

From The Pastor's Desk

Today's Gospel story is very straightforward and perhaps we may think, even brutal. Jesus doesn't mince words here.

As one of the sons of Abraham, Lazarus was entitled to care. The rich man ignored Lazarus. Dreadful consequences followed. The rich man's faulty illusions were destroyed. He failed to see that possessions place one in a state of crisis. He had an opportunity to help Lazarus and failed to act. He also failed to store up treasure in heaven and so, lost all. In the afterlife, he keenly felt what it meant to be utterly helpless and frustrated. The disciple of Jesus must take note of the warning: possessions must be dealt with in a positive way. Jesus stresses the seriousness of the situation, and the lasting effects of one's present choices.

G.K. Chesterton has wisely told us that, "There are two ways to get enough: One is to accumulate more and more, the other is to desire less." Recently I heard talk about small being beautiful and less being more. It's time once again to think seriously about these attitudes to our desires.

Someone said that, "The only reason a great many American families don't own an elephant is that they have never been offered an elephant for a dollar down and easy weekly payments." If we are honest with ourselves, we will acknowledge the fact that many of us want far more than we need. But, these desires are not innocent. They can lead down all sorts of dark paths, which eventually will lead only to sadness and perhaps even despair. Our first reading from Prophet Amos is only too clear on that point. "Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches...they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with."

As we watch the gap between rich and poor get wider each year, we are called upon as followers of Jesus, to do whatever we can to close that gap. May the Lord give us the wisdom, and the desire, to care for all of our brothers and sisters who need us to share the good things that have come our way.

Fr. Joe

*Please pray for all the Souls in Purgatory
and those who have no one to pray for them!*

Weekly Readings & Activities

Sunday, Sept. 25 Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31
Monday, Sept. 26 Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday, Sept. 27 Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday, Sept. 28 Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday, Sept. 29 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51
Friday, Sept. 30 Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday, Oct. 1 Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday, Oct 2 Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

Sunday, Sept. 25



7:00 a.m. Fall Festival (until 5:00 p.m.)
 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass—†Polina Lee
 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass—Intentions of Sandra Guilen
 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass—Rudy Jasinski
 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—Intentions of Russell & Therese Le Roy

Monday, Sept. 26 Sts. Cosmas and Damian

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Graciana Santiago
 9:15 a.m. Monday Morning Scripture Study
 7:00 p.m. Monday Evening Scripture Study
 7:00 p.m. Young Adults

Tuesday, Sept. 27 St. Vincent de Paul

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Lorraine Getlinger
 7:00 p.m. "Divine Mercy" Class
 7:30 p.m. K of C 1st Degree Team Installation

Wednesday, Sept. 28 Sts. Wenceslaus and Lawrence Ruiz

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—Intentions of Linda Osuji
 9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary
 6:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:00 p.m. Family Prayer Group
 7:00 p.m. RCIA Catechetical Session
 Wednesday Evening Scripture Study
 "Hearts Afire" Class

Thursday, Sept. 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—Intentions of Patricia Phillips
 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, Sept. 30 St. Jerome

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Otto Lanza
 9:00 a.m. Holy Hour

Saturday, Oct. 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Horalie Sobalvarro
 3:30 p.m. Confessions
 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—†Floyd Sherrell

Sunday, Oct. 2 World Communion Sunday & Respect Life Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass—†Lorraine Getlinger
 8:30 a.m. Sunday Food & Fellowship
 9:15/11:15 a.m. Children's Faith Formation
 6th Grade Mornings with Moms & Dads
 Adult Clusters : 1 "The Mass" / 2 "The Prophets"
 9:15 a.m. Holy Mass—†Jim Finger
 10:30 a.m. First Sunday Rosary
 11:15 a.m. Adult Cluster 3 "Estudio Biblico"
 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass—Intentions of Marcel & Flora Osuji
 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—†Alejandro Aillon, MD
 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Reminder: We will NOT meet today because of the Fall Festival! Enjoy the activities with your families and thank you to all of our teens who volunteered! We'll be back in session NEXT Sunday evening!

