



HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Holy Family Parish is a joyful Catholic community
that encourages growth in prayer,
faith in God, and lives of service.

August 24, 2025

Twentieth-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Events

PASTORAL CENTER HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
1:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.
Friday 8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
After Hours Emergency (answered 24 hours) 817-571-7325

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Hoa Nguyen	Pastor	817-737-6768
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FORMATION

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LITURGY

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HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Brenda Conway, Principal 817-737-4201
Lisa Griffith, Development Director
Mauri Howell, Receptionist

August 24

SUNDAY

Faith Formation
10:30 A.M.

August 25

MONDAY

Bereavement
6:00 P.M.

August 26

TUESDAY

Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 P.M.

August 27

WEDNESDAY

**Noon Mass Traditional Choir
Rehearsal**
7:00 P.M.

August 28

THURSDAY

OCIA
6:30 P.M.

**Pastoral Office will be closed Monday, September 1
for Labor Day**

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	5:30 P.M.
Thursday	5:30 P.M.
Tuesday (Morning Prayer)	8:15 A.M.
Saturday	8:15 A.M.
Saturday (Vigil)	5:00 P.M.
Sunday	7:45 A.M., 9:15 A.M., and 12:00 P.M.
Special Needs Mass (Third Saturday of THIS month)	6:30 P.M.
Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Saturday	3:00 P.M.-4:30 P.M.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday	3:00 P.M.-5:15 P.M.
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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Family Catholic School will be celebrating 80 years of learning, serving, and leading students. Watch the bulletin for ways to celebrate this mile-stone birthday.



MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF August 24, 2025

Monday, August 25	5:30 P.M.	+George Aaron Washabaugh, III
Wed., August 27	5:30 P.M.	+Maria Singular
Thursday, August 28	5:30 P.M.	The Ogidan Family
Friday, Aug. 29	12:00 P.M.	+Catherine Martin
Saturday, Aug. 30	8:15 A.M.	+Daniel McGovern
	5:00 P.M.	+Mary Ann Luscher
Sunday, Aug. 31	7:45 A.M.	Holy Family Community
	9:15 A.M.	+Marian Kellerman
	12:00 P.M.	+Angelique Tornero

DAILY READINGS

WEEK OF August 24

Monday	I Thes 1:1-5,8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	I Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26
St. Monica	
Wednesday	I Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
Thursday	I Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
The Passion of St. John the Baptist	
Friday	I Thes 4:1-8; Mk 6:17-29
Saturday	I Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sunday	Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1,7-14

STEWARDSHIP

August 24, 2025

Twentieth-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." LUKE 13:30

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

These are accurate numbers for our parish for the given month.

Month	June Actual
Offertory	139,227.00
Expenses	169,211.00

Thank you for continuing to support our parish. Your generous donations and commitment to support us with your Time, Talent and Treasure is greatly appreciated and needed to meet our financial obligations and support the programs of the Church. The staff and I continue to pray for you. Please continue to pray for us, our parishioners and the world community. Peace be with you! +++ Father Hoa

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1Pt 4:0)

ADMINISTRATION

PASTORAL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

The Pastoral Center will be closed **Monday, September 1** in observance of Labor Day. If you have an emergency, please call 817.571.7325.

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

Have you moved? New phone number? New e-mail address? Just recently gotten married? Had a baby? Please help us keep our database current. Contact Marissa Sims, Pastoral Secretary at MSims@HolyFamilyFW.org or 817.737.6768 to update your records.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

The new church directories are in! You may pick up your copy from the office during business hours. A limited number of extra directories are available for donation. Contact the parish office for questions at 817.737.6768.

Thank you from the Parish Directory Committee

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE COMPLIANT IN SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING TO CONTINUE IN MINISTRY.

Proceed to the diocesan website: www.fwdioc.org

click on SAFE ENVIRONMENT

click on AWARENESS SESSIONS

click I NEED A VIRTUS PROFILE

All volunteers must:

- Attend the current safe environment program entitled *Protecting God's Children for Adults*. All sessions are in person and to be renewed every two years.
- Authorize a background check (credit check and/or motor vehicle check is required depending on ministry requirements).
- Complete the Volunteer Ministry Application. (Download and return to the Parish Office)
- Read and sign the Code of Conduct.

Contact Star Fedor at safeenvironment@holyfamiilyfw.org for questions.

