



AND A VOICE
CAME FROM THE
HEAVENS,
SAYING,
“THIS IS MY
BELOVED SON,
WITH WHOM I AM
WELL PLEASED.”

MATTHEW 3:17



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday
4:30pm

Sunday
8:00am, 9:30am,
11:00am

WEEKDAY

Monday-Thursday
9:00am

CONFESSION

Saturday
3:30-4:00pm

ADORATION

Tuesdays
9:30am-10:30am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

M- Thurs 8:00am-4:30pm
Friday 8:00am-1:00pm

JANUARY 11, 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

OUR MISSION

Holy Spirit Catholic Church exists to
bring people into a heartfelt
relationship with Jesus Christ.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends:

Once again, on behalf of Fr. Smith and myself, we wish to thank everyone who helped in any way to make this year's Advent, Christmas and New Year's celebrations prayerful and beautiful ones. Special thanks to those who helped with the environment, decorations, music and liturgies. To those who opened and closed the Church, those who cleaned, those who served, greeted, read, distributed Holy Communion, ushered or volunteered in any way. **THANK YOU!**

Fr. Smith and I also wish to thank all those who gave us Christmas cards, greetings and gifts! We very much appreciated all of them. May God bless all of you this new year and always!!

-Fr. John



PRAY WITH US



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, January 10
4:30 pm + Philip R. Murray

Sunday, January 11– The Baptism of the Lord
8:00 am People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church
9:30 am + Kathleen Kelly
11:00 am + Jim and Tracey Dalton

Monday, January 12
9:00 am Intentions of Kristine Leana Alunan

Tuesday, January 13– St. Hilary
9:00 am + Maryjane Miller and Intentions of Janet Nwosisi

Wednesday, January 14
9:00 am + Sharon Dixon

Thursday, January 15
9:00 am Intentions of Theresa Nwaobi and Family



MEN'S WELCOME RETREAT

A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR MEN

- ? Do you sense something is missing in your life?
- ? Do you feel that if you weren't so busy, you'd be happier, healthier, more fulfilled, and even a better person?

Take a break from the everyday and join us for an incredible weekend experience during the holy Lenten season.

DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO RENEW, REFLECT, AND RECHARGE!



SAVE THE DATE

WHAT YOU'LL GAIN

- **Rediscover** what's missing in your life and what to do about it.
- **Deepen** your prayer life and spiritual connection.
- **Connect** with other men in the parish community.
- Take time to **relax, reflect**, and have some fun!

RETREAT DETAILS

WHEN: Saturday, March 7, 2026
Sunday, March 8, 2026

WHERE: Holy Spirit Catholic Church meeting rooms

COST: **FREE** (Meals provided)

RSVP & MORE INFORMATION

To sign up or learn more, contact:
Deacon Steve Boffa: deaconsteve@hsc.us
Retreat Leader Brian Bartz: bbartz27@gmail.com

FREE



COMING UP AT HOLY SPIRIT

High School Teens — Join Us After Mass!

High school teens are invited to stay after Mass on Sunday, January 25th at 12:15 PM for a youth group gathering. We'll share chicken nuggets, a sweet treat (likely donuts), and spend time together in prayer and faith-filled conversation. This is a simple opportunity to grow in faith, connect with others, and enjoy some food. Come as you are and bring a friend.



Sunday, January 11

9:00am OCIA, Multipurpose Room
12:00pm Events Committee, Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, January 14

9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, January 15

9:45am Gathered in Prayer, Multipurpose Room

Saturday, January 17

7:00am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room
7:00am That Man is You, Gathering Place

Sunday, January 18

Donut Sunday After All Masses
9:00am OCIA, Multipurpose Room

Monday, January 19

6:00pm K of C Council Mtg, Gathering Place

Wednesday, January 21

9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, January 22

9:45am Gathered in Prayer, Multipurpose Room

Saturday, January 24

7:00am Men's Ministry, Narthex
7:00am That Man is You, Gathering Place
7:00am Blood Drive, Multipurpose Room

Sunday, January 25

9:00am OCIA, Multipurpose Room
12:00pm Rosary, Church
12:15pm Convalidation Talk, Gathering Place
12:15pm High School Teen Group Gathering

Wednesday, January 28

9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, January 29

9:45am Gathered in Prayer, Multipurpose Room

Saturday, January 31

7:00am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room
7:00am That Man is You, Gathering Place

Marriage Convalidation

BRINGING YOUR MARRIAGE INTO THE CHURCH

with Fr. John Sponder

Sunday, January 25, 2026
12:15 - 1:45 pm in the Gathering Place

Are you married by the civil court but not in the Catholic Church?

