

From The Pastor's Desk

In order to live, we need to breathe, eat and rest. We need friendship and community. We need leisure and relaxation. And we need to pray. Yes, in order to be really human we need to pray. There is need for God that is planted so deeply within us that reaching out to God in prayer is a necessity for being truly human. Jesus' disciples somehow recognized this and asked him, "Lord, teach us to pray".

In this prayer, known as The Lord's Prayer, Jesus is telling us that we are to be people who ask, search, and knock. These words don't fall into the category of passive, sit-me-down types of word. They are all words that imply vigorous activity. A person who asks, searches and knocks is one who is seeking something. The image we get is not of someone dozing off on their armchair, but one who is walking quickly through the world always looking to see what new things he or she might discover. The Christian is constantly on the lookout for ways in which he or she might bring the kingdom of God more fully into our world. "Thy kingdom come" – that's what we are taught should be our prayer. In concrete terms, we are praying that God's kingdom of love, justice and peace should become ever more present in our world.

As we pray the Lord's Prayer, there are certain attitudes we need to adopt in order to make this prayer a genuine prayer, and not just another bit of lip service. Perhaps the most foundational attitude we need to cultivate within ourselves is something called 'indifference'. Now, I'm not talking about the word 'indifference' which means "I don't care about anything." We've got enough of that kind of indifference in our society and, if anything, we don't need more of that indifference. We need to be people who passionately care about other people and about God's creation. No, the attitude of indifference that I am talking about has nothing to do with not caring about life. *Indifference* is a peaceful readiness to carry out God's will no matter what it may require of us. This 'holy indifference' means that I'm not always fighting with God about what is happening in my life, or in the lives of other people. It is summed up beautifully in what has come to be known as The Serenity Prayer. "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference."

When we pray, we need to be genuine, honest and trusting. May we have the courage to be open with God in our prayer that we will joyfully embrace whatever answers we receive. And, may we all continue to seek God's will and ways in all that we do.



Please pray for the souls in Purgatory

Weekly Readings

Sunday, July 24 Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
Monday, July 25 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday, July 26 Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday, July 27 Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday, July 28 Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13 47-53
Friday, July 29 Jer 26:1-9; Jn 11:19-27
Saturday, July 30 Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday, July 31 Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Liturgy, Reconciliation & Activities

Sunday, July 24

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass—†Ann Keough
 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Bob Mulligan
 10:45 a.m. R.C.I.A. Inquiry Session
 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Francis Xavier Hagan
 12:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 1-Court of Honor
 3:00 p.m. Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Training
 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—People of Holy Spirit

Monday, July 25 St. James, Apostle

7:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up
 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
 7:00 p.m. Young Adults

Tuesday, July 26 St. Joachim and Anne

7:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up
 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Maria Bauyag
 7:30 p.m. K of C 1st Degree Team Installation

Wednesday, July 27

7:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up
 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—Intentions of Helen Peralta
 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
 Wednesday Movie Night:
 "Witness to Hope (Pope St. John Paul II) "

Thursday, July 28

7:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up
 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Polina Bun Suk Lee

Friday, July 29 St. Martha

7:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up
 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—Intentions of Gonzalo Muillo
 9:00 a.m. Holy Hour
 3:00 p.m. Snow Cone Friday

Saturday, July 30 St. Peter Chysologus

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—
 †Deceased Members of Flusche/Schultz Families
 10:30 a.m. Holy Spirit Day at Hawaiian Falls
 3:30 p.m. Confessions
 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—†Faye Survil
 6:30 p.m. K of C Senior Dinner Night

Sunday, July 31

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass—†Robert Reeves
 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Eleanor McCaskill
 10:30 a.m. R.C.I.A. Sponsor Information Session
 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Pacita Cabralda
 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—†Andrea Hubbard

Youth Ministry

We are looking for some new volunteers for our Confirmation program this year. We meet only once a month and you will only be committed to helping 7 times! Please Email DevynBuschow@holyspiritcc.org, if you can help our teens prepare for this awesome Sacrament!

Our next Open Youth Room is THIS Wednesday, July 27 6:30-8:30 p.m.! Join us for games, fellowship and maybe some kickball! Anyone going into 7th-12th grades is welcome to join us!

Have you registered your teen yet for Faith Formation? Make sure you do it soon! We have a great new curriculum for middle schoolers and our high school small groups will be based on topics of interest to your teen! We are very excited about our Youth Ministry program and can't wait for your family to experience it with us!

