

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

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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

**MAY 3, 2026**

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 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, May 2

4:30 pm + Phil Weisman

### Sunday, May 3– Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church

9:30 am + Jonathan Trevino

11:00 am + Deceased Members of the Buciak Family

### Monday, May 4

9:00 am + Victor Munoz, Jr.

### Tuesday, May 5

9:00 am + Deceased Members of the Stromidlo Family and Intentions of the Chirayil Family

### Wednesday, May 6

9:00 am + Jonathan Trevino

### Thursday, May 7

9:00 am + Omar Ochoa

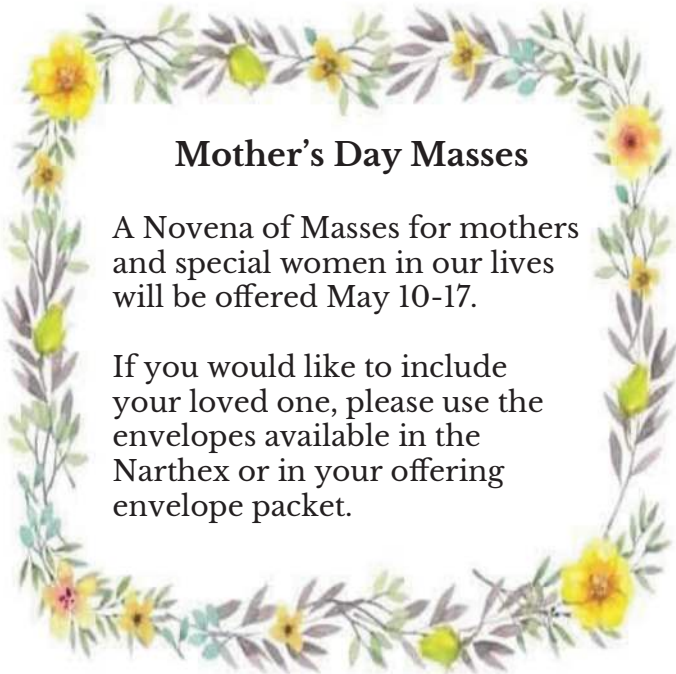


## ANOINTING MASS

### SATURDAY, MAY 16

### 4:30 PM

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered during Mass. 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.



## Mother's Day Masses

A Novena of Masses for mothers and special women in our lives will be offered May 10-17.

If you would like to include your loved one, please use the envelopes available in the Narthex or in your offering envelope packet.

## Get Involved!

**Our parish is inviting those who feel called to share in the ministry of hospitality at Mass.**



### Greeters

This essential ministry is the welcoming first face our parishioners and visitors encounter, offering a warm smile and a friendly presence so that all who enter feel truly at home here at Holy Spirit. Greeters also help distribute the collection baskets throughout the church.

### Mass Coordinators

Mass coordinators are responsible for setting up/cleaning up the sacred vessels and preparing for Mass. An essential role that makes our Masses the beautiful and sacred liturgies where people come to meet Jesus.

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*No experience is needed. Training will be provided. In these simple but meaningful ways, you help create a space where all feel welcomed and can encounter Christ.*





# Congratulations

## to our Confirmandi!

“God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.” *Romans 5:5*

*Viola Accorsi*  
*Carolina Aguilar*  
*Tessa Aler*  
*Sage Anslem*  
*Samantha Barreto*  
*Hannah Beauchane*  
*Philip Bobek*  
*Alexander Bohn*  
*Lauren Brown*  
*Liam Callaghan*  
*Terese Callaghan*  
*Mia Carrillo*  
*Katelyn Cerilli*  
*Nathan Clemens*  
*Thomas Clifton*  
*Carys Crist*  
*Lilliana Dermos*  
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*Easton Fitzgerald*  
*Arianna Fusco*  
*Norah Gardner*  
*Olivia Gleason*  
*Hayden Gorski*  
*Daniel Granato*

*Logan Hartman*  
*Kiley Homb*  
*Chase Howland*  
*Matthew Huffman*  
*Brooklynn Jimenez*  
*Ricky John*  
*Tavish Kandhari*  
*Alexander Kang*  
*Benjamin Kang*  
*Anna Keane*  
*Cooper Keen*  
*William Kirchner*  
*Emma Lalko*  
*Lucas Lannon*  
*Ava LaSota*  
*Matthew LaSota*  
*Katarina Lingk*  
*Shailen Magloire*  
*Grace Maguire*  
*Connor Mally*  
*Daniel Mancilla*  
*Patricio Martinez*  
*Ayden Manivannan*  
*Katherine Masters*

