

From The Pastor's Desk

Christianity has at times been presented as if it concerned nothing but the salvation of people's souls. Various political movements, Communism in particular, have seized on this emphasis and used it to criticize the church. Their criticism has been that religion is simply a way of placating people with promises of heaven so that they will not become discontented with miserable living conditions here on earth. That accusation may, on occasion, be more justified than we care to admit. But, it certainly does not fit the Christianity that we find on the pages of the New Testament. Jesus never made any attempt to break people up into separate pieces and to save their souls while caring nothing for the rest of them. He was concerned about the whole person – body, soul, mind, and all.

Our Gospel reading for today is a clear example of this total concern. Jesus and his disciples were out in the wilderness, and a great crowd of people had followed them. He had spent the day teaching them spiritual truths. Then, with the approach of evening his concern shifted to another matter – the people's need for food. It was not enough for him that their souls had been fed; he was also determined that their bodies would be nourished as well.

The ministry of Jesus was always concerned with the whole person. He was committed to the meeting of human need in all of its many and varied forms. When people were sick, he healed them. When they were lonely, he included them. When they were ignorant, he taught them. When they sinned, he forgave them. When their hearts were broken, he comforted them. When they were hungry, he fed them. And, he called his disciples to join him in this total ministry to the total needs of people.

Now, that job belongs to you and me, his church. Our mission in this world is purely and simply meeting the needs of people, whatever those needs might happen to be. And, we can learn something about doing that from today's readings. The disciples in our story started with 5 loaves and two fish. But, they finished with everyone fed and 12 baskets left over. I'm not sure how all that came about. But, I do know that the difference was Christ. Remember, we are not in this alone. The Lord is more concerned about human need than you and I will ever be. Our task is to make a start with what we have and then trust him to supply the rest.

Fr. Joe

*Please pray for an increase
in vocations to the
priesthood and religious life
especially from our parish community!*

Weekly Readings

Sunday, May 29 Gn 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17
Monday, May 30 2 Pt 1:2-7; Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday, May 31 Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday, June 1 2 Tim 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday, June 2 2 Tim 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34
Friday, June 3 Ez 34:11-16; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7
Saturday, June 4 2 Tim 4:1-8; Lk 2:41-51
Sunday, June 5 1 Kgs 17:17-24; Gal 1:11-19; Lk 7:11-17

Liturgy, Reconciliation & Activities

Sunday, May 29 *Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)*

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass—†Bob Rombach
 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Chuck Pelletier
 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Ernest T. Lopez Sr.
 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—†Philomena Mattingly

Monday, May 30 *Memorial Day—* *PASTORAL OFFICES CLOSED*

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Noe Tamez

Tuesday, May 31 *Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Mrs. Eilish Dillon
 3:00 p.m. Library Meeting

Wednesday, June 1 *St. Justin*

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—Intentions of Doris Jarzompek
 9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary
 6:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:00 p.m. Family Prayer Group
 6:30 p.m. Open Youth Night
 7:00 p.m. Estudio Biblico
 Outreach Commission Meeting
 Wednesday Movie Night

Thursday, June 2 *Sts. Marcellinus and Peter*

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Roman Yzaguirre
 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, June 3 *Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Nancy Houdek
 9:00 a.m. First Friday Holy Hour—Exposition & Adoration
 7:00 p.m. First Friday Holy Hour—Exposition & Adoration

Saturday, June 4 *Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Cecilo Antonio
 3:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:00 p.m. Choir Practice
 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—†Elizabeth Callendar

Sunday, June 5

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass—†Cindy Buchanan
 8:30 a.m. 2016-2017 VBS Registration
 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Marlene Lancrone
 Catholic Daughters Corporate Communion
 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Nic Ramos
 1:30 p.m. Lector Training
 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—†Andrea Hubbard

Youth Ministry

Summertime Open Youth Room: The fun starts **THIS Wednesday, June 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** We meet every other Wednesday during the summer! All teens (Grades 7-12) are welcome to join us for games and kickball!

Confirmation Program Volunteers Needed! We are very excited that our Confirmation Preparation program is growing! We will need some extra volunteers to help us out this fall. If you are interested please Email devynbuschow@holyspiritcc.org!

Painting Supplies Needed! We are collecting tools and supplies for our mission trip to New Orleans in June. We need paint rollers, paint brushes, drop cloths, painters tape and generic home improvement tools for us to use and donate to the *Alive in You* program. Please bring any donations to the front office. Thank you!

Memorial Day Mass: will be **TOMORROW, Monday, May 30, 8:30 a.m.** We will have a special reading of the names of those who have died in service to our country due to the wounds in action or MIA.

