

From The Pastor's Desk

Now we all want to be wise, don't we? Well, that is the promise that is given to us today. Simply put, it means that if we feed on Christ we will be wise. And we feed on Christ principally through Word and Sacrament. What we're asked to do is to immerse ourselves in the Gospels and eat the Eucharistic Bread.

Education, books, information, classes - all of these can bring us much needed knowledge. But true wisdom comes from our union in love with Jesus Christ.

Now who would possibly pass up a chance at being wise? Isn't wisdom something that appears to most of us as being something worth having? We may disagree on what the best education consists of. We may favor one school or university over another, but most of us would say that being a truly wise person is the real goal of education. The wisdom we are talking about today is the wisdom of living. In our second reading, Paul says, "...*Watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, ...do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord.*"

For one who is wise in Christ, the first and perhaps greatest advantage is that it greatly reduces the risk of rationalization. Rationalization is that kind of reasoning we go through when we want to do something, even though we know it is not in keeping with the will of God.

Suppose that we are struggling with some decision. Say that we are thinking of buying a new car. There are certain questions any of us would ask, even if we had no faith in Christ. Can I afford this car? How long will it take to pay for this car? Can I sustain payments over that period of time? All normal questions.

However, the Christian will have a few more questions to ask, and this is so because he or she has a different view of life. Besides the questions I already mentioned, a follower of Jesus would ask: Do I really need this car, or is it a luxury that will only take away money which I could put to better use? Will those monthly payments put a strain on my marriage or on my other financial obligations? Are there good causes I am supporting which I will have to put aside because of this major purchase? Do I want this car mainly so that I will feel good when people see me driving it? These and other similar questions come out of our faith and the values that come from having a relationship with the wisdom that is Christ.

My answers to all of the above questions will come from my Christian wisdom, not simply from any so-called worldly wisdom. As you can see, this wisdom based upon our relationship to Christ changes everything.

When we celebrate the Eucharist we consent fully to our vocation, which is to follow Jesus Christ without conditions. We give him permission to lead us where he will.

Fr. Joe

Masses, Readings and Activities

Sunday, August 16 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary time

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Prv 9: 1-6; Eph 5: 15-20; Jn 6: 51-58</i>
8:00 am	Mass—People of Holy Spirit
8:30 am	Faith Formation Registration
9:30 am	Mass—Intentions of Robert Rombach
11:30 am	Mass—Intentions of Uche Osuji
1:00 pm	ACTS Men's Retreat Team
5:30 pm	Mass—†James McCorcle

Monday, August 17

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Jgs 2: 1-19; Mt 19: 16-22</i>
8:30 am	Mass—Intentions of Emilia Mariano
9:30 am	Low-Impact Exercise Class
6:30 pm	Catechist Certification Training
6:30 pm	Women's ACTS Renewal Planning

Tuesday, August 18

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Jgs 6: 11-24a; Mt 19: 23-30</i>
8:30 am	Mass—†Camilo Gumapac
7:00 pm	RCIA Inquiry Session
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting

Wednesday, August 19 St. John

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Jgs 9: 6-15; Mt 20: 1-16</i>
8:30 am	Mass—†Geoffrey Charles Sanford
9:00 am	Legion of Mary
9:30 am	Low Impact Exercise Class
10:00 am	Craft Workshop
6:00 pm	Family Prayer Group
6:00 pm	Confessions
6:30 pm	Team Spirit
7:00 pm	Homebound EM Enrichment
7:00 pm	Estudio de la Biblia

Thursday, August 20 St. Bernard

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Jgs 11: 29-30a; Mt 22: 1-14</i>
8:30 am	Mass—†Jim Flusche
7:00 pm	Parish Festival Committee Meeting

Friday, August 21 St. Pius X

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Ru 1: 1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22w: 34-40</i>
8:30 am	Mass—Intentions of Emmaline Fernandez
9:15 am	Holy Hour

