

From The Pastor's Desk

If you are planning a trip across territory where you are not able to get food, you make sure that you pack enough food for the trip. Otherwise, you just don't go on the trip. You know it would be a very foolish decision to undertake a journey, when you know you will not have the resources needed to finish it. You would end up dying of starvation before you reached your destination.

In our life journey we also need to be sustained. To survive on our journey, to have the strength to go through the barren places of life, those places where we are alone because of divorce, or illness, or death or sinfulness, we need to eat the food that God has prepared for us. God gives us food in the sacred stories of the Scriptures. We are told that we do not live by the bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. And in today's Gospel, Jesus presents his very self as food for the journey of life. How is this so? How does Jesus provide us with the nourishment we need as we go through life?

Jesus tells us that he is the bread of life and that whoever eats this bread will live forever. Here we are given the great gift of the Eucharist. Jesus truly and really comes to us as food in Holy Communion. This is a gift beyond our wildest imaginings, and one that we are encouraged to receive every time we come to celebrate Mass.

But besides being a great gift, receiving the Eucharist is a sign of our commitment to Christ. It is a sign that through our whole lives we will nourish the friendship with Christ that is a large part of what it means for Jesus to be the bread of life.

Jesus is the bread of life for us through the gift of his friendship to us.

How is a friend "food" for us? What are the qualities of friendship that sustain us? A real friend is one who knows how to encourage us. If we are down, he or she doesn't take that opportunity to tell us how stupid or foolish we have been. They don't spend their time telling us how we could have done things differently. No, they remind us of our goodness. They point out that even if we were responsible for getting ourselves into trouble, there's always tomorrow. We can start over again. We can do better. This kind of friend doesn't leave us in our misery. They stand by us and help us through the difficult times. So does our friendship with Christ feed, sustain, and nourish us on our own journey.

If we truly have Jesus as our friend, then we will allow him to be present to us in all of the ways that friends are present to one another. This means that we will bring our whole lives to Jesus. We will share ourselves with him the way we share ourselves with no other person.

Just as friendships need to be nourished by conversation lest they die, so do we need to converse with Christ. It is in our prayer that we talk with Jesus. It is in our prayer that we reveal ourselves to him. Prayer is an absolute necessity as a way to a deeper friendship with Christ. A conscious revealing of self to Christ is necessary. Just saying that Christ knows us is not enough. There must be a willingness to place ourselves before Christ in all of our beauty and ugliness. When we do this, we make ourselves available to Jesus, and we allow him to be available to us.

Fr. Joe

Masses, Readings and Activities

Sunday, August 9 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary time

Readings 1 Kgs 19: 4-8; Eph 4: 30—5:2; Jn 6: 41-51

- 8:00 am Mass—†Al & Alice Lauer
- 8:30 am Faith Formation Registration
- 9:30 am Mass—†Manuela DelBosque
- 10:30 am A Biblical Walk Through the Mass
- 11:00 am Children's Ice Cream Social
- 11:30 am Mass—†Sergio Omer Mora
- 1:00 pm ACTS Men's Retreat Team
- 5:30 pm Mass—People of Holy Spirit

Monday, August 10 St Lawrence

Readings 2 Cor 9: 6-10; Jn 12: 24-26

- 8:30 am Mass—†Rose Urban
- 9:00 am Piecemakers
- 6:30 pm Catechist Certification Training
- 6:30 pm Women's ACTS Renewal Planning

Tuesday, August 11 St. Clare

Readings Dt 31: 1-8; Mt 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14

- 8:30 am Mass—†Peggy O'Neill
- 6:00 pm YM What's the Dish?
- 7:00 pm ACTS Small Church Community

Wednesday, August 12 St. Jane

Readings Dt 34: 1-12; Mt 18:15-20

- 8:30 am Mass—†Edith 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
- 6:30 pm Open Youth Room
- 7:00 pm Estudio de la Biblia

Thursday, August 13 St. Pontian

Readings Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18: 21—10: 1

- 8:30 am Mass—Intentions of Amelia Baptista
- 7:00 pm 33 Days to Morning Glory Class
- 7:00 pm Zone Board Meeting
- 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting

Friday, August 14 St. Maximilian

Readings Jos 24: 1-13; Mt 19: 3-12

- 8:30 am Mass—†Don Heitzman
- 9:15 am Holy Hour

Saturday, August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings 1 Cor 15: 20-27; Lk 1: 39-56

- 8:00 am Knight of Columbus 1st Degree Ceremony
- 8:30 am Mass—†Eloise Stampley
- 10:00 am Team Spirit Day Retreat
- 10:30 am Mass—†Gilberto Luna
- 11:00 am Marian Consecration Celebration
- 2:00 pm Estrada Birthday Party
- 3:30 pm Confessions
- 5:30 pm Mass—Intentions of Bill & Sandy Chalko

Sunday, August 16 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary time

Readings Prv 9: 1-6; Eph 5: 15-20; Jn 6: 51-58

- 8:00 am Mass—People of Holy Spirit
- 8:30 am Faith Formation Registration
- 9:30 am Mass—Intentions of Robert Rombach
- 11:30 am Mass—Intentions of Uche Osuji
- 1:00 pm ACTS Men's Retreat Team
- 5:30 pm Mass—†James McCorcle

Faith Formation—Youth

All 7th-12th grade parents, teens and volunteers are invited to come to our "What's the Dish" potluck this Tuesday, August 11 at 7 pm. Bring a dish to share and come ready to learn about our youth ministry program!

