Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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COME, WORSHIP WITH US



Holy Spirit Parish **Mission Statement**

We come together as a diverse and welcoming community to glorify, praise, and give thanks to God in Christ Jesus. Inspired by God's Word and the Eucharist, we go forth to serve the needs of our parish and the extended community.

We are called through the Holy Spirit to spread the Gospel message and reach out to the poor and oppressed. We are committed to know, understand, and love each other as members of Christ's body.

MASS INTENTIONS

5, 5 5	The 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time John Garner
5, 5 5	THE 4 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME The People of Holy Spirit Parish
5. 5	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Melvin Wilson and Brook Moore
5, 5	THE 5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time The People of Holy Spirit Parish
5, 5	THE 5 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME John Schuerger

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD February 2 Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Forty days after Christmas we commemorate the day that Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus to the temple to be dedicated to the Lord. The Messiah, the light of God's revelation, came to his people.

It is an ancient tradition in the church to bless the candles which will be used in the course of the year because lit candles point to Christ our light. If you use candles at home for any reason, bring them with you to Mass on Wednesday evening and we will pray God's blessing on them and our homes. May Christ's light always lead and guide us.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS

Remember that the parish community celebrates Mass every Wednesday evening at 6:30. There are usually between 25 and 30 people in attendance, making it very easy to keep a more-than-adequate physical distancing from each other in our large church.

If you would like to savor a mid-week moment of rest and prayer, please consider coming to church on Wednesday evenings. An opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation precedes the Mass, from 5:00 - 6:00 pm.



FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH COMMUNION PARTICIPATION MISSION



One listening session remains. All of the sessions have been and are open to anyone and everyone who wants to participate. It is scheduled to take place in synodal Church Mulligan Hall after Mass on Sunday, February 13th. Please come downstairs

that day right after Mass.

Through all of these listening sessions, we have been inviting people into a conversation about their experiences with the Catholic Church and their thoughts about what the Catholic Church ought to be and how we can get there. There is a lot of respectful listening in a reflective, prayerful atmosphere.

After the last conversation we will prepare a full report for the parish and for the diocese. This portion of the process is ending soon, but there will be more information as we continue to journey toward the Synod in Rome in October 2023. Stay tuned, please.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY			
1/30	Richard Barrett	Vera Payne	
2/02	Leslie Rau	James Williams	
2/03	Curtis Edwards	Tyler Wilson	
2/04	Peggy Hampton Francis Kamusikiri	Sr. Dian Majsterek	
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY			
2/01	Alisa & Andre Smith		
2/04	Bettye & Bill Hughes		

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February 1st begins Black History Month. The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the Harvard-trained histori-

an Carter G. Woodson (shown above) and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH).

Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

In the decades that followed, mayors of cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing "Negro History Week." By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the civil rights movement, Negro History Week had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses.

President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to bonor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." The Black History Month 2022 theme, "Black Health and Wellness," explores "the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine," but also varied contributions to the good of society throughout the African Diaspora.

We have ordered a black history memento for each parishioner, that will be available soon. At the church entrances you will find a black history quiz. Make it a fun, family activity.

WATCHFUL WEDNESDAYS

Over the last two years, our PSR teachers for the 7th and 8th grades (Faith Conroy and Tom Fett) have been writing short scriptural reflections for their students to keep the learning and reflecting going on between formal class sessions. Every Wednesday they send a little something to the whole class.

These reflections have become very popular also among the other PSR teachers and staff. And now, we are beginning to offer these thoughtful musings to the entire parish by posting them to our website and adding them to our Facebook page.

Treat yourself to a prayerful moment by looking for *Watchful Wednesdays* each week.

I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME

– Matthew 25: 35b

Many of the Afghani families that fled their native land late last summer and were initially brought to military bases in the United States are now beginning the process of settling into permanent residences and learning to make their own way in their new home.

