

Mass Intentions

(+Deceased, L-Living)



March 3—March 9, 2024

Sunday, March 3

8am + Robert Volk
9:30am People of Holy Spirit Parish
11am + Lorraine Moriarty

Monday, March 4

9am + Peter Susi

Tuesday, March 5

9am + Carol Speich

Wednesday, March 6

9am (L) Sandy Peters

Saturday, March 9

4:30pm + Lisa Mulcahy

Please Pray For

All those who are in our hearts facing illness.

We ask our Lord Jesus Christ to bring healing, comfort, and peace to them. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of His love. Amen

All those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

O Lord, may they find light, happiness and peace in Your presence. Amen.

Our Parishioners who serve our country with pride and valor.

All first responders and law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line to keep us safe at home.



Vocations (Prayer for Vocations by Pope Francis)

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that you inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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Welcome.
There is **More** to Life

Announcing the opportunity to Transform our Parish.

The Welcome Retreat for Men

Many of the people you see every day feel like something is missing in their lives. **Welcome** is an incredible experience that helps them discover what that something is—and what to do about it. It's run **BY PARISHIONERS FOR PARISHIONERS**, and it's re-energizing parishes across the country.



INSPIRE

TRANSFORM OUR PARISH

BUILD COMMUNITY

Holy Spirit is looking to create a team of men to host a retreat at our parish.

AN INVITATION

We are beginning the process by inviting you to attend a transformative event and experience the grace of God in action.

WE ARE NOT ALONE

Men from St. Elizabeth Seton are willing to walk alongside of men from Holy Spirit for our 1st event.



A RETREAT EXPERIENCE THAT WILL HELP MEN DISCOVER WHAT'S MISSING IN THEIR LIVES AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT.



March
2nd & 3rd, 2024



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Most Rev. Ronald Hicks is the bishop of the Diocese of Joliet, and served previously as the Dean of Formation at Mundelein Seminary and auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago.



Sam Blair is a former Navy SEAL officer with over a decade of experience leading the most elite teams around the globe.



Fr. Mark Bernhard is a priest in Joliet, Ill., a former FOCUS missionary at the University of Nebraska, and founder of Fit Shepherds.



Dave Durand is the father of six including a Milwaukee seminarian, an entrepreneur, best-selling author and Catholic Radio host.

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MEN OF CHRIST
LIVE YOUR FAITH SOBLY

From the Pastor's Desk...

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Parishioners:

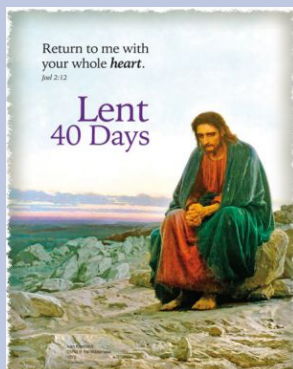
Many years ago, I was assigned to a parish along with a priest from India. We got along very well and worked well in ministering to the parish. At the rectory, I noticed that this priest would always remove his shoes before entering his room. One day I asked him why. "Because, for me, this is sacred space. Removing shoes is a sign of humility and respect." I never forgot that simple gesture. In fact, while on pilgrimage in the Holy Land, as tourists are led to visit the temple mount in Jerusalem, and prepare to enter the Muslim mosque, the site of the former Holy of Holies in Jesus's time, everyone is asked to remove their shoes for they are now walking on sacred ground. Sacred space. The presence of God.

Jesus too reminded the people of his time that the temple was sacred space. The place where God's presence dwelt and thus was not meant to be a place of buying and selling. Rather, this was sacred space, a place of prayer and devotion.

As we reflect on all of this in our Lenten journey, we fast forward to today and remember that our parish church, where we worship and pray, where the mass and sacraments are celebrated, where the real presence of Jesus is in the Tabernacle, is also SACRED SPACE.

