

## From The Pastor's Desk

Marriage is a friendship where a life-long commitment is made between the two people. And these two people, a man and a woman, are to live the rest of their lives seeking ever-closer intimacy and sharing with one another. *Marriage is "The intimate community of life and love..." (Par. 1603, Catechism of the Catholic Church)*

This means that both husband and wife are to constantly seek ways to deepen their friendship and partnership with one another. It is not enough to own the same house, have the same children, and pay the same bills. Companionship and conversation have to be the food of love. When you were courting one another, your main desire was to be together. It often didn't really matter what you did when you were together – you just wanted to be with the other person. So maybe you went out for a meal, or took a walk, or just watched television. It didn't matter because you were together. That was enough.

In marriage the danger is in thinking that since you live in the same house and sleep in the same bed you must, therefore, be together. But you all know that is not true. Being together in marriage means first and foremost sharing yourself with one another. Being one flesh means not only giving yourself physically to one another, you also are asked to give yourself emotionally and spiritually to one another. To do this you need to talk – to share what is going on within you. You need to take time to listen to one another. And ideally, you need to pray together.

I have a very simple exercise I would like all of you married people to do when you get home. If you can push a pencil, you can do this exercise. When you get home, each of you should take a pencil and paper. Then draw a picture that represents you and your spouse. Leave some space between the two of you when you draw that picture. Now write or draw in that space anything or anyone that is an obstacle to you really being the best of friends and companions.

If there's anyone that regularly keeps you from being what you promised to be that wedding day, it's times for major surgery. Even your children were never meant to keep you from the time and focus that your marriage needs. In fact, the best thing you can do for your children is give them the security that comes from feeling that the love that came from is still going strong.

For many of you it will not be a person that divides you, but activities. In a marriage, it is easy to act as if you are not really married. You start to make decisions about your time without consulting your marriage partner. These may be about small things at first, but can gradually grow through the years so that you really don't spend much time doing anything together.

Once you identified persons or activities that keep you apart, then it is time to make some life-changing decisions. Build companionship through activities – doing things together. Minimize what you do apart, maximize what you do together. Make a plan. We all need a plan in order to accomplish any worthwhile goal. And so in marriage.

All of this means that you have to stay open to one another and to what will help your marriage. A man once brought a new radio, brought it home, placed it on the refrigerator, plugged it in, turned it to his favorite station, and then pulled all the knobs off! He had already tuned in all he ever wanted or expected to hear. Some marriages are in a rut and become rather boring because either or both partners have settled down for life – really settled down! Stay open to newness. Stay open to change.

May the God of love of always be the bond that keeps you together.

**Fr. Joe**

## Masses, Readings and Activities

### Sunday, October 4 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Readings

	<i>Gn 2: 18-24; Heb 2: 9-11; Mk 10: 2-16</i>
8:00 am	Mass—†Sir Ben Onyekonwa
8:30 am	Sunday Morning Food & Fellowship
9:00 am	6th Grade Family Session
9:15/11:15 am	Children's Faith Formation / Adults Clusters 1,2,3,4
9:30 am	Mass—Intentions of Daniel McBrayer
11:30 am	Mass—Intentions of Frank Cedeno
3:00 pm	Blessing of Animals
5:30 pm	Mass—People of Holy Spirit
6:30 pm	Youth Ministry

### Monday, October 5

#### Readings

	<i>Jon 1: 1-2; 2, 11</i>
8:30 am	Mass—Intentions of Bob Rombach
9:15 am	Monday Morning Scripture Study
9:30 am	Low-Impact Exercise Class

### Tuesday, October 6 St. Bruno

#### Readings

	<i>Jon 3: 1-20; Lk 10:38-42</i>
8:30 am	Mass—†Francisco Mendoza
9:30 am	YAHAs Meeting
6:00 pm	Consoling the Heart of Jesus Makeup
6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus 1st Degree Orientation
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus General Meeting
7:00 pm	Consoling the Heart of Jesus Christ

### Wednesday, October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

#### Readings

	<i>Jon 4: 1-11; Lk 11: 1-4</i>
8:30 am	Mass—†John & Kathleen McGrath
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
6:00 pm	King and His Kingdom Make-Up
6:30 pm	Team Spirit
6:30 pm	Endow Girl Genius
7:00 pm	RCIA Session
7:00 pm	ART Committee
7:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Scripture Study: Matthew

### Thursday, October 8

#### Readings

	<i>Mal 3: 13-20b; Lk 11: 5-13</i>
8:30 am	Mass—†Jeraldine Melrin
7:00 pm	Zone Board Meeting
7:00 pm	New Day Grief Support
7:30 pm	Knight of Columbus 4th Degree Team
7:30 pm	Choir Practice

