

## From The Pastor's Desk

There's a war going on. Right now...right here. The war is inside each of us. It is a war between the old self and the new self. In some ways, it is a war for control; of our mind and our emotions. Our inner life is the battlefield. St Paul tells us: *you should put away the old self of your former life...and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.*

Say that you are sitting around with a group of friends, just having a good time and talking about different things. Then someone starts talking about a person that you all know. Soon everyone is talking about that person, making judgments and tearing that person's character apart. You feel uncomfortable because you can see what is going on there. They are really being unfair to this person who is not there to defend himself. And yet you say nothing. You remain silent because you are afraid of what your friends will think about you. At that point you are acting out of your old or false self. You are only doing what others want you to do, not what you know you should really do.

When we operate out of our old selves, we have lost contact with who we really are in God. The old self has no thoughts of its own. Whatever is fashionable in the culture is what he or she thinks. It's not hard to find whole groups of people who all think the same way about something, but when you question them as to the basis of their beliefs they do not know what to answer. They will give you a cliché for an answer because they haven't been able to really think deeply about the reasons for their actions. That precisely is one of the reasons that they feel most comfortable around people who think exactly as they do. They find comfort in the unthinking crowd.

The sign that we are living in the new self is integration. This means that no matter what we are doing or concerned about, the meaning of it all is based in our connection to the divine. Nothing in our life should be outside of the horizon of the Sacred. If we have to forget about God in order to do something, then we are not living in the new self. I do not mean that we have to consciously be thinking about God all of the time, but our connection to God must be the background for everything that we do in life.

*Fr. Joe*

## Masses, Readings and Activities

### Sunday, August 2 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary time

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15; Eph 4: 17, 20-24; Jn 6: 24-35</i>
8:00 am	Mass—†Ramon DelBosque
8:00 am	DCYC Youth Ministry
9:30 am	Mass—Intentions of Robert Rombach
10:30 am	A Biblical Walk Through the Mass
11:30 am	Mass—People of Holy Spirit
1:00 pm	ACTS Men's Retreat Team
5:30 pm	Mass—Intentions of Rachel Ries

### Monday, August 3

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Nm 11: 4b-15; Mt 14: 13-21</i>
8:30 am	Mass—†Nora Romero
9:30 am	Low-Impact Exercise Class
6:00 pm	Safe Environment Orientation
6:30 pm	Catholic Daughters of America
6:30 pm	Women's ACTS Renewal Planning

### Tuesday, August 4 St. John Vianney

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Nm 12: 1-3; Mt 14: 22-36</i>
8:30 am	Mass—†Manuel Luis Vilgera
7:00 pm	RCIA Inquiry Session
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus General Meeting

### Wednesday, August 5

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a,34-35; Mt 15: 21-28</i>
8:30 am	Mass—†Sil Krenek
9:00 am	Legion of Mary
9:30 am	Low Impact Exercise Class
10:00 am	Craft Workshop
6:00 pm	Family Prayer Group
6:00 pm	Confessions
7:00 pm	Estudio de la Biblia

### Thursday, August 6 Transfiguration of the Lord

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt: 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10</i>
8:30 am	Mass—†Prospero Pinedo
6:30 pm	Faith Formation Commission Meeting
7:00 pm	33 Days to Morning Glory Class
7:00 pm	ACTS Women's SCC

### Friday, August 7 St. Sixtus II

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Dt 4: 32-40; Mt 16: 24-28</i>
8:30 am	Mass—†Francisco Mendoza
9:15 am	1st Friday Exposition / Adoration / Benediction
5:30 pm	Resendiz / Tuquero Wedding Rehearsal

### Saturday, August 8 St. Dominic

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Dt 6: 4-13; Mt 17: 14-20</i>
8:30 am	Mass—†Eloise Stampley
2:00 pm	Resendiz / Tuquero Wedding
3:30 pm	Confessions
5:30 pm	Mass—†Nancy Houdek
6:30 pm	Anniversary Celebration

