

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 28, 2022

HOLY SPIRIT

CATHOLIC CHURCH



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” - Lk 14:13-14

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

CONFESSION

Tues 4:15 - 5:15 pm, Fri 7:15 am - 8:15 am
Sat 7:15 - 7:45 am & 2:30-3:30 pm

ADORATION

24/7 (Ask the parish office for the code)

DAILY MASS

Mon - Thrs, 6:45 am & 5:30 pm
Fri 6:45 am & 8:30 am | Sat 8:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

Sat 4:00 pm
Sun 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:30 pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Updated 8/21/2022 for the Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/23
(Collection numbers as of 8 weeks)

Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$46,092
Average Year to Date Weekly Collection:	\$39,285
Budgeted Year to Date Collections:	\$368,736
Actual Year to Date Collections:	\$314,280
Year to Date Overage/(Shortage):	(\$54,456)

Endowment Balances as of 6/30/22

Church Endowment:	\$131,420
Educational Endowment:	\$115,436

Support the mission of Holy Spirit:
Visit hscatholic.org/give to donate

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Catholic Charities: (913)384-6608
Advice & Aid Pregnancy Center: (913)962-0200
Gabriel Project: (913)602-0306
Olathe Pregnancy Clinic: (913)289-0100
Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic: (913)287-8287
Project Rachel/ Joseph: (913)621-2199

Rosary Rally

Saturday, Sept. 3 at Noon

On the lawn in front of the church along
103rd St



AMERICA NEEDS
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Council # 11691
**Knights of
Columbus**

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 29th

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

6:45 am †Linda Henry
 5:30 pm †Beverly Denk; Linda Dinsmore, Sp. Int.; Faith Einess, Sp. Int.; Unborn Babies, Sp. Int.

Tuesday, August 30th

6:45 am †Tony Dos Santos
 5:30 pm †Stephanie Pitts

Wednesday, August 31st

6:45 am †Anthony Kwan Chuen Wong
 5:30 pm †Charlotte Settle

Thursday, September 1st

6:45 am Chuck Seago, Sp. Int.
 5:30 pm †Lorraine Heles

Friday, September 2nd

6:45 am Priests of the Archdiocese of
 Kansas City in Kansas, Sp. Int.
 8:30 am †Fr. Charles McGlenn, †Tyler Kurtz, †Joseph Trudell, &
 †Robert Denk

Saturday, September 3rd

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
 8:00 am Johannes & Patricia Van Houdt, Sp. Int.
 4:00 pm Vigil Mass †Jim Dieren

Sunday, September 4th

Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
 7:00 am †Scott Henry
 9:00 am †Jim Slaven
 11:00 am †Brad Dupin
 6:30 pm People of the Parish

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

913.492.7318

Pastor	Fr. Andrew Strobl	frandrew@hscatholic.org
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Holy Spirit Catholic School

913.492.2582

Principal	Kevan O'Shea	koshea@hscatholic.org
Assistant Principal	Tessa Piscitello	tpiscitello@hscatholic.org
Office Manager	Nicki Merfen	nmerfen@hscatholic.org
Enrollment Manager	Anita Pauls	apauls@hscatholic.org

To submit an item for the bulletin or parish email, please send inquiries to:
bulletin@hscatholic.org
 Submissions are due the Tuesday prior to each weekend by Noon.

Parish Rosaries:

Monday through Friday after the 6:45 AM Mass
 Tuesday after the 5:30 PM Mass
 Saturday at 7:30 AM and at 3:30 PM
 Sunday at 6:30 AM

5:00 PM- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

HOLY SPIRIT FUN FAIR

IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT

\$4 MEALS!	25 CENT TICKETS!
GAMES 1-3 TICKETS	DRINKS & SNACKS 2 TICKETS

FUN AND GAMES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

**Volunteers needed!
Sign up here!**




VOLUNTEER FOR FUN FAIR

WE NEED YOU! Adult and youth volunteers are needed to staff games. Help us make our 2022 Fun Fair a great success- please volunteer!

