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Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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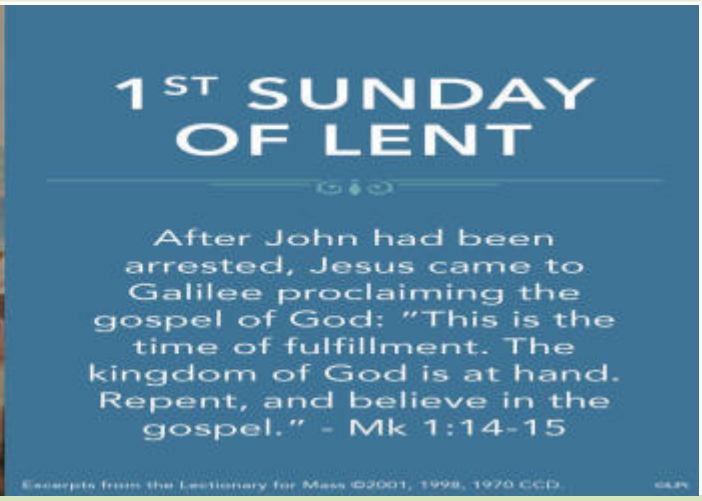

St. Oscar Romero said, “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the “idol of the self,” keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It’s not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God’s love and how we can better imitate God’s loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn’t just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. “Being more” means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the “quality” of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God’s unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of “life in the good old days.” Lent isn’t about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It’s about becoming something new. It’s about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Vidya Sagar Arikotla
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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:
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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 10:30 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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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Jordan Lech has been selected as the student of the month for February. Teachers and Student Council members vote on a student to receive this honor. Jordan, a junior, is the daughter of Mike and Jane Lech of North Platte.
Her school activities include cheerleading, volleyball, National Honor Society, S.A.I.N.T.S. and she is on the honor roll.
Outside of school she finds time to volunteer at parish events. She works at America's Heartland Animal Center here in North Platte.
She and her family are members of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Jordan has a twin brother, Matthew, who is also a junior at St. Pat's.

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LENTEN MEAL FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26

On the menu for the "TO GO" meal this Friday is CHEESY HASH BROWN CASSEROLE AND GREEN BEANS. No need to cook on Fridays during Lent! You may pick up your meals in Nelson Hall beginning at 5:30pm or following Stations of the Cross. This is a free will donation with all proceeds going to the Grand Island Diocese Seminarian Fund.

Steward-ship

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Stewardship … A Way of Life

"Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and it will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7)

Prayer is the first step toward establishing and maintaining one's unique relationship with God. Whether personal or communal, prayer is not simply something the church asks of us. The time we spend in prayer should be nourishment for our soul and emotional health. Prayer should be gratifying and should help us to experience peace and joy and to instill in us a sense of well-being. Prayer provides guidance and solace. When prayer becomes our daily priority, the problems we face in our families, jobs, and personal relationships are put into perspective.

Thank you

CRISTY THOMPSON
Dynamic Parish Lead
The Dynamic Catholic Institute
For her gift to the parish of a book for Lent titled **"Best Lent Ever"**
They are available in the Gathering Area.

-- LENTEN SCHEDULE --

Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

March 19: Feast of St. Joseph - mass at 5:30 p.m.

March 28: Palm Sunday - normal schedule

April 1: Holy Thursday - 6:30 p.m.

April 2: Good Friday - 12:15 p.m.

April 3: Easter Vigil - 7:30 p.m.

April 4: Easter Sunday - 7:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Stations and Benediction:
Fridays - 5:30 p.m.

-February 19
-February 26
-March 5
-March 12
-March 19— 5:30 p.m. Stations
-March 26

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSIONS:

March 3: Wednesday - CCD Confessions - 5:00 p.m.

March 7: Sunday - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Communal Penance Service at Holy Spirit (with St. Patrick's)

Please use the reconciliation opportunity on Saturdays before the 5:15 mass (3:35 - 4:30) **or** by appointment **or** before weekday masses!

Join Women at the Well

"Know your Worth Lenten Encounter Event"

on Sunday Night February 21 from [6:30-9PM Central Time/ 5:30-8PM MTN Time] at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church.

Holy Spirit Parish/North Platte

Parish Goal:	$51,000.00
Total Raised:	$44,435.00
Total Received:	$41,140.00
Donor Goal:	125
Current No. of Donors:	99

Diocese of Grand Island

Diocese Goal:	$1,200,000.00
Total Raised:	$ 830,821.00 69%
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Total Received:	$ 762,801.00
Donor Goal:	4,191
Current Donors	2,724

Holy Spirit

February 7th	$5,144.44
February 14th	$6,472.00

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER

For all the ill of our parish.

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

The response to our **"No Bake" Bake Sale** has been heartwarming! It's obvious that many of you have dear ones who demonstrated love through their culinary efforts. They are on display in the southeast corner of the gathering area (by Fr. Sagar's office). The names and dishes of your honorees have been written on bookmarks. This display will be up through the month of February. There is still plenty of time for you to honor a loved one with a donation to our "**No Bake" Bake Sale**. You can use the pre addressed envelope to mail or drop your donation in the basket at church. These bookmarks will be available for pick up in the gathering area beginning in March.
Thank you!

Monday	February 22
No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	February 23
5:15 p.m.	NO MASS
Wednesday	February 24
7:30 a.m.	Richard & Charlotte Wright
Thursday	February 25
7:30 a.m.	+Leopoldo Griego
Friday	February 26
9:30 a.m.	+George Davis
(At the church not Centennial)	
Saturday	February 27
5:00 p.m.	+Kyle Thomas
Sunday	February 28
7:30 a.m.	+Mary Troshynski
11:00 a.m.	Parish Needs

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Minister List For February 27th & 28th

5:00 p.m. Mass
Rosary: A. Mueller
Eucharist: I. Budke & M. Honerman

Greeter: G. & B. Fruhwirth
Lector: C. Williams
Servers:

7:30 a.m. Mass
Rosary: Deacon Stadler
Eucharist: R. Penkava

Greeters: R. & E. Penkava
Lector: C. Burwick
Servers:

11:00 a.m. Mass
Rosary: G. Bayer
Eucharist: J. Harms & J. Miller

Greeters: C. & S. Ningen & B. Ningen
Lector: L. Hassel
Servers:

During the month of February 2021, the members of the St. Theresa group may be called upon to provide food or serve for a funeral or other event. Thank you.

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