

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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Office hours:
Tuesday — Friday
9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

01 May 2022

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass

8:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass

Wednesday

6:30 p.m.

Sacrament
of Reconciliation

Wednesday

5:00 — 6:00 p.m.



Holy Spirit Church

His love
is everlasting.

— Psalm 118: 1b



Pastor
Fr. W. David Nestler,
O.F.M. Cap.

Deacons
Deacon Ronald James
emeritus

Deacon Shelby Friend
emeritus

Music Minister
Mr. David Williams

Archbishop Lyke School
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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

- Saturday, 30 April 2022* THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
4:00 pm Madelyn Blake
- Sunday, 01 May 2022* SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Wednesday, 04 May 2022* EASTER WEEKDAY
6:30 pm Minnie Rencher
- Saturday, 07 May 2022* FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
4:00 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Sunday, 08 May 2022* FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
10:30 am Leslie DeBrossard

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS AND OTHER MILESTONES

Our Confirmation class will celebrate the sacrament on Sunday, June 5th at the 10:30 Mass with Bishop Roger.

The Youth Mass on June 12th will not only celebrate the end of the PSR year but it will also honor Barbara Price with a special resolution, acknowledging her significant contributions to our parish's catechetical programs over the years. Her presence and expertise are already missed by so many of us in varied ways.

On June 19th, the two youngsters, Kylee Johnson and Ricardo Peña, who have participated in our First Communion class all year will receive the Body and Blood of Christ with us for the first time.



During the 10:30 Mass on the last Sunday in June (the 26th) we will honor all of our 2022 graduates. If you or anyone in your family is graduating this season, please give the office a call to leave the graduate's name, the degree earned and the institution conferring it, and a mention of any future career plans.



HOLY SPIRITEENS EXPLORING THE BIBLE

This Saturday (May 7th) our parish teen group is meeting in the parish center at 11:00 am to dig deep into the Bible and how the Word of God informs young lives today. Any and every teen is welcome to attend, but if you're not yet old enough to be called a teen, or have already left teenage years behind, no one will be checking your ID. Refreshments will be served.



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Over the last several years Mitch Todd has taken the lead in planting a garden in the area behind the rectory. The produce was mostly shared with the residents of Saint Timothy Manor and others to the extent possible. Mitch is not able to lead the project anymore, but is willing to help someone else get started. If anyone is interested in taking up the project, please feel free to give Mitch a call (216-518-0886).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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05/02	Amy Michalski	Imari Bynes-Larkin
05/03	Joshua Beckles Shena Ellis-Wilson	Alyson Neal
05/04	Paula Everette Deacon Ron James	Karla Morson
05/05	William Jefferson	Ervin Metlock
05/06	Faith Metlock	Ralph Morris
05/07	Brenda Sánchez Doris St. Clair	Jet Westmoreland

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN CULTURE

an essay by Reiko Simmons

Although this essay should be about Asian Pacific American culture, I am afraid the information I am able to share is regarding how Christianity came to Japan. I believe most people in the United States are not familiar with the details of how these events took place and may be interested in reading about them.

Japan was isolated from the rest of the world of its own choice. If you check the history books, they barely mention these events. In the Japanese book of Chronology, it tells that a Portuguese sailboat landed in the southern port of Nagasaki in 1567. This date is the beginning of any foreign visit to Japan and is also the beginning of the introduction of Christianity. Shogunate was in control of the country then and did not look favorably on any interference from other parts of the world. Soon, in 1612, the government banned and destroyed the Church in Kyoto.

From early 1600 to mid-1640s, the history is full of long dark episodes. Common farmers and fishermen were hunted down and forced to prove they were not believers. They were made to step on the pictures of Mary, and refusals and hesitation would cause them to be severely beaten and killed. Despite these acts of persecution by the Shogunate, there are caves and other remains of structures near the port of Nagasaki which show groups of Catholics who banded together to have Mass weekly, secretly prayed together and continued to baptize new converts. The persecution continued throughout these days and records show 148 Christians including a DAIMYO (a government official) expelled to Manila (1614) and 55 Christians executed (1622).

Before leaving Japan to come to the U.S. (when I was 17 years of age) one of my elementary school teachers wrote a book about the efforts of these believers to keep the faith alive. In fact, there are a few books available describing these scenes and one has been made into a movie.

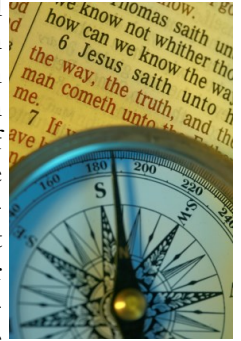
My grandmother on my mother's side of the family originated from the Southern most island near Nagasaki. My grandparents converted to Catholicism when they were young. I grew up hearing about my grandfather's two sisters who were first in the family to become Catholics. When they died fairly young the family had to search for a cemetery which would allow Catholics to be buried because most cemeteries were on the properties in the back of the Shinto or Buddhist temples.

Despite the fact that we are in our own way struggling with our own lives, I believe we can find examples of religious struggles almost in every place we care to look.

Throughout the month of May we will be highlighting aspects of Asian Pacific Islander American history to celebrate this commemoration and honor the contributions of these Americans to society and culture.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Last Sunday's meeting of the council was dominated by a conversation about our parish's outreach to youth and young adults. The conversation was prompted by a consideration of our parish's first draft report to the diocese on the outcome of our listening sessions. Among the issues that we face as a community, concern for meeting the needs of our young people and keeping them engaged in the practice of our faith rates very high.



The leaders of our youth programs continue to meet and plan ways to address these needs. They will meet again with the parish's feedback in hand and the support of the pastoral council.

Relatedly, in a broader discussion the pastoral council wants to have a parish picnic this summer and chose Sunday, August 14th as the day. Mass at 10:30 will begin the day's festivities and continue through the afternoon. Every parish ministry will be encouraged to arrange a booth or station to promote the particular service the ministry provides to our parish and community with a hope of heightening awareness of the many ministries we engage and inviting increased participation. The leadership of each ministry group is asked to leave a message at the parish office of their intention to participate in this part of the parish picnic.

Minutes of the meeting will be available on the three-sided literature rack near the north doors of the church and on the website once they are completed.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

Monday Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday 1 Cor 15: 1-8; Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

The parish's finance council met this past Thursday night for a two-hour session. Our representative from Merrill Lynch gave a full report on our parish investments. Our portfolio is considered well-balanced and it has performed as well as might be expected in recent years amid so much uncertainty in the financial markets.

Our investment managers are instructed to continually monitor the practices of the companies with whom we invest to be sure we comply with the guidelines of socially-responsible investing regularly updated by the conference of bishops in the United States. They do this conscientiously.

We also had a lengthy conversation about repairing the concrete on the front plaza of the church and the wheelchair ramp. The landscape architect we've employed was a part of the discussion and will produce drawings of what the plaza may look like after renovation. When they are prepared, the drawings will be available for all to review and offer comments.

COLLECTION	
<i>24 April 2022 — online contributions</i>	\$6,062.00
<i>24 April 2022 — envelope contributions</i>	\$2,730.00
<i>Sunday collection total</i>	\$8,792.00
<i>Home Missions — online contributions</i>	\$60.00
<i>Home Missions — envelope contributions</i>	\$125.00
<i>Home Missions total</i>	\$185.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$50.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$10.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy total</i>	\$60.00
<i>Thank you so much for your continuous support!</i>	

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	Jimmy Owens	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, SND	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	Barbara Galloway	Sandra Rose	Barbara Oliver	Sophronia Reed
Rose Clark				

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