Sacramental Preparation

General Registration for the 2016/17 sacramental preparation year is currently underway. Year 1 Parents: Don't forget to reregister your children for Faith Formation/Youth Ministry AND our sacramental preparation program. Please feel free to contact Deborah, Devyn, Lisa or Lindee in the Faith Formation office if you have any questions regarding First Communion and/or Confirmation registration and requirements.

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, Sept. 10, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** All completed paperwork must be turned in two weeks prior to the Sept. 10 class date.

We warmly welcome the newest additions to our faith community who celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism on **Sunday, Aug. 17: Aaren Alonzo; Luke & Noah Gonzalez; Giovanni & Lucca Ramirez; and Bastian Vega!**

REMINDER: There will be no Daily Mass on the next two Mondays. Instead, there will be a Communion Service on these days: **July 25 and Aug. 1.**

Please join us for Extra Ordinary (Eucharistic) Minister Training **THIS Sunday, July 24, 3:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary. For more information, please call **Mario Tiambeng (469) 583-1732.**

Finances

Weekend of July 2/3

Contributions	\$25,839.62
Average Weekly Expenses	<u>(\$24,038.00)</u>
Surplus	<u>\$ 1,801.62</u>

Weekend of July 9/10

Contributions	\$21,977.97
Average Weekly Expenses	<u>(\$24,038.00)</u>
Deficit	<u>(\$ 2,060.03)</u>

Weekend of July 16/17

Contributions	\$17,544.19
Average Weekly Expenses	<u>(\$24,038.00)</u>
Deficit	<u>(\$ 4,902.81)</u>

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

FALL FESTIVAL

In all things, Be Merciful!

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 24 & 25!

Raffle Tickets will be in your mailbox soon! This year's prizes include: \$5,000 VISA Gift Card, HE Washer/Dryer, \$1000 Best Buy Gift Card, Tool Set & Chest, and 2 FitBit Fitness Activity Trackers! Tickets are only \$5!

Rummage Sale collections are now in progress! Large items welcome! NO COMPUTERS, please!

PLEASE NOTE: Arrange pick up for large items by calling the parish office. If the office is closed, please do not leave them outside the door.



If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with the Rummage Sale, please contact: **Michelle Hernandez, (214) 864-2566.**

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED! We are now accepting new, unique, or estate-quality items as donations to our Fall Festival Auction! Please ask your favorite restaurants and businesses for gift certificates or donations of their services for the Auction. Forms to request items can be picked up at the Front Desk in the Community Center. Proceeds from this year's Fall Festival will go to technology enhancements in the Church, Chapel, and Narthex!



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of **†Ann Mills**, requested by *The One Thing is Three Class*.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS & ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

On Sunday, Aug. 7 at both the 9:30 AND 11:30 a.m. Masses, 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 their backpacks and give them an awesome send-off before the new school year begins! For those of you without backpacks, we will have a few on-hand to distribute. Please contact **Donna Greenlee** in our Outreach Ministry for backpack and school supply assistance. Additionally, all school educators will be given a special blessing as they, too, begin a new school year.

Afterwards, join us in the dining room for an ice cream social and meet some of your fellow classmates and parishioners. And, if you haven't already signed up for Faith Formation, we'll be on-site registering for the upcoming year.

What a great way to start off the new school year!

We still have a few VBS T-shirts left over! They are available at the front desk for just \$5.00!

GENERAL REGISTRATION for the 2016-2017 Faith Formation year is now officially underway through the months of July and August.

A minimum payment of 50% is required for all new paperwork with the balance due by Monday, Aug. 1 in order for your child to be placed on a class roster. Reminder statements have already been mailed so that you don't forget! Please don't wait till the last minute....It's so hard for us to plan for the appropriate number of classes needed and ensure we have the proper number of trained, screened adult catechists available and ready to go if we're inundated at the end of August. Sometimes, we simply can't do it. ***Plus, you have to pay your balance in full at the time of registration if you wait till August.*** So don't delay! You can stop by the Community Center **Monday - Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ONLY** to obtain the necessary registration paperwork. If these hours are not doable due to work schedules, please contact our office so that we can work out other arrangements. Also, due to vacation schedules (since July is our only downtime), please feel free to contact the Faith Formation Office before heading over to ensure we are in the office to help you with your paperwork.

On-Site Faith Formation registration takes place Sunday, Aug. 7 and Aug.14 after all the MORNING Masses in the dining room. Food & Fellowship will be offered, courtesy the Community Life Ministry!