For Catholics, matrimony is a sacrament, and all married couples are called to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Catholic Church.

Whether it's been 3 years or 30 or more years of civil marriage, Holy Spirit is ready to help married couples receive the grace of the sacraments.

Come hear Fr. John talk about the sacrament and the process towards having your marriage blessed.



Questions- Contact
Roberta Balsewicz
rbalsewicz@hsec.us

SAVE THE DATE!

June 15-19, 2026



Registration for this year's VBS
will open online February 13!



GET INVOLVED

Seasons of Hope

A Bereavement Support Group

TUESDAYS

Starting February 17, 2026

In the Multi-Purpose Room from 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Register by February 3rd to
Bernadette Beyer at beyerbh@gmail.com



Any parishioner who is mourning the loss of a loved one is invited to join us and bring a friend for a new faith-based series:

"Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart"

Based on the companion model for understanding grief by Dr. Alan Wolfelt



MEETING DATES

Feb. 17 & 24

March 3, 10, 17 & 24

April 14, 21 & 28

May 5

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Calling all Crocheters and Knitters (and anyone who is interested in learning)...



Help serve the guests of Hesed House and those in need by joining our new ministry, "Hooked on the Spirit".

We will be making blankets/afghans, hats, and scarves for the guests staying at Hesed House and those in need. Minimal skill is needed, materials can be provided.

Time requirement: @ 1-1.5 hours/ month social interaction and whatever spare time you have while watching TV to create your project.

For more information, contact Kathy Hohnstedt at spedtcher1@comcast.net



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS



Holy Spirit Catholic Church Blood Drive

Saturday, January 24, 2026 from 7:00 AM- 11:00 AM- Multipurpose Room

GOVERNMENT PHOTO ID REQUIRED Appointments appreciated; Walk-Ins welcomed! To schedule, go to www.versiti.org/IL, load the Versiti Donor app, call (800) 7TO-GIVE, or scan the QR code



Thank you to everyone who purchased nativity sets during the Knights of Columbus "Put Christmas in Your Front Yard" project. The Knights sold 66 sets this year. A check for \$1,896 (from the sales margin and donations) was presented to Fr. John by project leader Frank Reveles and assistant Jim Krzmarzick. The funds will be used to purchase much-needed additional clergy vestments for our parish.

DONUT SUNDAY NEXT WEEK, JANUARY 18

Please join us after
all Sunday Masses
for a sweet treat!



Sponsored by the
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We thank all those who donated Altar Flowers to our parish this Christmas Season

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

It is with grateful hearts that we thank you for your continued support of the parish!

Monthly Offering	#of Donors	Dec. 2025
WeShare Online Giving:	197	\$22,010
Electronic Funds Transfer:	158	\$17,918
Envelopes & Loose Cash:	183	\$117,155
Total December Collection:	538	\$157,083

Year-to-Date July 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

Sunday Offering Thru 12/31/25:	\$567,898
Fiscal Year Budget Thru 12/31/25:	\$535,600
Surplus:	\$32,298

Special Offerings - December 2025

Building & Maintenance Fund:	\$1,713
Retirement Fund for Religious:	\$2,573

Christmas 2025	Goal	Actual
Christmas Collection:	\$51,000	\$52,968
Christmas Flowers:		\$2,531

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"JOHN TRIED TO PREVENT HIM, SAYING, 'I NEED TO BE BAPTIZED BY YOU, YET YOU ARE COMING TO ME?'"

MATTHEW 3:14

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

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