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*Marie-Rose Moukiama*  
*Tyce Nelson*  
*Jackson Nevins*  
*Logan Niziolek*  
*Abigail Ohnemus*  
*Zayden Pinto*  
*Bonnie Reeb*  
*Henry Rice*  
*Jaxson Rietow*  
*Lily Ringsdorf*  
*Caroline Rosensweet*  
*Samuel Rosensweet*  
*Troy Sarinas*  
*Sabrina Sawyer*  
*Lena Sax*  
*Mia Schultze*  
*Gracie Sekella*  
*Zachery Startek*  
*Hanna Strand*  
*Ryker Sumpay*  
*Max Sweeney*  
*Taylor Thibos*  
*Audrey Wesling*

Dear Parish Family,

As I prepare to retire on May 15 after eight wonderful years as Business Manager at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude. It has been an honor and a blessing to serve this amazing parish community.

Together, we have accomplished so much. From paying off our mortgage to renovating the sanctuary, adding the Carillon Bells, adorning the church walls with the Stations of the Cross, welcoming the Blessed Mother and St. Francis statues, beautifying the front entrance, adding the prayer garden as well as a new Monstrance—these achievements reflect the faith, dedication, and generosity of this parish. I am so grateful to have been part of it all.

I have deeply valued the opportunity to work alongside and learn from Fr. John, Fr. Smith, our dedicated staff, the Finance Council, and the Parish Leadership Team. You are remarkable people, and I will carry your friendship with me always.

Holy Spirit will forever hold a special place in my heart. I will continue to pray for the parish's growth, both spiritually and in numbers, and for God's continued blessings upon each of you.

With gratitude and prayers,

Leslie Doherty-Bejna  
Business Manager



### Holy Spirit Catholic Church Safety and Security Team

The Safety and Security Team is dedicated to fostering a **safe, secure, and welcoming environment** for everyone who enters our parish.



We are currently seeking to identify parishioners—**both retired and currently employed professionals**—who are willing to act as consultants (based on your level of comfort/involvement) with our Team to share their expertise in the following areas:

- Security
- Building Safety
- Law Enforcement
- Fire Prevention
- Medical Services
- Legal Services

Your knowledge and experience can make a meaningful difference in keeping our parish a safe and supportive community.

**If you are interested in liasoning with our team or would like more information, please call John Juarez at 219-314-5106.**

### Job Opening at Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit Catholic Church is seeking a part-time (20 hours per week) bookkeeper to support our parish financial operations.

This is an on-site position with a flexible schedule, ideal for someone who enjoys meaningful work in a faith-based Catholic environment.

To apply, please submit your resume, cover letter, and a brief note of interest to Danielle Plotke at [dplotke@hsc.us](mailto:dplotke@hsc.us)

### The Treasures of Poland

September 22 to October 3, 2026

*Hosted by Fr. Richard Smith and Fr. John Sponder*



We are planning a pilgrimage of faith and journey of discovery to all the pearls of Poland. In the footsteps of St. Kinga, Our Lady of Czestochowa, St. Faustina and St. John Paul II, we will witness the development of Polish Christianity through the ages. For additional information contact: Trans World Travel Inc. at 847-432-2400.



# COMING UP AT HOLY SPIRIT

**Monday, May 4**  
6:00pm K of C Officers' Mtg, Multipurpose Room  
7:00pm Event Committee Mtg., Multipurpose Room

**Tuesday, May 5**  
12:30pm Parish Leadership Team, Gathering Place  
1:00pm Seasons of Hope, Multipurpose Room

**Wednesday, May 6**  
9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place  
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

**Thursday, May 7**  
9:45am Gathered in Prayer, Multipurpose Room

**Friday, May 8**  
7:00pm Young Adult Group Book Discussion

**Saturday, May 9**  
7:00am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room

**Tuesday, May 12**  
12:30pm Parish Leadership Team, Gathering Place

**Wednesday, May 13**  
9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place  
3:00pm K of C Mtg., Gathering Place  
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

