

# Sacraments

The whole liturgical life of the Church revolves around the Eucharistic sacrifice and the sacraments. There are seven sacraments in the Church: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony.

Sacraments are “powers that come forth” from the Body of Christ, which is ever-living and life-giving. They are actions of the Holy Spirit at work in his Body, the Church. They are “masterworks of God” in the new and everlasting covenant.

The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. The visible rites by which the sacraments are celebrated signify and make present the graces proper to each sacrament. They bear fruit in those who receive them with the required dispositions.

~from *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*

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# Baptism



**“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”**

~Matthew 28:19-20a

“Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons and daughters of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission.”

~Catechism of the Catholic Church

## **Baptism for Infants (Newborn to 6 years old)**

To have your child baptized, contact Gail Talley in the Liturgy Office:

### Liturgy Office

tel.: 630.922.0081 ext 33

email: [liturgy.asst@hsc.us](mailto:liturgy.asst@hsc.us)

## **Guidelines for Infant Baptism:**

- You must be a registered parishioner of Holy Spirit Catholic Community. To register click here:

[Registration](#)

- Attend a Baptism Preparation Class. Classes are usually held on the second Saturday of each month from 10:30 am to Noon. Register for the class by calling the Liturgy Office at the above number or e-mail.
- Baptism are normally celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 1:30 pm. As many as nine children are baptized at one celebration. There are no baptisms scheduled during Lent.
- **Godparent requirements:**
  - There is to be one male sponsor **or** one female sponsor **or** one of each according to canon law.
  - Must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation
  - At least 16 years old and a practicing Catholic
  - Neither parent of the child may be a godparent
  - Not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared
  - A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community can be a witness to the baptism provided there is one Catholic sponsor who meets the above requirements.

### **Baptism for Children Ages 7 to 18**

If your child is in grades 1 to 8 contact the Religious Education Office for more details.

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| <b>Religious Education Office</b> |                               |
| <b>tel.: 630.922.0081 ext 21</b>  | <b>email: asst.dre@hsc.us</b> |

If your child is in grades 9 to 12 contact Karen Asiyambi or Mary Lavish in the Confirmation Office for more details.

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| <b>Confirmation Office</b>       |                                   |
| <b>tel.: 630.922.0081 ext 30</b> |                                   |
| <b>Karen Asiyambi</b>            | <b>email: welcome@hsc.us</b>      |
| <b>Mary Lavish</b>               | <b>email: asst.welcome@hsc.us</b> |

### **Baptism for Adults**

**Are you Catholic?** If you are a baptized Catholic and have not received First Reconciliation or the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, contact Deacon Tom Schroeder for more information on completing these sacraments.

**Are you non-Catholic?** If you are a non-Catholic and are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, contact Deacon Tom Schroeder for more information.

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# Eucharist



*"This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you."*

*~Luke 22:19b-20*

The Eucharist is:

- the very body which Jesus gave up on the cross and the very blood which Jesus poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins
- the source and summit of the Christian life
- the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being
- Both a meal and a sacrifice

*~Catechism of the Catholic Church*

## First Eucharist for Children

Preparation for First Eucharist is held during second grade. Contact the Religious Education Office for more details.

### Religious Education Office

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email: [asst.dre@hsc.us](mailto:asst.dre@hsc.us)

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### **Eucharist Schedule**

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| Monday to Wednesday | Mass              | 9:00 am                  |
| Thursday to Friday  | Communion Service | 9:00 am                  |
| Saturday            | Vigil Mass        | 4:30 pm                  |
| Sunday              | Mass              | 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 |

### **Home, Hospital, or Nursing Home Visit**

If you are sick or homebound, contact Kathy Ford, our parish nurse to make arrangements for communion to be brought to you.

**Kathy Ford, Parish Nurse**

**tel.: 630.922.0081 ext 28**

**email: [pastoralcare@hsc.us](mailto:pastoralcare@hsc.us)**

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever . . . For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."*

*~John 6:51, 55-56*

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# Confirmation



“Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.”

“Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence, they are true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.”

~Catechism of the Catholic Church

## Confirmation for Youth

Preparation for Confirmation is held during 8th and 9th grade. Contact Karen Asiyambi or Mary Lavish in the Confirmation Office for more details.

**Confirmation Office**  
tel.: 630.922.0081 ext 30

**Karen Asiyambi**  
**Mary Lavish**

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# Reconciliation



“Sin is before all else an offense against God, a rupture of communion with him. The sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation was instituted by Christ to offer members of his Church a new possibility to convert and recover the grace of justification.

