

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.

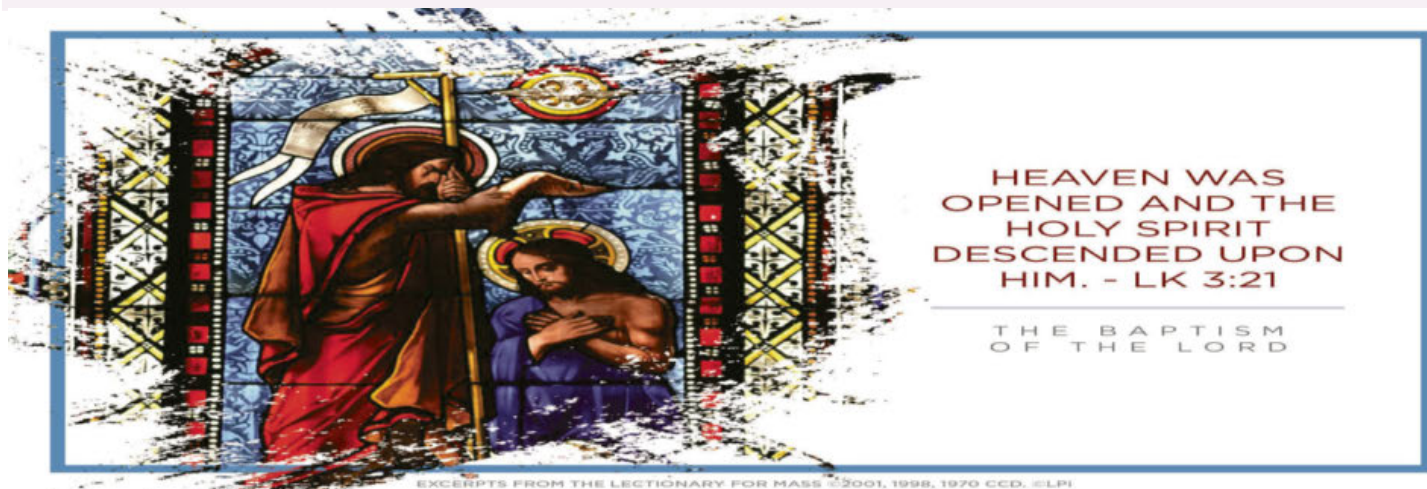
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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

Holy Spirit Website:

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“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”

— Pope Francis


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vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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.

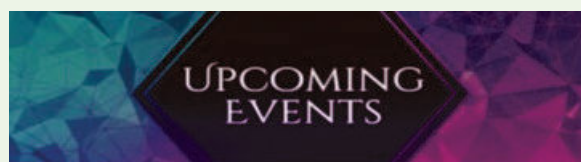
Thank you for your support of our Seminarians.

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.**



GOD IS HERE!

For the second year, our St. Pat's Spanish teacher, Mrs. Farr, and her classes helped the Jr/Sr High students complete the Advent Season with a Las Posadas celebration. Las **Posadas**, (Spanish: means inns or lodging) typically takes place on nine nights from December 16 to 24. Our celebration started with the students walking through the hallway and singing the Canto Para Pedir Posada song in Spanish. The seniors led the way and stopped at different classrooms, knocked on the door and those students joined them in the procession. The celebration ended with a bilingual mass at McDaid. This is to help us remember the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to the baby Jesus. What a beautiful way to remember the true Reason for this Season!



- Monday, January 10th**—
4:00PM—JH G & B Bball @ Hershey
- Tuesday, January 11th**
4:30PM—G & B Bball @ Mullen
- Wednesday, January 12th**
2:00PM—JH G & B Bball @ Maxwell
- Thursday, January 13th**
5:00PM—JH G & B Bball @ Chase County
5:30PM—WR @ Hershey (Quad)
- Friday, January 14th**
2:30PM—WR @ Elm Creek
4:30PM—G & B Bball @ Overton
- Saturday, January 15th**
10:00AM—WR @ Sandhills-Thedford



**Catholic Schools
 Week 2022
 January 30–February 5**

www.NCEA.org/csw #CSW22

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

January 2, 2022

Adult	\$15177.00
Children	\$35.50
Misc. Collections	\$924.00

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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS will meet January 15th 2022 at 1:30 PM in the spiritual life center at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church. Please bring your rosary and your Handbook. All Catholic women are invited and are welcome to come.



CCD classes have resumed! We are in need of volunteers to help with teaching as substitutes. Please contact Emma Penkava or the church office if interested.

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.

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.

I Hope I Am Like Him

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Holy Spirit Parish/North Platte

Parish Goal: \$47,901.00
 Total Raised: 48,842.00
 Total Received: \$43,717.00
 Donor Goal: 120
 Current No. of Donors: 97

Diocese of Grand Island

Diocese Goal: \$1,200,000.00
 Total Raised: \$ 855,305
 Total Received: \$ 746,994

Donor Goal: 4,191
 Current Donors 2,565



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 has left for Vacation.
 We wish him safe travels.



Homebound Holy Communion

January 16th
 Kathy Schroeder



Mass Intentions

Monday NO MASS	January 10 NO MASS
Tuesday 5:15 p.m.	January 11 Communion Service
Wednesday 7:30 a.m.	January 12 Communion Service
Thursday 7:30 a.m.	January 13 Communion Service
Friday 9:30 a.m.	January 14 Communion Service (at Centennial for residents only)
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	January 15 +Joseph & Robert Quirk
Sunday 7:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	January 16 The Rector Family Harriet Kisicki



Minister List For January 15th & 16th
5:00 a.m. Mass

Rosary:
 Eucharist: I. Budke & R. Ochs
 Greeter: J. & G. Swift
 Lector: S. Westling
 Servers: S. & K Fowler

7:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary:
 Eucharist: Deacon Davis & A. Halling
 Greeter: The Pagels
 Lector: S. Granger
 Servers:

11:00 a.m. Mass

Rosary:
 Eucharist: P. & D. Lee
 Greeters: C. & S. Ningen & G. Bayer
 Lector:
 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.

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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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