### Friday, October 9 St. Denis; St. John Leonardi

#### Readings

	<i>Jl 1: 13-15, 2: 1-2; Lk 11: 15-27</i>
8:30 am	Mass—Intentions of Chief Basil Okeke
9:00 am	Bishop Dunne Retreat
9:15 am	Holy Hour

### Saturday, October 10

#### Readings

	<i>Jl 4: 12-21; Lk 11: 27-28</i>
8:00 am	Ministry of Consolation
8:30 am	Holy Mass—Intentions of Mary Flusche
9:00 am	RCIA Fall Retreat
3:30 pm	Confessions
5:30 pm	Mass—†Jerry Kutil

### Sunday, October 11 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Readings

	<i>Wis 7: 7-11; Heb 4: 12-13; Mk 10: 17-30</i>
8:00 am	Mass—People of Holy Spirit
9:00 am	5th Grade Family Session
9:15/11:15 am	Children's Faith Formation / Adults Clusters 1,2,3,4
9:30 am	Mass—Intentions of Daniel McBrayer
11:30 am	Mass—Intentions of Judy Hawkins
1:30 pm	Youth Ministry Confirmation Preparation Session
3:00 pm	Blessing of Animals
5:30 pm	Mass—†Sergio Omer Mora
6:30 pm	Youth Ministry

Faith Formation—Youth

Tonight the HSY will focus on praying for the unborn. A group of teens will be praying outside the Planned Parenthood by Methodist Charlton. Always remember to stand up for all life!

If you volunteered at the Fall Festival and you need someone to approve your hours for your school, you can put Devyn Buschow down as the contact. [DevynBuschow@holyspiritcc.org](mailto:DevynBuschow@holyspiritcc.org), 972-298-4971 x 16

We need help in the parking lot on Sunday nights! Parents, remember to go through the carpool line. We do not allow teens to walk through the parking lot! Since it is dark in the evening now we want to make sure everyone stays as safe as possible. If you can help volunteer directing traffic and keeping our teens safe, please help us out on Sunday evening!



The St. Theresa Province of the Discalced Carmelite Friars cordially invite you to celebrate 500 years of St. Teresa of Avila.

Join Bishop Kevin J. Farrell and the Carmelite Friars as they celebrate Mass at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe.

October 15, 2015 at 7pm
2215 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX

Reception to follow in the Grand Salon

Please RSVP to ocds.dallas@gmail.com

Sacramental Preparation

Sacrament Preparation for the 2015/16 Faith Formation year is officially closed. If you missed the first mandatory Parent Only meeting on Sunday, September 13, you must contact Devyn prior to the upcoming Parent/Student session. The first Confirmation Parent & Student session is scheduled for next Sunday, October 11 from 1:30-3:45 pm in the gym. Please mark your calendars now and be considerate of the other 70+ families and arrive on time and ready to go! That way, we can get out on time and maybe even a little early....For childcare needs, please call Sharon Bush at 972.298.9460. You may contact Deborah, Devyn, Lindee or Lisa with any questions regarding sacramental preparation or deadlines.

Our first PARENT ONLY meeting for the Sacrament of Eucharist (First Communion) is Sunday, October 18 from 1:30-3:45 pm. Parents, you are required to attend this meeting; however, children do not. You may contact Sharon Bush at 972.298.9460 for childcare needs within 3 days of the meeting. Contact Lisa Estrada if you have a conflict with the meeting date or questions regarding First Communion 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 Saturday, November 14, from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Please contact Lisa for the required paperwork, which must be completed and turned in two weeks prior to the class date.



Congratulations everyone on a remarkable Fall Festival. Many thanks to our Festival Committee and all the 400+ volunteers who made this happen!!



Congratulations Raffle Winners:

- 1st prize.....Mark Bielowicz
2nd prize.....Asmahan Hanna
3rd prize.....Bernabe Barza
4th prize.....Raul Galvan
5th prize.....Jose Refugio Reyes
Carlo Delarosa



Flowers for the Lord's altar this week are in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary, requested by Marcel & Flora Osuji.

# CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes resume this Sunday, October 4 after a hugely successful Fall Festival! We hope everyone had an opportunity to come out and enjoy all the fun and festivities and support our parish's annual fund-raiser.

And congratulations to the 4th Grade for donating the most baked goods for the Festival Bake Sale! Way to go!