Initial Session:

- Protecting God's Children-**Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.** in Rooms B & C

Retraining Sessions

- A Plan to Protect -**Wednesday, September 24, 2025, 6:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M.** in Rooms B & C
- A Plan to Protect-**Monday, November 10, 2025, 6:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M.** in Room A

If someone is in immediate danger call 911

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

CPS (Texas Dept. of Family & Protective Services)..800.252.5400

CPS On-line Reporting Website..... www.TxAbuseHotline.org

Diocesan Director of Safe Environment817.945.9334

Chancellor/Moderator of the Curia817.945.9315

Victim Assistance Hotline.....817.945.9345

HOW TO MAKE A REPORT:

If you suspect abuse or neglect of a child, elder or vulnerable adult*, or if abuse has been disclosed to you:

1. Call CPS (800-252-5400); get a case number or copy of report.

AND /OR

Call the Police or 911; get a case number or copy of report.

AND

2. Immediately report the alleged abuse to your supervisor, Priest or Principal and submit the Confidential Notice of Concern with CPS report information.

<https://fwdioc.org/report-abuse-concern>

In the case of alleged abuse by clergy or Church personnel, contact the Victim Assistance Hotline, Director of Safe Environment, or Chancellor of the Diocese directly.

*A vulnerable adult can include someone who habitually lacks the use of reason.

SERVICE

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Monthly Bereavement Support Group will meet on **Monday, August 25** at **6:00 P.M.** in the Pastoral Center Dining Room. For more information contact Monica Molina at MMolina@HolyFamilyFW.org or call (817)737-6768

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our communities need strong Catholic men, ages 18 and up to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend our values. As a member, you join a world-wide community of nearly two million men who stand together. Men have a duty to lead, protect, serve, and defend. The world needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer the call. Will you answer? You can visit <http://www.kofc.org> to learn more about the benefits of membership or contact Grand Knight, Garland Tate (tatefw@aol.com or 817-307-7937); Mike Eder, Deputy Grand Knight (meder3366@gmail.com or 817-821-6358), or Ed Fishman (ffpmfish@pm.me or 817-939-9922).

Knights of Columbus are hosting a **Pancake Breakfast** today after the **7:45 A.M.** and the **9:15 A.M.** masses in the parish hall. All are welcome to join for food and fellowship.

PEACE AND JUSTICE

On **Monday, September 8** at **6:30 P.M.** the Peace and Justice Advocates of Holy Family will host in Scantlin Hall a discussion of human suffering in Gaza. Guest speakers will be recently-returned medical missionaries:

Nurse Jennifer Arriaga, a pediatric and neonatal ICU nurse at Cook Children's Hospital and daughter of Cheryl and Henry Arriaga of Holy Family, Doctor Yassar Arian, a Fort Worth neonatologist, and -Doctor Farhan Azeez, an Irving ER physician. All are welcome to come and hear the stories of these medical professionals who risked their lives to care for others.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." Our call to be disciples is not always easy – We are told that many will try but not all will succeed. God is calling us to learn to live for the sake of others, even when it is challenging. This week, if you are able, please consider placing a donation in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, or mailing a check to SVdP, 201 Ranch House Rd, Willow Park, TX 76087. Your gift of time, talent, or treasure will assist those suffering in poverty, so may we all respond with open hearts and ready hands. (Helpline: 817.727.0121)

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers are available. If you know of someone who is hurting and could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: **Deacon Mike Mocek, Steve Barter, Steve Hannifin, Betty Mocek, and Nancy Smith.** For more information, contact Deacon Mike at 817-502-7886 or MMocek@HolyFamilyFW.org.

FORMATION

ST. MONICA MINISTRY

The Feast of St. Monica is this week! The St. Monica Ministry invites all parishioners to join in praying for the conversion of our loved ones and friends who no longer practice the Catholic faith. Please join us by praying with our community on the Feast of St. Monica on **Wednesday, August 27** at the 5:30 P.M. Mass. We will gather immediately after Mass to pray the final prayer of the Novena together. May we all demonstrate the unwavering dedication to pray that St. Monica displayed in her pleas to God on behalf of her son. Please contact Melissa Murnane at melimurn@att.net for more info.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

Beginning this September...Sisters of Strength is the Walking with Purpose Catholic mentoring ministry for high school girls. The mission of Sisters of Strength is to engage high school girls in conversations exploring answers to their question about life, purpose, and identity, all within the framework of building a relationship with Jesus Christ. For more information contact Michelle Romero at MRomero@HolyFamilyFW.org.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? We have begun a new cycle of our preparation process for Adults called OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) on **Thursdays from 6:30 P.M. -8:00 P.M.** We also have adapted classes for children ages 7-17. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Genni Sayers, Director of Religious Education at GSayers@HolyFamilyFW.org for more information.

ADULT GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES!

