

Holy Spirit Catholic Church



Parish Mission

"To be the light of our World by: Praying and Celebrating as a Eucharistic Community, serving those in need with unconditional love & generosity."

PARISH VISION

"To be welcoming, multi-cultural and multi-generational Roman Catholic Faith Community, rooted in Scripture and Tradition, nourished by the Sacraments and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be the light to our world by: Praying and celebrating as a Eucharistic Community, Instructing children and adults in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Serving the less fortunate with unconditional love & generosity and protecting human life in all its stages."

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



OCTOBER 13, 2024

MASS TIMES

Monday	8:30am
Tuesday	8:30am
Wednesday	7:00pm with Novena of the Miraculous Medal
Thursday	8:30am
Friday	8:30am
Saturday	5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8:30am & 11:00am

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday	6:20pm-6:50pm
Saturday	4:00pm-4:50pm

ADORATION

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri	9:00am-3:00pm
Wed	9:00am-7:00pm

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Angels of Mercy	Kathie Garrett	904-565-1859
Annulments	Ann & Tim Hergenroether	904-591-8004
Another Chance Fellowship Group for Cancer Survivors	Paulette Daniel	904-233-1488
Bible Study	Ron Coleman	904-234-4743
Choir-Saturday 5pm	Phil Militante	904-620-8841
Choir-Sunday 8:30am	Bob Vigliano	904-476-4240
Choir-Sunday 11:00am	JoJo Munoz	904-422-1764
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Grounds	Jerry Robichaud	904-899-3476
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Scouts-Boys & Cubs	Linda Byer	904-483-6113
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SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Class — Registration required: Classes are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in the FLC. You **MUST** be registered parishioner for at least 6 months.
Baptisms — 2nd and 4th Sunday after the 11AM Mass or during any of the weekend Mass liturgies is also available.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday—6:20pm & Saturday—4:00pm or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Saturday of the Month **after** the 8:30am Mass. You may also call the church office to make an appointment. We also have dedicated Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to bring Holy Communion to the sick and the homebound.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Couples must contact Father John Peter & Cheryl Bergman at least 8 months in advance.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

For any possible submissions to the bulletin, please email them to bulletin@holyspiritchurchjax.org by the preceding Monday.

THIS WEEK AT Holy Spirit



Sun Oct 13

Mass—8:30am, 11:00am
 Coffee & Donuts—9:30am (FLC)
 OCIA/OCIC—9:00am (FLC)
 CCD Class—9:30am
 Bible Study—9:30am (FLC)
 Life Teen—12:30pm (FLC)
 Light of Jesus Family meeting—1:00pm (FLC)
 Pet Blessing—1:00pm (church portico)

Mon Oct 14

Mass—8:30am
 Adoration—9:00am (chapel)
 Legion of Mary Meeting—5:00pm (FLC)

Tue Oct 15

Mass—8:30am
 Adoration—9:00am (chapel)
 Baptism Class—7:00pm (FLC)

Wed Oct 16

Adoration—9:00am (chapel)
 Youth Group Core Member Meeting—5:30pm (FLC)
 Confessions—6:20pm
 Mass—7:00pm

Thu Oct 17

Mass—8:30am
 Adoration—9:00am (chapel)
 Another Chance Fellowship Group for Cancer Survivors Meeting—11:00am (FLC)
 Operation Pray 'n' Play: Anchored 4 Life—2:00pm (FLC)

Fri Oct 18

Mass—8:30am
 Adoration—9:00am (chapel)
 Divine Mercy Chaplet/ Benediction— 3:00 pm
 Children's Choir practice—4:00pm
 Adult Choir practice—5:00pm

Sat Oct 19

Fall Festival Set-up—9:00am (FLC)
 Prayer Blanket Meeting—9:00am (FLC)
 Quilting for Vets—9:30am (FLC)
 Confessions—4:00pm
 Mass—5:00pm

Sun Oct 20

Mass—8:30am, 11:00am
 Pancake Breakfast—9:30am (FLC)
 OCIA/OCIC—9:00am (FLC)
 CCD Class—9:30am
 Bible Study—9:30am (FLC)
 Fall Festival—12:00pm
 Life Teen—12:30pm (FLC)

