



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH

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Palm Sunday

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PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH GIVING

Weekly income needed is \$ 41,941
Collections, 4 week moving average \$ 33,334

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
March 28 & 29	\$ 18,268
March 21 & 22	\$ 12,506
March 14 & 15	\$ 29,376
March 7 & 8	\$ 28,867
March 10 th -224 EFTs	\$ 36,018
March 20 th -662 EFTs	\$ 11,893
EFTs Quarterly-1 EFTs	\$ 300

Thank you for your support!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 6

†Marjorie Verbrugge, †Katherine Bruner,
& †Rob Curry

Tuesday, April 7

†Keith Rodden, †Joe Pollock,
& †Bernie Monsalvatge

Wednesday, April 8

†Peggy Latz, †Tim Nelson, †Jon Sanders
& †Bill Morley

Thursday, April 9

Holy Thursday

†Helen Rome & †Bill Henry

Friday, April 10

Good Friday (Service only - no Mass)

Saturday, April 11

Holy Saturday

†People of the Parish

Sunday, April 12

Easter Sunday

†Gerry Bock, †Tyler Kurtz,
& Patricia Van Houdt, Sp. Int.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you to our parishioners who have contributed by either mailing in their tithe, using auto-withdrawal, or giving online through our PayPal link.

As a non-profit organization, Holy Spirit relies on your generosity to support our operations, which includes salaries, building upkeep, ministries, archdiocesan assessments, and utilities. This past weekend our collection saw a significant decrease. We need your help. If you have not already done so, please consider one of these options for your church contribution:

1. Mail your donation to the parish office:

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

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2. Fill out the auto-withdrawal form and mail it, along with a cancelled check to the parish office. The form is available on our website at hscatholic.org/give-2

3. If you are already contributing via auto-withdrawal, please consider increasing your tithe by emailing parishaccountant@hscatholic.org with the new amount.

4. Give online with a credit or debit card at hscatholic.org/give-2

Holy Spirit Prayer Line

Join the Holy Spirit Prayer Line. Pray for fellow parishioners prayer requests. To sign up to receive prayer line emails visit <https://hscatholic.org/prayer-line>.

To submit a prayer intention visit <https://hscatholic.org/prayer-intention>.



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PRAYER FROM POPE FRANCIS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us.

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas
– we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

**THANK YOU TO THE
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RESOURCES IN THIS
WEEK'S BULLETIN.**





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WELCOME

Please welcome the following new members to our Holy Spirit Parish family:

Huberta Jiminez

Liza Aceves

Paul Glaessmann

Shelbie Callahan

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

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LIVING LENT IN A TIME OF SOCIAL DISTANCING

PRAYER

Cancelled events and self-imposed social distancing are rare opportunities well-suited to spend some quality time with God, speaking and listening about the matters which reside within one's heart. Below are a few ideas to help take advantage of this time:

- While washing one's hands, recite an Our Father for the safety and consolation of the sick or isolated.
- Pray for the intercession of the saints when you hear of new infections. Consider the following saints who have interceded during outbreaks of the past: St. Anthony of the Desert, St. Edmund, St. Roch (pronounced like "rock"), St. Rosalie, and St. Sebastian.
- Grab a bible or pull up the daily Mass readings online and spend some time practicing lectio divina. The Book of Psalms is also a great choice during times of uncertainty.
- Ask Jesus to help increase trust in Him, followed by praying a Divine Mercy Chaplet.
- Reflect on the life of Christ and ask for the intercession of Mary and Joseph while praying the Rosary.
- Join in solidarity with the Universal Church by praying the Liturgy of the Hours.
- Engage in a time of recollection, meditation, and contemplation with such activities as journaling, drawing, painting, knitting, sewing, writing, or spiritual reading

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FASTING

Through acts of fasting, one can lovingly offer their personal sacrifices for the physical, psychological and spiritual betterment of others. Below are a few ideas for how to intercede for others through voluntary self-denial in a time of pandemic:

- Offer your Lenten sacrifice for those who are suffering with Covid-19.
- Offer one daily sacrifice, as an individual or as a family, for those who are sick or isolated.
- Avoid purchasing more than you reasonably need at this time. Unnecessarily depriving others of necessities is contrary to Christian charity.

