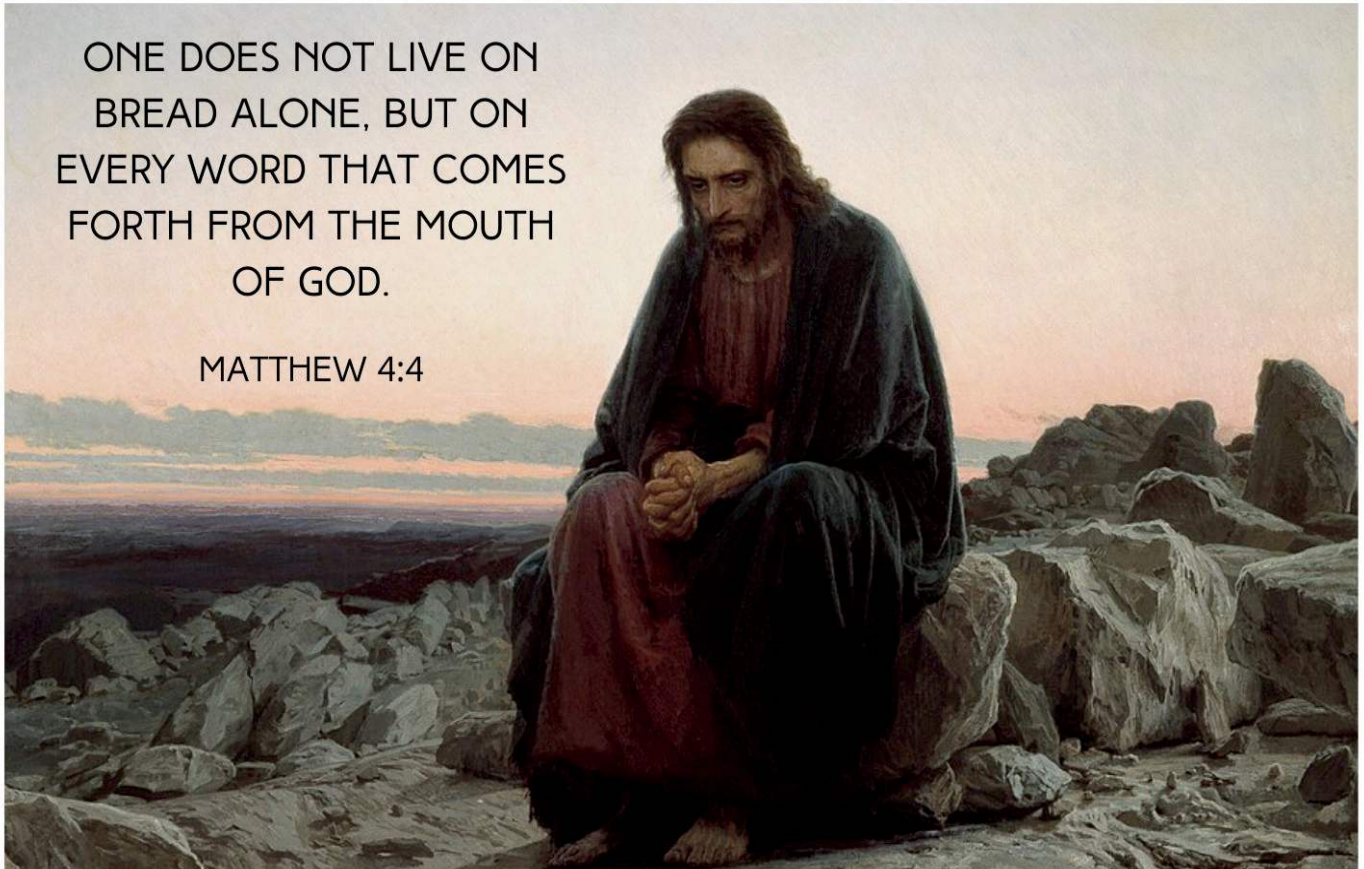




ONE DOES NOT LIVE ON  
BREAD ALONE, BUT ON  
EVERY WORD THAT COMES  
FORTH FROM THE MOUTH  
OF GOD.

