



Holy Spirit
CATHOLIC CHURCH



John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

John 1:29

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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 18, 2026

**SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OUR MISSION

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



PRAY WITH US

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, January 17
4:30 pm + Joyce Skortz

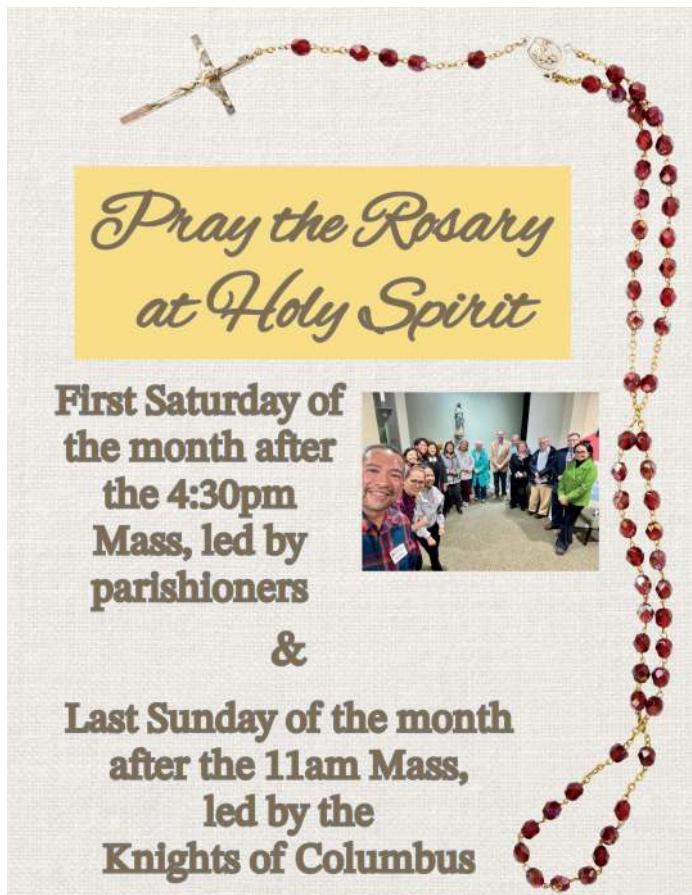
Sunday, January 18 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church
9:30 am + John Zarebski
11:00 am + Deceased Members of the Buciak Family

Monday, January 19
9:00 am Intentions of Ella Umunna and Family

Tuesday, January 20 – St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
9:00 am + Christopher Mathew and Intentions of Ben-Paul Umunna

Wednesday, January 21 – St. Agnes
9:00 am + John Skrip

Thursday, January 22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
9:00 am Intentions of Nneka Ejindu and Family



Pray the Rosary at Holy Spirit

First Saturday of the month after the 4:30pm Mass, led by parishioners

&

Last Sunday of the month after the 11am Mass, led by the Knights of Columbus

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

For questions, contact
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Are you in need of prayer? Please submit your prayer request at hsccl.org/prayer-request. Our At-Home Prayer Team and Gathered in Prayer Group are standing by ready to pray!



Gathered in Prayer Team:

If your schedule allows you to attend in person, come join us Thursday mornings at Holy Spirit beginning at 9:45am. Each week a new prayer list is provided. The average time is between 30 to 60 minutes.

At-Home Prayer Team: If you prefer to pray from the comfort of your own home, please consider joining our At-Home Prayer Team. Each Thursday afternoon a prayer list of intentions with suggested prayers will be emailed to you, giving you the flexibility to pray as your schedule allows. Visit hsccl.org/ministries-volunteering-form and select the “At-Home Prayer Team” box.