Book studies, Bible Studies, Small Groups, Guest Speakers – oh my! Are you feeling a hunger to know more and to grow in your Catholic faith? This fall we will be offering multiple opportunities for Adults to grow in their faith. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining one of our classes or small groups this fall. Watch the bulletin and announcements for more information coming soon.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation Registration is **CLOSED** for the 2025-2026 year! We ask that you lift up our families and accompaniment team as we seek to draw closer to the Lord and build community! If you are looking for a way to serve our parish families, please reach out to a member of the Formation Department.

BAPTISM CLASS

Our next Baptism class for parents and godparents will be held **Thursday, October 2** from **6:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M.** Reservations are required. Register online at <https://www.holyfamilyfw.org/baptism>. Click on children under the age of 7 years old.

BELOVED

Our Beloved evenings are on the 1st Friday of each month and begin at 6:45 P.M. The next Beloved evening is **Friday, September 5** from **6:45 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.** Beloved is an evening of Adoration with periods of silence, praise, and worship in the Church. Reconciliation is also available.

LITURGY

CHOIR REHEARSALS START SOON!

We have place for you...

Bell Choir (must have some music reading ability) 6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. **Tuesday, August 26**

Noon Mass Traditional Choir 7 – 8:30 PM **Wednesday, August 27**

Children's Choir (reading age – 5th grade) 6 – 7 PM **Wednesday, September 3**

Youth Choir (6th – 12th grade) 7:15 – 8:15 PM **Wednesday, September 3**

9:15 Mass Contemporary Choir 7 – 8:30 PM **Thursday, September 4**

Family Choir 4:15 PM rehearsal **September 13** followed by 5 PM Mass

Contact Keisha Matthews at KMatthews@HolyFamilyFW.org or 817-502-7884 for more information.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate altar flowers in memory or in honor of someone, envelopes may be picked up in information racks in the Narthex or at the Pastoral Office.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Are you anxious and worried about many things? Learn how to make Jesus a part of your marriage and take your worries away. Participate in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is Oct. 17-19, 2025.

Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a mdgallegos06@gmail.com 214-497-0188.



DIOCESAN NOTICE

"PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.06, PENAL CODE (TRESPASS BY LICENSE HOLDER WITH A CONCEALED HANDGUN) A PERSON LICENSED UNDER SUBCHAPTER H, CHAPTER 411, GOVERNMENT CODE (HANDGUN LICENSING LAW), MAY NOT ENTER THIS PROPERTY WITH A CONCEALED HANDGUN."

"PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.07, PENAL CODE (TRESPASS BY LICENSE HOLDER WITH AN OPENLY CARRIED HANDGUN), A PERSON LICENSED UNDER SUBCHAPTER H, CHAPTER 411, GOVERNMENT CODE (HANDGUN LICENSING LAW), MAY NOT ENTER THIS PROPERTY WITH A HANDGUN THAT IS CARRIED OPENLY."



FALL festival

OCTOBER 19th

SAVE THE DATE
GATES OPEN AT 1 PM

HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC CHURCH
AND SCHOOL

ENTERTAINMENT - MUSIC -
GAMES - FOOD



FALL FESTIVAL



Fall Festival Event Sponsorship Form

Date: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Name of Business Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Acquired by: _____

☐ **\$3500 - Harvest Title Sponsor**

Golden Leaf level benefits PLUS:

- An additional \$100 worth of food and activity passes (\$200 total) PLUS additional 10 wristbands (total of 17)
- VIP parking spot at event
- Name/logo on main stage banner

☐ **\$1000 - Pumpkin Patch Sponsor**

Haystack level benefits PLUS:

- Company logo or name in cartline two weeks prior to event
- Additional \$40 worth of food and activity passes (\$50 total) PLUS 2 wristbands (\$40 value)
- Logo on select marketing materials

☐ **\$250 - Acorn Sponsor**

- Name will be listed on social media and HF website
- Mention in sponsor thank you posts

☐ **\$2000 - Golden Leaf Sponsor**

Pumpkin Patch level benefits PLUS:

- Company logo or name on all event flyers, posters, etc.
- An additional \$50 worth of food and activity tickets (\$100 total) PLUS 5 additional wristbands (7 total)
- Name on Fall Festival 2025 official t-shirt

☐ **\$500 - Haystack Sponsor**

Acorn level benefits PLUS:

- \$10 worth of food and activity passes
- Highlighted in the HF church bulletin two weeks prior to event

☐ **Other: \$ _____**

Donations may be mailed, dropped off, or picked up. Please contact the Fall Festival Planning Committee for more information at hffallfestivalcommittee@gmail.com. **Deadline for event sponsorship is September 26, 2025.** Please make a copy of this form for your records and return the original with your donation.