DONATE TO FUN FAIR
The following items are needed:

- Baked Goods for the Cakewalk - Homemade or Store Bought!
- 2 Liter Bottles of Soda for Ring Toss - Any brand/flavor you like!

Please bring your donations to the St. Isidore Room on September 9th.





Prayers for our Community

Baptized in Christ

Edward Anthony Phillips,
son of Zachary & Elizabeth

United in Holy Matrimony

Nathan Schnabel & Jacqueline Speckin

With Sympathy

Dorothy McBride,
mother of Jane Sullivan

The Sacraments

Baptism: A baptismal preparation class must be completed prior to scheduling your child's baptism. Please call the Parish Office for more information and to schedule a class.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance to complete the necessary paperwork/requirements. Please contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: Offered after the 4:00 PM Mass on the First Saturday of the Month. Call Ariel in the Parish Office at 913.492.7318, if someone is hospitalized or ill and would like to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick.

Funerals: Please contact the Pastor before final arrangements are made.

Ushers Needed

The parish is in desperate need of more ushers! To be fully staffed we need 60 ushers – we currently have only 42.

We are having a recruiting drive this weekend (August 27-28) at all Masses. Please consider helping your parish in this important ministry!

Our ushers work in 4 person teams, one month on and two months off. For example, if you usher the month of August you would then be off the months of September and October. You can work at the Mass time you ordinarily attend.

We specifically need

- **younger ushers.** Over half of our ushers are over 60, and several are in their 70s and 80s
- **women ushers.** We currently only have four women as regulars. Women can do the job as well as men (maybe better)!
- **more families.** This is a good opportunity for fathers/sons or mothers/daughters to work together to help the parish. We have one family where mom, dad, and three daughters usher together.

Please prayerfully consider helping the parish as an usher. If you can't be a regular we also have a great need for substitutes.

Please stop at the Recruiting Table after Mass (Aug 27-28) or contact John Weber (913-226-9517 or jweber3000@gmail.com).

Women of Spirit

WOMEN OF SPIRIT

LEFT, RIGHT, CENTER

TUESDAY 30
AUGUST

MARTHA & MARY ROOM

6:30 PM

Bring a roll of quarters to play. It should be a fun evening!



This Friday, September 2, is our Friday Holy Hour for Vocations. Please join us at 11:00 AM in the Church.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR



Women of Spirit

Kick-Off
September 13, 2022

All Women of the parish are invited to the WOS Kick-Off, September 13, at 6:30 pm, in the M/M room for dinner and a short meeting. Mark this date for the beginning of another great year of WOS activities. Dues are \$15 for the year.

RSVP by September 7, to Carol Clune at carolick4kds@aol.com or call/text 913-449-1747.

Please join us to learn how you can become involved and meet other women in our parish.

HOLY SPIRIT

Women's Scripture Study

BEGINNING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
9:00 - 11:15 AM
IN THE MARTHA & MARY ROOM

Ladies - Starting Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, we will begin a 10 week study: EPIC: The Early Church. Written by historian Steve Weidenkopf, this study will help us discover the first 500 years of Church history and encourage us to grow closer to Christ through a deeper understanding of the Church. This study will lead us through a powerful, fast-paced journey from the lives of the Apostles through the rise and fall of Constantine.

Costs for materials estimated at \$28 - \$32. Scholarships available.

It is very important to pre-register, to ensure enough study books!

For more information contact: Judy Weeks at bible.study.holy.spirit@gmail.com or call 913-385-0089.

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Food Drive

Saturday, Sept. 3, & Sunday, Sept. 4

A truck will be in the parking lot to receive your donations.

PLEASE NO GLASS OR PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS.

Please do not leave your items in the narthex.

Most needed items are tuna/canned meat, tomato, tomato sauce/pasta sauce, misc veggies, pinto beans/ pork & beans, oatmeal/grits, pancake mix, condiments, baking items, ramen.

