

# 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."

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FEBRUARY 23, 2025

### 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

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:30pm  
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### CONTACT US

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## SERVICE MINISTRY CONTACT

Adoration	Ben & Perlita Lipat	904-236-0439
Altar Servers	Jennifer Cabrey	904-993-9500
Altar Society	Linda Davis	904-329-2714
Angels of Mercy	Kathie Garrett	904-565-1859
Annulments	Ann 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
Coffee & Donuts Ministry	Dwayne & Allison Stanton	321-333-8237
Garden Ministry	Donna Martin & Jean Camperson	610-751-4815
Healing Prayer Ministry	Jeff & Vickie Slade	904-449-1447
Homebound Ministry	Jackie Ranck	904-641-7244
Hope & Consolation	Ann Marie Hartley	904-651-5562
Hospitality	Sandy Coleman	904-613-2993
Knights of Columbus	Bob Winters	513-659-4085
Legion of Mary	Ligaya Kirkland	904-923-0999
Light of Jesus Family	Melone Brackett	904-514-5061
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Rosary Ministry	Marti Pounder	904-252-7966
Scouts-Boys & Cubs	Linda Byer	904-483-6113
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Wine & Cheese	Maria Cartolano	904-610-5674

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## CLERGY

### Pastor

Fr. John Peter Arul, MSFS johnarul@holyspiritchurchjax.org

### Deacon, Coordinator of Sacristans

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## PARISH STAFF

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## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Coordinators of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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John DeLeon jag\_02109\_1999@yahoo.com

### Wedding Coordinator

Cheryl Bergman clbergman@comcast.net



## HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Pre-K - 8th grade

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### Principal

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### Bookkeeper

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### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

# MASS INTENTIONS



## Sun Feb 23

Mass—8:30am, 11:00am  
OCIA/OCIC—9:00am (FLC)  
CCD—9:30am  
Coffee & Donuts—9:30am (FLC)  
Bible Study—9:30am (FLC)  
Life Teen—12:30pm (FLC)  
Mandatory Confirmation Parent Meeting—12:30pm (FLC)

## Mon Feb 24

Mass—8:30am  
Adoration—9:00am (chapel)  
Legion of Mary Meeting—5:00pm (FLC)  
Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study—6:00pm (FLC)  
St. Vincent de Paul meeting—6:00pm (FLC)

## Tue Feb 25

Mass—8:30am  
Adoration—9:00am (chapel)

## Wed Feb 26

School Rosary Club—7:30am  
Adoration—9:00am (chapel)  
Youth Group Core Meeting—5:30pm (FLC)  
Exodus90 Meeting—5:45pm (FLC)  
Confessions—6:20pm  
Mass—7:00pm

## Thu Feb 27

Mass—8:30am  
Adoration—9:00am (chapel)

## Fri Feb 28

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

## Sat Mar 1

Mass for 1st Saturday—8:30am  
Anointing of the Sick—9:00am  
Confessions—4:00pm  
Mass—5:00pm  
Wine & Cheese Social—6:00pm (FLC)

## Sun Mar 2

Mass—8:30am, 11:00am  
OCIA/OCIC—9:00am (FLC)  
CCD—9:30am  
Coffee & Donuts—9:30am (FLC)  
Bible Study—9:30am (FLC)  
Life Teen—12:30pm (FLC)  
Mandatory First Communion Parent Meeting—12:30pm (FLC)

<b>Sat</b>	Feb 22	5:00pm	+ Estela & Erquimidas Gonzalez By: Doris Herrera
<b>Sun</b>	Feb 23	8:30am	For Holy Spirit Parishioners
		11:00am	+ Franklin Estrada IV By: Mom & Dad
<b>Mon</b>	Feb 24	8:30am	+ Annie Lietzow
<b>Tue</b>	Feb 25	8:30am	For Fr. Anthony Bonela on his 28th year of Ordination
<b>Wed</b>	Feb 26	7:00pm	+ Susan Snow By: Coleman Family
<b>Thu</b>	Feb 27	8:30am	For safe travels for Fr. John Peter  + Betsy Williams By: Bob & Linda Davis (MSFS Mass Intention)
<b>Fri</b>	Feb 28	8:30am	+ James & Geraldine Kallas By: Penemarie Murphy  + Ben Buda By: Allison & Jeff Masse (MSFS Mass Intention)
<b>Sat</b>	Mar 1	5:00pm	+ Deceased members of Wenceslao Family By: Doris Herrera
<b>Sun</b>	Mar 2	8:30am	+ Howard Sanford By: Mariam Funchees  + Celestino Basa, Elena Ariola-Basa, Romeo Basa By: Bajao Family (MSFS Mass Intention)
		11:00am	For Holy Spirit Parishioners

