

Holy Spirit Catholic Church



MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Spirit Catholic Church strives to be a compassionate and welcoming presence empowering all through prayer and action as we grow into a family of faith.

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

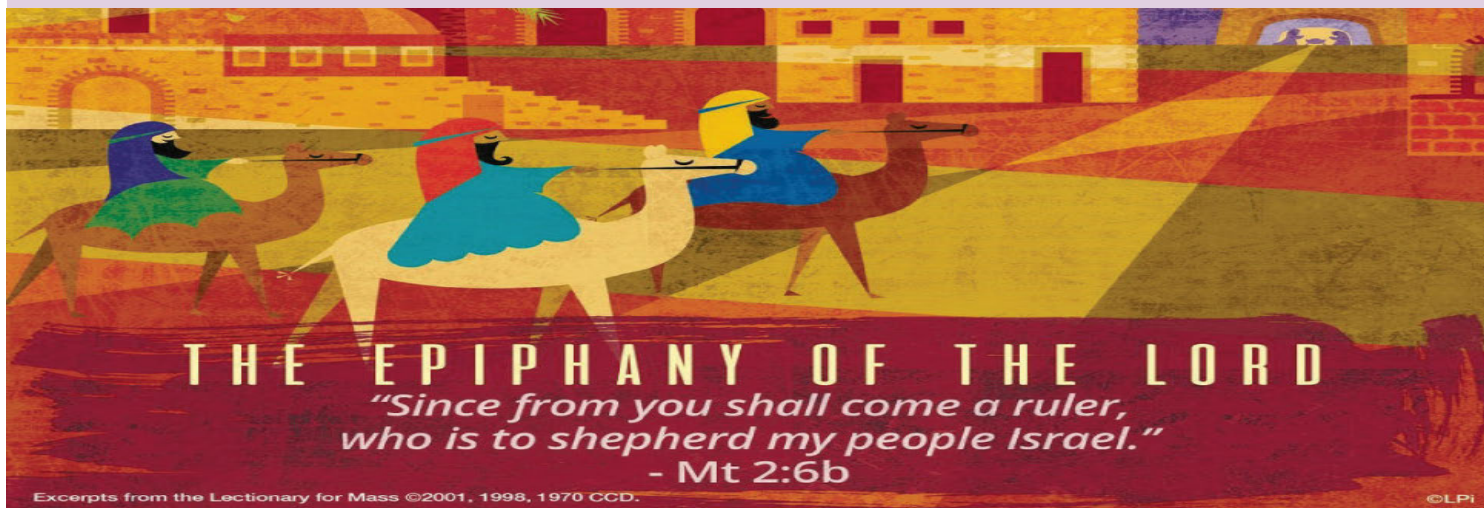
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Holy Spirit Website:

holyspiritcatholicchurch.com

YOUTUBE: Holy Spirit Catholic Church North Platte

Confession: 3:45 pm—4:30 pm Sat. or by Appointment



In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose

our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.


**CONTACT
INFORMATION**

Pastor: Fr. Vidya Sagar Arikotla

Parish Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Michael Davis

Deacon Mark Stadler

Secretary: Kelsey Schlichenmayer

Bookkeeper: Jeanne Pieper

Religious Education: Emma Penkava

Custodial/Maintenance: Matthew White

Office: Hours are M-F/ 9-5, Phone Number
308-534-6623



Please, consider wearing a mask to Mass, we encourage you to do so especially if you have been exposed to Covid. We will have masks available in the Gathering Area. Hand Sanitizer is also available in the Gathering Area. As always if you are not feeling well, consider staying home.

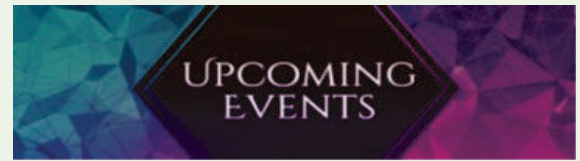
The Serra Club is collecting gifts for our six Seminarians. Items can be left in the Gift Box in the Gathering Area. Some gift ideas are, Black Socks, School Supplies (i.e. Pens, paper and pencils), candy, cookies, and Gift Cards.

If you are giving gift cards please leave them in the Parish Office.

**Thank you for your
support of our Seminarians.**

As Christians we believe that everything we have comes as a gift from God, and that we are merely stewards of those good gifts. So it is natural to spend some time thinking about how to protect those gifts for the future and for our families. Every Christian adult needs a sound estate plan. And the basis of estate planning is a valid Will. A Will is the means by which you can state what you want to happen to your financial and other resources after your death. When making your Will please remember to include your Parish for a 'final gift'. Our Legal; name is :

**Holy Spirit Catholic Church,
North Platte, Nebraska.**



**Thursday, December 23 to Friday, December 31
Christmas Break**



SHOP with SCRIP!

SCRIP is fundraising while you shop – and **ANY-ONE** can use it! Purchase a variety of gift cards (local AND national retailers) through the Endowment, and the earnings support tuition assistance at the North Platte Catholic Schools. Plus, families enrolled at NPCS earn 2% back toward their own tuition.

It's a win-win!