Sat	Oct 12	5:00pm	For Cameron Deleon on his birthday By: Grandma & Grandpa + Dianne Cardoso By: Denise & Chuck Conner (MSFS Mass Intention)
Sun	Oct 13	8:30am	+ Frank Oppedisano By: Irene Corrigan + Noel Tormon By: Alice Tormon (MSFS Mass Intention)
		11:00am	For Holy Spirit Parishioners For Donald Trump's Safety By: Dobrovich Family (MSFS Mass Intention)
Mon	Oct 14	8:30am	+ Helen Dennard Pounder By: Marti Pounder & Mary Tillotson
Tue	Oct 15	8:30am	+ Pedro Facultad By: Family For deliverance, healing & protection of Christopher O'Brien (MSFS Mass Intention)
Wed	Oct 16	7:00pm	+ William Olavarria, Sr. By: Maria L. Olavarria For deliverance, healing & protection of David By: Mom (MSFS Mass Intention)
Thu	Oct 17	8:30am	+ James & Geraldine Kallas By: Penemarie Murphy + Edward Barlow, Sr. By: Pam Andres (MSFS Mass Intention)
Fri	Oct 18	8:30am	+ Corazon Patricio By: Family + Lucille & Vincent Matranga By: Daughter Judith (MSFS Mass Intention)
Sat	Oct 19	5:00pm	+ Theresa & James Condon By: Mathews Family + Noel Tormon By: Knights of Columbus 11069 (MSFS Mass Intention)
Sun	Oct 20	8:30am	For Holy Spirit Parishioners
		11:00am	+ Gapasin Family, Mauro, Esmenia, Fernandito, Emerlinda, Romalynn + Bob Qill By: Pam Andres (MSFS Mass Intention)

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Sacrificial Offering For October 6, 2024

Offertory	\$12,466.69
FLC Debt Reduction	\$3,747.31
Emergency Fund	\$195.00
School	\$211.00
Online Giving	\$6,549.00

Let's pray for those who are sick in our Holy Spirit community:

Alexis Chase
 Bill McCoy
 Donald Smith
 Ervin Joseph
 Grace Tennerelli
 Henry Kendrick
 Jack Kaye
 Jim McVety
 Kathy Rosavich
 Ken Fabre
 Lynn Bonifacio
 Mary Glorioso
 Melaine Miller
 Nancy Murray
 Noah Besvold
 Rhonda Scott
 Sandy Anderson
 Susan Singh
 Tillie Lightfoot
 Troy Williams

Anne Barrow
 Christine Caruso
 Elizabeth Owens
 Flor Valerio
 Gwen Scott
 Henry Yaros
 Jean Luke
 Joanne Hughes
 Keith Coghlan
 Luke Parnaby
 Mariann Ulatowski
 Max White
 Nancy Arbelo
 Nick Tennerelli
 Patricia Bayer
 Rusty Bonifacio
 Steve Rash
 Thomas Lang
 Trey Campbell
 Wyatt Freeman

Thank you for your constant generosity in taking care of our Holy Spirit Parish!

Being a steward means that one:

- ⇒ Receives God's gifts gratefully
- ⇒ Cherishes and tends God's gifts responsibly
- ⇒ Shares God's gifts in love and justice
- ⇒ Returns God's gifts with increase.

Please consider making a one-time gift or sign up for recurring e-giving to help support our Parish.

Donate online:

Text the word "GIVE" to
501-273-3327 Or follow the QR
 code:



If you have a loved one that is sick or battling an illness, please call the church office to let us know so that we may include them in our list of prayer.

Let us also pray for our clergy:
 Fr. John Peter Arul, MSFS
 Dc. Pat Goin
 Dc. Ed Prisby
 Dc. Ray Stiles



Please pray for those in our community in the military.

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

October 20: World Mission Sunday
November 3: DOSA Cemeteries
November 17: DOSA Campaign for Human Dev.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Let's pray for those in our Holy Spirit community that have passed away recently:

Will Ptak	Bob Tribbet
Noel Tormon	Larry McCrum
Lidia Madueno	Jean Lucey
Tim Hergenroether	Paul Stiehl

If you have a loved one that has recently passed away during this month, please call the church office to let us know so that we may include them in our list of prayer.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
 and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
 Amen.*

FELLOWSHIP AND PRAYER

RESPECT LIFE EVENT

Amendment 4 Explained - Saturday, October 12th: Deacon Larry Hart will be our guest speaker to detail Amendment 4 which could enshrine abortion in the Florida state constitution why it is TOO EXTREME. This will be in the Family Life Center after the 5:00PM Mass.