**Thursday, May 14**  
9:45am Gathered in Prayer, Multipurpose Room

**Saturday, May 16**  
7:00am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room

**Sunday, May 17**  
Donut Sunday after all Masses

**Monday, May 18**  
6:00pm K of C Council Mtg., Multipurpose Room

**Tuesday, May 19**  
12:30pm Parish Leadership Team, Gathering Place

**Wednesday, May 20**  
9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place  
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

**Thursday, May 21**  
9:45am Gathered in Prayer, Multipurpose Room

**Saturday, May 23**  
7:00am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room

**Tuesday, May 26**  
12:30pm Parish Leadership Team, Gathering Place

**Wednesday, May 27**  
9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place

**Thursday, May 28**  
9:45am Gathered in Prayer, Multipurpose Room

**Saturday, May 30**  
7:00am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room  
9:00am Hooked on the Spirit, Gathering Place

**Saturday, May 31**  
12:00pm Rosary, Church

You may have already noticed, there are some very exciting changes happening around Holy Spirit!

Earlier this week, the large potholes in the parking lot were filled, making for a smoother and safer welcome as you arrive on campus. And this is just the beginning! Plans are in place to repair concrete and fully resurface the parking lot in late May.

Lighting upgrades are in progress and will continue over the next several weeks, helping improve visibility and safety across the grounds.

This May we will be replacing the original flat roof, which has experienced significant leaks over the past few years. Materials have already been delivered, and if you've noticed the crane on site, you've already seen the first signs of this important work taking shape!

As with any outdoor construction, everything will depend on the weather, so we are hopeful and praying for a sunny, dry spring!

Thank you for your ongoing generosity, patience, and care for our parish. These improvements are only possible because of a community that truly loves and invests in its spiritual home, and we are so grateful for you!

-Holy Spirit Staff and Building and Grounds Committee

*Did you know that in the unhoused population:*

- 54.6% reported oral pain in the last 6 months.
- 28.9% reported being unable to eat due to oral pain.
- 20.9% reported being unable to sleep due to oral pain.

Hello my name is Tyce, and I am a high school freshman and a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church with a calling to help those in need with daily oral care. I would like your help in collecting oral care supplies for the unhoused and under-served communities during the month of May.

**Items being collected include toothbrushes, floss, and travel-sized toothpaste. (Please donate only packaged, unopened items.)**

Thank you for supporting your community and making our world smile more.



We love helping your children's faith to **BLOOM!**

Registration for next RE year starts May 4!

The registration page will be updated May 4 but can be previewed by scanning the QR Code.



**Don't miss out! Register for VBS today! Before your chance flies away!**



VBS is offered to any student entering grades K-6 in the Fall of 2026. The fee per child is \$60. includes a T-shirt, 5 days of faith building fun, a daily snack, and a keepsake.

Scan the QR Code to Register!




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

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## BOOK CLUB



Join us for our next evening book club as we read *Braving the Thin Places* by Julianne Stanz. Come ready to discuss together in May.



Thursday, May 21

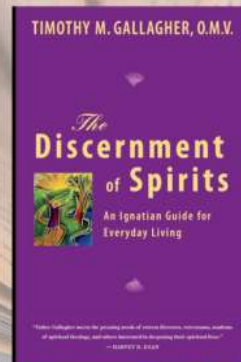


7-9pm



Holy Spirit Catholic Church

## Young Adult Group Book Discussion



JOIN US FRIDAY, MAY 8

AT 7PM

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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	Mar. 2026
WeShare Online Giving:	171	\$15,252
Electronic Funds Transfer:	156	\$17,548
Envelopes & Loose Cash:	189	\$61,171
<b>Total March Collection:</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>\$93,971</b>

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

Sunday Offering:	\$860,956
Fiscal Year Budget:	\$803,400
Surplus:	\$57,556
Easter Offering:	\$37,475
Easter Budget:	\$34,000
Surplus:	\$3,475

### Special Offerings - March 2026

Building & Maintenance Fund:	\$21,565
Catholic Relief Services:	\$1,558

### *Consider Electronic Giving!*

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- Automatic Debit/Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
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**"THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED HAS BECOME THE CORNERSTONE."**

**1 PETER 2:7**

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

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