Any high schoolers for the '15-'16 school year are invited to join Team Spirit. We meet Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm throughout the school year and plan service projects, retreats and fun activities! Our day retreat is August 15. E-mail devynbuschow@holyspiritcc.org for more information!

Thank you for praying for our rosaries to be sent to Angola! We cannot wait for the paperwork to be finished so we can share all of the wonderful rosary beads with our brothers and sisters in Africa. We started a Novena last week and you can find it here: <http://holyspiritcatholic.com/10000-rosaries-for-angola>



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. Call Michelle at 214-864-2566 or Mary at the office at 972-298-4971 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 on-line 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.

Congratulations to Luciana Gamino, daughter of Ricardo & Ruth Gamino; **Timothy Michael Trevino, Jr.**, son of Timothy & Ceceley Trevino; **Ryan Khai Huynh Aguirre**, son of Jonathan & Susan Aguirre; **Ogechukwu Jodayne Okoye**, son of Obunike & Uzoanaka Okoye; **David Chukwudi Nwankwoeze**, son of Chijioke & Golda Nwankwoeze, who were baptized in July. Welcome them to our Parish.



Flowers for the Lord's altar this week are in honor of Ed & Linda Torres, requested by Davida Callender.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of **Jim Flusche**, requested by Mary Flusche.

Sacramental Preparation

On-site registration for Faith Formation and sacramental preparation for the 2015/16 year takes place this Sunday, August 9 and next 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.



The Fall Festival Committee is planning some **exciting changes and additions** to our always enjoyable Fall Festival (Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 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 Sept. 15 through Oct. 4th. **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, please contact Jeff Miller, Co-Chair, at miller.jeff55@gmail.com or call the parish office at (972) 298-4971. We'd love to have your help!

There will be an additional Mass on Saturday, August 15 for the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. In addition to the 8:30 am Mass, there will be a 10:30 am Mass. Since this Holyday falls on the weekend, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. You may attend any weekend Mass to fulfill your obligations for this holyday.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Parents' Power Hour



Presented by:
Monica Ashour, MTS, M Hum
Executive Director, TOBET

**Monday, August 17 from 7-8 pm
Community Center Dining Room**

At school, at work, and in the media, our culture is bombarding us with false messages about sexuality, gender and marriage. What does our Church teach? How can we, as Catholic Christians, help our children grow up with a healthy understanding of what it means to be made in God's image as male and female? How can we prepare them for marriage in a society that can't agree on the meaning and purpose of marriage?

Come join author and national speaker Monica Ashour as she shares Saint John Paul II's life-changing "Theology of the Body." Learn how children, adults and families can lovingly live out the beauty of Catholic teaching on sexuality in today's hostile environment.

Catechists, don't forget about the Grade Level Methods course Monday evening, August 10 from 5-10 pm. If you haven't already registered, please contact Deborah first thing Monday morning to do so!

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. Please register with Deborah by Wednesday, August 12.

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

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

- ◆ **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!
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- ◆ **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 must be made on-line at our parish website at www.holyspiritcatholic.com**

Adult And Family Ministry

Congratulations to Eric Resendiz and Valerie Tuquero who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, August 8th. May God bless and grace them with everything they need each and every day of their marriage.



Parish Wedding Anniversary Celebration

This weekend we honored **44 couples** in our parish who are celebrating significant milestones in their marriage. These couples celebrated a combined **2049 years** of love, commitment and marriage in 2015. We are blessed to have these wonderful role models in our parish!

Thanks and Thanks again to all of our parishioners that made personal donations money, time and talent to the Parish Wedding Anniversary Celebration this weekend. The evening was a beautiful expression of our parish commitment to marriage and family. The attendees received our gratitude for making their vocation of marriage a priority in their lives. Our gratitude goes to **Davida & Billy Callender and Juanita & Jack Ramsden** for their faithful behind the scenes coordination of this event and their commitment to make this celebration a reality. A special word of thanks to **Diana Rizo** for producing and directing the awesome video.

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.

Community Life

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

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.

Pro-Life Opportunity- We have a group that meets on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in front at the new abortion center at 7989 W. Virginia Dr., Dallas (W. Virginia Dr. is across Wheatland from Charlton Methodist Hospital). Our mission is to provide a peaceful presence and to pray for the women that are seeking an abortion and ultimately to help these women to choose life. Please come out and join us

Finance

Weekend of August 1/2

\$ 22,533.84	Weekly Contributions
\$ 1,719.00	On-Line Giving
<u>\$(22,365.00)</u>	Average Weekly Expenses
\$ 1,887.84	Surplus

Balance in Future Fund \$29,133.00

Thank you and God Bless You..