



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:28, 33

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Mass Schedule

Weekday

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; 9:00am

Weekend

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am

Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:30pm

Parish Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 8am-4:30pm (closed 12noon-1pm for lunch); Fri 8am-1pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

- Every Tuesday following the 9:00am Mass until 12 Noon in Church: Exposition & Adoration
- Additionally, 1st Tuesday evening of each month, Holy Hour & Benediction, 7pm-8pm in Church

Weddings - please contact Parish Office

Baptisms - 1st & 2nd Sunday/Month

Readings & Reflections

GOSPEL MEDITATION - September 4, 2022
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love. Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult.

There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. "Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor)." "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over her soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble.

The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. "A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta)." Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don't feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God's love and seek it above all other things!

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Welcome to **Joyful Noise**, a new bulletin column authored by the music ministry team at Holy Spirit. We look forward to sharing our reflections on music and liturgy with you.



***"Let us come before him with a song of praise,"
wrote King David, "joyfully sing out our psalms."***

Music and song are ancient Catholic traditions at Mass and are beautiful forms of prayer to be shared as a faith community - the musicians, the choir and the assembly joining together - the musicians provide the musical background, the choir and cantors leading in song, and the assembly fully participating. All together singing joyous hymns of praise, prayer and thanksgiving.

Using your musical gifts is a wonderful way to contribute to building up your Church, to give back to God what He has given abundantly to you. All are welcome to join in providing the music of our Catholic faith - an integral part of our prayers and a lasting expression of our faith.

We invite you to find out more about our music ministry by attending Eat, Pray, Sing on Saturday, September 10, 2022 after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. There, we will enjoy a light meal, friendship, prayer and singing together as we make a joyous noise to the Lord!

Have a blessed week,,

Chris, Debbie and Sadie
Holy Spirit Catholic Community Music Ministry Team

Readings for Sunday, September 4, 2022

Wisdom 9: 13-18b

Psalms 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17

Philemon: 9-10, 12-17

Luke 14: 25-33



Prayer & Mass Intentions

Monday, September 5

**HAPPY
LABOR DAY**

Join us for 9am Mass
Parish Office will be closed

A Prayer for Workers

God our Creator,
Your Word worked wonders to create
the heavens and the earth and all they contain.

Jesus Christ our Savior and Brother,
You labored alongside your foster father Joseph,
living the life of an ordinary worker.

Holy Spirit, we are baptized into your life.
You live and move and have your being in us
as we go about our daily tasks.

On this Employee Appreciation Day,
may all who work recognize their intrinsic value.
Show them that their worth depends not
on any task, responsibility, or skill.
Remind them that their dignity lies in You, oh Lord.
In all of our labors,
may we remember that we imitate You. Amen.

Pray for the Sick

Lord, we lift up all those who are in our hearts facing illness. We ask that You bring healing, comfort, and peace to them. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen

Pray for the Deceased

Lord, remember all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. May they find light, happiness and peace in Your presence. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mass Intentions this week

+Deceased

SUNDAY, September 4, 2022

8:30am People of Holy Spirit Catholic Community

10:00am +James Gargano

11:30am +Franco Cesar Patino

MONDAY, September 5, 2022

9:00am +Joan & +Frank Gargaro

TUESDAY, September 6, 2022

9:00am Mary Brockup

The Gallo Family

WEDNESDAY, September 7, 2022

9:00am +Gerald Castonguay

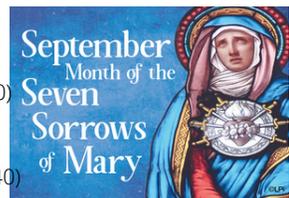
SATURDAY, September 10, 2022

4:30pm +Alex & +Emma Kramer

Devotion to Our Lady's Seven Sorrows

Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows became a standard devotion in the Church around the 14th century. It was revealed to St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373) that devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary's Seven Sorrows would bring great signal graces. **The devotion consists in praying seven Hail Mary's while meditating on the Seven Sorrows of Mary.**

- The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)
- The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-21)
- The Loss of Jesus for Three Days (Luke 2: 41-50)
- The Carrying of the Cross (John 19: 17)
- The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19: 18-30)
- Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (John 19: 39-40)
- Jesus Laid in the Tomb (John 19: 39-42)



Mary, in a unique way, willingly suffered alongside her Divine Son as he gave his life to save the world, and she felt the bitterness of his passion as only a mother can. **This devotion is especially remembered during September, the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows** (the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is September 15th), and during the season of Lent.

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Sunday, September 18

12:30 p.m.

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<https://forms.office.com/r/RaySC43JLt>



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Annual St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive September 10-11

St. Vincent DePaul will be collecting gently used clothes the weekend of September 10/11.

Please drop off **bagged donations** at the SVdp Truck - located near the Parish Entrance during the times specified below.

Saturday, Sept 10, 4:15pm - 5:45pm
Sunday, Sept 11, 8:15am - 12:15pm



An Evening to Gather Music Ministers

Choir, Cantors, Musicians, Instrumentalists

Eat ~ Pray ~ Sing!!!

Saturday evening – September 10, 2022
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Mass
Parish Multipurpose Room

This invitation is to all current adult music ministers, as well as any adult who wants to share their gift of music at Holy Spirit!

If you are joining us, please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share!

RSVP: Holy Spirit Music Office by Thursday,
September 8, 2022; (630) 922-0081, ext 8

Food

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Games

Crafts

September 18, 2022
Following 11:30 Mass

DJ

Registration
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Food Donation and
Volunteer Sign-Up now live
- see parish website

RSVP NEEDED REGISTRATION OPEN

New This Year
Corn Hole Tournament

Test Your Dessert Skills
Bake-Off Contest



**Knights of Columbus are
hosting a pancake breakfast
on Sunday, Sept 11 after all the
masses. Please join us for
community and fellowship.**

Blood Drive

Turn a new leaf
Fall into giving

**Saturday
September**

17

7:00am - 11:00am

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.



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2022



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coming September 17

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Please include contact information (name, phone and email) with each request.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS/EVENTS

For additional information, see the Parish website, www.hsc.us

SUNDAY, September 4, 2022

Blood Drive Registration, Narthex (8am-1pm)
Seasoned Spirits Picnic, Outdoor Patio (12:30pm)

THURSDAY, September 8, 2022

Baptism Preparation Class, Gathering Place (7pm)

SATURDAY, September 10, 2022

Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room (7am)
SVDP Clothing Drive, Parking Lot (4pm-6pm)
Eat, Pray, Sing/Adult Choir, Multipurpose Room (5:30pm)



Holy Spirit Catholic Community

Bulletin: Stewardship

	# of Donors	Aug-22
Monthly Offering		
WeShare Online Giving	104	\$11,962
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	165	\$20,693
Envelopes & Loose Cash	162	\$55,793
Total August Collection		\$88,448

July 1, 2022 - August 31, 2022

Fiscal Year-to-date Actual	\$161,200
Fiscal Year-to-date Budget	\$175,500
Deficit	(\$14,300)

Special Collections

Mortgage Collection - August	\$2,579
HSCC Mortgage Loan Balance	\$711,767

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