

From The Pastor's Desk

Some people say that you should never go on vacations with friends. They claim that it will end the friendship. You see, on vacations when you are living close to others, all of their little foibles and quirks start to show themselves. Some people think that dishes have to be washed in a certain way and will not be able to stand anyone doing it differently from them. Some people like to stop every couple of hours when they are driving; others just want to stay on the road as long as possible even though fatigue is setting in. Some like to see all of the sights and not miss a thing; others are satisfied with looking to the left and right as they pass through a new town. It's okay to be different, but the problem arises when each of us thinks that our way is the only way to do things. Unless we get our way, we become miserable – and then we make everyone with us miserable also. Most of us are much too attached to our own thoughts and behaviors. We don't make good travelling companions.

But it is not only on the road that we don't make good travelling companions. On the road of life, we also are hard to get along with. When situations arise, we think that we automatically know best. We refuse to think differently about things or people. We criticize and judge. In other words, we hang onto our selves. Jesus calls for self-denial, for losing our lives. He knows that if we are to love, we need to be more aware of others needs than our own. We need to be able to respond to present concerns and new situations that call for new responses. If we are stuck in our old ways, then we will not have the creativity needed to address new situations when they arise.

In our second reading today St. James tells us that if we see others who do not have enough food or are lacking in clothing, it is not enough to just wish them well. We actually have to do something about it. We all know that in our own world, the situation of poverty is at a critical stage. There are too many people who do not have enough to live on. How are we to respond to this poverty? That's a tough question without an easy answer. It needs all of our creativity to try to find answers to this terrible dilemma. But if we just fall back on old thinking, we will not be able to help these people. If we automatically say that they should work harder, that their governments are to blame and so we won't help them that we can't spare anything to assist them because there's nothing we can change about our own lifestyle – if we just go on and on with old answers, then nothing will happen. We just hang on to ourselves.

It's only when we dare to lose ourselves, that is, give up our old answers, that we have a chance of bringing about change in the world. And for many of us, this involves a great cross. But that's exactly what we are asked to do – take up our cross – whatever the cross may be. As we learn to put aside our own self-seeking, we will discover that more of life will be available to us. Because we will be living more in God's presence, we will be living lives that are fuller and are freer.

Fr. Joe

Masses, Readings and Activities

Sunday, September 13 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Is 50: 5-9a; Jas 2: 14-18; Mk 8:27-35</i>
8:00 am	Mass—†Zeb Baird
8:30 am	Brunch for Grandparents
9:15/11:15 am	Children's Faith Formation / Adult Clusters 1,2,3,4
9:30 am	Mass—People of Holy Spirit
10:45 am	Health Fair Volunteer Nurse Training
11:30 am	Mass—†Augustin Perez
1:30 pm	ACTS Men's Retreat Team
1:30 pm	Confirmation Preparation Session
5:30 pm	Mass—†Sergio Omer Mora
6:30 pm	Youth Ministry

Monday, September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Nm 21: 4b-9; Phil 2: 6-11; Jn 3: 13-17</i>
8:30 am	Mass—Intentions of Alma Guzman
9:00 am	Piecemakers
9:15 am	Monday Morning Scripture Study
6:30 pm	Women's ACTS Renewal Planning
6:30 pm	Parish Festival Auction Meeting
7:00 pm	Young Adult Meeting

Tuesday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

<i>Readings</i>	<i>1 Tm 3: 1-13; Jn 19: 25-27</i>
8:30 am	Mass—†Osvaldo Mendoza
6:30 pm	Catholic Daughters
7:00 pm	Knight of Columbus Officers Meeting
7:00 pm	Consoling the Heart of Jesus Christ
7:00 pm	Tuesday Evening Scripture Study

Wednesday, September 16 Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

<i>Readings</i>	<i>1 Tm 3: 14-16; Lk 7:31-35</i>
8:30 am	Mass—†Ben McLemore
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	Team Spirit
7:00 pm	RCIA Session
7:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Scripture Study: Matthew

Thursday, September 17 St. Robert

<i>Readings</i>	<i>1 Tm 4: 12-16; Lk 7:36-50</i>
8:30 am	Mass—Intentions of Ted Drowsky
9:30 am	YAHAs Meeting
7:00 pm	New Day Grief Support
7:00 pm	Parish Festival Committee
7:00 pm	Community Life Meeting
7:30 pm	Choir Practice

Friday, September 18

<i>Readings</i>	<i>1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8: 1-3</i>
8:30 am	Mass—†Eric Mancenido
9:15 am	Holy Hour
6:00 pm	ACTS Fall Women's Retreat Leadership