Volunteer



We need help with working the truck and organizing donations during our weekend Masses, and also folks to stand in the narthex during Masses to collect monetary donations. Use your phone's camera app to scan the QR code and sign up!

Prefer to make a financial donation?



Scan the QR Code or write a check payable to Catholic Charities with **Food Drive-Holy Spirit** in the memo. Checks can be dropped in the collection baskets or in the parish office lock box.





St. Mary's Food Kitchen

Friday, September 9

St. Mary's food kitchen is now serving HOT lunches. Holy Spirit serves the hungry at St. Mary's **every second Friday**. We need people to prepare casseroles, bring salad bags, cookies, and bottled water. We also need volunteers to go to St. Mary's to serve the meals. This is a beautiful way to put your faith in action.

Sign up at the link below or by following the QR code!

<https://tinyurl.com/HolySpiritStMarys>

Please drop off donations in the gathering space by 9:15am on the Friday that you signed up.

For any questions, please call either

Terry Gillcrist (913)638-6336
or Rita Mulleedy



St Gerard's Circle Book Study

Please join St. Gerard's Circle for our Fall book study.

Our group will be reading the book "Lift Up Your Heart: A 10-Day Spiritual Retreat with St. Francis de Sales" by Fr. John Burns.

Starting on September 20th, we will meet each Tuesday for 5 weeks from 7:30pm - 8:30pm to discuss two daily meditations (chapters) from the book. We will meet by the Mary statue at the front of the church. Please purchase a copy of the book on your own and bring a lawn chair to our weekly meetings. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Carissa Scott (gcscotts@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!



Come have fun with the whole Holy Spirit Family...food, faith, fellowship & fundraising! Bring your BBQ from your backyard to the Holy Spirit parking lot!

September 23rd & 24th

HOLY SPIRIT PARKING LOT

TEAM SIGN UP HERE!



FRIDAY NIGHT!
KIDS SMOKE OFF BAKING
COMPETITION &
PARISH PARTY



PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND DONATIONS NEEDED!



Our new preschool playground will be installed on Izzy's field late this fall.

While our pre-schoolers anxiously await the fantastic new equipment, they need some temporary toys to play with.



If you have any items to donate, please reach out to the parish office at 913-492-7318 or email sleach@hscatholic.org



Knights of Columbus

FOOTBALL RAFFLE

FOOTBALL RAFFLE TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

\$25 each
\$100 for 5



Purchase from the Knights after Mass

Drawings Sept. 10 - Jan. 7

ASSISTED LIVING/ NURSING HOME EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Holy Spirit has 6 Assisted Living/Nursing Home Communities located within our parish boundaries. We are in the process of contacting parishioners who are currently serving in this ministry **and** finding new volunteers. If you are currently serving in this ministry, please contact us and tell us where and how often you go.

And, to provide weekly Communion to these Catholic residents, **we are seeking more volunteers**. Please prayerfully consider serving once a month to minister to these needy residents.

If you have questions, or if you feel called to this ministry, please contact either: Theresa Sullivan @ 913-451-5684 or David Chaffee @ 913-317-8393

Or you can reach us by email at hs.eucharist@gmail.com

Thank you,
David Chaffee and Theresa Sullivan

E-WASTE RECYCLING DRIVE

TUESDAY, SEPT. 6, 4-8 PM

Adams Cable Equipment, 9700 Widmer Road in Lenexa.

Holy Name Catholic School in KCK is hosting an E-Waste Recycling Drive to raise money for a new phone/intercom/security system for their school. Bring in your old computers, TVs, phones, cable boxes, cords, etc. that you need to get rid of. Usually you have to pay to recycle large electronics, and since this event is FREE, we are asking for donations to benefit this project at Holy Name School.

- Visit

<https://one.bidpal.net/2022hnewastedrive/welcome> for more details or to make a donation.

Reopening!