## HOLY SPIRIT MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to offer a Mass Intention for a family member(s) or friend in celebration of a: **Birthday, Wedding, Wedding Anniversary, Death, or Death Anniversary**

then you could do so with the **our Holy Spirit Mass intention** and the donation goes toward the support of our church.

**There are plenty of days still open this year!**

Contact the church office for more details.

## STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



### Sacrificial Offering For February 16, 2024

Offertory	\$9,369.00
FLC Debt Reduction	\$600.00
Emergency Fund	\$432.00
School	\$880.00
Online Giving	\$2,999.00

### 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:



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

Adam Kholruss  
Allen twins  
Bill McCoy  
Bobby Deal  
Don Zehnder  
Elizabeth Owens  
Gwen Scott  
Hank Yaros  
Inge Zehnder  
Jake Jacobson  
Jean Luke  
Jim McVety  
Joseph Craney  
Laurie Armstrong  
Lynn Bonifacio  
Mariann Ulatowski  
Max White  
Mike Varenholt  
Nancy Arbelo  
Noah Besvold  
Patty King  
Rhonda Scott  
Rusty Bonifacio  
Sandy Anderson  
Steve Rash  
Tillie Lightfoot  
Troy Williams  
Wesley Shaeffer

Alexis Chase  
Anne Barrow  
Bill Van Nort  
Chris Gibson  
Donald Smith  
Gene A. Taylor  
Haley Allen  
Henry Kendrick  
Jack Kaye  
James Pikis  
Jeff Beeson  
Joanne Hughes  
Ken Fabre  
Luke Monroe  
Maria Angelina Burns  
Mary Glorioso  
Melaine Miller  
Msgr. James Boddie  
Nancy Murray  
Patricia Bayer  
Raymond Price  
Rosa Luna  
Sandra Price  
Shannon Freeman  
Thomas Lang  
Trey Campbell  
Wesley Schaeffer  
Wyatt Freeman

**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. Ray Stiles



Please pray for those in our community in the military.

### SECOND COLLECTIONS:

**March 2:** Bishop's Stewardship Appeal  
**March 16:** Eastern European Churches

## PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

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

Brad Conklin  
Maureen Wilson  
Cipriano Bautista, Jr.  
Annie Lietzow

Donald Sipler  
Jeffrey Birdsong  
Priscilla Duran

**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



## Fatima Statue Available Weeks

There are several weeks open to have our Fatima Statue at your home for prayer:

**March 8  
July 5, 19**

**April 5, 19**

**May 31**

**June 21, 28**

The rosary is prayed every night intentionally while the statue is at your home; there is also a prayer booklet to guide your prayer. To schedule a week or for more information, please contact *Chris Freeman* at (904) 716-7743.



## PREPARE FOR EASTER IN A SPECIAL WAY THIS YEAR!

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. You don't need it - you DESERVE a Marriage Encounter Weekend! Sign up today to attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on April 4-6

in Titusville, July 25-27 in St Johns or Sept 5-7 in Winter Park.

For more information or for other scheduled weekends visit our website at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or email: [Applications@FLCN-wwme.org](mailto:Applications@FLCN-wwme.org) Or contact Walt & Viv Paskowski at [waltviv.wwme@gmail.com](mailto:waltviv.wwme@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## 2025 BISHOP'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL (BASA)

"You should have received your 2025 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal brochure with a letter from Bishop Pohlmeier, and a pledge envelope. If you did not receive the brochure in the mail, additional pledge envelopes are available in the pews. Next weekend is Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal Commitment Sunday.