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Connecting Girls to Christ

~ BLAZE ~

Girls in their tween/teen years are filled with questions. They have doubts, they desire clarification, and they want to share their thoughts in a space that will allow them to build a personal, meaningful relationship with God. BLAZE provides a safe place for this growth.

BLAZE, a Walking with Purpose ministry for tween/teen girls, is an antidote to bullying, feeling anxious, and body-image issues. The mission of BLAZE is to use Scripture to speak truth into the hearts of young girls who are bombarded by lies about their true worth and beauty.

BLAZE is coming soon to Holy Family! The first lesson will start on September 10th. Each week, participants will be led through an ice breaker activity and a short lesson based on a lie found in the world and the truth found in Scripture. The girls will leave with a small takeaway gift that corresponds to the lesson.

Sign your daughter up for BLAZE or learn more by contacting [Michelle Romero](#) at mromero@holyfamilysfw.org or (817)502-7883. You can also visit their website online at walkingwithpurpose.com/blaze for more information.

Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

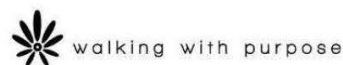
Begins September 10th in Room A.

Facilitators: Elizabeth Elfelt & Michelle Romero

Scan the QR Code to Register!



Please submit \$50 materials fee by check to the church office by Friday, September 5. Please write "Youth Blaze study" in check memo. If you need financial assistance, please contact Michelle Romero at (817)502-7883.



BLAZE is a program of Walking with Purpose—a 501(c)(3) nonprofit women's apostolate. Our mission is to enable women to know Christ personally through Scripture. Learn more at walkingwithpurpose.com/blaze



There are times when every one of us experiences difficulties-

- *loss of a loved one*
- *hospitalization*
- *spiritual crisis*
- *divorce*
- *job loss*
- *disability*
- *loneliness*
- *cancer*
- *imprisonment*
- *infertility*
- *discouragement*
- *many other challenges*

God never intended for us to go through these experiences alone. That's why God brought us together as a congregation- and why we have Stephen Ministry.

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have received 50 hours of training to minister to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time.

Every week, a Stephen Minister will meet with you- privately and confidentially- to listen, care, encourage, support, and reflect Christ's presence in your life.

If you'd like to learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone else (inside or outside our congregation), contact Father Hoa, Deacon Mike, or one of our Stephen Leaders (Nancy Smith, Betty Mocek, Steve Barter, or Steve Hannifin).





Are you pregnant and need help?

Embarazada y necesita ayuda?



The Gabriel Project offers free assistance and mentorship to a pregnant mother and her family.

Mothers receive:

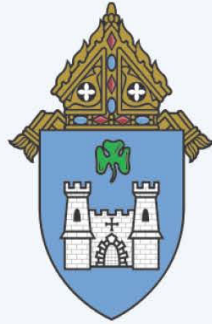
- Guidance and encouragement with resources to support their emotional, spiritual, and physical needs, including baby items
- Support throughout pregnancy until their child's first birthday
- An assigned Angel to walk with them during pregnancy and beyond
- Options for additional programs beyond the baby's birth to help the family reach financial, education and employment goals



If you have any questions or need help, please call **800.545.5935** or email gabrielproject@ccdofw.org.

Scan the QR code to visit our website:
catholiccharitiesfortworth.org/help.

DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH



Daily Prayer List Fort Worth Seminarians 2025 - 2026

A Prayer for a Seminarian

God our Father, thank you for calling [name] to prepare for the priesthood. Grant him the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer. Help him form his personality as a credible witness to others. Bless him while he studies Your word and the teachings of the Church and give him a generous heart to serve Your people. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our great High Priest.
Amen

Thank you for your prayers and generous support.

Day of the
Month

Please keep the following
seminarians in your prayers:

1

Rev. Mr. Blake Thompson

2

Trent Barton

3

Jeffrey Ambreit, Jr.

4

Paul Trinh

5

Robert Weisberg

6

Michael Marincel

7

Quang Nguyen

8

Javier Escutia

9

Jesus Segura

10

Nicholas Hoelscher

11

Lane Tschirhart

12

Xavier Polisetty

13

Peter Nguyen

14

Carson Kitaif

15

Eric Hernandez

16

Alexander Jansen

17

Evan Lang

18

Cristian Diaz

19

Caleb Scott

20

Jacques Muhire

21

Nicholas Goodman

22

Joshua Keifer

23

Aidan Clark

24

Jose Segura

25

Andrew Notley

26

Sean Ankersen

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Jude Webb

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Luke Garland

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For an increase in vocations to the priesthood

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For seminarians to have the grace of perseverance

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For seminarians in the pastoral year to know the support and love of our community