Our Pastoral Offices will be closed **TOMORROW, Monday, May 30** for the Memorial Day Holiday. We will reopen again on **Tuesday, May 31 at 9:00 a.m.**



The United States flags on display this Memorial Day are in recognition of the following military personnel:

†Charles R. Bernabo, **Navy**; Herb Linson, **Marine**; Cecil Bosworth, **Army**; †Fred E. Lyons, **Navy**; †Zeb Baird, **Army**; †John S. Ference, **Air Force**; †Thomas J. Rourke, **Army**; †Lawrence V. Vann, **Navy**; Maggie Hollyfield Doyle, **Navy**; Brian Doyle, **Coast Guard**; Joe Campbell, **Navy**; †Jim Flusche, **Army**; †Clarke Witt, **Army**; Bud Birtchet, **Navy**; Howard Mayer, **Navy**; Mason Hunt, **Air Force**; Efrain Gonzalez, **Air Force**; †Duane Jorgensen, **Army**; Bob & Brenda Thompson, **Air Force**; Thompson Children, **Military**; Louis Demeter, **Army**.

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY and God Bless our military service members, living and deceased!




The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week in memory of †**Juan Ortiz** requested by Eva Garca.

Sacramental Preparation

Early Registration for the 2016-2017 sacramental preparation year continues through June! If you wish to enroll children for First Communion or Confirmation, please note it is a two-year program. **If your child attended Faith Formation here, and was considered “first year”, don’t forget to reregister!** If a child attended another parish last year, a letter from the previous parish must be provided prior to enrollment in our program. Please contact **Deborah, Devyn, Lisa** or **Lindee** in the Faith Formation office, if you have any questions.

Information and paperwork regarding infant Baptism (ages 6 and under) may be directed to Lisa Estrada. Our next baptismal class for parents and godparents is **Saturday, June 11, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** **All completed paperwork is due by Friday, June 3.**

 **Congratulations to the newest members of parish!** We warmly welcome: **Logan Moore, Tenley Rios and Katherine Vega** to the Holy Spirit family!

IMPORTANT: All volunteers 18 years of age and older who are helping with Vacation Bible School, June 20-24, must be screened according to Diocesan Safe Environment. If you are **new** to VBS, it involves a form to give authority for a criminal background check, face-to-face interview and watching a video at the church. The process takes time, so please plan to complete it timely before VBS week.

Adults, who have been screened before, can be re-trained either online, in paper form OR by attending one of the video orientation sessions.

Family of Faith video sessions will be **Saturday, June 11, 9:00—10:00 a.m.** and **12 Noon - 1:00 p.m.** (Only **ONE** hour session is needed.)

Reservations are appreciated. Please call **Sharon Bush, x19** or sharonbush@holyspiritcc.org to reserve a spot or make a reservation for childcare for either session.

Finance

Weekend of May 21/22

Contributions <i>(Online, Mail & Collections)</i>	\$19,211.16
Average Weekly Expenses	<u>(\$24,038.00)</u>
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Balance in Future Fund	\$35,210.71

Thank you for your generous support of the parish, our diocese and the global Catholic Church. May God bless you!

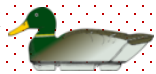
CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



THAT'S A FACT, JACK!

Children ages 3 years-old - 6th Grade can be a part of the Faith Commander VBS Adventure Monday thru Friday, June 20-24, 9:00 a.m.—12:15 p.m. Cost: \$20/child (includes all the week's activities and a T-shirt). **Pre-registration is required.** Pick up a Registration Form at the Community Center front desk. Due to our VBS format, late/walk-in registrations will not be accepted. **Last day to register is Sunday, June 12.**

If you'd like to be a VBS volunteer, grab a Volunteer Form! All teen volunteers must be in the 7th Grade or older and will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Volunteer space is limited! In fact, some areas are already full (Crafts, Games & Snacks) so if you're needing to get those required school volunteer hours, register now! **We need singers, actors and Crew Leaders!** All volunteers 18 and older must meet all diocesan Safe Environment requirements; contact Deborah for the necessary paperwork.

And, we're on the hunt for cool, fun barnyard or western decorating items, if you have any we could possibly borrow for the week or if you'd like to get rid of it! I'll take it! More specifically, I'm looking for a saddle, chaps, lassos and camo items to create our rodeo/duck commander scenes. **I could really use some duck decoys...** Anyone wanting to be part of the VBS Decorating Committee, please contact **Deborah, x14.**  We are always looking for creative people with ingenious ideas to make our VBS environment the best ever!