With the encouragement of the pastoral council, Father David has been talking to people at Catholic Charities to see if there is a way we can be helpful. In considering the possibilities, the pastoral council believes the most effective way we might be helpful is in mentoring a family. This includes doing things like: teaching a family how to use the bus and public transportation; helping children negotiate the first day of school; accompanying family members in obtaining State identification. In short, doing everything possible to make a new family feel welcomed and at home in a strange land.

In order to do this and make it a parish endeavor, we need three or four solid teams of people who, on a rotating basis, will look out for and befriend a family for a week at a time. Teams should be three or four people.

At this point the details are a little sketchy, but will become more precise as the conversation unfolds. In the meantime, if you are interested in being a part of this project, please leave your name and contact information at the parish office. Leaving your name is not a promise to do this, but simply an indication that you're interested enough to learn more about it.

MEN OF FAITH

Men of Faith meet this Saturday via Zoom conference.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30
Monday	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday	Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
Thursday	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday	Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11



REPORT TO THE PARISH

Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council

Beyond what is reported about the pastoral council's meeting elsewhere in this bulletin, the council discussed other items of importance to the parish. A copy of the minutes are available at the church doors and on the parish website.

VOTING RIGHTS LEGISLATION

The letter addressed to Senator Mitch McConnell urging him to support legislation in favor of guaranteeing every eligible citizen's right to vote went out in the mail Thursday evening with 61 signatures. Seven other politicians at the federal level were copied on the letter. We will share their responses when they arrive.



COLLECTION	
23 January 2022 — online contributions	\$1,485.00
23 January 2022 — envelope contributions	\$2,709.00
Sunday collection total	\$4,194.00
El Salvador Mission — online contributions	\$25.00
El Salvador Mission — envelope contributions	\$290.00
El Salvador Mission total	\$315.00
Ministries of Mercy — online contributions	\$0.00
Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions	\$760.00
Ministries of Mercy total	\$760.00

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

If you or members of your family are admitted to the hospital and would like to be visited and remembered in prayer, please notify the parish office. If you are unable to attend Mass and want to receive a visit from the pastor or deacons, please contact the parish office.

Let us always pray for our sick and shut-in parishioners. In particular, please remember in prayer:

Rochelle Larkin-Carr	Estella Fortson	Catherine Powell	Amanda Lewis	Hal Wyant
Jewell Gardner	Henry & Kay Tucker	Carrie Aaron	John P. Jones, Jr.	Maxine & Shelby Friend
Cole Whaley	Marvin Young	Richard Bass	Wendy Lewis	Shirley Liston
Roger & Connie Raines	Jesse & Jessica Carr	Demateress Richards	Jean & Len Rosky	Jerry Freeman
Rosemarie McBride	Fletcher & Delores Posey	Gerri Fracasso	Cordell Curry	Bill & Monica Starks
Vera Payne	Pauline Reed	Catherine Wilson	Tammy Larkin	Bettina & Horace Bowling
Beverly Jordan	Marian Mauldin	Marlene Land	Maria Hanan	Patricia Polk
Carmen Whaley	Don Miller	Denise Curry	Patricia Pendleton	Clementine Jefferson
Edith Richardson	Allyssa Brand-Bey	Theresa Talbott	Preston Whatley	Thelma Arnold
Helen Collier	Reaver Jones	Margaret Luton	Daniel Jefferson	Isaac King, Sr.
Sr. Kathleen McCafferty, SN	D Della Powell	Sandra Cummings	Sharm Starks	Tyrone & Terry Lester
Lucille Mahone	Raman Belinson	Maureen Belinson	Linda E. Williams	Horace Reese
Doris St. Clair	Ruby Fett	Eunice & Jesse Smiley	D.D. Ward -Warden	Jonathan Traylor
Kiana Pearson	Mildred Jackson	Star Lewandowski	Cora Williams	Merline Goodson
Tyric Green	Patricia Pecnik	Sophronia Reed	Sandra Rose	Barbara Galloway

If you decide that it is no longer necessary for your name to appear on this list because your condition has improved, please contact the parish office.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:				
Saundra Clark	Mario Williams	Maurice Williams	Steven Rau	
Joshua Sánchez	Dennis Ross, II	Uchechi Onwuanaibe	Sadé Powers-Morgan	