We hope to achieve 25% participation. Please give what you can afford, no amount is too large or too small. I ask that you please consider making a pledge to the 2025 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal. The appeal supports more than 20 ministries within the Diocese of St Augustine. Please complete the envelope you received, mark it with your pledge, update any information that is incorrect, and place it in the collection basket or drop it by the parish office or mail it in the enclosed envelope. God bless you for your generosity."



## JOIN US FOR CRS RICE BOWL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY!

CRS Rice Bowl is celebrating 50 years of helping Catholic faith communities bring Lent to life and encounter God through our global family. During the 40 days of Lent, let us journey together through CRS

Rice Bowl to meet people in Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Pick up your rice bowl from gathering area in the coming weeks as we approach Lent. Visit [crsricebowl.org/join](http://crsricebowl.org/join) to share your Lenten prayer intentions.



# FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

## Bishop Erik Pohlmeier Calls for a Just and Hopeful Response to Immigration

*February 12, 2025*



I am deeply grateful to the Holy Father for his thoughtful letter to the bishops and faithful of the United States (Feb. 11, 2025), acknowledging the major crisis our nation faces regarding immigration. His words remind us that policies built on force rather than truth ultimately fail to uphold human dignity and create division rather than solutions. As Catholics, we are called to respond not with fear but with faith, hope and love.

Our Holy Father encourages us to be mindful of how we speak about and respond to immigration. It is easy in times of uncertainty to rely on strong rhetoric to express concerns about security, stability and lawfulness. Every nation has a duty to protect its people, but we must also recognize that the vast majority of those seeking a better life in the United States are not criminals but families fleeing desperate circumstances.

Immigration enforcement is necessary for our country, as every nation has a duty to uphold the rule of law and ensure security. The U.S. bishops have long recognized this reality, consistently calling for immigration reform that balances enforcement with justice and compassion. A well-regulated system is essential, but it must also respect human dignity and provide clear legal pathways for those seeking a better future. As Catholics, we are called to approach this issue not only as citizens but as disciples of Christ, ensuring that our laws and policies reflect both the need for order and the Gospel's call to welcome the stranger.

The Holy Father has also called for 2025 to be a Jubilee Year of Hope, reminding us that hope is at the heart of our faith. In a time of fear and division, hope compels us to seek solutions rooted in Christ's love. It challenges us to see beyond political divides, recognize the dignity of every person and work for policies that uphold both justice and mercy. Many of our parishioners—faithful Catholics who care deeply about their country—are struggling with concerns about immigration. Others, particularly in our Hispanic communities, are living in fear, uncertain of what the future holds for them and their families. As a church, we recognize these concerns and want to speak directly to you, our brothers and sisters in faith, who feel anxious and afraid. You are not alone. The church is here to support you, walk with you and remind you that hope is stronger than fear.

We have received calls from members of our community who are concerned that Catholic Charities is illegally helping migrants cross the border or failing to uphold U.S. immigration laws. This is simply not true. Catholic Charities and other church ministries provide humanitarian assistance within the confines of U.S. federal law, seeking to uphold the Gospel by offering shelter, food, legal aid and resources to help migrants navigate the proper legal channels. The church does not advocate open borders but for a just and humane immigration system that balances the rule of law with the dignity of every person. The current system often leaves migrants in legal limbo for years, preventing them from fully participating in society. A nation committed to the rule of law must ensure that its laws are just and workable, providing clear legal pathways for those seeking to contribute to our nation.

For decades, the Catholic Church in the United States has played a vital role in resettling refugees and assisting migrants through the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, a partnership that ensures those fleeing persecution receive thorough vetting, cultural support and an opportunity to rebuild their lives. Since 1980, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has received government funding to carry out this important resettlement work, and Catholic Charities Bureau in the Diocese of St. Augustine has been serving refugees since 1982. Many people do not realize that the refugees we serve are identified and vetted by the U.S. government, a process that has remained consistent across both Democratic and Republican administrations for 45 years.

# FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

Catholic Charities is not profiting from this work; rather, it relies on both public and private support to fulfill its mission of serving the vulnerable. Immigration is an issue that stirs strong emotions and concerns, but it also directly affects members of our own parish communities—our true brothers and sisters in faith who now live in fear. As a church, we must acknowledge these realities and offer reassurance to those who are uncertain. The church's mission is not political but pastoral: to provide guidance, support and care to all who need it.

## **A Just and Humane Immigration System Must Prioritize**

The following principles are drawn from "Catholic Elements of Immigration Reform," a document from the U.S. bishops' Department of Migration and Refugee Services. These priorities reflect the church's longstanding commitment to a just and humane immigration system that upholds both security and human dignity:

- Targeted, proportional and humane enforcement – Immigration policies should protect national security while respecting human dignity, avoiding excessive detentions and family separations.
- Due process and humanitarian protections – Refugees, asylum-seekers and victims of violence must have access to protection and legal pathways to safety.
- A pathway to citizenship for longtime residents – Millions of undocumented individuals, including Dreamers and essential workers, contribute to society and deserve the opportunity to seek legal status.
- Family unity as a cornerstone of immigration policy – Immigration laws should strengthen families not separate them.
- Expanded and reliable legal pathways – A just immigration system must offer accessible and efficient legal channels for those seeking work, safety and family reunification.
- Addressing the root causes of forced migration – The church calls for international cooperation to resolve the economic, political and environmental crises driving migration.

## **An Invitation to Reflect and Act as People of Faith**

In the Diocese of St. Augustine, we recognize that immigration is a complex issue that stirs strong emotions, especially in a time of national uncertainty. Many Catholics rightly desire a secure and orderly immigration system, and the church affirms the duty of a nation to protect its citizens. At the same time, our Holy Father calls us to reflect on how we respond to those who are vulnerable and fearful. Are our laws applied with justice and mercy? Are we seeing the human dignity of migrants before we see their legal status? Are we treating families, especially children, in a way that honors our Catholic values?

This is not about political division but about the challenge of living out our faith with authenticity. Pope Francis asks us not to give in to narratives that cause unnecessary suffering. As Catholics, we must bring our faith into every aspect of our lives, including how we view and speak about immigration. Let us pray for wisdom, for our leaders and for solutions that respect both the rule of law and the dignity of everyone.



The Jubilee Year of Hope calls us to place our trust in Christ and to act with hope that transforms hearts and communities. May we take to heart Christ's words: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35).

May Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, intercede for all who seek safety and a better future.

+Most Rev. Erik T. Pohlmeier  
Bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine

# JUBILEE 2025: YEAR OF HOPE (PART III)



## Reconciliation

A Jubilee year is a sign of reconciliation because it establishes a “favorable time” (cf. 2 Corinthians 6:2) for conversion. We are called to put God at the center of our lives, growing toward Him and acknowledging His primacy. Even the Biblical call for the restoration of social justice and respect for the earth stems from a theological reality: if God is the creator of the universe, He must be given priority over every reality and partisan interest. It is God who makes this year holy by bestowing on us His own

holiness.

As Pope Francis recalled in the 2015 Bull proclaiming the Extraordinary Holy Year, “Mercy is not opposed to justice but rather expresses God’s way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe. [...] God’s justice is his mercy given to everyone as a grace that flows from the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus, the Cross of Christ is God’s judgement on all of us and on the whole world, because through it he offers us the certainty of love and new life” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 21).



In practical terms, reconciliation involves receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, taking advantage of this time to rediscover the value of confession, and experiencing God’s personal words of forgiveness. There are some Jubilee churches that stay open continuously to make available the sacrament of Reconciliation. You can prepare yourself to receive the sacrament by following a guide.

## Prayer

There are many reasons and ways to pray, but at the root of prayer is always the desire to be open to God’s presence and His offer of love. It is the Spirit of the Son that calls the Christian community to prayer and allows for each person to return to the Father. It was Jesus who entrusted His disciples with the Lord’s Prayer, which is commented on by the Catechism of the Catholic Church (cf. CCC 2759-2865).