HOLY SPIRIT HEALTH MINISTRY

The Holy Spirit Health Ministry will be providing free blood pressure checks.

When: **Sunday, October 13, 2024**

Where: Family Life Center (after the 8:30am Mass)



PET BLESSING

October 13, 2024 @ 1PM

COME BRING
YOUR PETS TO BE
BLESSED!!!

The feast of St. Francis of Assisi is October 4th, and to commemorate his feast day, we will be having our pet blessing on Sunday, Oct. 13th, @ 1pm under the church portico. St. Francis is the patron saint of the environment and animals



Pray and Fast for America

*Restoring America to its
True Foundation*

Please join us in praying for our Presidential Election.

Holy Spirit Parish will host 34 hours of continuous prayer in Eucharistic Adoration, beginning Monday, **November 4th**, at 9 AM and closing with Benediction by Father John Peter on Tuesday, **November 5th**, at 7 PM.

To sign up for a time to be with Jesus in prayer, please text, call, or email:

Catherine Whyte: 602-318-6147

3hearts53@gmail.com

May God bless America!

Compiled by the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops for the 2024 General Election

"Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met. Every human being has a right to life, the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible, and a right to access those things required for human decency – food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing, freedom of religion and family life."
 – *Formalio, Conscience for Faithful Citizenship, No. 89, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2023*



PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE COMPARISON

In keeping with its mission, the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops aims to educate and inform Catholics about a wide range of issues. The information compiled here has been gathered from policies, public statements, official and campaign websites, and other resources, as of September 6th, to help voters form their consciences before voting in November. The issues that appear here do not represent a complete list of issues that may be of importance to Catholics. The FCCB neither supports nor opposes any candidate for public office.



Vice President
KAMALA HARRIS

In a 2023 interview, Harris said, "We need to put into law the protections of Roe v. Wade. And that is about going back to where we were before the Dobbs decision." Harris posted on social media in July 2024, "We who believe in reproductive freedom will stop Donald Trump's extreme abortion bans—because we trust women to make decisions about their bodies." In her address at the Democratic National Convention Harris said, "[W]hen Congress passes a bill to restore reproductive freedom, as president of the United States, I will proudly sign it into law."

Harris' 2020 plan included legalizing marijuana, abolishing mandatory minimum sentences, ending the death penalty and solitary confinement, stopping private prisons, getting rid of cash bail, and leveraging the president's clemency powers to reduce the number of people in federal prison. As a Senator, Harris introduced a bail reform bill with Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) in 2017 and voted in favor of the First Step Act in 2018.

During her 2020 Presidential bid, Harris stated she would seek to end the death penalty. In 2024, the Democratic National Committee dropped the call for an end to the death penalty from its platform.

No statements on Harris' position on educational choice were found. The 2024 Democratic Party Platform states: "We oppose the use of private-school vouchers, tuition tax credits, opportunity scholarships, and other schemes that divert taxpayer-funded resources away from public education."

At a UN climate summit in 2023, Vice President Harris announced "a new \$3 billion pledge to the Green Climate Fund, which helps developing countries invest in resilience, clean energy, and nature-based solutions."

In social media posts in June/July of 2023, Harris called on Congress to pass the Equality Act, which would add the new terms "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to the definition of "sex" in federal civil rights laws, and would exempt itself from the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993. As a U.S. Senator, Harris also cosponsored the Equality Act in 2017.

At a March 2024 event, Harris said the Biden-Harris Administration "strengthened the Affordable Care Act so that, today, more Americans have healthcare coverage than ever before."



Former President
DONALD TRUMP

ABORTION

As president, Trump nominated three Supreme Court justices who voted to overturn Roe v. Wade. In an April 2024 video, Trump said, "My view is now that we have abortion where everyone wanted it from a legal standpoint, the states will determine by vote or legislation... Many states will be different." He also said he would not sign a national abortion ban. In August 2024, Trump said he is voting no on Florida's ballot Amendment 4, which would legalize abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy with no protections for the unborn baby.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

In 2018, Trump signed into law the First Step Act, which, according to a Federal Bureau of Prisons overview, "was the culmination of a bi-partisan effort to improve criminal justice outcomes, as well as to reduce the size of the federal prison population while also creating mechanisms to maintain public safety." During an Aug. 2020 White House briefing, Trump stated, "I'll appoint more tough-on-crime prosecutors. ... When you enforce the law, order follows. And we need order."