VBS Orientation is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon! Adults & teens, come and hear what this year's VBS has in store, especially with our revised Friday schedule! Also, **Sharon Bush** will offer Safe Environment training **9:00 -10:00 a.m.** or **12 Noon-1:00 p.m.** if you need to update/complete Safe Environment training or for childcare on **Saturday, June 11.**



Speaking of our revised Friday schedule, we are wanting to rent an inflatable water slide for our "Splash Day" and would sincerely appreciate any donation to help offset this cost without having to raise VBS fees. Plus, we'll include some free business advertising if your business would like to sponsor our "Splash Day" water slide!

Early Registration for the 2016-17 Faith Formation and sacramental preparation year continues through the end of June. Registration paperwork may be obtained at the Community Center front desk **Monday -Thursday, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.** Contact **Deborah, Devyn, Lindee** or **Lisa** with any questions regarding Children's Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, First Communion and/or Confirmation preparation. **Early Registration ends on Thursday, June 30, at which time we enter General Registration and fees will go up!** And, we are always looking for and welcome anyone interested in joining our Children's Ministry Team! Contact Deborah on how you can be part of such an amazing group of men and women who do so much for the children of our parish.

Catechists & Teen Aides! Don't forget to let me know whether you plan on returning next year! Whether it's a yes or a no, please give me a quick call or shoot me an email so that I can see where my needs will be for the upcoming year. If you can let me know by **Wednesday, June 1,** that would be great.

Adult & Family Ministry

For information about any of our Adult & Family Ministry programs, please Email:
Richard Johnson: richardjohnson@holyspiritcc.org
Veronica Houston: veronicahouston@holyspiritcc.org

Memorial Day is a day to pray for members of the armed forces who died while serving their country. Since 1868, people of the United States have taken this day to honor those who died and to pray for peace and reconciliation.

This day is also called Decoration Day because many people place flowers, wreaths, and flags on the graves of people who died in war. Flowers are also placed at public memorials in towns across the country. The President will place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. This tomb honors service men and women who died far from home and lie in unknown graves around the world.

Each year, the President proclaims Memorial Day a day of prayer for permanent peace. As we pray for world peace, let us look forward to the day when all nations are willing to settle disputes without war. In our prayer, let us also remember the civilians around the world who have been killed in wars, or who are homeless or starving because of it. There are also many thousands of children whose parents have been killed in war. Let us pray for them all.

*God of mercy, lead all families and all nations of the world to support one another and to live in Peace.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship:
 A Call to Political Responsibility**

From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:
 The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer once again to the Catholic faithful *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, our teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. This statement represents our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. We urge our pastors, lay and religious faithful, and all people of good will to use this statement to help form their consciences; to teach those entrusted to their care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching.

This important teaching document integrates new policy developments in the United States as well as new papal teachings, including those of Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis to date. To read online, download, or order, go to:
www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship-title.cfm

Holy Spirit Catholic Church hereby publishes the banns of marriage of **Alexandra Marcella Villalba** of Duncanville, TX to Gregory Charles Beninger to be wed in Florence, Italy on September 1, 2016. This is the third asking. If you know any reason in law, why she may not marry, please notify the parish office.

Community Life Ministry

Hawaiian Falls Day:

Save the Date! Our 2nd Annual Holy Spirit Day at Hawaiian Falls will be **Saturday, July 30**. More info coming soon on purchasing tickets.



Celebrating
 OUR GRADUATES

*Father,
 I have knowledge, so will You show me now,
 How to use it wisely and find a way somehow.
 To make the world I live in a little better place,
 And make life with its problems a little bit easier to face.
 Grant me faith and courage and put purpose in my days,
 And show me how to serve Thee in effective ways.
 So my education, my knowledge and my skill,
 May find their true fulfillment as I learn to do Thy will.
 And may I ever be aware in everything I do,
 That knowledge comes from learning, and wisdom comes from You. Amen.*

Outreach Ministry

Exercise Class will not meet THIS Monday, May 30 due to the Memorial Day holiday. Class will resume again **Wednesday, June 1, 9:30 a.m.**

ESL Instructor Needed: We are looking for someone to teach the Beginning English class at Holy Spirit for the 2016-2017 school year. The class is conducted in English. **No knowledge of a foreign language is necessary.** Please call **Donna Greenlee, x 20**, if interested or for more information.

Acts of Mercy Project: Shelter the Homeless. There are many circumstances that can lead to someone becoming homeless such as; escape from violence, chronic disabilities or illness, loss of employment, unaffordable housing, a home fire or natural disasters. These are just a few of the causes of being homeless. So, how can you help?



You and your family can volunteer at a local homeless shelter. You could help build homes with a group like Habitat for Humanity or donate to them or Catholic Relief Services. You can make blankets or donate new blankets to a local shelter. Remember, Jesus was homeless when he was born and later as an adult He often had "no place to lay his head." Don't forget to write down your Acts of Kindness and drop them into the Acts of Mercy box on the table in the Narthex.