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OF NORTHEAST KANSAS

Shalom House at Sanctuary of Hope

Shalom House Men's Transition Living Program at Sanctuary of Hope is nearly ready to reopen! Help provide a safe stable home for men experiencing homelessness. Become an Adopt-A-Room sponsor for our newly relocated and renovated Shalom House Men's Transitional Living Program at Sanctuary of Hope in Kansas City, Kansas. Your gift will help shelter up to 60 men while they engage in life-changing education, employment and other supportive services. For more information, please contact Kurtis Grothoff at KGrothoff@catholiccharitiesks.org.

Ways you can support Shalom House:

- Adopt-a-Room for \$2,000
- Purchase bedding, toiletries, and other essentials from our Amazon Wish List. →
- Make a cash contribution.
- Pray for those served by Shalom House



We need YOU for Music Ministry!

Women and Men
(age 16 and older)

If you are interested in exploring using your musical gifts to serve our congregation, please contact Denise at dslaven@hscatholic.org.

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Memorial Service

Saturday, September 10 at 11:00 am

Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery
126th St & Parallel Pkwy | KCK
Starting in the Chapel

Across the country, solemn vigils will be held to commemorate the more than 60 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join us for the memorial service in our community.



ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN!

This September the Encounter School of Ministry will launch in Kansas City and begin our mission to teach, equip, activate and deploy disciples in the full supernatural lifestyle of Jesus to demonstrate the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit in their spheres of influence!

MONDAYS, 6-9 PM
HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
OVERLAND PARK, KS

TO APPLY & FOR MORE INFO
SCAN OR VISIT:
encounterschool.org/kansas-city



CHECK OUT OUR PROMO VIDEO:
FEATURING FOOTAGE FROM THE SUMMER
INTENSIVE WE HOSTED THIS PAST JULY
WITH OVER 200+ IN ATTENDANCE!

ENCOUNTER
— SCHOOL OF MINISTRY —
KANSAS CITY CAMPUS



COME TO YOUTH GROUP JUNIOR HIGH ON WEDNESDAYS



Scan here for full
J-High schedule

J-High Afternoons are from 4 PM to 5:15 PM
(Social hour starts at 3:30 for those staying after school.)
J-High Evenings are from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
in the Martha & Mary Room & in conjunction with SOR

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study & Dinner every Sunday
Beginning August 28,
5-6:30 pm



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF

Sunday, August 28

7:30-9:00 pm

All in high school are invited!!



**Registration
OPEN!**

School of Religion & Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Keep that faith going strong every year by joining us for Religious Education! 1st grade through 8th grades meet on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:15. Sacramental prep is available during that time as well! We are also in need of some awesome volunteers to help lead the young ones closer to Jesus. Is the Holy Spirit Calling you to help? Reach out to Maureen Leach with questions! Registration is on the parish website.



<https://hscatholic.org/school-of-religion>



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd TRAINING

Do you have a love of the CGS program and long to make it available to the youth of our parish? Training dates are coming up! Reach out to Maureen and chat! mleach@hscatholic.org

New Dates! -

Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov. 12,

Dec 3, 2022;

Jan. 14, Feb, 4 Mar 4,

April 1, 2023

Level 1 Part 1

Training

(3-6 years)

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

St. Ann Catholic
Church



World Youth Day Lisbon & Fatima

July 29th-Aug. 7th, 2023



How old do I have to be to attend WYD?

World Youth Day is a pilgrimage experience targeted at those aged 16 to 35. We especially encourage Young Adults, High Schoolers, Young Married Couples & Chaperones to attend.

Cost: \$3,450; with fundraising we hope to get it down to \$3,000.

Holy Spirit wants to send the largest group with the Archdiocese on this life-changing pilgrimage!