DEATH PENALTY

The Trump administration presided over 13 federal executions. Trump has said that he supports expanding the death penalty to include convicted drug smugglers/traffickers.

EDUCATIONAL CHOICE

Trump's website states, "Republicans believe families should be empowered to choose the best Education for their children. We support Universal School Choice in every State in America. We will expand 529 Education Savings Accounts and support Homeschooling Families equally."

ENVIRONMENT

In 2019, the Trump Administration began the process of withdrawing from the Paris agreement on climate change, an international accord to reduce global green-house gas emissions.

GENDER ISSUES

In a Jan. 2023 video, Trump said, "I will ask Congress to pass a bill establishing that the only genders recognized by the United States government are male and female and they are assigned at birth. The bill will also make clear that Title IX prohibits men from participating in women's sports and we will protect the rights of parents from being forced to allow their minor child to assume a gender which is new and an identity without the parents' consent."

HEALTH CARE

In a Nov. 2023 social media post, Trump said, "Getting much better Healthcare than Obamacare for the American people will be a priority... It is not a matter of cost, it is a matter of HEALTH. America will have one of the best Healthcare Plans anywhere in the world. Right now it has one of the WORST!"



VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS

In 2021, as vice president, Harris began leading the Biden Administration's efforts to address the root causes of migration from countries in Central America, citing the need for a multilateral approach and encouraging private-sector investment. In her keynote at the Democratic National Convention, Harris pledged to bring back a bipartisan border package that would have dramatically limited the number of people allowed to claim asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border, while increasing resources for local communities receiving migrants.

IMMIGRATION/REFUGEES

At the July 2024 Republican National Convention, Trump promised to launch the "largest deportation operation in the history of the United States." In 2018, the Trump Administration implemented a "zero tolerance policy," an escalated effort to prosecute individuals entering the U.S. unlawfully, resulting in the separation of thousands of children from their parents, some of whom remain separated today. As president, Trump implemented policies such as the "Migrant Protection Protocols" and "Title 42," which severely limited access to asylum along the U.S.-Mexico border, and set the lowest refugee admissions ceiling since the resettlement program was created in 1980.

FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

IN VITRO FERTILIZATION (IVF)

In a March 2024 social media post, Harris said, "President @JoeBiden and I will always protect access to IVF."

In an August 2024 speech, Trump said, "[U]nder the Trump administration, your government will pay for — or your insurance company will be mandated to pay for — all costs associated with IVF treatment."

POVERTY

In a proposal released in August 2024, Harris pledged to send Congress proposed federal limits on price increases for food producers and grocers. The proposal also called for creating a \$40 billion innovation fund for businesses building affordable rental housing units, expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit for some frontline workers, and reducing taxes on healthcare plans offered on the marketplace created by the Affordable Care Act. Harris also supports raising the federal minimum wage to \$15, supports expanding Social Security benefits by \$1,300 annually for those making less than \$16,000 a year, and has pushed for expanding SNAP (formerly Food Stamps) through the SNAP for KIDS Act.

Trump signed the Reducing Poverty in America by Promoting Opportunity and Economic Mobility executive order that calls on federal agencies to reevaluate welfare regulations. He favors mandatory work requirements for social welfare programs, and called for \$8.8 billion in affordable housing cuts in his fiscal year 2019 budget request. During his 2016 campaign, Trump suggested raising the federal minimum wage to at least \$10 but also expressed belief that the decision should rest with states. He has stated in the past that the federal government should not cut Social Security benefits. The Trump Administration proposed cuts to SNAP (formerly Food Stamps).

RACIAL EQUITY

In an op-ed Harris wrote, "People are protesting because Black people have been treated as less than human in America. ...[O]ur country has never fully addressed the systemic racism that has plagued our country since its earliest days. ...No longer can some wait on the sidelines, hoping for incremental change. In times like this, silence is complicity."

On his website, Trump said, "Joe Biden recently signed a very sinister executive order mandating that almost every federal department and agency establish a Marxist 'equity' ... enforcement squad to implement a woke takeover of the entire federal government... Instead of treating everyone equally... 'equity' means that benefits are awarded and policies are enforced based on skin color and sexual identity. We don't think that's a good idea. ... I will revoke this executive order on my first day back in office."