Saturday, August 22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Ru 2: 1-3, 8-11, 13-17; Mt 23: 1-12</i>
8:30 am	Holy Mass—Intentions of Eleanor Rose Baptiste
3:30 pm	Confessions
5:30 pm	Mass—†Jim Rourke
7:00 pm	Welcome Dinner

Sunday, August 23 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary time

<i>Readings</i>	<i>Jos 24: -2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5: 21-32; Jn 6:60-69</i>
8:00 am	Mass—Intentions of Richard Fernandez
9:30 am	Mass—†Charles Dybala
11:30 am	Mass—Intentions of Bertrad Prost
1:00 pm	ACTS Men's Retreat Team
5:30 pm	Mass—People of Holy Spirit

Faith Formation—Youth

All young adults aged 18-30, single or married, are welcome to come to our Young Adult meeting tomorrow evening, August 17, at 7 pm in room 106!

We still need volunteers for youth ministry program this year! E-mail devynbuschow@holyspiritcc.org for more information. Volunteer orientation is August 25!


Any high schoolers for the '15-'16 school year are invited to join Team Spirit. We meet Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm throughout the school year and plan service projects, retreats and fun activities! Come to our first meeting this Wednesday in the youth room.



Sacramental Preparation

On-site registration for Faith Formation and sacramental preparation for the 2015/16 year takes place this Sunday, August 16 after all the morning masses in the dining room. Children registering for sacramental preparation must have completed one year of Faith Formation last year, whether it was at Holy Spirit or another parish. If it was at another parish, a Letter of Verification from that parish must be on file with our office prior to registering for sacramental preparation. Also, if you have a copy of the child's baptismal certificate, that would be awesome! The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in the 8th Grade or older and First Communion in the 2nd Grade. However, attendance for two consecutive years in Faith Formation/Youth Ministry remains a diocesan mandatory requirement for sacramental preparation. We check attendance when you register for sacramental preparation to ensure you meet the two-year requirement and that attendance was satisfactory the year prior. That means six absences or less during the 2014/15 Faith Formation year. You may contact Deborah, Devyn, Lindee or Lisa with any questions regarding sacramental preparation. **The deadline for Confirmation registration is Sunday, September 13 and for First Communion, Sunday, September 20.**


Information and paperwork regarding infant Baptism (ages 6 and under) may be directed to Lisa Estrada. Our next baptismal preparation class for parents and godparents is not until Saturday, September 12 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. All **completed** paperwork must be turned in no later than two weeks prior to the baptism class date.

Collection of rummage items for the Fall Festival has begun. Bring in your kitchenware, pots, pans, utensils, clothes, shoes, knickknacks, toys, books, CDs, DVDs, garden tools, lamps, linens, electronics, etc. Call Michelle at 214-864-2566 or Mary at the office at 972-298-4971 to arrange for pickup of large items only. If no one is in the office when you bring your items for rummage, please don't leave them outside the door. That creates a hazardous condition for entry to the office.

We need Auction items for the Fall Festival. It's time to begin collecting new items, gift certificates for services, unused new gifts you have received, estate-quality items and items from your business or where you work or shop for the silent and live-online auctions. Please bring them to the community center. Fill out a donation form. The forms are available at the front desk. Questions? Call Sandi Ciarochi at 469-222-4747.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of **Uche Osuji**, requested by Flora Osuji.



Sing to the Lord and join the Holy Spirit Choir. We have different choices at 5:30 pm Saturdays or 9:30 and 11:30 am Sunday Masses. For more information, please contact FelipeRamirez@holyspiritcc.org.



The Fall Festival Committee is planning some **exciting changes and additions** to our always enjoyable Fall Festival (Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26-27). For the first time, the festival's Saturday hours will continue into the evening. The same great food, children's games, musical entertainment, and more will run through 8:30 pm. This new format includes the addition of a new beer garden open from 6:30-8:30 pm on Saturday night. But the most exciting change is that the popular live auction is going **online** - available from Sept. 15 through Oct. 4th. **We know you can help to make this festival the best ever, and we've saved a place for you in the picture!** If you'd like to join the committee, please contact Jeff Miller, Co-Chair, at miller.jeff55@gmail.com or call the parish office at (972) 298-4971. We'd love to have your help!