ALMSGIVING

When one gives alms to those in need, they affirm that all created goods come from God for the purpose of the common good. Below are a few simple ways to attend to the needs of others, which respect the need to avoid physical contact:

- Make a donation to your local parish or community charity. This can usually be done online.
- Volunteer to make and/or deliver care packages of food or necessities for the sick or isolated.
- Give words of encouragement by means of phone calls, text messages, mailed letters, or social media posts.

“So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

1 Corinthians 13:13

A CALL TO HOLINESS

Holy Spirit, you bestow holiness in abundance among God's holy and faithful people.

Make us contemplate history and our story in the light of the risen Jesus, so as to constantly welcome the Lord's surprises in our lives.

When you call us to take a step forward, give us the grace not to hesitate; when you prompt us to share the Gospel, grant us apostolic courage.

Holy Spirit, pour out upon us a fervent longing to be saints for God's greater glory, and to show the world that holiness is the most attractive face of the Church.

Amen

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers are ready to come alongside you and provide comfort and support for as long as needed.

To help yourself, a friend, or a relative contact David Chaffee at **317.8393**.



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MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: IDEAS FOR OUTREACH

With COVID-19 calling us to a different pace of life these next few weeks, one of the most beautiful ways to share our faith with others is through acts of love, generosity, and kindness. Here are some lovely ways to be Church in the world:

- **PRAYER:** Take some time each day to pray for those who are sick, isolated, and worried. Write the names of friends, family, classmates, and co-workers on slips of paper and place in a basket on your table or a prominent place in your home. At mealtime, draw from the basket and say a prayer together for each person.
- **CARE FOR THE VULNERABLE:** Several nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and places that care for the vulnerable have been closed off from visitors. Write cards to these residents, as well as the staff who try to keep everyone safe and healthy. Even if you don't know anyone in a care center just address the card or note to "Dear Friend." That alone will brighten a day and bring a spark of joy!
- **CARE FOR FAMILIES:** New parents, pregnant moms, and those with little ones at home could use some encouragement and help. If you are healthy and able, perhaps make a meal, share books/movies/toys that have been sanitized, offer to watch the little ones for a while so the parents can get out, run errands, and renew a bit! Gather some friends from church to reach out with support, love, and kindness!
- **YOUNG ADULTS:** Gather healthy young adults to run errands, deliver groceries, and anything in between. Create a space on social media where people can list what they might need help with and be creative. Find ways to make it happen!
- **FOOD:** If you know children or teens in your neighborhood who may need a lunch or snacks, offer to make and deliver them or bring them to a designated spot your schools may determine. An unexpected treat from the local parish will be amazing. Attach a little note for an added surprise!



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- **THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY:** This can include yard work, meal creation and delivery, or collection of money to send a package of goodies to your local emergency room staff. Send thank you cards to all those in helping agencies or make a lawn poster campaign to bring hope and comfort to your neighborhoods!
- **CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT:** Organize a park clean-up in your neighborhood for people of all ages. It's good to be outside, but keep a distance by assigning tasks around the area. Have gloves and trash bags available. Serve a snack when finished. What a beautiful way to care for God's creation. Begin and end the event with prayer or a quote from Pope Francis' Laudato Si!
- **CARE PACKAGES:** Care packages with items such as hand sanitizer or toilet paper could be included for those who have compromised immune systems, those who are homebound. Share your abundance and plant seeds of hope.
- **CARE FOR OUR VISITORS:** Are there people in your community who may be new to the area or speak a different language? This may be a very uncertain time for them. Seek out resources for them in your neighborhood and reach out with this information, as well as a treat or care package from your parish!
- **HOPE AND JOY:** Finally, be a sign of hope and joy in your circle of influence at home, work, the store, appointments, and anywhere else you go. For those who are worried and a little panicked, we can be a source of peace, presence, calm, and faithfulness. It's the very best gift we can give our communities!