SISTERS of SERVICE CHAIRPERSON NEEDED:

We are in need of one lady to volunteer to lead one of our Sisters of Service Circles. Your circle will be assigned one month of the year to assist with funeral dinners and other church events during your month, one Lenten meal supper and help at the fall festival. Leave your name and number with Kelsey in the church office or call Mary Derickson 308-530-3742 for more information.

Holy Spirit

December 19th

Adult	\$12,302.00
Children	\$41.00
Misc. Collections	\$9,280.00



HCCW/SISTERS OF SERVICE will meet on Tuesday, January 11th at 5:30pm. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us.

ALL are welcome!

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER

For all the ill of our parish.



For the grace to live in a snodal way, in communion with others, seeking to build up the Kingdom of God and sharing in the mission of Jesus's Disciples.

GIVE A GIFT OF HOPE

Since the year 2000, the separation wall was built between Palestine and Israel to stop the fighting -which it did- but also affected the Christians who live in Bethlehem. Our main source of income is tourism and after the wall was built, approximately %80 of the tourists choose not to enter Bethlehem, because it's located within the wall. What once was a heavy tourist area is NOT anymore due to fear.

OUR MISSION is to help preserve Bethlehem as a Christian city, and keep our families from fleeing the Holy Land. Therefore we ask of you to take a look at our display, and kindly consider supporting our cause.

Shepherds of the Good Shepherd will visit your Parish on this date:

02 / 12 / 2022 & 02 / 13 / 2022

Shepherds of the Good Shepherd

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"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

- John 10:11

2021/22 Diocesan Appeal

SHARE



gidiocese.org/give-now

Holy Spirit is in need of new Christmas Trees for decoration in future years. If you'd like to donate or dedicate a tree in remembrance of a loved one during the Christmas Season, we are looking for new pre-lit Christmas Trees. They can be of any size and can be flocked or evergreen. Please contact Environment Director Chrissy Wiegand 308-530-7782 if you have any questions or would like to make a donation. Thank you for helping to make Holy Spirit's environment beautiful.



Holy Spirit Parish/North Platte

Parish Goal:	\$47,901.00
Total Raised:	\$47,367.00
Total Received:	\$43,717.00
Donor Goal:	120
Current No. of Donors:	93

Diocese of Grand Island

Diocese Goal:	\$1,200,000.00
Total Raised:	\$ 796,137.00
Total Received:	\$ 689,789.00

Donor Goal:	4,191
Current Donors	2,399

Confirmation 2021
Certificates and
Pictures

Will be on a table in the Gathering
Area beginning January 8th.

Photos and news from "Around the Diocese" can
be found at <https://www.gidiocese.org/local-news>

If you have moved please let the parish office
know as we will be printing and mailing
year-end contribution statements.

As it stands, Father Sagar will be leaving for
vacation on January 4th. We wish him safe
travels both to and from.

The Parish Office will be open M –F,
9 am—5 pm; while Father is on vacation.

Holy Spirit Shawl Ministry:

We continue to lift all in our prayers. The Shawl Ministry
has been inactive this past 18 months.

There is a wonderful amount of yarn for projects in the
Faith Formation Building as well as a history of the Shawl
Ministry.

Please contact the Parish Office 308-534-6623 or email
holy1spirit@allophone.com if you are interested in this
ministry or if you are interested in taking leadership of this
wonderful group.

In order to maintain a working inventory—Please, let the
office know when you use items (paper products, cleaning
products, candles, etc.). That way we can keep sufficient
supplies on hand. Thank you.

Father Vidya Sagar

Homebound Holy Communion

January 9th
James O'Malley



Mass Intentions

Monday NO MASS	January 3 NO MASS
Tuesday 5:15 p.m.	January 4 Communion Service
Wednesday 7:30 a.m.	January 5 Communion Service
Thursday 7:30 a.m.	January 6 Communion Service
Friday 9:30 a.m. (at Centennial for residents only)	January 7 Communion Service
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	January 8 +Gene Siemers
Sunday 7:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	January 9 Homebound & Care Homes +George Ghella



Minister List For January 8th & 9th

11:00 a.m. Mass

Rosary:	
Eucharist:	R. & C. Reinert
Greeter:	S. Westling & S. Weatherly
Lector:	E. Deklava
Servers:	S. & K. Fowler

7:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary:	
Eucharist:	Deacon Stadler & B. Nozioka
Greeter:	A. & J. Halling
Lector:	M. Troshynski
Servers:	

11:00 a.m. Mass

Rosary:	
Eucharist:	Deacon Davis & N. Baluyot
Greeters:	C. & S. Ningen & G. Bayer
Lector:	High School Student
Servers:	J. & S. Miles



During the month of January 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.

CCD/Faith Formation:



Junior and Senior CCD kids from Holy Spirit on December 19th from 4-8 were at Cody Park, as they were helping in the concessions area and serving the community



The students collected hats, scarves, gloves and socks for the homeless. They will be taken to the Connection. Isaac Zogg is holding up one of the hats that was donated.



Donated items being delivered to the Connection. Merry Christmas everyone!

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 minimum of four-months preparation period. For other sacraments Please call 534-6623

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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