The Christian tradition also offers other texts, such as the Hail Mary, that can help to find words to address God: “By a living transmission—Tradition—the Holy Spirit in the Church teaches the children of God to pray” (CCC 2661).

The prayer opportunities on the journey show that the pilgrim holds the path to God “in his heart” (Psalm 83:6). Refreshment is also provided by the various stops and opportunities for rest along the way, which are often organized around shrines, sanctuaries, and other places filled with spiritual significance, where one realizes that — before us and alongside us — other pilgrims have also passed along and traveled those same roads. Indeed, the paths leading to Rome have often been trod by many saints.



## Liturgy

The liturgy is the public prayer of the Church: in the words of the Second Vatican Council, it is the “summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; [and,] at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows.” (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 10). At the center is the Christian liturgy is the Mass - the Eucharistic celebration, where

the Body and Blood of Christ are truly received. As a pilgrim, Christ himself walks alongside the disciples and reveals to them the mysteries of the Father, so that they too can say, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.” (Luke 24:29).

One liturgical rite that is specific to the Jubilee year is the opening of the Holy Door. Until the last century, the Pope would symbolically initiate the demolition of the wall that kept the Holy Door bricked up on non-Jubilee years. Masons would then fully remove the brick wall to be able to open the Holy Door. Since 1950, the ceremony has changed and now the wall is dismantled beforehand and, within a solemn choral liturgy, the Pope pushes open the door from the outside, passing through it as the first pilgrim. This and the other liturgical expressions that accompany the Holy Year emphasize that the Jubilee pilgrimage is not merely an intimate, personal gesture, but is a sign of the journey of the whole people of God toward the Kingdom.





# FILL OUT, TEAR AND RETURN TO BOX

## Holy Spirit Catholic Church Parish Community Survey

This survey aims to understand the needs and concerns of our parishioners to help us plan for the future. Your individual response is extremely important. Please respond by marking the appropriate boxes below.

Please use these responses for the questions below.

1 = Poor                      3 = Good  
2 = Fair                      4 = Excellent

### Parish Life:

Please rate of the following:

- |                          |                          |                          |                          |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 1                        | 2                        | 3                        | 4                        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. My overall satisfaction with Holy Spirit parish                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. My sense of belonging within the parish community                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Overall leadership and vision provided from all clergy and ministry leaders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Friendliness of the office staff  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Quality of social activities  |

How strongly do you agree with the following statement:

I feel comfortable talking to Fr. John Peter

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 = Strongly Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 = Somewhat Disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 = Somewhat Agree    | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 = Strongly Agree    |

Please use these responses for the questions below.

1 = High                      2 = Medium                      3 = Low

How important was this factor in attracting you to the parish:

- |                          |                          |                          |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 1                        | 2                        | 3                        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Developing a sense of community                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Enhancing youth CCD                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Expanding youth ministry                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Broadening young adult engagement               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Expanding adult faith formation and bible study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Increasing opportunities for devotions          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Reaching out to inactive Catholics              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Supporting the divorced and separated           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Supporting those grieving                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. Visiting the sick and homebound                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11. Providing services for the needy               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12. Support to single parent families              |

What prevents you from being more involved:

- |                          |                          |                          |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1                        | 2                        | 3                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Busy Schedule / Lack of time                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Lack of childcare  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Health Problems or disability                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Not feel welcomed at the parish                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Had an unpleasant experience with the parish staff               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Uncomfortable coming to activities because I don't know anyone   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. There are not any programs or activities that interest me        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Already sufficiently involved                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. The recent scandals have shaken my confidence in Church leaders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11. I do not feel informed about what goes on in our parish         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12. Limited cultural and background diversity                       |

Please use these responses for the questions below:

1 = Never or rarely                      2 = Once or twice a year                      3 = Once or twice a month  
4 = Almost every week                      5 = Once a week                      6 = More than once a week

- |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1                        | 2                        | 3                        | 4                        | 5                        | 6                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. how often do you attend parish functions besides Mass?       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. How often do you volunteer or help at the parish?            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. How often do you invite someone to attend a parish activity? |

Please take this survey online at:

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If you are unable to take the survey online, please complete this form and place it in the drop box by the door by 2/23/25.