Young Adults: Our next meeting is tomorrow, Monday, **Sept. 26, 7:00 p.m.** Room 106! All Young Adults, ages 18-30 years-old are welcome to join us for fellowship and a reflection on a Catholic article. Email: devynbuschow@holyspiritcc.org with any questions!

Confirmation Volunteers Still Needed: We are still looking for a few more volunteers for our Confirmation program! There are only 7 meetings to help with! If you are interested, please contact Devyn Buschow, x16 or devynbuschow@holyspiritcc.org.

Sacramental Preparation

Registration for this year's sacramental preparation program is now closed. If you missed the first **PARENT ONLY** meeting for the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday, Sept. 18, please contact Devyn Buschow, x16. **The next Confirmation preparation session, which includes both parent and youth, is Sunday, Oct. 9, 1:30-3:45 p.m. in the Gym.** If you need childcare for younger siblings, please contact Sharon Bush, x19 for a reservation.

Information and paperwork regarding infant Baptism (ages 6 and under) may be directed to Lisa Estrada, x12. Our next baptismal preparation class for parents and godparents is **Saturday, Nov. 5, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** All completed paperwork should be completed and on file two weeks prior to the class date.





BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS AND JOIN US THIS WEEKEND FOR FALL FESTIVAL!

SATURDAY, Sept. 24
07:00 a.m.—9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, Sept. 25
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

A great line-up of fun, entertainment and food is happening at next weekend's Fall Festival! Bring your family and friends to spend time with your friends at Holy Spirit and support our wonderful church!

RAFFLE TICKETS WINNERS: Congratulations to this week's winners of the early drawing for turning in all 15 tickets: **John Devitto and Bob Survil.** Raffle tickets may be purchased up until **4:00 p.m., THIS Sunday, Sept. 25!** Drawing will be held at 4:15 p.m.



To date, **769** people have "liked" our Holy Spirit Catholic Church Facebook page! We know there are many more parishioners out there who haven't yet! Please visit and like our page **@HolySpiritCatholic!**

Just a reminder to use your parish envelopes for tithing. If you your family does not currently receive envelopes, please contact **Mary Jorgensen, x17** in the parish Business Office or via email: **maryjorgensen@holyspiritcc.org.** Holy Spirit also offers the option for secure credit or debit card donations online, on our parish website: **www.holyspiritcatholic.com/make-a-donation**



Upcoming Special Collections:	
World Mission Sunday	Weekend of Oct. 22-23
Diocesan Priest Retirement	Weekend of Oct. 29-30

Finances

Sept 17/18

Contributions	\$22,831.61
Average Weekly Expenses	(<u>\$24,785.00</u>)
Deficit	<u>(\$ 1,953.39)</u>

Balance in the Future Fund: \$35,286.00

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



Altar Flowers are given on the occasion of the **50th Wedding Anniversary of Conception & Rayes Lopez** requested by their family.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in honor of **Linda Osuji** requested by **Flora Osuji.**

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION



Grab your "mummy" and make plans to join us on Halloween night, Monday, Oct. 31, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Community Center Gym for our annual

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR!

There will be lots of games, snacks, 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 community 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.

Registration for the 2016-2017 Faith Formation year is now closed except for PK3, PK4, Kindergarten and children who are already sacramented (pending class availability; many classes are now at capacity and FULL). This is so first year children are able to fulfill the two-year diocesan requirement for sacramental preparation.

Also, registration for the 2016-2017 sacramental preparation year is officially closed. If you missed this year's deadline, please contact Lisa Estrada, x12, for First Communion or Devyn Buschow, x16, for Confirmation.