That is why when we enter, we turn off our cell phones. We refrain from socializing. And we remember to genuflect, bow and bless ourselves when necessary, such as when the priest genuflects or bows during the Nicene Creed. Everyone should do the same. But perhaps the greatest reminder of God's sacred presence is through his Son Jesus, the living temple, that can't be destroyed, but will rise triumphantly from the grave. "My Lord and My God," the centurion said upon looking at Jesus being crucified. It is the same thing we say when the host is raised during mass, right before communion..."My Lord and My God." Yes, this is sacred ground, let us never forget!

-----Fr. John



Lenten Regulations

- Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is sinful.
- Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. Therefore, all of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial. All Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church, pray and perform works of charity and mercy.
- Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

A composite image featuring a young man in a red jacket, a painting of a Sacred Heart, and text for the Vatican International Exhibition.

Vatican International Exhibition
**EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES
OF THE WORLD**
Designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
invites you to experience the
Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition.

The exhibit will be
on display in the Narthex
during the weekend
of March 8-11.

Available to view,
before and after
Stations of the Cross,
all Masses and before
and after morning Mass
on Monday, March 11.
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Stations of the Cross

Each Friday evening 7:00pm through March 22

Fish Fry Friday – Knights of Columbus

5pm-7:30pm; March 22

Lenten Individual Confessions

Saturdays 3:30pm– 4:00pm

Sunday, March 17 after the 11am Mass until all are heard. *(Multiple priests will be available.)*

No Confessions on Saturday, March 23 and

Holy Saturday, March 30

Eucharistic Talk– “Presence” (3 – Part Series)

Fr. John Sponder

12:30pm-2pm

Session 2—Sunday, March 10

Session 3—Sunday, March 17



Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit March 8-11 in the Narthex

Men of Christ Conference Saturday, March 9, 7am-1pm

St. Joseph's Table Saturday, March 16 after 4:30pm Mass

Holy Week and Easter

At Holy Spirit

Saturday, March 23 *(Palm Sunday anticipatory)*

(No Confessions) Mass, 4:30 pm

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

Masses 8am, 10am, 12noon

Monday, March 25

Mass, 9:00am

Tuesday, March 26

Mass, 9:00am + Adoration until 12noon

Tenebrae Service, 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 27

Mass, 9:00am

Thursday, March 28 Holy Thursday

Mass, 7:00pm

Adoration following mass until 10pm in Narthex

Friday, March 29 Good Friday

Stations of the Cross - 3:00pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion/

Veneration of the Cross – 7pm

Saturday, March 30 Holy Saturday

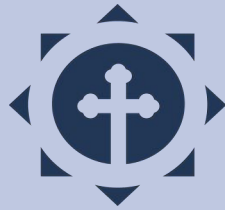
Blessing of the Easter Baskets – 10am

Easter Vigil Mass – 7:00pm

No Confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday Mass Schedule, March 31, 2024

8am, 10am, 12 noon



AMAZING PARISH

Dear Holy Spirit Parishioners,

Last weekend, we announced THE AMAZING PARISH organization and Holy Spirit's preparation to become part of this innovative parish leadership plan. I am pleased to announce my Parish Leadership Team (PLT) –

Flora Keslin

Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of serving as both a regular and special education teacher, progressing to the role of a special education supervisor, and then the position of school principal. My involvement with our parish has been profoundly rewarding, as I have witnessed firsthand the unwavering faith, prayer and commitment displayed by parishioners and staff. All this nurtures a sense of communal and spiritual growth within the congregation, and I am deeply grateful to be a part of it.

Alan Hoffman

My wife, Lee Ann, and I have been part of Holy Spirit Catholic Church since 1997. We raised two children in this parish and we are proud that our daughter will marry in the parish in Nov 2024. My focus for the last 10 years has been to develop a closer relationship with God and to be open to serve. I have been a Knight of Columbus and I own a business that is in service to seniors and families. I am excited to be part of bringing more people to faith in Christ through our parish and to support Father John as our pastor.