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Parents' Power Hour



Presented by:
Monica Ashour, MTS, M Hum
Executive Director, TOBET

**Monday, August 17 from 7-8 pm
Community Center Dining Room**

At school, at work, and in the media, our culture is bombarding us with false messages about sexuality, gender and marriage. What does our Church teach? How can we, as Catholic Christians, help our children grow up with a healthy understanding of what it means to be made in God's image as male and female? How can we prepare them for marriage in a society that can't agree on the meaning and purpose of marriage?

Come join author and national speaker Monica Ashour as she shares Saint John Paul II's life-changing "Theology of the Body." Learn how children, adults and families can lovingly live out the beauty of Catholic teaching on sexuality in today's hostile environment.

On Monday, August 17, from 5-10 p.m., national speaker, Monica Ashour with TOBET will be here to speak on Theology of the Body, which will replace the 5-hour credit course, Chaste Living. The Parents' Power Hour is part of this 5-hour course. We will break at 6:45 p.m. and welcome the parents for their hour long presentation. *Please register with Deborah by Wednesday, August 12.*

Orientation for ALL catechists, aides & teen aides is on Monday, August 24 starting at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck supper. **We will have a guest speaker so make plans to attend.** If you can't make it, please let Deborah know to make arrangements to take your photo ID and pick up class materials.

Because we had a tremendous return rate of catechists this year, I am in need of only 2-3 adults to assist as the third (yes, third) adult in a couple of classrooms and to assist at the front desk at the 11:15 session **ONLY.** If you're interested in joining our team, please contact Deborah for more information. It's painless we have a lot fun throughout the year!

On-Site Faith Formation registration takes place this Sunday, August 16 after all the MORNING masses in the dining room. The following information will assist you with Faith Formation/sacrament registration:

- ◆ **All families wishing to sign children up for Faith Formation must be registered members of Holy Spirit.** If you haven't already completed a Parish Census Form to be a part of our wonderful faith community, you must do that **first before** picking up registration paperwork for Faith Formation.
- ◆ **Children registering for sacramental preparation MUST HAVE completed one year of Faith Formation last year, whether it was at Holy Spirit or another parish.** If it was at another parish, a Letter of Verification from that parish **MUST** be on file with our office prior to registering for sacramental preparation. Also, if you have a copy of the child's baptismal certificate, that would be awesome!
- ◆ **The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in the 8th Grade or older and First Communion in the 2nd Grade.** However, attendance for two consecutive years in Faith Formation/Youth Ministry remains a diocesan mandatory requirement for sacramental preparation. We check attendance when you register for sacramental preparation to ensure you meet the two-year requirement and that attendance was satisfactory the year prior. **That means six absences or less for 2014/15.**
- ◆ **For paperwork received on the 16th or later, all Faith Formation registration fees/sacramental expenses must be paid in full before your child will be placed on a class roster.** Current class fees are \$45.00 for one child; \$90.00 for two children; and \$105.00 for three or more children. Sacramental expenses are separate. **Class fees will increase again as of August 28 so register now!**

We cannot guarantee class availability for those with outstanding balances. Please contact Deborah with any questions. All outstanding fees must be paid in full by August 20. Credit card payments may be made on-line at our parish website at www.holyspiritcatholic.com

SPECIAL NOTE: We will not accept registrations after Thursday, August 20 in order to prepare for the first day of class and Parent Orientation on Sunday, August 30. You can still obtain paperwork Monday through Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm but it will not be processed until after the Labor Day Holiday. Children registering after August 20 will attend class on September 7. **And absolutely no registration paperwork will be processed on Sunday, August 30!!**

The first day of Faith Formation classes is Sunday, August 30! Children will attend class while parents attend Orientation in the dining room.

