

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 25, 2022

HOLY SPIRIT

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Priesthood Sunday.

Please pray for our priests and seminarians

Fr. Andrew Strobl, Msgr. Thomas Tank, & Fr. Thomas Maddock | Seminarians Dan Mauro, Jarrad Condeary, Jimmy Mendoza, Joey Punswick, & Jacob Cofer

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 9/18/2022 for the Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/23
(Collection numbers as of 12 weeks)

Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$46,092
Average Year to Date Weekly Collection:	\$40,170
Budgeted Year to Date Collections:	\$553,104
Actual Year to Date Collections:	\$482,043
Year to Date Overage/(Shortage):	(\$71,061)

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

"We should spend as much time in
thanking God for His benefits as
we do in asking for them."

St. Vincent de Paul

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 26th

Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

6:45 am †Anthony Kwan Chuen Wong, †Zach Thomas Sr., &
Marie Monks, Sp. Int.
5:30 pm †John Baker; †Mao Do; Renee Garnett, Sp. Int.; &
unborn babies, Sp. Int.

Tuesday, September 27th

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

6:45 am †Tracy Hasenkamp
5:30 pm †Hong Katarina

Wednesday, September 28th

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs

6:45 am †Dorothy McBride
5:30 pm †Thang Vu, †Peter Nguyen, & †Elizabeth Hoang

Thursday, September 29th

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

6:45 am †Michael Maskill
5:30 pm †Michael Shawn Kelley

Friday, September 30th

St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6:45 am †Ray & †Pat Rohde, †Mike Pfannenstiel
8:30 am †Bill & †Virginia Peters; Deanna Olsen, Sp. Int.; &
All Priests & Seminarians, Sp. Int.

Saturday, October 1st

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:00 am †Kevin Haeusser
4:00 pm Vigil Mass †Katie Reynolds Scott

Sunday, October 2nd

Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:00 am †Bob Foote
9:00 am †Jack McGranaghan
11:00 am People of the Parish
6:30 pm †Lucas Scheele

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

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

913.492.7318

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913.492.2582

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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

MINISTRY FAIR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

FOLLOWING THE 9AM AND 11AM MASSES

Plus coffee and donuts in the Martha and Mary Room!
Join us!

Prayers for our Community

Baptized in Christ

Ivy Jane Ross,
daughter of Kevin & Lydia

Myles Lewis Befort,
son of Robert & Sarah

With Sympathy

JoAnn Caporizzo,
wife of Tom

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.

catholic charities

Food Drive

Saturday, Oct. 1, & Sunday, Oct. 2

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 canned meat, pasta, canned tomatoes, tomato/pasta sauce (**no glass**), rice, pancake mix, oatmeal, canned fruit

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.



Priesthood Sunday

September 25

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priests and reflect upon the gift of a priestly vocation. It is important to affirm the centrality of the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the USA Council of Serra International Vocations Committee. Here is how you can honor your parish priest:

- Pray for your priest, and all priests serving the archdiocese and elsewhere
- Pray for the vocation programs for the archdiocese, and for more men to be open to God's call to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and religious life.
- Personally thank your priest on Priesthood Sunday, or any day (every day!)
- Invite your priest to dinner with family and/or friends
- Send a card or letter of thanks to a priest who serves or has served at your parish
- Send a card or letter of thanks to a retired priest
- Send a card or letter of thanks to Archbishop Naumann and to the Archdiocesan Director of Vocations, Fr. Dan Morris.



St. Mary's Food Kitchen

Friday, October 14

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



Sunday, October 2

PROJECT ANDREW

Discernment Event

Discernment event for young men in high school: An invitation from Jesus Christ to "Follow me"

Jesus Christ is calling you to follow Him. It's a fact. The question which remains is - What does that look like for you? What is it about a relationship with Jesus Christ that has the power to transform a boy into a man - a man who is willing to lay down his life for his friends - specifically as a spiritual father and priest? Join Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Vocation Director Fr. Dan Morris, Associate Vocation Director Fr. Luke Doyle, seminarians, and area priests as together we unpack those two simple but transformative and life-giving words of Jesus: "Follow me"

Scan QR to register



1-4:30 pm

Holy Trinity, Lenexa

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<https://archkck.org/vocations-project-andrew/>

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We still have open spots for

AGES 3 & 4

3s: MWF or T/TH AM times
4s: M-F PM time

Call to schedule a visit:
913.492.2582



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Women of Spirit

MUM SALE

September 24 & 25

Shop for gorgeous nursery-grown mums Saturday, 8 am to 5 pm and Sunday, after Mass, 7:45 am to 12:30 pm. We appreciate your support!

Men's Bible Study

Monday Mornings
6:30-7:40am

We're starting a new study on 1st Corinthians, beginning Monday, Sept 12th, and continuing until early December.