Robert Balsewicz

I have been in professional ministry for 34 years serving at four parishes; all ages and stages of people. I have a degree in Organizational Leadership and certificates in Adult Faith Formation, Advanced Catechetics, and Spiritual Direction. I have been trained as a retreat leader, Biblical Study leader, Notre Dame young adult mentor, Center for Ministry Development parish mentor, Marriage Preparation, and OCIA as well as other areas of study. I have a passion to always keep learning. Being present to parishioners as they navigate their lives within the framework of faith and worship allows me to connect spiritually while relating to people's everyday lives. This is an opportunity to support the people of the parish as we prayerfully walk together as active disciples of Christ. I love my faith!

Michael Anthony

Married with two high school aged children living in current home since 2000. Active locally in support of our children such as coaching Naperville Premier soccer, Cub Scouts, and TEDx Naperville. Raised in Skokie starting with Kindergarten. Undergrad and Graduate degrees in Engineering from Northwestern University. Recently worked with our parish committee on our Sanctuary Renovation Project and felt blessed by all your support.

Jim Krzmarzick

Holy Spirit has been our family's home since the 1998 start of our parish. Diane & I have four children and nine grandchildren, active in Catholic parishes across three states. Participation in the various ministries of Holy Spirit and ongoing involvement with Hesed House have been so precious to our faith lives through the years. I am humbled with the opportunity to closely serve Fr. John and all our parish community on next growth opportunities.

We began Amazing Parish leadership education courses during January and will be continuing through August. The courses include very practical and impactful direct learning along with other Catholic parishes engaged in The Amazing Parish system.

The Holy Spirit PLT is starting to address challenges and opportunities in our faith community and looks forward to discussions and collaboration with you soon.

Fr. John Sponder, Pastor



This Week's Meetings

March 3—March 9, 2024

Sunday, March 3

9:30am OCIA, Multipurpose Rm
12noon Seasoned Spirits, Gathering Place

Monday, March 4

2pm Bible Study Core Team, Gathering Place

Tuesday, March 5

6:30pm Finance Council, Multipurpose Rm
7pm Adult Choir, Church

Wednesday, March 6

9:30am AM Bible Study, Gathering Place
5pm Youth Choir, Church

Thursday, March 7

10am Gathered in Prayer, Chapel

Friday, March 8

7pm Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition, Narthex
7pm Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, March 9

6:30am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Rm
7am TMIY, Gathering Place
4:30pm Eucharistic Miracles, Narthex

See the parish website for all upcoming event information; www.hssc.us



PRAY FAST WITNESS

The Spring Campaign for 40 DAYS FOR LIFE begins Ash Wednesday, February 14 and ends on Palm Sunday, March 24. During this time, Christians from around the world will once again join together for the most powerful PRO-LIFE effort the world has experienced.

During these 40 days, parishes in the area are asked to participate in a local effort of 40 DAYS FOR LIFE AURORA. Prayer Vigils will be from 8 AM to 5 PM Monday through Saturday at Waterleaf Woman's Center at 3055 E. New York St. Aurora, IL, directly across from Aurora Planned Parenthood.

Feel free to pray with a church group on any day during the 40 Days for Life Campaign. To sign up for a vigil day, please go to 40daysforlife.com/aurora website.

If you are unable to attend a vigil, please offer a ROSARY FOR LIFE to save a baby at risk of abortion.

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Parish Information

Mass Schedule

Weekdays:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday... 9am

Weekend:

Saturday...4:30pm

Sunday...8am, 9:30am, and 11am

Adoration

Tuesdays, following the 9am mass until 12 noon.

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:30pm -4:00pm

Baptisms

12:30pm on the 2nd Sunday of each month unless otherwise noted

Weddings

Please contact the parish office

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8am to 4:30pm

(closed 12noon-1pm)

Friday 8am to 1pm

Parish Priests

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



It is with grateful hearts, we thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Parish Stewardship

Monthly Offering	# of Donors	Jan-24
WeShare Online Giving	106	\$14,511
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	159	\$18,018
Envelopes & Loose Cash	176	\$62,558
Total January Collection	441	\$95,087

Special Collections - Jan 2024

Church in Latin America	\$801
Mortgage Donations	\$27,218

HSCC Mortgage	Date	Balance
Original Mortgage Loan	1/1/2005	\$3,590,755
Current Loan Balance	2/25/2024	\$248,203

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