night  
Thursday, December 7, Cass County Bank Appreciation Dinner  
•To help, look for all Holy Spirit Catering events at [SignupGenius.com](http://SignupGenius.com)  
Click on the search icon in the upper right. Search by email: [holyspiritcatering@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritcatering@gmail.com)



- Some upcoming dates:**
- September 24 – Informational session for Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace"
  - September 27 & 28 – First days of Bible Study, 10am & 7pm, respectively
  - September 30 – Cornhole Tournament! Noon. At school.
  - September 30/October 1 – First weekend for Vocations support drive
  - October 1 – Life-Chain, 2-3pm, corner of Chicago & 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  - October – Annual Diaper Drive
  - October 4 – Blessing of pets, 3:15pm outside the school
  - October 6 – First Friday of the month
  - October 7 – First Saturday of the month
  - October 8 – Fall Festival: Dinner & games!
  - October 13 – 100 year anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima
  - October 14 – Public rosary at the end of CHS's driveway, Noon
  - October 18-20 – Rummage Sale (watch for complete details)
- Be sure to check the front table in the Commons for most current notices' details.*

**St. John's Alumni** are hosting a Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser (bean bag toss game) at St. John's School on Sept 30<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. \$40 per team of two. You do not have to be an alumni to join in on this fun time. Delicious grilled food will be available. Get your teammate and register on St. John's or Church of the Holy Spirit's FB, in the Commons after Mass on 9/10 or 9/17, or email [StJBalumni@gmail.com](mailto:StJBalumni@gmail.com). Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Proceeds to benefit our StJB repair and maintenance project.

**Church cleaning reminder:** For September 30 (at 9:00am): Michaels, Michel, Milczski, Miller, Miller, Minahan, Mise, Mixan, Monahan, Montgomery



October 7 is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Church chose that day and, by extension, the month of October to honor Our Lady of the Rosary.

## **PASTOR'S NOTES:**

This weekend we are happy to welcome two seminarians (Brandon Allen and Patrick Beshenich) from our St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward to the Masses here to give a personal take on the Vocations Appeal for the diocese. I will also just say a word here as well. I was the recipient of this appeal over forty years ago, when I entered the seminary in 1975, after my graduation from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln that same year. I studied theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland (the second-oldest seminary in the nation, after St. Mary's in Baltimore, Maryland) for four years before my ordination as a priest in 1979. I am grateful for the financial support and prayers that were given me as a seminarian, and ask that you continue the generosity you have shown over the years to our current seminarians. There will be cards in the Commons with your name already printed, and we ask that, as you do with the Bishop's Charity and Stewardship Appeal (DDP) in the spring, to make a pledge and to sign the card, or at least sign the card even if you are not able to make a pledge at the present time. This accounting system is required by the bank that now processes your pledges—it is called a "lockbox"—so that the diocese can give you proper credit as well as giving credit to our parish, which must make up the difference (if any) between our parish goal (\$18,210) and what our parishioners actually pledge. Last year, only 12% of the families in the diocese made a pledge. If you can help, you will be a big help. The cards should be available next weekend. God bless!

Congratulations to Doug and Mary Bryant Tilson, married at the Church of the Holy Spirit this weekend. This is my first wedding here in the parish, and I hope that it will not be the last. God bless and keep our newlyweds—may they "flourish like the palm tree" and live many happy years!

We had an anonymous donation of \$15,000 to the parish and the school. May God bless our donor and may your tribe increase! If you would like to make such a donation at any time (you do not need to be deceased!), please contact your attorney for help. We greatly appreciate it!

Some who have viewed the Profit & Loss statement that was sent to the diocese (copies were left in the Commons) wondered what our situation was when it appeared that we ended the fiscal year

with a positive balance. Personally, I am also having difficulty navigating the new reporting system (which is not as simple as I would like), but after talking to our resident expert bookkeeper, Noni Thiesen, I could better put it in language that even I can understand. Those who deal with these systems every day can understand them, but most of us cannot do so readily. The bottom line is that we received a subsidy from the diocese, from the Joy of the Gospel Francis Fund (\$160,000) and Flavin Fund (\$10,000) during the last year to cover a budgetary shortfall—we could not make payroll or pay bills before we received it. That money is listed as income and will not have to be repaid, but (at least the Francis Fund) is only a temporary salve on our financial wounds. As of now, the Francis Fund runs out in 2020. Noni says that with old indebtedness from the school (over \$600,000), money we borrowed from the diocese before we received our subsidy (over \$100,000), and back money on operational items that we owe to the diocese (insurance, assessments, etc.) (about \$80,000), we owe something like three-quarters of a million dollars (\$750,000) plus we are in the process of trying to arrange to borrow money—let us say, for the sake of simplicity, a quarter of a million dollars (\$250,000), although it is likely more than that—to repair roof and windows in the (leaking) church. In other words, we at least have cash flow to operate now, but we are still way behind the "eight ball." We have about one million dollars (\$1,000,000) that we will have to pay back with interest, and we are still "bleeding" over \$100,000 per year (deficit of income to expenditures). There are two items of good news to balance this. The first is that we are chipping away a little at a time on the debt, thanks to those who designate money for debt reduction and other gifts—these envelopes are in your packets—and the second is that we have already received over \$40,000 from people paying on their Joy of the Gospel pledges. We could have potentially \$70,000 more over the next few years. The bottom line however is that, unless many things change (and many are already changing!), we could still lose the school. I do not intend that to happen, and neither do most of you. God bless!

**Father Houlihan**