Saturday, September 19 St. Janirus

<i>Readings</i>	<i>1 Tm 6: 13-16; Lk 8: 4-15</i>
8:30 am	Holy Mass—†Pedro Jaramillo
9:15 am	Homebound EM Enrichment
3:30 pm	Confessions
5:00 pm	Worldwide Marriage Encounter Circle
5:30 pm	Mass—†Fidal Buenavetura
6:30 pm	Marriage Enrichment

Sunday, September 20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Wis 2: 12, 17-20; Jas 3: 16—4:3; Mt 9:30-37</i>
8:00 am	Mass—†Norma Kordsmeier
8:30 am	Catechetical Sunday Brunch
9:15/11:15 am	Children's Faith Formation / Adult Clusters 1,2,3,4
9:30 am	Mass—Intentions of Robert Rombach
11:30 am	Mass—†Arlene Markham
1:30 pm	ACTS Men's Retreat Team
5:30 pm	Mass—People of Holy Spirit
6:30 pm	Youth Ministry

Faith Formation—Youth

Join us tonight for Youth Ministry! The JHY will be getting to know their classmates and the HSY will be picking their small groups! What theme are you called to this year?

Young Adults we have a meeting tomorrow evening at 7pm in room 106! See you there!

NEW this year: World Youth Day North Texas! This is a great event on October 25th with a concert by Matt Maher! Teens and volunteers check out more information at <http://catholicyouthministryofdallas.org/wydnxtx>.

Have you followed us on Instagram yet? Check us out at @YmHolySpirit!



Sacramental Preparation

The deadline for Confirmation registration is THIS Sunday, September 13 and for First Communion, next Sunday, September 20. 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.

Our first required Parent ONLY session (no kiddos!) for the SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION is THIS Sunday, September 13 from 1:30-3:45 pm in the dining room. Parents, you are expected to be there, on time and ready to go, especially since Father Joe will be with us as facilitator. That way, we can leave on time...maybe even a little early! If you need childcare for your little ones, please contact Sharon Bush at 972.298.9460 by Thursday, September 10.

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, 2015, 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.



Find Bargains Here!

Collection of rummage items for the Fall Festival continues. 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-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 Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in honor of Uche Osuji, requested by Flora Osuji.

Flowers for the Lord's altar this week are in memory of †Zeb Baird, requested by Carol Lisle.

Winner for returning all 15 Raffle Tickets last week is Gary & Mary Pina. Prizes can be picked up at the front desk during regular business hours.

APPRECIATION

I want to thank the parishioners and friends of Holy Spirit Catholic Church for the kind and warm welcome you extended to me since my arrival here in July. I do appreciate your graciousness and sentiments of hospitality. I actually feel well received and welcomed among you all. Your coming out in large numbers the previous weekend to spend some time with me in the courtyard meant a lot to me. Remember, I am still working on your names and seating spots in the church! Peace!

Fr. Eugene



Join the Fall Festival Committee!
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 p.m. This new format includes the addition of a new beer garden open from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Saturday night. **Our group has grown, but 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!

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES are officially in full swing this **Sunday, September 13!** Hope you all enjoyed your Labor Day Holiday! If you missed Parent Orientation on **August 30**, please stop by the front desk and pick up a packet of important information about the 2015/16 Faith Formation year including all the great special events and activities planned.

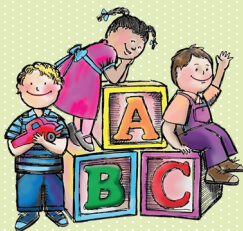


If you haven't registered your children for Faith Formation, it's not too late! You can pick up registration paperwork between 10 am and 4 pm, Monday through Thursday, at the Community Center front desk or on Sunday mornings during Faith Formation. Please be aware, however, that several classes are FULL which means children may have to attend another class time. But, that's OK because all of our teachers are awesome! And parents, just because you sacramented your children last year doesn't mean their faith journey is done. Our Faith Formation goal is to help your child continue to build on their personal relationship with our Lord, so we would love to keep seeing them!

The last day to register for Faith Formation classes is Sunday, September 20. After that, Faith Formation registration will be officially closed except for PK3, PK4 and Kindergarten (pending room availability) and to children who are already sacramented.

This Sunday, September 13 is the last day to register for Confirmation preparation. Next Sunday, September 20 is the deadline for First Communion registration. Contact Devyn or Lisa if you missed the deadline.....