### Sunday, August 9 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary time

<i>Readings</i>	<i>1 Kgs 19: 4-8; Eph 4: 30—5:2; Jn 6: 41-51</i>
8:00 am	Mass—†Al & Alice Lauer
9:30 am	Mass—†Manuela DelBosque
10:30 am	A Biblical Walk Through the Mass
11:30 am	Mass—†Sergio Omer Mora
12:30 pm	Faith Formation Ice Cream Social
1:00 pm	ACTS Men's Retreat Team
5:30 pm	Mass—People of Holy Spirit

**Faith Formation—Youth**

We have so many people working very hard to get the paperwork ready to send our 100,000 Rosaries to Angola! We could really use some intercessory prayers right now so we are starting a Novena in preparation for the Assumption of Mary. On Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> we will start our 9 day prayer to ask Mary to help us send these rosaries to her people in Angola! The prayers can be found in an insert in today's bulletin. Please join us!

Please pray for our teens attending the Dallas Catholic Youth Conference this weekend! We are in Frisco with 700 other teens from the Diocese. This year's theme is "Arise!"


Save the Date! We are making some changes to the youth ministry program! Come check out the changes on August 11<sup>th</sup> for our "What's the Dish?" potluck event! All teens, parents and volunteers are welcome to join us!



**Sacramental Preparation**

**On-site registration for Faith Formation and sacramental preparation for the 2015/16 year takes place Sunday, August 9 and Sunday, August 16 after all the morning Masses in the dining room.** Children registering for sacramental preparation must have completed one year of Faith Formation last year, whether it was at Holy Spirit or another parish. If it was at another parish, a Letter of Verification from that parish must be on file with our office prior to registering for sacramental preparation. Also, if you have a copy of the child's baptismal certificate, that would be awesome! The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in the 8th Grade or older and First Communion in the 2nd Grade. However, attendance for two consecutive years in Faith Formation/Youth Ministry remains a diocesan mandatory requirement for sacramental preparation. We check attendance when you register for sacramental preparation to ensure you meet the two-year requirement and that attendance was satisfactory the year prior. That means six absences or less during the 2014/15 Faith Formation year. You may contact Deborah, Devyn, Lindee or Lisa with any questions regarding sacramental preparation.

Information and paperwork regarding infant Baptism (ages 6 and under) may be directed to Lisa Estrada. Our next baptismal preparation class for parents and godparents is not until Saturday, September 12, from 9 am to 12:30 pm. All completed paperwork must be turned in no later than two weeks prior to the baptism class date.





**Collection of rummage items for the Fall Festival** has begun. Bring in your kitchenware, pots, pans, utensils, clothes, shoes, knickknacks, toys, books, CDs, DVDs, garden tools, lamps, linens, electronics, etc. **(NO COMPUTERS, please!)**. Michelle will take phone calls at 214-864-2566 to arrange for pickup of large items only. If no one is in the office when you bring your items for rummage, please don't leave them outside the door. That creates a hazardous condition for entry to the office.


**We need Auction items for the Fall Festival.** It's time to begin collecting new items, gift certificates for services, unused new gifts you have received, estate-quality items and items from your business or where you work or shop for the silent and live-online auctions. Please bring them to the community center. Fill out a donation form. The forms are available at the front desk. Questions? Call Sandi Ciarochi at 469-222-4747.



The Fall Festival Committee is planning some **exciting changes and additions** to our always enjoyable Fall Festival (Saturday-Sunday, September 26-27). For the first time, the festival's Saturday hours will continue into the evening. The same great food, children's games, musical entertainment, and more will run through 8:30 pm. This new format includes the addition of a new beer garden open from 6:30-8:30 pm on Saturday night. But the most exciting change is that the popular live auction is going **online** - available from September 15 through October 4. **We know you can help to make this festival the best ever, and we've saved a place for you in the picture!** If you'd like to join the committee, contact Jeff Miller, Co-Chair, at [miller.jeff55@gmail.com](mailto:miller.jeff55@gmail.com) or call the parish office at (972) 298-4971. We'd love to have your help!



**Praise God through song** by joining the choir at 5:30 pm Saturdays and 9:30 and 11:30 am Sunday Masses. For more information, please contact Felipe Ramirez at [FelipeRamirez@holyspiritcc.org](mailto:FelipeRamirez@holyspiritcc.org).



