



AND I WILL  
ASK THE  
FATHER,  
AND HE WILL  
GIVE YOU  
ANOTHER  
ADVOCATE TO  
BE WITH YOU  
ALWAYS.

JOHN 14:16

## 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 10, 2026**

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### OUR MISSION

Holy Spirit Catholic Church exists to bring people into a heartfelt relationship with Jesus Christ.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome to Mass!

Each year we welcome a number of people into the faith. This year there were ten who witnessed the faith of the community and received sacraments.

We have had approximately 150 new families register for the parish during this past year.

As models of faith there are a few specific practices and postures which I would like to address. The Holy Mass is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. It is a gift which we should treat as such.

- Arrive on time so that you may prepare yourself for Mass.  
**Be seated in the pew before the opening procession.**
- Stay through the final blessing and **do not leave until after the priest and procession have left the church.**



Receiving the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ is an honor and should be received in a state of Grace with faith and reverence. Some reminders:

- There is a one hour Eucharistic Fast.
- When in line to receive the Eucharist, hands should be folded in prayer, clean and free of objects.
- As the person in front of you is receiving Holy Communion, do a neck bow, and hold your hands as a throne to receive the king (dominant hand on the bottom.)
- After the minister says, "The Body of Christ," respond clearly and loudly, "Amen."
- Consume the host immediately.
- Return to the pew, kneel down and spend time with Jesus in a moment of silence or thanksgiving.

Receiving on the tongue is an ancient practice of the Church. It is generally suggested that you receive from a priest or deacon.

- There is a one hour Eucharistic Fast.
- When in line to receive Eucharist, hands should be folded in prayer.
- As the person in front of you is receiving Holy Communion, do a neck bow.
- After the minister says, "The Body of Christ," and you respond "Amen" open your mouth wide and extend your tongue slightly. Remain still until the Host has been placed securely on your tongue. Step aside after you have received and the Host has been consumed.

Thank you for your attention to these postures and practices which help us create a parish environment marked by reverence, hospitality and love for the Eucharist. We all share in our parish mission to "bring others into heartfelt relationship with Jesus Christ", and the Eucharist is a personal encounter with Christ.

In the Eucharistic Lord,

Fr. John



# PRAY WITH US

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Saturday, May 9**

4:30 pm People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church

**Sunday, May 10– Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena

9:30 am Mother's Day Novena

11:00 am Mother's Day Novena

**Monday, May 11**

9:00 am Mother's Day Novena

**Tuesday, May 12– Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, St. Pancras**

9:00 am Mother's Day Novena

**Wednesday, May 13– Our Lady of Fatima**

9:00 am Mother's Day Novena

**Thursday, May 14– St. Matthias**

9:00 am Mother's Day Novena

### 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.

**There will be no Adoration following the 9:00 am Mass on Tuesday, May 12th.**

**Please Note**



We wish to offer our sympathy and a promise of our prayers to family and friends on the death of **Leonisa Comillas.**

*Pardon our Dust...*

Work will begin on the roof May 11<sup>th</sup>, and concrete work on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Expect changes in parking and entrance locations. Thank you for your patience!



## 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.

## 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.

Contact **Roberta Balsewicz**

**Director of Evangelization & Liturgy**

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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.*





# COMING UP AT HOLY SPIRIT

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

**Wednesday, May 13**  
9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place  
6:00pm K of C Assembly Mtg., Gathering Place  
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

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

**Friday, May 15**  
7:00pm Young Adult Group, Multipurpose Room

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

**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  
7:00pm Book Club, 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

**Friday, May 29**  
7:00pm Young Adult Group, 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

## 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 has a finance or accounting background and 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@hsccl.us](mailto:dplotke@hsccl.us)

*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.

## *Calling all Crocheters and Knitters (and anyone who is interested in learning)...*

Help serve the guests of Hessed House and those in need by joining our new ministry, "Hooked on the Spirit".

We make blankets/afghans, hats, and scarves for the guests staying at Hessed House and those in need. Minimal skill is needed, materials can be provided.



Time requirement: @ 1-1.5 hours/ month social interaction and whatever spare time you have while watching TV to create your project. We meet at Holy Spirit at 9am on the last Saturday of the month.

For more information, contact Kathy Hohnstedt at [spedtcher1@comcast.net](mailto:spedtcher1@comcast.net)

*Also appreciated are donations of yarn or fleece to create prayer shawls, chemo caps, and blankets. Donations can be brought to the front desk of the Parish Office.*

*Thank you!*



**Give yourself a relaxing summer!**

**Register NOW for RE!**

You can register by scanning the QR Code



## Help us make Religious Education BLOSSOM this year!

We are looking for faithful, dependable, and responsible volunteers to teach our students in 1st to 8th grade. You will receive training, lesson plans, crafts and anything needed!

**Sunday 3pm**  
 3-1st Grade Catechists  
 4- 2nd Grade Catechists  
 2- 3rd Grade Catechists  
 1- 4th Grade Catechist

**Sunday 5pm**  
 2-1st Grade Catechists  
 1- 2nd Grade Catechist  
 2- 6th Grade Catechists

**Sunday 7pm**  
 1-5th Grade Catechist  
 2- 6th Grade Catechists  
 3- 8th Grade Catechists

**Tuesday 5pm**  
 1-5th Grade Catechist  
 1- 7th Grade Catechist  
 2- 8th Grade Catechists

We also need Hall Monitors to BUZZ around at each session and keep everyone safe.

Contact Lauren for Grades 1-5 at [lnelson@hsc.us](mailto:lnelson@hsc.us) or Kim for Grades 6-8 at [kkroeze@hsc.us](mailto:kkroeze@hsc.us)

# 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**

**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!



**RAINFOREST FALLS**  
 Exploring the Nature of God

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

# BLUE MASS

A Blue Mass was celebrated here at Holy Spirit on May 3<sup>rd</sup> during the 11am Mass.

This Mass was dedicated to First Responders – police, fire, EMS, health care workers and all First Responders.



## A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL!

Thank you to the Naperville Police and Fire officers, the Firefighters Highland Guard Bagpipers of Naperville, the Holy Spirit choir, Fr. John, Deacon Tim, and all the parishioners for their roles in this special Mass and the reception which followed.

Police Chief Jason Arres and Fire Chief Mark Puknaitis presented Fr. John with an award recognizing his role in establishing this special Mass at Holy Spirit in 2023.

Thank – Honor – Bless is our prayer for all First Responders who have and continue to serve the community. We pray always for their safety in all situations.



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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!*

For information and to select the option that works best for you, please visit [www.hsc.us/donation](http://www.hsc.us/donation)

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



The old line says “if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don’t get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, “Why me? I did everything right!” Here’s the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

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