The confession (or disclosure) of sins, even from a simply human point of view, frees us and facilitates our reconciliation with others. Through such an admission, we look squarely at the sins we are guilty of, take responsibility for them, and open ourselves again to God and to the communion of the Church in order to make a new future possible.

The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God’s grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship.”

~Catechism of the Catholic Church

## Private Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 to 4:00 PM

## Communal Reconciliation

Communal Reconciliation Services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Private Reconciliation is offered at the end of the communal service.

## First Reconciliation for Children

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Contact the Religious Education Office for more details.

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## Anointing of the Sick



By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them. And indeed she exhorts them to contribute to the good of the People of God by freely uniting themselves to the Passion and death of Christ.

The Church believes and confesses that among the seven sacraments there is one especially intended to strengthen those who are being tried by illness, the Anointing of the Sick.

~Catechism of the Catholic Church

### Who can receive this Sacrament?

Any person who is seriously ill, in danger of death, weakened by old age (even if no serious illness is present), or preparing for serious surgery due to illness may receive the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

One should not necessarily wait until they are on their deathbed to receive this sacrament. In addition, those who have received the Anointing of the Sick and recovered, but fall ill again, or those whose condition becomes more serious during the same illness, may receive the sacrament again.

### Private Anointing of the Sick

If you or a family member wish to receive the Anointing of the Sick, contact our Parish Nurse, Kathy Ford, or Fr. Dennis Lewandowski to make arrangements.

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| <b>Holy Spirit Catholic Community</b><br>tel.: 630.922.0081 |               |                   |               |
| <b>Fr. Dennis</b>   | <b>ext 23</b> | <b>Kathy Ford</b> | <b>ext 28</b> |

**After office hours:** If a person in immanent danger of death, call 630.922.0081 and Press 2 to be transferred to the emergency answering service or call the answering service directly at 815.741.5891

### Communal Anointing of the Sick

About twice a year this sacrament is offered during an Eucharistic celebration. Watch the bulletin for details.

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# Holy Orders



“Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time: thus it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry. It includes three degrees: episcopate, presbyterate, and diaconate.”

~Catechism of the Catholic Church

## Priesthood

The priest should be a person who knows Jesus intimately, has met Him and learned to love Him. The priest should therefore be a man of prayer, a truly "spiritual" man. Without strong spiritual substance he cannot last in his ministry. From the mystery of Christ he should also learn in his life not to seek himself nor his own promotion. He should learn to spend his life for Christ and for his flock. (Pope Benedict XVI, *The Nature of Priesthood*)

If you are interested in the priesthood and would like more information, talk to Fr. Dennis Lewandowski.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Diocese of Joliet Vocations Office.

### Diocese of Joliet Vocations Office

tel.: 815.834.4004

[www.vocations.com/priest/](http://www.vocations.com/priest/)

## Diaconate

The Deacons of the Joliet Diocese are dedicated to a ministry of service to all of God's people. Of special concern are the poor, disadvantaged, hungry, needy, homeless, sick, those in prison or anyone in need of God's love. (from Diocesan website)

If you are interested in the Diaconate and would like more information, talk to Fr. Dennis Lewandowski, Deacon Tom Schroeder, or Deacon Tim Rehor. Further information can also be obtained by contacting the Diocese of Joliet Diaconate Office.

### Diaconate Office

tel.: 815.834.4090

[www.dioceseofjoliet.org/diaconate/](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/diaconate/)

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# Marriage



**The marriage covenant, by which a man and woman form with each other an intimate communion of life and love, has been founded and endowed with its own special laws by the Creator. By its very nature it is ordered to the good of the couple, as well as to the generation and education of children.**

~Catechism of the Catholic Church

The sacrament of Matrimony signifies the union of Christ and the Church. It gives spouses the grace to love each other with the love with which Christ has loved his Church; the grace of the sacrament thus perfects the human love of the spouses, strengthens their indissoluble unity, and sanctifies them on the way to eternal life.

~Catechism of the Catholic Church

## Marriage

Contact Deacon Tim Rehor at least **7 months prior** to the wedding to arrange an initial meeting with the engaged couple.

Basic marriage requirements:

- Either the bride, the groom, or the parents of either are required to be registered members of Holy Spirit Catholic Community for at least three months prior to contacting the parish to set a date.
- The diocese of Joliet requires an engagement period of at least six months before the date of the wedding
- The completion of a FOCCUS questionnaire and attendance at a marriage preparation program

## Annulments

Contact Deacon Tim Rehor to discuss your specific situation.

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