Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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2801 West E
Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Vidya Sagar Arikotla
Parish Permanent Deacons:
Deacon Michael Davis
Deacon Mark Stadler
Secretary: Kelsey Schlichenmayer
Bookkeeper Jeanne Pieper
Religious Education: Laurie Stadler
Custodial/Maintenance: Bill Moore
Custodial: Marcy Davis

Parish Office Hours:
Monday - Friday: 9:00a.m. -5:00 p.m.
Office Contact Information:
Telephone: 308-534-6623
Email: holy1spirit@allophone.com
For all appointments and scheduling, please call Fr. Sagar at the parish office .
*Weddings: *The Diocese of Grand Island requires a four-month preparation period. For other sacraments Please call 543-6623*

Prayer Requests: *Scott Davis:308-530-4366*
Communion to Homebound:
Jim & Marcia Petersen: 308-534-4102
Knights of Columbus: *Lenny Hassel 308-532-7933*
Meetings the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm
Holy Spirit Pantry: *308-532-8800*
Natural Family Planning: *Kathy Burr :308-991-1880*
Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday by 10:00 a.m. *All bulletin information submitted will be subject to review for content and editing due to space availability.*

Parishioners: Welcome! We are very happy to have you as members of our Parish Family here at Holy Spirit. If you are a new member to our church, forms for registration are available in the literature rack in the gathering area. As your parish staff, we look forward to meeting you .

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MISSION STATEMENT

United in the Sacraments as the Body of Christ, we, members of this parish are called to signify the presence of the Kingdom of God in our community, to spread the Good News of the Gospel and to minister and serve others. Our parish community here at Holy Spirit extends the welcoming arms of Jesus to our community. We welcome others to join us at mass and to feel the presence of God in our Catholic community.

Holy Spirit Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m.
& 11:00 a.m.
Reconciliation Saturdays 3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Or by appointment

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, December 14— 4:00PM—JH GBB vs NPMS
5:00PM—Res. BBall @ Gothenberg

Tuesday, December 15— 4:30PM—G&B Bball @ Ogallala

Wednesday, December 16—Virtual Music Concert

Thursday, December 17— 4:30PM—B&G BBall @ McDaid

Saturday, December 19— 10:00AM—WR @ Sutherland

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For all the ill of our parish.

For all those who have passed from death into New Life.

Dear Parishioners,
Many people will be thinking of year-end-giving when donating……..so please prayerfully consider a financial gift during this Christmas season to off-set some of the larger annual bills that we incur.

1) Priest Health Insurance
$17,240.00
2) Facility Insurance
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3) Diocesan Priest Pension
$1,2.00.00

Your generous gift toward these larger obligations will help us meet our other monthly bills as well such as;

- Cathedraticum (tax due to the diocese)
- Maintenance -we have had higher than normal maintenance expense due to many unforeseen expenses, Lighting in the Sanctuary, sprinkler system in the church, parking lot; as well as, extra cleaning supplies.
- Payroll and Office Supplies
- PPE (masks, hand sanitizer for the church and Faith Formation.)

Our monthly collections have so far been able to keep up with most of the monthly expenses of operating the church. Gifts at this time will go toward fully meeting those expenses, the unforeseen expenses incurred, as well as, the larger annual bills. If you are an EFT giver and wish to help you can place your Christmas offering in the collection., designate your Christmas gift in the memo section of your check. Thank you for all your generosity and support to our Parish. It is very much appreciated.

Father Vidya Sagar Arikotla

During the month of December 2020, the members of the St. Maria group may be called upon to provide food or serve for a funeral or other event. Thank you.

Monday	**December 14**
No Mass	**No Mass**
Tuesday	**December 15**
5:15 p.m.	**+Velma Ryan**
Wednesday	**December 16**
7:30 a.m.	**+Vicky Thomas**
Thursday	**December 17**
7:30 a.m.	**+Johnny Arikotla**
Friday	**December 18**
9:30 a.m.	**+Geroge Davis**
(At the church not Centennial)	
Saturday	**December 19**
5:00 p.m.	**+Bob Spady**
Sunday	**December 20**
7:30 a.m.	**+Mary Troshynski**
11:00 a.m.	**+Joseph P. Hren, Jr.**

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Minister List For December 19th & 20th