MATTHEW 4:4



## 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

**FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

**FIRST SUNDAY  
OF LENT**

## 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, February 21**  
4:30 pm + Terrance Martinka

**Sunday, February 22– First Sunday of Lent**  
8:00 am People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
9:30 am + Maria Pater  
11:00 am + Donna Perkins

**Monday, February 23– St. Polycarp**  
9:00 am + Connie Rosenthal

**Tuesday, February 24**  
9:00 am + Ken Bondy and + Sam Izzo

**Wednesday, February 25**  
9:00 am + John and Donna Stromidlo


**Thursday, February 26**  
9:00 am Intentions of Linda Shuman and Family

## HSCC 2025 Contribution Statements

If you have not already received your 2025 Contribution Statement and you need a copy, please contact Kathy Mackowiak at [kmackowiak@hsccl.us](mailto:kmackowiak@hsccl.us)



Your statement will be emailed to you, or you may pick it up at the parish office during regular office hours.



We wish to offer our sympathy and a promise of our prayers to family and friends on the death of **Frankie Lanzarotta, Madeline Lynch, and Kathy Swain.**

*Please pray  
for our OCLA  
Candidates  
and  
Catechumens*



## LENTEN SCHEDULE

### Stations of the Cross with Adoration

(Followed by Benediction)

Fridays, February 20, 27 & March 6, 13, 20, 27 at 7:00pm

### Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 3 at 3:00pm

### Lenten Confessions

Saturdays, 3:30-4:00pm

Sunday, March 15 following 11:00am Mass until all are heard

Saturday, March 21 from 2:30pm-4:00pm

Saturday, March 28 from 3:00pm-4:00pm

No Confessions Saturday, April 4

### St. Joseph's Table

Saturday, March 21, after 4:30pm Mass





# GET INVOLVED



## HELP SAVE LIVES IN OUR COMMUNITY!

February 18-March 29

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion. Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

**Vigil location:** Waterleaf Women's Center, 3055 E. New York Ave. Aurora, IL (Park behind AutoZone)

**Vigil hours:** 8 am to 5 pm, Mon - Sat

**Local contact:** Pat Burke, 630-470-1507, pburkel4@live.com

Learn more and sign up for prayer times by visiting [40daysforlife.com/en/Aurorail](http://40daysforlife.com/en/Aurorail)



Stick around after 11 am Mass this Sunday, February 22. We'll be making rosaries (to keep and/or give), share snacks and pray together. Bring a friend!

And save the date of March 22 after 11am Mass, we'll learn how to make crosses from palms!



Holy Spirit Church is collecting Easter basket supplies for children at a local homeless shelter. Donations will be accepted from February 22 through March 8.

The baskets will be assembled by our Religious Education classes, giving our parish children the opportunity to help bring joy and hope to other children this Easter season.

Suggested donation items for Hesed House children in 1st grade through 8th grade include:

- Easter Baskets
- Shredded PAPER grass
- Candy
- Small plush toys
- Small toys
- Spring Socks
- Water bottles
- Small games, books, or activity items

Thank you for helping us share the joy of Easter and show Christ's love to children in our community.

## Seasoned Spirits

We are a vibrant social ministry for parishioners ages 55 and over, focused on building community, friendship, and fun. Through a variety of events—from dinners and shows to picnics and ball games—this group brings people together to enjoy life and each other's company. Whether you're looking to make new friends or reconnect with familiar faces, there's always a place for you at the table. Please join us on at Noon in the Gathering Place on the first Sunday of each month! Our next gathering is Sunday, March 1st.



# COMING UP AT HOLY SPIRIT

## Sunday, February 22

9:00am OCIA, Multipurpose Room  
12:00pm Rosary, Church

## Tuesday, February 24

12:30pm Parish Leadership Team Mtg., Gathering Place  
1:00pm Seasons of Hope, Multipurpose Room  
6:30pm Finance Council Mtg.