Each week we'll watch a short video, followed by discussion. This will focus on the Early Church and how we face many of the same challenges today.

All men are welcome to join! We meet each Monday from 6:30 - 7:40 am in the Martha & Mary Room.

For more info, contact Ryan Wilkerson at 573-356-9474 or rwilkerson@impactwealthplanners.com



Women of Spirit

WINE TASTING AND DINNER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 6:30 PM

MARTHA & MARY ROOM

\$25

Join us for dinner with several varieties of wine for our sampling pleasure. RSVP after Mass 10/1-2 and 10/8-9 at the WOS table in the Narthex, or contact the parish office. Cost is \$25. There will also be a raffle for a decorated Christmas tree. Raffle tickets are available that evening, one ticket for \$5 or three tickets for \$10. All ladies of the parish are welcome. It promises to be a fun and fellowship-filled evening.

Questions: Carol Clune, carolick4kds@aol.com, (913)449-1747.

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Pet Blessings

Saturday, Oct. 8
9:00 am on Izzy's Field



The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is October 4. Bring your furry friend to Izzy's Field on Saturday, October 8, for a special blessing.



Knights of Columbus

GOLF OUTING

September 30, 2022

Holy Spirit Knights invite you to join our friendly Golf Outing at Heritage Park Golf Course in Olathe where we'll have a four-person scramble, shotgun start beginning at 9:00 AM on Friday, Sep 30.

Knights and Non-Knights are welcome and you're encouraged to bring your own foursome. Green fees, cart, and two beverage tickets with prizes for long drive, long putt, and closest to the pin are included in your low price of \$55.00 per golfer!

Call Greg Davis at 913-800-0581 to register.

Contact Everett Fritz at everett.fritzii@gmail.com or 913-831-8097 to discuss hole sponsorship

Light of Christ

PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays at 7:15 AM

The Light of Christ Prayer Group is based on praise, thanksgiving, and prayer intentions for the parish, our country, and individual requests. The group meets on Thursdays at 7:15 AM. Contact Carol Denning for more details, or simply stop by on a Thursday to pray with us.

Let us offer our praise and exalt our Lord and Savior.



Knights of Columbus

FOOTBALL RAFFLE

Drawing Order	Ticket #	Winners' Name	Council
1st wins \$500	1247	Monte Mitchell	Holy Trinity
2nd wins \$100	638	Judy Crosthwait	Holy Trinity
3rd wins \$100	598	Mason Lyons	Holy Trinity
4th wins \$100	184	Kim & Nola Bienhoff	Holy Trinity
5th wins \$100	714	Peter Roszel	Holy Trinity
6th wins \$50	3000	Kathleen Baldwin	Ascension
7th wins \$50	2492	Jim Kenney	Ascension
8th wins \$50	6105	Brad Allen	Nativity
9th wins \$50	5912	Nathan Heeney	Nativity
10th wins \$50	6385	Tom Vopat	Nativity
11th wins \$50	3331	Rob Stickney	Holy Spirit
12th wins \$50	334	Becky Mitchell	Holy Trinity
13th wins \$50	3056	Kelli Hawk	Ascension

Trash Bag Sales

Trash Bag sales have been a key fundraiser for Holy Spirit School for many years. This year's sale will run from September 21st-October 4th, orders must be placed by midnight on October 4th. Please help us make this a successful sale!

Blue Bags: 55 gallon, 16 per roll
Yellow Bags: 39 gallon, 25 per roll
White Bags: 15 gallon, 65 per roll



Brown Yard Paper/Waste Bags: 5 bags for \$3



If you have any questions, please contact Laura Logan (Contact info in the Parish Directory or Guidebook)

Ordering/paying is all online!

Simply go to:
buybags.trashbagfundraiser.com
Group ID: HOLYSP



Once you've placed your order, pay with either a Paypal account or check out as a guest! Please be aware there is a convenience fee. Thank you in advance for your generosity! We greatly appreciate you!

Order Pickup: Your order will be available in the back parking lot by the baseball shelter, ready for pickup at school dismissal on 10/7/2022. If you are unable to pick up your order at that time, please email/text Laura Logan to make arrangements prior to this day.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Logan (Contact info in the Parish Directory or Guidebook)

respect
life *called
to serve
moms
in need*

Respect Life Sunday Mass with Archbishop Naumann

Sunday, October 2, 10:30 am

Curé of Ars Parish

Reception to follow

October is Respect Life Month. It is a time when the Church asks the faithful to pray and reflect more deeply on the gift of life and the dignity of the human person. This year's theme is "Called to Serve." Learn more about this theme and our call to action to serve mothers in need at:
<https://www.respectlife.org/called-to-serve>.