Contact Doug Leikam with Questions: DLEIKAM@HSCATHOLIC.ORG



Family Day

@ PRAIRIE STAR RANCH



September 18, 2022

9:00 am - 5:00 pm



Join us at Prairie Star Ranch on Sunday, September 18th for a opportunity to slow down and enter into a day of prayer, adventure, and outdoor activities. Opportunities include horseback riding, canoeing, archery, power pole, rock climbing, kids' sing-along, and time for prayer with our Eucharistic Lord. The experience will culminate with the celebration of the Mass (fulfills Sunday obligation) in our beautiful St. Kateri Chapel. Bring the whole family or grab a friend - all are invited to this come-and-go-as-you-please event! Visit our website to register and to find more information.

www.archkck.org/ranch | (785)746-5693 | psrministry@archkck.org

Eagle Scout Project

BUILDING DOG HOUSES FOR LOCAL SHELTER

Hello, my name is Howard from Scouts BSA Troop 0256. I am fundraising for my Eagle Scout project. My Eagle project is building dog houses for Great Plains ASPCA animal shelter. These dog houses will be donated to the shelter but will be distributed by Great Plains to foster homes in need of shelter for the animals they keep. The dog house specifications are precise and resources are expensive. Any donation amount helps me out a lot. Thank you for your help with my project.



To donate scan the QR code or use this link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/dog-houses-for-eagle-scout-project?cid=e680e40345819d47585efc6d953b013a>

If you can't donate, please spread the word! It helps a lot!



Christ's Peace House of Prayer

Encountering One's Deepest Center

Friday, September 9th at 5:30 pm-
Sunday, September 11th at 4:30 pm

The goal of contemplation is an encounter with God in our depths. Join us as we delve into the teachings of the Cloud of Unknowing which takes us to that center and Abandonment to Divine Providence by Jean-Pierre de Caussade which shows us how to surrender to God by trusting Him from our core. There are conferences, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$170 Single/\$250 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: \$100 (Meals Included). To attend, fill out the Individual Retreat Form at ChristsPeace.com.

Christ's Peace House of Prayer | 22131 Meager Rd | Easton, KS



LIFE & HOPE Banquet

Thursday, September 1 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Overland Park Convention Center

Fr. Robert Conroy, MC will be keynote speaker at this year's Life and Hope Banquet. The evening is benefiting Wyandotte and Olathe Pregnancy Clinics and their ability to serve women and families and their unborn children. Though he comes as an unknown to many of us, he brings to the event a wealth of first-hand knowledge and love of one of our favorite saints, St. Teresa of Calcutta. Fr. Conroy is now in Topeka and everyone that knows him first hand couldn't be more excited.

Get your tickets here!



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A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Announcing an upcoming Retrouvaille
WEEKEND FOR COUPLES
October 14, 2022

Not willing to let go of your marriage?

Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages.

For more information, contact KC registration team: (800)470-2230 or visit our website: helpourmarriage.com



Hot Topics & The Gospel



With School of Faith
instructor Nicholas Hinkel



Thursdays at 7:00 PM
St. Isidore's Room

All are invited for conversation on the difficult issues
in our culture from a Catholic perspective.

Sept. 22 - Guiding Principles; Sept. 29 - Abortion; Oct.
6 - Homosexuality; Oct. 13 - Transgenderism;
Oct. 20 - Political Extremism; Oct. 27 - The Way
Forward

Free of charge! Questions? Contact Nicholas@schooloffaith.com



Knights of
Columbus®

Awards Dinner

Saturday, September 10, 2022

4:00 PM Mass | 5:00 PM Social in the Martha & Mary Room
6:00 PM Dinner followed by award ceremony

We will be honoring the Knights and Families
of the Month and Year, and installing new
members in the Hall of Fame. All Knights and
spouses are invited. Please attend to show your
support to these very worthy gentlemen! We
have not had this event the past two years
due to the COVID pandemic. We have lots of
Knights of the Month and Families of the
Month to recognize.

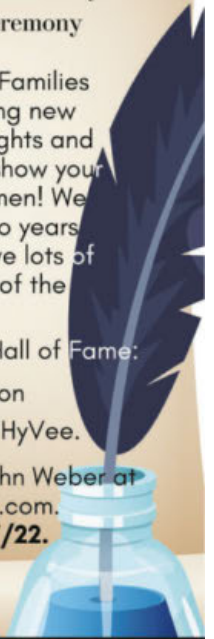
We will be installing the following in our Hall of Fame:

• Jim Easterday • Don Watson

Cost is \$25.00. Catering will be by HyVee.