COMING UP AT HOLY SPIRIT

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

Sunday, February 1

9:00am OCIA, Multipurpose Room
12:00pm Seasoned Spirits, Gathering Place

Monday, February 2

6:00pm K of C Officers' Mtg, Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, February 4

9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place

Thursday, February 5

9:45am Gathered in Prayer, Multipurpose Room

Saturday, February 7

7:00am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room
7:00am That Man is You, Gathering Place
5:30pm Rosary, Narthex

Saturday, February 8

Pancake Breakfast After All Masses
9:00am OCIA, Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, February 11

9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place
7:00pm Mass for Our Lady of Lourdes, Church

Thursday, February 12

9:45am Gathered in Prayer, Multipurpose Room

Saturday, February 14

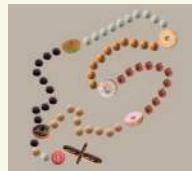
7:00am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room
7:00am That Man is You, Gathering Place

Sunday, February 15

9:00am OCIA, Multipurpose Room

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.



Please Note

The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, January 19th.

Mass will still be celebrated
at 9:00am.

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
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COMING UP AT HOLY SPIRIT



Inter-Parish Marriage Enrichment Team (IMET) Invites You To

GOD CHOSE YOU FOR ME

Presenters:

*Tony and Sue Morris
Fr. Robert "Rosy" Rosebrough*

Saturday, February 21, 2026
9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Holy Spirit Catholic Church

A one-day experience created by Worldwide Marriage Encounter to deepen the spiritual connection between a married couple.

Participants will create a personal prayer for their marriage that they can continue to use at home.



SCAN ME

Please register by February 13th
at www.imetevents.org

For more information, contact
Mark & Sue Bonucchi at
630-936-3296



\$100 per couple

Includes lunch/materials





GET INVOLVED

HOLY SPIRIT 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.

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!

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



RETREAT DETAILS

WHEN: Saturday, March 7, 2026 8am-7:30pm
Sunday, March 8, 2026 8am-12:30pm

WHERE: Holy Spirit Catholic Church meeting rooms

COST: **FREE** (Meals provided)



TO RSVP, PLEASE
USE THE QR CODE

For questions, please contact:
Deacon Steve Boffa: deaconsteve@hscc.us
Retreat Leader Brian Bartz: bbartz27@gmail.com

**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 spedtcherl@comcast.net



NEWS FROM THE KNIGHTS

YOUR BLOOD IS A *Lifeline*

NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH



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



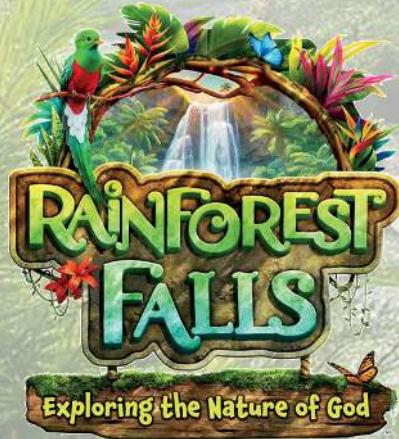
DONUT SUNDAY THIS WEEK, JANUARY 18

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us after
all Sunday
Masses
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treat!



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SAVE THE DATE!
June 15-19, 2026



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



**It takes a whole flock to
have an AWESOME VBS!**

**Any adults interested
in volunteering
come by from 10am-11am
on Sunday, February 22
to learn about the
different volunteer
opportunities!**

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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

Consider Electronic Giving!

For information and to select the option that works best for you, please visit www.hscc.us/donation

- Automatic Debit/Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
- WeShare Online Giving
- Donating Stock
- QR Code (one time or reoccurring offering)



“NOW THE LORD HAS
SPOKEN WHO FORMED
ME AS HIS SERVANT
FROM THE WOMB...”

ISAIAH 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

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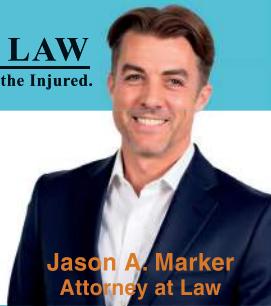
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