**Be a joy-filled and generous disciple!
God has sent us on mission!**



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THE PARISH

- **PRAYER:** www.catholic.org
- Over and over we hear in the Bible the words of Jesus “do not be afraid” (Mark 5:36). Prayer helps us to put our worries and anxieties in perspective and connects us as a Catholic people to God our Father and to each other. During this time, spend some extra time in prayer.
- **FOCUS ON THE WORD:** www.usccb.org/bible/readings
- The Word of God is the Word of Life. Encourage your parishioners to develop the habit of reading the Scriptures on a daily basis. Encourage them to practice lectio divina, which is the ancient art of prayerful and contemplative reading of the Bible.
- **THE MASS:** The Mass is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. It is our best spiritual nourishment during times of crisis. As many parishes enact policies to limit social contact, livestream options where you can watch the Mass are one way that you can participate in the Mass remotely.
- **GIVING:** Many parishes operate with slim budgets and coordinate essential services for us such as funerals, First Communion celebrations, baptisms, and weddings. Continue your giving during this time, either by mailing in your donation to the parish or exercising an online giving option if available.
- **REACH OUT SAFELY:** The Catholic Church is an important source of support for those who are struggling, marginalized, and vulnerable. As disciples, we are called to reach out to those who need help and support. As we practice social distancing during this time, call elderly neighbors, those who are lonely, and families with young children.



DISCIPLES ON THE WAY Spiritual Support During the COVID-19 Outbreaks PARENTING RESOURCES

Discipleship is rooted in the home. Parents, take this opportunity to incorporate some of these practices into your family to grow in faith:

- **RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST:** Enjoy the change of schedule and take a moment to build your own relationship with Christ through prayer, reading the Scriptures, and praying the rosary.
- **INTENTIONALITY:** This downtime is a great way to learn something new about your child and find a way to love them in what interests them. A great tool is the 5 Love Languages of Children. There are books and online quizzes you can read to discover more about what your children love so you can be intentional in your time together. www.5lovelanguages.com/profile/#discovery-child
- **AVAILABILITY:** Make memories over these next few days that will last longer than the memory of the virus. Turn off all media for a little while and enjoy some simple time together by baking, playing games, doing an activity, etc. Sharing time together and being present to one another can quickly bring peace and joy to any situation.
- **OPENNESS:** It is in adversity that we can teach our children how best to trust in God's care. Take time to pray for those who are affected by the virus, create an intention list, read the lives of the saints together, or watch a spiritual movie/program. These acts of faith will help you and your children better cope with any stress that may come.
- **MAKE THE MOST OF THIS TIME TOGETHER:** These are the days to create happy and lasting memories in your home and grow in your relationships. Once the disruptions of the virus has passed, the happiness created together in the moments will endure.

“It is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

Hebrews 11:1



SUPPORT HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit's Automated Giving Program offers an alternative to writing checks and using weekly envelopes, and provides an opportunity to keep Holy Spirit a priority when it comes to sharing your financial gifts. Please consider joining our Automated Giving Program by completing the form below and returning it to the parish office.

NAME	SUGGESTED CATHOLIC TITHING GUIDELINES <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;"> 5% 4% 1% </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: 0.8em;"> YOUR PARISH OTHER CHARITIES CALL TO SHARE </div>
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GROSS ANNUAL INCOME	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
5%	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,750	\$5,000	\$7,500
MONTHLY	\$125	\$167	\$208	\$313	\$417	\$625

NEW ENROLLMENT (PLEASE INCLUDE A VOIDED CHECK WITH THIS FORM)

Envelope #	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 th of Month <input type="checkbox"/> 20 th of Month	Bank Name: TRANSIT/ABA NUMBER: <small>(First set of numbers on check)</small>
\$ Amount	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 th of Month <input type="checkbox"/> 20 th of Month	ACCOUNT NUMBER: <small>(Second Set of numbers on check)</small>

I, ___ hereby authorize Holy Spirit Catholic Parish to withdraw funds from my account beginning ___/___/20___. This authorization is to remain intact until Holy Spirit Catholic Parish receives written authorization from me otherwise.

SIGNATURE	DATE
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CURRENT ENROLLMENT

Envelope #	<input type="checkbox"/> 10th of Month <input type="checkbox"/> 20th of Month	I am currently enrolled in the automatic withdraw program, and hereby authorize Holy Spirit Catholic Church to increase my giving to the new amount on ___/___/20___.
New \$ Amount	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	

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