**GRADE LEVEL Family Sessions** begin this Sunday, October 4 with the 6th Grade, so parents plan on joining your child during their normal Faith Formation class for a great hands-on, faith-filled experience! *As these sessions are intended for both the parent and child, please don't drop your child off and leave because you'll be missing out on a wonderful opportunity to spend some quality one-on-one time with your child.* To ensure minimal disruption, our nursery is available for younger siblings.

**PARENTS:** *These grade level Family Sessions ARE NOT associated with our sacramental preparation program, which is COMPLETELY SEPARATE. Our grade level Family Sessions are designed to give you an opportunity to actually experience what your child is being taught and learning in their Faith Formation class.*

**5th Grade Family Sessions are NEXT Sunday, October 11 in the dining room.**

*A special thanks to all the catechists, aides & teens who participated in our Pajama Pizza Party last Wednesday! What a fun way to round out this year's Catechist Orientation and something to keep in mind for next year's agenda!*



Grab your "mummy" and make plans to join us on Halloween night, Saturday, October 31 from 7-9 pm in the Community Center gym for our annual **HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR!**

There'll be lots of games, snacks, lots of treats and maybe even a few tricks. Be sure to bring a treat bag and your cutest costume (let's keep it from being too creepy) and enjoy an evening of ghostly fun!

**We are also graciously accepting donations of bagged Halloween candy, treats and prizes (we'll need a lot as this is one of our largest events!). Please drop your donations off at the Community Center front desk, attention Deborah. Also, if you would like to volunteer to help out (Confirmation families, here's a great service project!), contact Deborah or Devyn.**

Faith Formation registration for the 2015/2016 year is officially closed unless you have a 3, 4 or 5-year old or they are fully sacramented. Contact the Faith Formation Office for class availability, as many classes have reached maximum size capacity and are full.

**Adult And Family Ministry**

**Community Life**



Calling all "YAHAs"  
Young At Heart Adults

**The NEW YAHAs**  
**NO Hassle, NO Work**  
**JUST FUN**

This **TUESDAY**  
Following the 8:30 am daily Mass.  
In the Dining Room. All are Welcome!  
Come enjoy the Coffee, Doughnuts  
and Fellowship.

**Tuesday, October 6th**  
**9:30 am to 10:30 am**  
**Free Coffee & Pastries**

**SUNDAY MORNING FOOD & FELLOWSHIP**

**Today: Coffee & Donuts**

Join us in the Gym for some delicious coffee, juice & donuts. Suggested donation is 50¢ per item.  
See you Sunday!

**Holy Spirit Autumn Social**

(formerly...a Welcome Dinner)

Mark your Calendars for Saturday, October 17

More info to come in next weeks bulletin!

It will be a family friendly event!!

**Outreach**

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

**October is "Respect Life Month"** Please join us by participating in any or all of the following:

**2015 Baby Bank Campaign starts this weekend!** Baby Banks will be distributed in the Narthex. Please stop by the table and pick one up. Your donations will go to help to support Pro-Life ministries In the Dallas area and the Catholic Crisis Pregnancy Centers in the Diocese. Please contribute whatever you can in an effort to save the lives of the unborn.

**Baby and Maternity Items Needed:** During the month of October, baby cribs will be set up in the Narthex and Community Center. The White Rose and Birth Choice Crisis Pregnancy Centers need new and gently used baby and maternity items. Please check the list posted on the cribs as to specific needs.

**MEN**

**3 DAYS. 3 NIGHTS.**

**CHANGE**

**YOUR**

**LIFE**



**ACTS RETREAT**

**STARTS AT 5:30 PM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22**

**ENDS AT 11:30 MASS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**INFO ONLINE AT:**

[HTTP://WWW.HOLYSPIRITCATHOLIC.COM/MENS-ACTS-RETREAT](http://www.holyspiritcatholic.com/mens-acts-retreat)

**OR IN THE NARTHEX**

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY**

**Burgers-to-go!** After 9:30 and 11:30 Masses Oct. 18.  
Sponsored by ACTS.

**ACTS Women Renewal Morning, Sat, Oct. 24:**

**Arise! Becoming Fully Alive in the Spirit.**

Pre-register at front desk or online at:

<http://www.holyspiritcatholic.com/events/renew-meeting>

**Office of Adult & Family Ministry**

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**Finance**

Weekend of September 26/27

\$14,890.70

\$ 1,137.00

\$22,365.00

\$(6,337.30)

Weekly Contributions

On-Line Giving

Average Weekly Expenses

(Shortfall)

Balance in Future Fund

\$32,196.00

Thank you for your contributions and May God Bless You.