

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.

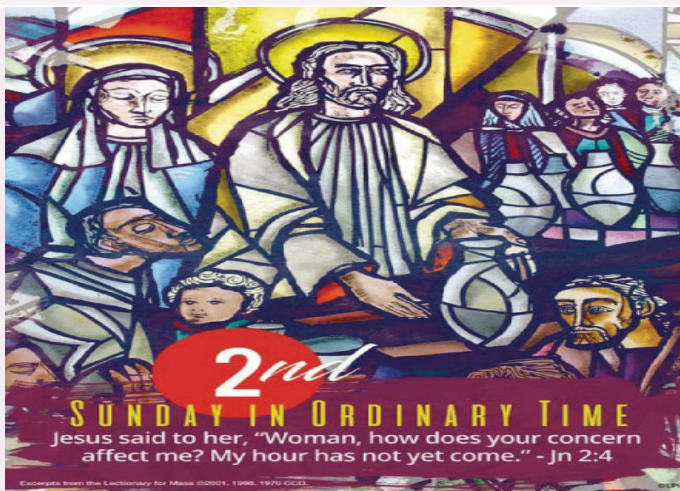
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Holy Spirit Website:

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YOUTUBE: Holy Spirit Catholic Church North Platte

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



God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness.

It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love. God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.


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.**



Our Preschool & Kindergarten enrollment is currently taking place and space is filling up fast!

We will be hosting an "Information Night" for Preschool & Kindergarten on Wednesday, February 2 @ 6PM in the McDaid Gym.

This evening is for families that have already registered their student and for families that are just interested in learning more about what NPCS has to offer.

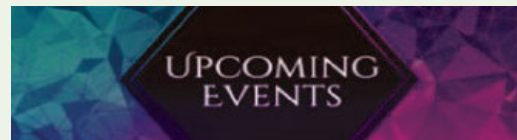
***New & Transferring families— we are now accepting registrations for ALL GRADE levels for the 2022 school year.**

If you plan to attend the information night or would like a private tour, please email or contact Gwen Covey

@532-1874 or g.covey@npcschools.org

We look forward to seeing you!

GOD IS HERE!



Monday, January 17th

SPVA Girls Basketball Tourney

4:00PM—JH Boys Bball @ NPMS

Tuesday, January 18th

SPVA Boys Basketball Tourney

Wednesday, January 19th

Res Boys Bball vs NPMS

Thursday, January 20th

SPVA Girls Basketball Tourney

4:00PM—JH Boys Bball vs NPMS

Friday, January 21st

11:00 AM—WR @ South Loup

SPVA Boys Basketball Tourney

Saturday, January 22nd

SPVA Girls & Boys Basketball Tourney



Conner Hasenauer has been selected as the student of the month for January. Teachers and Student Council members vote on a student to receive this honor. Conner, a senior, is the son of Matt and Kelley Hasenauer of North Platte. His school activities include football, basketball, golf and Honor roll. Congratulations, Conn



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 10, 2022

Adult	\$5,090.00
Children	\$61.51
Misc. Collections	\$90.00

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For all the ill of our parish.



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

CCD



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.

2021/22 Diocesan Appeal

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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

Tel: (214) 755-9551

Email: husamhannuneh007@gmail.com

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

- John 10:11



Holy Spirit Parish/North Platte

Parish Goal: \$47,901.00
 Total Raised: \$49,967.00
 Total Received: \$45,232.00
 Donor Goal: 120
 Current No. of Donors: 97

Diocese of Grand Island

Diocese Goal: \$1,200,000.00
 Total Raised: \$884,908.00
 Total Received: \$780,560.00

 Donor Goal: 3,980
 Current Donors: 2,638



**Confirmation 2021
 Certificates and
 Pictures**

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

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

It Takes All Kinds

“If every flower wanted to be a rose,” wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, “spring would lose its loveliness.”

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of “varieties of tongues” might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, “Do whatever he tells you,” her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God’s instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God’s word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.— **Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS**

Homebound Holy Communion

**January 23rd
 Anne Jacobson**



Mass Intentions

Monday NO MASS	January 17 NO MASS
Tuesday 5:15 p.m.	January 18 Communion Service
Wednesday 7:30 a.m.	January 19 Communion Service
Thursday 7:30 a.m.	January 20 Communion Service
Friday 9:30 a.m.	January 21 Communion Service (at Centennial for residents only)
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	January 22 +Norma Blakely
Sunday 7:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	January 23 + Wes Jacobson Nancy Maciejewski



Minister List For January 22nd & 23rd

5:00 p.m. Mass

Rosary: A. Mueller
 Eucharist: B. Gilsdorf & K. Cooper
 Greeter: C. & S. Ningen
 Lector: C. Williams
 Servers: S. & C. Erbert

7:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary: Deacon Davis
 Eucharist: Deacon Davis & R. Penkava
 Greeter: M. & B. Nozicka
 Lector: S. Dodson
 Servers:

11:00 a.m. Mass

Rosary: J. McFadden
 Eucharist: C. Thalken & M. O’Holleran
 Greeters: M. & C. Wiegand
 Lector: A. Brosius
 Servers: C. & S. Hunter



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.

KENYA SCHOOL PROJECT

This past weekend, McDaid Elementary students Jack Condon and Oliwia Wieszorek spoke at all three Masses about a project that they and other McDaid and St. Patrick's High School students are undertaking. You might recall that a few years ago, these same NP Catholic Schools students, long with their classmates, did a project that many of you were asked to support. Dr. Kim Baxter, who is a local optometrist and member of St. Patrick's parish, was preparing to travel to Kenya to provide eye care and donated eyeglasses for the poor people of that country. Jack, Oliwia, and their fellow students asked many of you to help them raise money to purchase a new water pump for a children's school there, where half of the students are orphans. Thanks to your support, they raised enough money to purchase the water pump, as well as some mattresses and bedding for many other children from another orphanage. Dr. Baxter will soon be traveling to that same impoverished area of western Kenya for another eye care mission. These students are again connecting with him for another very important project to help the kids there. This time, they are hoping to raise at least \$3,000 to replace the textbooks and school supplies for the children from another orphanage and school that burned to the ground last April. If you would be willing to help them in this effort, Father Sagar has graciously encouraged us to insert our donation in an envelope and place it in the collection basket next weekend at Mass. Or you can drop off your donation any time (prior to Jan. 17th, if possible) at McDaid Elementary or St. Patrick's High School. If you are writing a check, please make it out to "North Platte Rotary Club" and write "Kenya School project" in the item line.

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 .



January 23
Latin America

St. Sebastian | January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

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