## Wednesday, February 25

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

## Thursday, February 26

9:45am Gathered in Prayer, Multipurpose Room

## Friday, February 27

7:00pm Stations of the Cross & Adoration, Church

## Saturday, February 28

7:00am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room  
7:00am That Man is You, Gathering Place  
9:00am Hooked on the Spirit, Gathering Place  
8:00pm Young Adult Gathering, Multipurpose Room

## Sunday, March 1

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

## Monday, March 2

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

## Tuesday, March 3

12:30pm Parish Leadership Team Mtg., Gathering Place  
1:00pm Seasons of Hope, Multipurpose Room

## Wednesday, March 4

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

## Thursday, March 5

9:45am Gathered in Prayer, Multipurpose Room

## Friday, March 6

7:00pm Stations of the Cross & Adoration, Church  
8:00pm Young Adult Gathering, Multipurpose Room

## Saturday, March 7

8:00am Men's Welcome Retreat, Gathering Place  
5:30pm Rosary, Narthex

## Sunday, March 8

8:00am Men's Welcome Retreat, Gathering Place

## Tuesday, March 10

12:30pm Parish Leadership Team Mtg., Gathering Place  
1:00pm Seasons of Hope, Multipurpose Room

## Wednesday, March 11

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

## Thursday, March 12

9:45am Gathered in Prayer, Multipurpose Room

## Friday, March 13

5:00pm Fish Fry, Gathering Place  
7:00pm Stations of the Cross & Adoration, Church

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

## LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH & FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH  
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# COMING UP AT HOLY SPIRIT



**We're HOWLIN' like a howler monkey!  
VBS Registration  
Now Open!**

VBS is offered to any student entering grades K-6 in the Fall of 2026.

The fee per child is \$60. Early Bird Registration discount of \$10 when you register and pay by April 5!



Registration includes a T-shirt, 5 days of faith building fun, a daily snack, and a special keepsake.

Scan the QR Code to Register!



**JUNE 15-19  
at Holy Spirit 9:30am-12pm**



## SAINT JOSEPH'S TABLE

Join us after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, March 21st



The St. Joseph Table is a cherished Catholic tradition that honors St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, on his feast day, March 19. Rooted in Italian custom, it began as a prayerful offering of thanks after a time of famine, when people asked St. Joseph's intercession and promised to share their blessings with those in need. Today, the table is filled with simple, foods, bread, and symbols of faith, and the celebration reminds us to trust in God's providence, to honor St. Joseph's quiet faithfulness, and to care for the poor by sharing what we have with others.

Come and celebrate St. Joseph - the patron saint of the Universal Church!



We look forward to celebrating St. Joseph's Day with you!

## 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:

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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	Jan. 2026
WeShare Online Giving:	142	\$17,197
Electronic Funds Transfer:	155	\$17,593
Envelopes & Loose Cash:	181	\$57,264
<b>Total January Collection:</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>\$92,054</b>

### Year-to-Date July 1, 2025 - January 31, 2026

Sunday Offering:	\$663,297
Fiscal Year Budget:	\$618,000
Surplus:	\$45,297

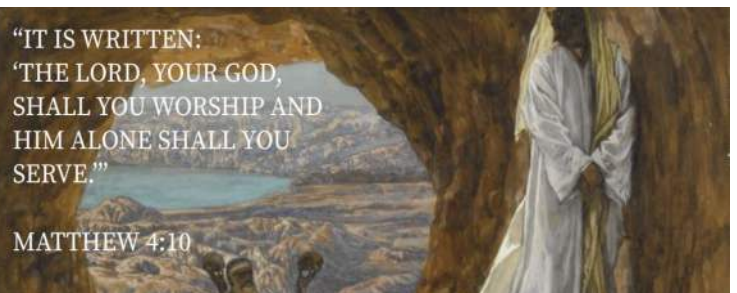
### Special Offerings - January 2026

Building & Maintenance Fund:	\$6,506
Church in Latin America:	\$913

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