Please use these responses for the questions below.

1 = Poor                      3 = Good  
2 = Fair                      4 = Excellent

### Liturgy / Mass (/Spirituality):

Please rate of the following:

- |                          |                          |                          |                          |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1                        | 2                        | 3                        | 4                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. The Celebration of the Holy Mass                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Liturgical Leadership provided by Fr. John Peter           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Sense of welcome and hospitality at the weekend Mass       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Liturgical environment and decorations at the weekend Mass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Quality of music at the weekend Mass                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Weekend Mass schedule                                      |

Which Mass do you most frequently attend?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday 5:00pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 8:30am |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 11:00am  |  |

Do you feel spiritually fed by the homily?

- |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|

Do you feel spiritually fed by the homily?

- |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|

### Ministries:

Do you feel Encouraged to participate in parish activities?

- |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|

Please use these responses for the questions below.

1 = Poor                      3 = Good  
2 = Fair                      4 = Excellent  
5 = Don't Know / Not Applicable

Please rate of the following:

- |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1                        | 2                        | 3                        | 4                        | 5                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Effectiveness of our ministries to reach for those in need                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Effectiveness of the Youth Ministries offered meet the needs of the youth |

Rate the level of Ministry support for:

- |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1                        | 2                        | 3                        | 4                        | 5                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Young children (ages 0-12)                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Teenagers (ages 13-18)                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Young adults (ages 19-35)                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Middle-aged adults (ages 36-64)              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Senior citizens (ages 65+)                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Single adults                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Married couples                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Divorced or separated individuals            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Widows or widowers                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. Single parents                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11. Sick or homebound individuals               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12. Those grieving                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 13. Outreach to inactive parishioners           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 14. Welcome and support for visitors and guests |

What are your 3 most important from above (Ministry Support List)?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

# FILL OUT, TEAR AND RETURN TO BOX

## Evangelization / Religious Education

Please use these responses for the questions below.

1 = Poor

3 = Good

2 = Fair

4 = Excellent

5 = Don't Know / Not Applicable

Please rate of the following:

1 2 3 4 5

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ How would you rate the Educational programs for parishioners about the faith?

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ How would you rate Holy Spirit's efforts at proclaiming the Gospel?

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Effectiveness of the youth CCD program in teaching the Faith?

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Effectiveness of the youth VBS program in teaching the Faith?

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Effectiveness of the RCIA/OCIA program in teaching the Faith for those entering the Catholic Church?

## Open-Ended Questions:

What should be the parish's main focus in the next 1-3 years?

What is Holy Spirit's greatest strength?

What is Holy Spirit's greatest challenge?

What one thing do you like best about Holy Spirit?

What one need or program should the parish focus most on?

Is there a ministry you would like to see at Holy Spirit?

## Demographic Information:

Are you registered in this parish?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Is this parish your primary place of worship?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Have any of your children attended religious education classes here in the past 5 years?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Have you attended adult religious education classes here in the past 5 years?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Did you complete this survey as an individual or family?

☐ Individual

☐ Family

Year you were born (4-digit year) \_\_\_\_\_

Gender

☐ Male

☐ Female

## Marital status

☐ Single

☐ Married

☐ Divorced

☐ Separated

☐ Widowed

Number of children living with you (Age 12 or younger) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children living with you (Ages 13 to 17) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of young adults living with you (Age 18 to 30) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you pray regularly?

1 = Never or rarely

2 = Once or twice a year

3 = Once or twice a month

4 = Almost every week

5 = Once a week

6 = More than once a week

How often do you read the Bible?

1 = Never or rarely

2 = Once or twice a year

3 = Once or twice a month

4 = Almost every week

5 = Once a week

6 = More than once a week

Were you married in the catholic church?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Thank you for taking our parish survey!



# AROUND OUR PARISH

## Family Life Center Debt Reduction Campaign

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