Adult And Family Ministry**Adult Faith Formation 2015**

Come see and register for these exciting programs
August 16th in the Community Center

Sundays 9:15 – 10:30 am, starting September 13

Adult Cluster 1 “Matthew” video series

Adult Cluster 2 “The Bible Timeline” video series

Adult Cluster 4 “Finding True Happiness”

Sundays 11:15 – 12:30 pm, starting September 13

Adult Cluster 3 “Evangelio Según San Lucas”

Mondays 9:30 – 11:00 am, starting September 14

Monday Morning Scripture Study “Letters from Prison”

Mondays, 10:00 – 11:30 am, starting September 14

Mothers Together in Christ

Wednesdays 7:00 – 9:00 pm, starting September 16

Wednesday Evening Scripture Study “Matthew”

Second Tuesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, starting September 8

Women’s Spirituality “ENDOW” JP II Letters to Women

Tuesday Evenings, 7:00-9:00 pm, starting September 15

Hearts Afire “Consoling the Heart of Jesus”

Tuesday Evenings, 7:00-9:00 pm, starting September 15

Tuesday Evening Scripture Study “The Mass”

Registration forms also available in the Narthex and Community Center.

Attention all couples who are PRE-REGISTERED for the ANNIVERSARY MASS: you still need to register officially for this Mass. Please read below.

Diocesan Silver and Gold Anniversary Mass: Celebrating 25, 50 and 50+ Years of Marriage

If you were married in 1990 or in 1965, then the **Diocesan Silver and Gold Mass celebrates your wedding anniversary on Saturday, August 29 at 2 PM** at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe (2215 Ross Avenue, 75201). Those couples who are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary (married in 1990) or their 50th wedding anniversary (married in 1965) in this year 2015 are urged to attend this special celebration. Couples celebrating any anniversary over 50 are also encouraged to attend (those married before 1965).

Bishop Farrell will preside at the Mass, and he will offer a special blessing for all anniversary couples. Each couple will receive a certificate from the diocese. Families of the anniversary couples are welcome to attend, and there is a festive reception following the Mass in the Grand Salon at the Cathedral.

Please register so that pews can be reserved for the 25th and 50th and 50+ anniversary couples. Register by phone 214-379-2878 or Wedding Anniversary by **Tuesday, August 18th**, so that your name can appear in the program.

Parking is available in the Cathedral garage, as well as surface lots in the area. The drop-off area for the Cathedral is the entrance on Crockett Street.

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Community Life

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HOLY SPIRIT HEADLINES?

If not, please go online to our website

www.holyspiritcatholic.com

and click on Email in the top right corner of the home page.

This will allow you to sign up for our newsletter. We send out important information on events, classes, and even church closings.

Don't miss out on the latest news.

Outreach

Our Food Pantry is running low. Any of the following items would be greatly appreciated: canned soups and fruit, dry or canned beans, rice, pasta, peanut butter and canned meats such as tuna, chicken, etc. Thank you for your continued support.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Homebound Reminder: There will be an optional Ministry Enrichment session on Wednesday, August 19 at 7 pm. in room 210.

School Supplies: Thank you for making our school supply drive a HUGE success! Your tremendous generosity filled 36 backpacks for children in our area and also 93 backpacks for the families at our sister parish Holy Cross. Holy Spirit parishioners are the best!

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat™ August 21 – 23 is an extraordinary opportunity for anyone who struggles with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion (s). The weekend is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you transform the pain of the past into hope. For more information and to register, call the Abortion AfterCare Healing helpline 214-544-CARE (2273) or email healing@racheldallas.org. You may also visit the web-site www.racheldallas.org. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Finance

Weekend of August 8/9

\$ 17,502.59

\$ 3,767.00

\$(22,365.00)

\$ 429.59

Weekly Contributions

On-Line Giving

Average Weekly Expenses

Surplus

Balance in Future Fund

\$32,196.00

Thank you and God Bless You..