If you're looking to join our children's Catechetical Team for the 2016-2017 year, contact Deborah on how you can sign up to be a catechist, aide, hall or parking lot monitor or substitute! We are always in need of adults to help out on Sunday mornings. **Our biggest current need is for both a catechist (teaching is involved) and an aide for a second 4th Grade class at 9:15 a.m.** Give Deborah a call. If interested in serving in our Children's Ministry!



CALLING ALL CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CATECHISTS!

Certification Training begins on **Monday, Aug. 8, 5:00 -10:00 p.m. & Monday, Aug. 15, 5:00 -10:00 p.m.** We are currently working on securing facilitators and hope to have that firmed up shortly. Watch your Email for more information!

Adult & Family Ministry

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

Parish Wedding Anniversary Celebration: Aug. 13

Invitations to the celebration have been mailed to those who are eligible based upon our parish census date for wedding anniversaries of 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more years of marriage in 2016. If you did **NOT** receive an invitation and you are a registered member of Holy Spirit celebrating one of these significant anniversaries of marriage, please contact Veronica Houston x26 for details.

RSVP cards were included in the invitations, please return your cards to us with the information as soon as possible. We need your name to reserve your place. Please call if there are special needs.

Congratulations to Tony Mouton & Annie Wagner who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony **July 23**, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. May God bless you with many years to celebrate this beautiful Sacrament of Matrimony and grant you the graces needed to live your vocation of marriage according to His divine plan.

Tuesday Evening Study



Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told featuring Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC.

10 sessions facilitated by Kathy Johnson, D. Min.

Begins **Tuesday, Sept. 13, 7:00—9:00 p.m.**

Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told is a dramatic 10-session video journey featuring best-selling author and popular speaker Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. Fr. Gaitley weaves a tapestry of wonder and beauty from the threads of the dramatic history of Poland, the transformative message of St. Faustina Kowalska, the prophetic apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, the powerful witness of St. Maximillian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. You won't just learn about the consoling message of Divine Mercy, you'll *experience* it!

Registration will start soon. Registration forms will be available in the Holy Spirit Church Narthex and Community Center. Online registration also will be available! Contact **Veronica Houston** or **Richard Johnson** for more information.

Community Life Ministry

Hawaiian Falls Day: Our 2nd Annual Holy Spirit Day at Hawaiian Falls is **NEXT Saturday, July 30**. *This is the final weekend for ticket sales in the Narthex. Tickets will be available all week in the community center during normal business hours.* For more information about this event, contact **Cindy Meyer**.



Snow Cone Fridays: The Knights of Columbus are offering **FREE snow cones, tea, and water** this summer under the Bell Tower on **Fridays through Aug 12, 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Come and enjoy the shade of the courtyard and an afternoon treat!

Movie Night Thanks! Thank you to everyone who came out for our First Annual Family Movie Night and all those who helped with the food. We had a great time in the courtyard watching Cars! We plan to have another movie night in the future!

Congratulations to Eagle Scout Rank Achievers: The Scouts, Leaders and Members of the Committee of Boy Scout Troop #1 of Duncanville, sponsored by Holy Spirit, take great pleasure in announcing the following young men have achieved Boy Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout: **Henry Sexton Blackburn, Dylan Paul Choate, Logan Michael Edelmann and John David Parker**

These Scouts will be recognized at the **11:30 a.m. Mass** at **THIS Sunday, July 24**, followed by an Eagle Court of Honor in the Community Center.

Outreach Ministry

This week's Act of Mercy is to Bear Wrongs Patiently. Don't be bitter when someone treats you wrong. Place your hope in God so that you can endure the troubles of this world and face them with a compassionate spirit. Are you frustrated with someone? Step away from the situation, take a few deep breaths and pray the Our Father, asking God for patience. Write down the Acts of Mercy that you perform on a piece of paper or the form that we've provided and slip them into the Acts of Mercy box on the table in the Narthex.



5-7 de Agosto El Viñedo de Raquel™ una oportunidad extraordinaria para cualquier persona que lucha con dolor emocional y espiritual por aborto(s) en su pasado. El fin de semana es un proceso unico y efectivo diseñado específicamente para ayudar a sentir las misericordia y compasión de Dios. El fin de semana ayudará que su alma encuentre una voz, y transformar el dolor del pasado en esperanza. El Viñedo de Raquel es una "terapia para el alma" que combina sanación espiritual y psicológica. Para servicios confidenciales o más informacion, llame: Español (972) 679-4760 o **sanacion@racheldallas.org**.