Life Chain Sunday

October 2nd, 1:30-2:30 pm

NE Corner of 95th & Antioch



Join Holy Spirit and others from around our community to peacefully pray, hold signs, and be witnesses for life.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY KANSAS INVITES YOU TO A

FOSTER FAMILY APPRECIATION: MASS & RESPITE NIGHT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH
CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY - 3800 W. 119TH ST., LEAWOOD

In appreciation of their generosity and heroic love, please join us in celebrating foster families and those who serve vulnerable children in our community. All are invited to Mass with Archbishop Joseph Naumann where he will extend a special blessing to foster & adoptive families and community volunteers. Afterwards, foster/adoptive parents will be treated to a relaxing dinner and program while the kids have fun in the gym!

- 5:00 pm - Mass with Archbishop Naumann
- 6:00 - 6:30 pm - Check in for Event - Parents, please bring your kids to the school gym, then head to the Parish Hall for your event.
- 6:30 pm - Dinner and Program
 - kids will be served a Chick Fil-A dinner and will be entertained with a bounce house, games, face painting and more!
 - parents will enjoy drinks and a catered dinner by Garozzo's, followed by "Meeting Sensory Needs" presented by KVC for CEU credit.
- 8:15 - 8:30 pm - Event concludes; pick up children in gym

Mass is open to all. The evening event is free for foster and adoptive families - children ages 6 mos- 12 years.

REGISTRATION required. Questions - contact Susie Boster at nativityfostercare@gmail.com

REGISTER HERE!



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of Kansas City in Kansas

CHURCH of the NATIVITY
PARISH

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BLOCKBUSTER TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022

DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

TRIVIA STARTS AT 7 PM

\$250 a team or join solo/couple! Prizes for best dressed movie theme!

More event info at

<https://hscatholic.org/trivianight>

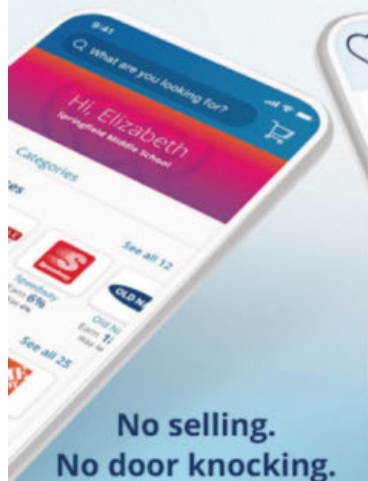
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COME TO YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Bible Study & Dinner every Sunday 5-6:30 pm

WEDNESDAYS JUNIOR HIGH



Wednesday, September 28th:

Q & A Panel on Hot Topics in the Church!

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

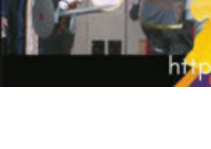
Saints & Sweets Luminary Walk

Sunday, October 30th

Bring your pillowcases for candy and stroll
through the Luminary Walk to hear stories of the
lives of the Saints. Come put the holy back into
All Hallows Eve!

- Walk with your family or friends as you learn about the lives of the Saints. Youth Leaders dressed as Saints will share a Saint story as well as one of your favorite treats at each station. Wrap up the walk by praying with the relics of real Saints!
- Kids are invited to dress up as Saints or use their Halloween costumes.
- Sign up for a start time on the sign-up link. Entry Fee: Canned food item or monetary donation to Uplift.
- See the website under Events for registration and more details. <https://tinyurl.com/SaintsandSweets>

Donate Candy: Candy donations help make the night even sweeter! Please deliver candy to the Formation Office, marked "Saints and Sweets"



Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 30

6-8 pm

Trunk or Treat AND visit the
Luminary Walk, Living Saints, & Relics!

Designated spots available
for decorated cars and
passing out candy.

Fun for the whole family!

More Info
& Sign-Ups



<https://tinyurl.com/SaintsandSweets>

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

The Catholic Lawyer's Guild of Kansas City
together with
The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas,
The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph,
and
The Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas
request you join us for the 2022

Red Mass

October 7, 2022

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Reception to Follow

Curé of Ars | 9401 Mission Rd | Leawood, KS 66206

RSVP at cfnek.org/events/red-mass

Free Event!

Mass of Innocents

Sunday, October 30, at 1:00 PM

at Holy Spirit Church in Overland Park, KS

Have you or someone you know lost a child or loved one during pregnancy or in early infancy. If so, Archbishop Naumann invites you to commemorate this loss at this special Mass.

This annual Mass gives parents, grandparents, siblings, or other loved ones the opportunity to receive consolation, whether the loss was recent or many years ago. Even if you have not personally experienced this kind of loss, you are invited to join us at this Mass to support those who have.