Reservations required please - contact John Weber at
913-226-9517 or jweber3000@gmail.com.

Reservation deadline Wed. 9/7/22.



We're Hiring Director of Marriage Ministry

Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Overland Park, KS, is looking for a catechetical and missionary expert who is passionate about Christian marriage and committed to fostering a community of love for marriage. This new position and ministry will be created from the ground up. This individual must be organized, detail-oriented, and have an entrepreneurial spirit.

This person must be able to create a community of people at Holy Spirit and train them on how to become missionaries themselves. This requires a solid foundation in the Church's teachings and pastoral ministry. This position must be fully engaged in the life of the parish and will require work on nights and weekends. We are looking for a self-starter and team player capable of interacting with many different groups. This is a full-time salaried position.

This position will work to build a sustainable full-circle relationship ministry for marriage.

- **Singles:** establish healthy dating habits and encourage marriage discernment.
- **Marriage Preparation:** Assess compatibility and work with mentors before and after their wedding.
- **Marriage Enrichment** for married couples to continuously learn skills to strengthen their relationship.
- **Marriages In Need:** work with couples to access marriage intensives to help save struggling marriages.

To apply:

Please submit cover letter, resume, and contact information for three (3) professional references to Shaw Leach at sleach@hscatholic.org



40 for 40: Diving Into The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church



Day 7: The Reality of Sin

From the Document: To begin to comprehend the tremendous gift offered by Christ through His Incarnation, Death, and Resurrection, which is made present to us in the Eucharist, we must first realize how truly profound is our alienation from the Source of all life as a result of sin. We have abundant experience of evil, yet so many of us deny the cause of much of that evil—our own selfishness, our own sins. As St. John wrote in his first letter, "If we say, 'we are without sin,' we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 Jn.1:8).

Sin is an offense against God, a failure to love God and our neighbor that wounds our nature and injures human solidarity. The capabilities, talents, and gifts we have received from God are meant to be used for good—not the false and illusory good that we in our self-centered desire create for ourselves, but the true good that glorifies the Father of goodness and is directed for the good of others and, in the end, is also good for us.

When we misuse the gifts of creation, when we selfishly focus on ourselves, we choose the path of vice rather than the way of virtue. This self-centeredness is an inheritance of the Fall of our first parents. Without the grace of Christ received at Baptism, strengthened in Confirmation, and nourished by the Eucharist, this selfishness dominates us.

--United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*, no. 10.

Reflect: We recognize that we are sinners in need of God's mercy. Further, despite our good intentions and resolutions, we remain prone to selfishness.

One of the great fruits of the Eucharist is that it strengthens the love of God in us, and in the process washes away venial sins. In addition, the Eucharist preserves us from future mortal sins by strengthening our friendship with the Lord (cf. Catechism, nos. 1393-95).

In a future installment, we will discuss the necessity of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the forgiveness of mortal sins. For now, it is important to note the spiritually medicinal qualities of the Eucharist that are so important for daily Christian living.

Ponder: Where is selfishness and vice most evident in my life? Am I serious about opposing my vices with the corresponding virtues? Am I willing to ask Jesus in the moments after receiving Him in Communion to help me in these areas of difficulty?

www.archkck.org/revival

www.eucharisticrevival.org/

The document *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church* was developed by the Committee on Doctrine of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It was approved by the full body of the USCCB at its November 2021 General Meeting and has been authorized for publication.



THE FRIENDS OF ALEXANDRA'S HOUSE CORDIALLY
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A fundraising gala to support

Alexandra's House

FRIDAY OCTOBER 21ST 2022

6:00 PM | GRAND STREET CAFE ON THE PLAZA

"Open to life, no matter how short"

More information & gala event registration can be
found at <https://www.bowtiesforbabies22.com/>



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*"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way
fulfill the law of Christ."*
- Galatians 6:2

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