There will be NO Children's Faith Formation classes THIS Sunday, Sept. 25, as we celebrate our annual Parish Fall Festival! Come and enjoy all the fun, food, fellowship and festivities. And, don't forget to donate your baked goods for the Bake Sale. The grade level donating the most baked goods will receive a special treat upon our return to Faith Formation classes on Sunday, Oct. 2! Make sure to bring in your pink slip, attached to your baked treat. We will have extra pink slips available at the front desk...just in case. Also, make sure your baked goods are on/in disposal, non-returnable plates/platters.

Mornings with Mom & Dad begin on Sunday, Oct. 2 with the 6th Grade. Mom & Dad, plan on joining your child for some **one-on-one** time and experience what they are learning in their Faith Formation class. Our first 6th Grade session includes a presentation by the Theology of the Body Evangelization Team (TOBET). To ensure minimal disruption, our nursery is available for younger siblings. **Please note that Mornings with Mom & Dad ARE NOT associated with our sacramental preparation program.**



A huge thank you to all those who assisted at our annual Catechist Appreciation Brunch on Catechetical Sunday! The KC's cooked up a great hot meal, Dan Keough maintained our drink station, Lisa, Lindee & Devyn kept everyone happy and Melisa Limones did a marathon job as our Brunch "Manager!" To all the catechists, youth mentors and RCIA Team Members who were able to attend, thank you for your service to our parish.

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



A Divine Mercy Moment

“Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors’ souls and come to their rescue.”
 - St. Faustina (Diary 163)

Live Theatrical Drama Coming!

Monday, October 24 – 7:00 p.m.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church – Duncanville, TX

More info: 972-298-4971 or DivineMercyDrama.com

Tickets on sale NOW!

“Blessed are the merciful...”

Living Beyond the Year of Mercy Parish Retreat



Saturday, Nov. 5

Program 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Continental breakfast provided

Featuring Maryknoll Lay Missioner Ken Eppes

For singles, couples, & families of all ages.

Cost: Adults: \$5.00. Ages 13 –18 years-old: Free

Childcare provided ages 1-12 yrs. Please call (972) 298-9460 at least 3 days in advance for childcare reservations.

A donation is expected for the use of childcare.



Holy Spirit Catholic Church Women’s ACTS Retreat Oct. 20-23

The purpose of an ACTS weekend is to develop a deeper relationship with the Lord and fellow parishioners. Participants experience God’s love and joy throughout the weekend and return with a deeper love for each other and a desire to share that love in their parish.

You are invited to join us for an extraordinary weekend!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elsa Yzaguirre (214) 718-6102

Mary Lindsey (972) 824-3677

Jennifer Garza (214) 668-9570

Community Life Ministry

Sunday Morning Food and Fellowship

Today: **Fall Festival**

Enjoy all the Food & Fun at the festival!
 No breakfast will be served.

Next Week: Breakfast will be sponsored by A.C.T.S.



Autumn Family Social

(formerly...a Welcome Dinner) **Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 15** and plan to join us as we welcome our new parishioners. A Chili Dinner, Kids Fun Zone & Ministry Fair. More info to come next week!



Outreach Ministry

First Sunday Rosary for the end to abortion is NEXT Sunday, 10:30 a.m. in the church.

Exercise Class will not meet Monday, Sept. 26. Class will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 28. Remember to bring your water bottle to keep hydrated!

Ministry of Consolation: See today’s bulletin insert for information on an upcoming opportunity for enhanced training coming to Holy Spirit Catholic Church this fall! You won’t want to miss it!

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life effort that consists of 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach. Each day people will pray from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. outside the Planned Parenthood abortion facility, (7989 West Virginia Dr., Dallas). Holy Spirit has adopted **Sunday, Oct. 23** as our day to cover this facility in prayer. If you would like to be a part of this day of peaceful and prayerful witness, please contact Donna Greenlee x20.

Is your family or someone you know in need of help from our “St. Nick’s helpers?” Please submit names and information to Donna Greenlee, x20, by **Oct. 16**. All information is held confidential.