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

As Senator, Harris co-introduced the Do No Harm Act that states that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) "should not be interpreted to authorize an exemption from generally applicable law that imposes the religious views, habits, or practices of one party upon another." The measure was first introduced in 2017 in response to the Supreme Court's 2014 *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores* decision, which held that applying the HHS contraceptive mandate to closely held corporations violated RFRA.

Trump signed an Executive Order Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty to ensure that faith-based organizations would not be forced to compromise their religious beliefs as they serve their communities. This includes defending the rights of religious orders to care for the infirm and elderly without being fined out of existence for refusing to facilitate access to services that violate their faith. In June 2024 Trump said, "When I return to the White House, I will, once again, aggressively defend religious freedom in all of its forms."

UKRAINE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

In 2024 Harris said, "Russia's aggression is...an attack on international rules and norms and the principles embodied in the U.N. Charter. ...President Joe Biden and I will continue to support Ukraine and continue to impose costs on Russia." Regarding the Middle East, Harris said, "It is time for this war to end and end in a way where Israel is secure, all the hostages are released, the suffering of Palestinians in Gaza ends, and the Palestinian people can exercise their right to freedom, dignity, and self-determination."

In his 2024 Republican National Convention speech, Trump said, "I will end every single international crisis that the current administration has created, including the horrible war with Russia and Ukraine, which would have never happened if I was president. And the war caused by the attack on Israel, which would never have happened if I was president."

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AROUND OUR PARISH



SIX STRATEGIES FOR CONNECTING TO THE EUCHARIST

TEACH THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SABBATH.

1

We all know the Third Commandment: "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day." Read from Pope John Paul II's apostolic letter, *Dies Domini*, on the subject. "Sunday," he wrote, "is a day which is at the very heart of the Christian life." Help families recover a sense that Sunday is not complete without the Mass.

TEACH THE MEANING OF THE MASS AND THE ROLE OF THE PEOPLE.

2

All catechists should study the Mass: what we do, why we do it, and what it means. Share what you learn about the Mass with students and promote full, conscious, and active participation. This is not just part of preparation for First Holy Communion. More importantly, an effective liturgical catechist understands how to live the Mass and shares the value of that.

TEACH BOTH THE MEAL AND THE SACRIFICE.

3

Too often, we teach children that the Mass is only a meal. We do come to the table of the Lord to be nourished by Word and Sacrament. We also come to reenact the sacrifice of Jesus Christ; we offer ourselves—not just the bread and wine—to be changed into people of sacrificial love. (See CCC 901 and *Lumen Gentium* 34) Teach children that by offering themselves as living sacrifices, they can be changed to become more like Jesus.

4

ALWAYS MAKE CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS.

As mentioned earlier in this series, liturgical catechists integrate elements of the Mass into their classrooms, such as the colors of the liturgical season, symbols used during the liturgy, postures and gestures of the Mass, and the verbal formulas used during the Mass. This helps young people develop a comfort-level with ritual action, language, and symbols. These connections reinforce the importance of the liturgy and its significance for all Catholics.

CONNECT THE DOMESTIC CHURCH TO THE LITURGY.

5

Try sending home prayer and activity ideas as each new season of the liturgical year begins. Invite families to study the readings together by subscribing to the Sunday Connection. You can e-mail parents links to good liturgical videos. You can also start your own Pinterest board for great ideas and share those boards with families.



6

ENCOURAGE FAMILY MASS ATTENDANCE.

A catechist I once knew invited families of his first graders to meet in the back of church before Mass and to sit together as a class. After Mass, they went out for donuts. This approach can help non-participating parents become comfortable with the community and come to know one another as part of the Body of Christ. The most important thing we can do for children and youth is to give them a sense that they are a vital part of the Church.



AROUND OUR PARISH



CCD FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

Mark your calendars:

The mandatory 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting is on
November 17, 2024 after the 11:00 Mass

BETHLEHEM LIVE: THE WAY OF THE STAR

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BETHLEHEM LIVE: WAY OF THE STAR

We are looking for volunteers to help with our upcoming Live Nativity program on 12/14. Please consider volunteering for one or more of the following: Bethlehem Shop-keeper, Live Actor, Bethlehem Town Decorating/Setup or Cleanup Crew. **Text "Way of the Star" to 321-313-0450 for more information!**



LIFE TEEN
SANCTUARY
Leading teens closer to Christ
Sundays from 12:30-2:00PM in the FLC
EDGE coming soon as well...