For questions or more info, contact Brad DuPont at 913-647-0301 or bdupont@archkck.org

RETROUVAILLE

HelpOurMarriage.org
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.



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

DIVORCED? SEPARATED?

WE CAN HELP

DivorceCare is a weekly seminar/support group that will help you heal from the hurt.

It's a warm, caring environment led by people who understand what you are going through. Gain hope for your future!

Contact us today for more information

Tuesday evenings - Church of the Nativity, Leawood.
Beginning August 30th, running for 13 weeks. To register, go to kcnativity.org/divorcecare-griefshare, or call Janet Beverley, LCSW, at (913)558-4885

Find Help. Discover Hope
Experience Healing

DIVORCE Care

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Donors needed now!

Tuesday, October 25

2:00-6:00 pm

Holy Spirit Church
Martha & Mary Room

Book your appointment today at
savealifenow.org/group, enter
Group Code: SW.

Medical eligibility questions?
Call 1.800.666.0900

Sign up here!



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Grief Support Group

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Thursday evenings - Church of the Nativity, Leawood.
Beginning September 1st and running for 13 weeks. To register, go to kcnativity.org/divorcecare-griefshare or call Janet Beverley, LCSW, at (913)558-4885

GRIEF SHARE



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL OF FAITH

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.
13 - Homosexuality; Oct. 20 - Transgenderism;
Oct. 27 - Political Extremism; Nov. 3 - The Way Forward

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

Mere Christianity

RETREAT

What are the foundational beliefs that take us into the heart of what it means to be a Christian? Journey with us as we enter into the thought of C.S. Lewis as he explains and defends the most basic beliefs of Christians, hoping to persuade others to come to our Lord. Come immerse yourself in the unequalled opportunity for believers and non-believers alike to hear this powerful apologetic for the Christian faith. 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).



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



BECAUSE VIBRANT
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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Luke 16:19-31

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



Day 11: Heaven on Earth

From the Document: The saving work of Jesus Christ, which has brought to fulfillment what was foreshadowed in the Passover, is now re-presented in the celebration of the Eucharist. The Eucharist makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior.

As Pope St. John Paul II taught: "The Church constantly draws her life from [this] redeeming sacrifice; she approaches it not only through faith-filled remembrance, but also through a real contact, since this sacrifice is made present ever anew, sacramentally perpetuated, in every community which offers it at the hands of the consecrated minister" (original emphasis).

Finally, this great sacrament is also a participation in the worship offered in heaven, in and through Christ, by the angels and saints. Pope Benedict XVI explained that "every Eucharistic celebration sacramentally accomplishes the eschatological gathering of the People of God. For us, the Eucharistic banquet is a real foretaste of the final banquet foretold by the prophets (cf. Is. 25:6-9) and described in the New Testament as 'the marriage-feast of the Lamb' (Rev. 19:7-9), to be celebrated in the joy of the communion of saints."

--United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church*, nos. 16-17.

Reflect: It is no accident that the Eucharistic Prayers include Mary, the ever-Virgin Mother of Jesus Christ our Lord and God, the angels, the holy apostles, the glorious martyrs and all the saints. The Eucharist unites us to the heavenly liturgy—it is truly a glimpse of heaven on earth.

While the Mass connects us even now with heavenly realities, this should only increase, rather than decrease, our sense of responsibility for the world today. Our participation in the Eucharist changes our perspective of earthly realities and orders them toward the eternal.

Think about two drivers on a highway. The first driver is just out for a drive "to kill time." The second driver is on the way to her daughter's wedding in another city. Note that there is a difference not only in destination. The fact that the second driver has a specific destination doesn't lessen the importance of her drive. To the contrary, the fact that she has a specific goal in mind actually invests the drive with meaning and significance.

Ponder: Do I hunger for the marriage feast of heaven? What is my destination in life? Does the Eucharist affect my approach to my daily activities in the world?

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.



WE'RE HIRING



Preschool Position

Holy Spirit Catholic School is seeking a part-time preschool teacher for our 4-year-olds. The Lead Teacher is responsible for developing, planning, and executing all activities/learning experiences for the children in the classroom.

Requirements: Attend Virtus training, College degree required, Elementary Education or Special Education emphasis, preferred.

Extended Day Care Position

Holy Spirit Catholic School is seeking an enthusiastic person to be the Group Leader in our After-School Care Program. This well-established program runs from 3:00-5:45 pm each school day. We are looking for a faith-filled, responsible, organized, and creative person. Applicants should have knowledge of child development and be able to implement age-appropriate activities. The ability to communicate clearly with children, colleagues, and parents is most important to foster positive relationships. Applicants must attend Virtus training, ongoing childcare training, and be at least 18 years old.

Contact Tessa Piscitello at 913-492-2582 or tpiscitello@hscatholic.org for more information.



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