Parents, we have an awesome PK3, PK4 & Kindergarten Program! Instead of the nursery, which is awesome by the way, but how about trying our Faith Formation classes? It's never too early to start teaching them about the Love of God since they are already so close to Him.



Children's Faith Formation will be conducting Lessons #1 of the **diocesan mandated** safety training program entitled, "Protecting God's Children" next **Sunday, September 20** for children in Kindergarten through 6th Grade. The VIRTUS safety program will be done during their normal Faith Formation class. **Parents can preview both the VIRTUS ice breaker video and lesson plans this Sunday, September 13 between 9:30 am and 12 noon by contacting Deborah at the front desk.**



Also, don't forget that with the start of the Faith Formation year, the familiar orange safety cones and locked gate will be in place. For safety's sake, **PLEASE DON'T MOVE THE CONES!** They are there to ensure the safe passage of both the children and parishioners, as they move from the Church to the Community Center and vice versa. Thanking you in advance!



SAFEGUARDING THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN PERSON! That's the theme of this year's national celebration of Catechetical Sunday and it seems to be very appropriate considering today's social climate. **Watch for more information on Pope Francis' Inaugural U.S. Visit to Philadelphia and the World Meeting of Families where the topic of The Family Fully Alive will be highlighted.**

But on Catechetical Sunday, the many men and women who serve in the Church's catechetical ministries are recognized and affirmed for sharing their gift of faith with others and "opening the hearts and minds of the faithful." With that in mind, take a moment on the 20th to say **"THANK YOU"** to your child's catechist for taking on such a commitment.

And catechists, youth mentors & RCIA team members, you and your families are cordially invited to an Appreciation Brunch from 8:30-11:15 am in the dining room prepared by our own Knights of Columbus.

Adult And Family Ministry



**Marriage Enrichment
Movie/Date Night for Couples**
Saturday, September 19th, 6:30 pm
Movie starts at 7pm



MCFARLAND USA

Starring Kevin Costner

Jim White moves his family after losing his last job as a football coach. He sees that some of the students are worth starting a cross country team and turns 7 students with no hope into one of the best cross country teams.

Hotdogs, nachos and popcorn (and the fixins) furnished.

For more information call :

Billy or Davida Callender: 214-645-8254 or

Email: billy-davida@hotmail.com

It's Not Too Late!

**Don't miss this exciting opportunity to explore and
deepen your beautiful Catholic Faith!**

Adult Faith Formation 2015

See additional information and register for these amazing classes
online at www.holyspiritcatholic.com

Sundays 9:15 – 10:30 am, starting, today, 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, today, September 13

Adult Cluster 3 "Evangélio 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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Community Life

SUNDAY MORNING FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Today: Grandparent's Day Celebration

Stop by the dining room for complimentary breakfast
tacos and donuts in honor of our Grandparents!

Next Sunday, September 20

Catechist Appreciation Brunch

(For Catechists & Their Families Only)

Outreach

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Homebound Reminder: There will be an optional Ministry Enrichment session on Saturday, September 19 at 9:15 am, following the 8:30 am Mass in room 210.

The Food Pantry has been filling back up. We are so grateful for all of your donations and your desire to help the hungry in our parish community. Thank you for your continued support.

Proyecto José Retiro de un Solo Día para Hombres 10 de Octubre, 2015 El Proyecto José es una oportunidad que cambia la vida a los hombres que luchan con el dolor emocional y espiritual debido a abortos pasados. El retiro es un proceso único y efectivo diseñado específicamente para ayudarle a sentir la misericordia y la compasión de Dios. El retiro le ayudará a que su alma encuentre una voz y a transformar el dolor del pasado en esperanza. Para más información y para registrarse para el retiro de Proyecto José, comuníquese al 469-416-2101 o sanacion@projectjosephdallas.org. sitio web: www.projectjosephdallas.org. *Todas las consultas son estrictamente confidenciales.* Para retiros de fin de semana para mujeres y hombres, visite racheldallas.org o contacte 972-679-4760 o sanacion@racheldallas.org. Sanación Después del Aborto, Diócesis de Dallas. *No continúe viviendo con el dolor, la ira, la culpa o la vergüenza. ¡La sanación le espera!*

Finance

Weekend of September 5/6

\$22,333.97

\$ 3,567.00

\$22,365.00

\$ 3,535.00

Weekly Contributions

On-Line Giving

Average Weekly Expenses

Surplus

Balance in Future Fund \$32,196.00

Thank you and May God Bless You.