5:00 p.m. Mass
Rosary: A. Mueller
Eucharist: C. & R. Reinert

Greeter: D. & K. Miller
Lector: E. Deklava
Servers: None

7:30 a.m. Mass
Rosary: M. Troshynski
Eucharist: R. Penkava

Greeters: K. & M. Pagel
Lector: E. Penkava
Servers: None

11:00 a.m. Mass
Rosary: B. O'Malley
Eucharist: J. Harms & C. Thalken

Greeters: J. & K. Wiezorek & N. & O. Wiezorek
Lector: G. Bayer
Servers: None

This year we are going to start a new tradition for **Father's Christmas Gift**. If you would like to give a gift to Father Sagar please wrap it and bring it to the office. I will have a box to place it in. If it is a financial gift or gift card, place it in a card or envelope and write Father's gift and either drop it off at the office in the gift box or mail it to **Holy Spirit, 2801 West E Street, North Platte, NE 69101.** Please write at the bottom of the envelope **ATTN: Father's Gift** so I can place it in the box.

Thank You, so much for your help.
Kelsey Schlichenmayer, Parish Secretary

Holy Spirit Parish/North Platte

Parish Goal:	$51,000.00
Total Raised:	$31,715.00
Total Received:	$27,575.00
Donor Goal:	125
Current No. of Donors:	83

Diocese of Grand Island

Diocese Goal:	$1,200,000.00
Total Raised:	$ 607,050.00 51% 0f Total Goal
Total Received:	$ 532,319.00
Donor Goal:	4,191
Current Donors	2,134

November Total	$25,738.00
December 6th	$ 13,408.00

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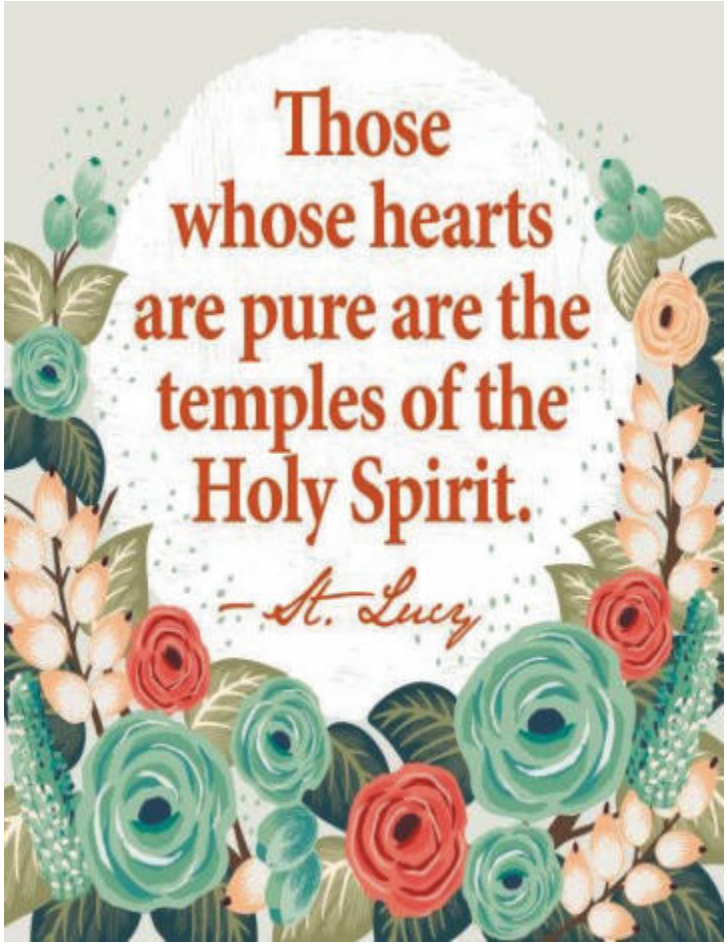

2020 Advent Schedule

Christmas Schedule:

December 24: Children's Mass - 4:00 pm.
Christmas Caroling - 6:30 p.m.
Christmas Vigil Mass - 7:00 p.m.
December 25: Christmas Day Mass - 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Schedule:

December 31: New Year's Eve Mass - 6:00 p.m.
January 1, 2021: No Mass

Penance Service: There will be no Advent communal penance service this year. You are urged to utilize our penance schedule: Saturdays (3:30 - 4:30), Tuesdays (4:15 - 5:15) or by appointment.

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