**Flowers for the Lord's altar this week are in honor of Jack & Juanita Ramsden, requested by Davida Callender.**

**The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week in loving memory of **†Sonya Myrunenko**, requested by Gloria Brunschede.

**Family of Safe Environment Orientation** for those new to volunteering with vulnerable groups or for those who would like to complete their yearly retraining, will be held in the Community Center on Monday, August 3 at 6:00 pm. Please call Sharon Bush at 972-298-4971 x 19 to register for the orientation or for any questions you may have.

# CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



## BACKPACK SUNDAY

Join us next Sunday, August 9 at the 9:30 & 11:30 am Masses, as there will be a special blessing of the backpacks! Children are invited to bring their school backpacks to Mass and Father will bless the children and the backpacks and give them an awesome send-off before the new school year begins! For those of you without backpacks, maybe a few will be donated and on-hand to distribute. Please contact Donna in our Outreach Ministry for backpack assistance. **Afterwards, join us in the dining room for an ice cream social and meet some of your fellow classmates!**

**On-Site Faith Formation registration takes place Sunday, August 9 & August 16 after all the MORNING masses in the dining room.** Please see the green column for detailed information regarding registration.

Catechists, please mark your calendars for Monday, August 10, 17 & 24 for certification training and orientation! We will offer the 5-hour course Grade Level Methods on Monday, August 10 from 5-10 p.m. Dinner will be provided and if you need childcare, please contact Sharon at 972.298.9460. Please register with Deborah if you wish to attend.

**On Monday, August 17, from 5-10 pm, national speaker, Monica Ashour with TOBET will be here to speak on Theology of the Body, which will replace the 5 hour credit course, Chaste Living. This outstanding presentation is open to the entire parish! Please register with Deborah.**

## Power Hour



**AND we are pleased to offer the Parents' Power Hour from 7-8 pm where this presentation will be geared just for you! (So you only have to come for an hour...) Here is an opportunity to learn how to talk to your children/teens about this subject without fear but with love.**

**Orientation for ALL catechists, aides & teen aides is on the 24th starting at 6:30 pm with a potluck supper. We will have a guest speaker so make plans to attend.** If you can't make it, please let Deborah know to make arrangements to take your photo ID and pick up class materials

- ♦ **All families wishing to sign children up for Faith Formation must be registered members of Holy Spirit.** If you haven't already completed a Parish Census Form to be a part of our wonderful faith community, you must do that **first before** picking up registration paperwork for Faith Formation.
- ♦ **Children registering for sacramental preparation MUST HAVE completed one year of Faith Formation last year, whether it was at Holy Spirit or another parish.** If it was at another parish, a Letter of Verification from that parish **MUST** be on file with our office prior to registering for sacramental preparation. Also, if you have a copy of the child's baptismal certificate, that would be awesome!
- ♦ **The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in the 8th Grade or older and First Communion in the 2nd Grade.** However, attendance for two consecutive years in Faith Formation/Youth Ministry remains a diocesan mandatory requirement for sacramental preparation. We check attendance when you register for sacramental preparation to ensure you meet the two-year requirement and that attendance was satisfactory the year prior. **That means six absences or less for 2014/15.**
- ♦ **For paperwork received on the 9th or 16th, all Faith Formation registration fees/sacramental expenses must be paid in full by Thursday, August 20 before your child will be placed on a class roster.** Current class fees are \$45.00 for one child; \$90.00 for two children; and \$105.00 for three or more children. Sacramental expenses are separate. **Class fees will increase again as of August 28 so register now!**

**SPECIAL NOTE: We will not accept registrations after Thursday, August 20 in order to prepare for the first day of class and Parent Orientation on Sunday, August 30.** You can still obtain paperwork Monday through Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm but it will not be processed until after the Labor Day Holiday. Children registering after August 20 will attend class on September 7. **And absolutely no registration paperwork will be processed on Sunday, August 30!!**

Classes are already filling up so don't delay in registering your children for next year's Faith Formation, especially children in 1st Grade, as this is the required first year of First Communion preparation or if last year was your child's first year of the two-year sacramental requirement. If you received a fee statement in the mail, those are now due in order for your child to be placed on a class roster for the upcoming year. **We cannot guarantee class availability for those with outstanding balances. Please contact Deborah with any questions. All outstanding fees must be paid in full by August 20. Credit card payments made be made on-line at our parish website at [www.holyspiritcatholic.com](http://www.holyspiritcatholic.com)**

**Adult And Family Ministry**

**Community Life**

**URGENT** 1st Anniversary Celebration  
 August 8, 2015

RSVP cards were included in your invitations, please return your cards to us with the information on the back filled in as soon as possible. We need your name to reserve your place.  
 Deadline is Monday, August 3th, 5 pm for reservations and payment for guests.