Clarification about the term Separation of Church and State

Christ's command to love our neighbors applies to all of society, from family to the broader community. Jesus came to bring good news to the poor, free the oppressed, and heal the blind (Luke 4:18). He calls us to individual acts of charity and to work for justice in society, including its institutions, economy and politics.

There is often confusion about the term separation of church and state. Some believe religious views threaten equality and liberty, but *true religious expression fosters respect and freedom*. While the state builds a just society, the church promotes justice and the common good in a nonpartisan way, ensuring it can speak to all, regardless of party. This nonpartisan stance is a cornerstone of the church's advocacy, providing a secure and balanced platform for societal discourse.

The church does not endorse candidates or political parties. Instead, it participates in public debate to highlight moral issues, advocate for the powerless and form consciences through education and reasoned argument. This commitment to forming consciences through intellectual engagement and reasoned argument is a key aspect of the church's mission, and we encourage you to be part of this stimulating discourse. "This is the Catholic way."

Our priests and clergy are called to announce and speak on Amendment 4. If you vote, the bishops request that you vote with a well-formed conscience. To learn more about Amendment 4, visit DOSA website or [click here](#).

Please consider reading some of the resources provided. It may clarify the church's position on the issues, particularly its reasons for speaking out against Amendment 4.

For more information, mshilkunas@dosaf.com or call (904) 262-3200, ext. 109.

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AROUND THE PARISH



SUPPORT THE K OF C GOLF FUNDRAISER AS A SPONSOR OR PLAYER

The Knights of Columbus is having their Annual Memorial Charity Golf Tournament on Sunday, Oct. 27 at the Hidden Hills Country Club. Registration and the practice range will be open at 11AM and the shotgun start is at 1PM.

We are still in need of Sponsors and Four person teams! Sponsorship levels start at \$150. Player fee is only \$100 which includes the green fee, range balls, cart fee, dinner and prizes.

There will be plenty of Day of Even Prizes such as for Hole-in-One, Longest Drive, Longest Putt and more!

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or playing, please contact:

Jerry Robichaud 904-899-3476, John Hartley 904-237-7154, or Jim Davis 904-994-6175



Quilts for Vets

Attention Military Veterans! On Sunday, November 10th following the 11 AM Mass, we will be honoring our veterans and military personnel with a Veteran's Luncheon and quilt presentations.

If you are a veteran or currently serving and have not yet won, you will have an opportunity to register for a chance to receive a military/patriotic themed quilt. Save the date and watch upcoming bulletins for more.

ALL SAINTS DAY PRESENTATION

November 1, 2024
7:00 p.m. Mass

All children in the parish are encouraged to join the Holy Spirit community as we celebrate All Saint's Day. Dress as your favorite Saint and be part of Mass!

Tell us about your saint's name, feast day, and patronage.

If you are interested in participating or in need of a saint costume, please email Collen Gomez at cgomez@holyspiritchurchjax.org



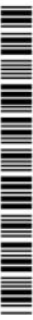
ANOTHER CHANCE FELLOWSHIP GROUP FOR CANCER SURVIVORS

Our next meeting will be on

**OCT. 17 @ 11AM
IN FLC**

Our meetings will be on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 11AM.

Please contact Paulette Daniel
@ (904) 233-1488 or
paulydaniel@msn.com for more
information



AROUND OUR PARISH & SCHOOL

Holy Spirit's 4th Annual

FALL festival

20
October
12:00pm - 4:00pm

Hotdogs, Hamburgers & Veggie Burgers
Burgers
Popcorn, Sno Cones & Cotton Candy
Indoor & Outdoor Games
Bounce Houses
Crafts & Face Painting
Basket Raffle
Beer & Wine

Costume contest will be held at 1:00pm in the gym.
Come dressed as your future self.

Fall Festival

October 20
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Price Guide


Wrist Bands: \$10
Raffle Baskets: 10 for \$20
Tickets: \$1 per ticket

*Wrist Bands:
Required for all games and activities.
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*Tickets:
Lumpia: 5 for \$5
Hot Dog Meal: \$5
Hamburger / Veggie Burger Meal: \$6
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