Please contact Veronica Houston for details, 972.298-4971 x26.

**New Day** A Grief Support Group for Adults  
 NEW DAY is a nine week grief support program.

Beginning this Thursday, August 6th 7:00-9:00 pm  
 Holy Spirit Community Center

To register by August 6th or for more information about NEW DAY, Call Jessica Huckeba at 214-498-6886

**Adult Faith Formation 2015**

Come see and register for these exciting programs  
 August 9th & 16th in the Community Center

- Sundays 9:15 – 10:30 am, starting September 13**
  - Adult Cluster 1 “Matthew” video series
  - Adult Cluster 2 “The Bible Timeline” video series
  - Adult Cluster 4 “Finding True Happiness”
- Sundays 11:15 – 12:30 pm, starting September 13**
  - Adult Cluster 3 “Evangelio Según San Lucas”
- Mondays 9:30 – 11:00 am, starting September 14**
  - Monday Morning Scripture Study “Letters from Prison”
- Mondays, 10:00 – 11:30 am, starting September 14**
  - Mothers Together in Christ
- Wednesdays 7:00 – 9:00 pm, starting September 16**
  - Wednesday Evening Scripture Study “Matthew”
- Second Tuesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, starting September 8**
  - Women’s Spirituality “ENDOW” JP II Letters to Women
- Tuesday Evenings, 7:00-9:00 pm, starting September 15**
  - Hearts Afire “Consoling the Heart of Jesus”
- Tuesday Evenings, 7:00-9:00 pm, starting September 15**
  - Tuesday Evening Scripture Study “The Mass”

Registration forms also available in the Narthex and Community Center.

**Office of Adult & Family Ministry**

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**HOLY SPIRIT SPLASH DAY!**



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 10:30AM-6:00PM**  
**HAWAIIAN FALLS MANSFIELD**  
 Come and enjoy one last day of fun in the sun!

**Tickets: \$25 per person**  
**(2 and under free)**

**TICKETS INCLUDE:**

- All Day Admission
- Catered Hamburger or Hot Dog Meal
- Unlimited Drinks
- Sweet Treat
- Pavilion for Holy Spirit Guest

If we sell 200 tickets, we will have an exclusive event from 6:30-8:30pm that evening...meaning the park will be open for Holy Spirit Guest only during this time!

Buy your tickets starting this weekend after all masses.

**SUMMER DOESN'T HAVE TO END**  
**WHEN SCHOOL STARTS!**

**Outreach**

**First Sunday Rosary** for the end to abortion is today at 10:30 am in the church.

**Food Pantry:** With the children out of school, we find we are getting more requests for food to help fill hungry tummies. Our Food Pantry is in need of the following items: canned soups and fruit, dry or canned beans, rice, pasta, peanut butter and canned meats such as tuna, chicken, etc. If you can help by donating any of these items, place in the Outreach box in the Narthex. Thank you so much for your help.

**School Supplies needed by August 10.** We are still in need of backpacks and school supplies for our annual school supply drive. The backpacks and supplies that you donate help our sister parish Holy Cross and needy families in our parish community. There are copies of a complete list of items needed in the pamphlet rack in the Narthex. We gratefully appreciate your donations and everyone who has already donated. We need the school supplies by Monday, August 10 so that the children can have what they need when school starts. You can drop your items off in the Outreach box in the Narthex or you can bring them to the Community Center during regular office hours. Thank you for your generosity.

**Finance**

Weekend of July 25/26

\$ 37,226.64	Weekly Contributions
\$ 807.00	On-Line Giving
<b>\$(22,365.00)</b>	Average Weekly Expenses
\$ 16,733.01	Surplus

Balance in Future Fund \$29,133.00

Thank you and God Bless You..