

July 2016

Adoration...as Jesus says, “Come and See”

Did you know that our Parish has three opportunities to adore the Blessed Sacrament as a community?

That’s right! Come join us!

ADORATION

Every Friday	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
1st Friday of month	9:00 a.m. - NOON
	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

During Eucharistic Adoration, we remain silent in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist. This is an affirmation of our faith. Through this vigil of prayer, we give witness to our belief that God is truly dwelling with His people. Prayers, especially intercessory prayers for the needs of the community and the World, can draw everybody closer to Christ and to God the Father for His blessing. Thus, our time spent with our Beloved Savior in Adoration, can become the most profound, meaningful, joyful, peaceful and healing experience we could ever encounter!



The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in a Monstrance



Here’s an idea... Bring at least 2 friends to Adoration next month. Spread the love! ❤️

Upcoming Activities

July 1 – First Friday - See bulletin for Adoration services.

July 21 – ACTS Women’s Pot Luck at the Holy Spirit Dining Room – 6:30 pm – Watch out for e-vite!

Spotlight on...



Tissy and Keri Godwin

The bond between a mother and daughter is truly special and one that is so clearly illustrated in the love shown by **Tissy Godwin and her daughter, Keri**.

That love also extends to decades of service to our parish. Tissy taught Faith Formation classes at both elementary and high school levels. Keri participated in the Youth Group and has also helped with child care. Both women participated in the RCIA program. Tissy is currently an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist (EM) and serving as an EM to the Sick and Homebound and in the Ministry of Consolation. She is also part of the SCC, which meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month, led by **Eva Rogowski**.

Both women attended ACTS retreats, Tissy in Feb. 2014 and Keri in Dec. 2015. Tissy has served on two teams and has recently joined the ACTS Core team, serving as the Women’s Retreat Support Coordinator (a position previously held by **Debbie Gleason**).

Raising six children is no easy task, yet Tissy did it with the same grace, love and expertise she also displayed in the 34 years she served as a lower elementary schoolteacher. Tissy's children are: Steve (44), Danny (41), Lindsay (37), Keri (35), Casey (33), and Aaron (31).

The ACTS retreats have lit a fire in their lives...a wanting to find out more about their faith which has led to daily spiritual readings and continued prayer.

Their favorite Bible verse: Matthew 7:7, "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you."

Update

Last month, we were encouraged to arrive at Sunday Mass a few minutes early and welcome people at the doors. The feedback has been tremendous! Several of us have introduced ourselves to newcomers who want to learn more about becoming a parishioner. The smiles on the faces of folks we know and are just meeting for the first time is so rewarding. Try it...help us build an even stronger community at Holy Spirit!

Featuring a Holy Spirit Ministry

This month, we focus on the **Youth and Young Adult Ministry Program**. **Devyn Buschow**, our ACTS sister who attended her retreat in Oct. 2014, is currently the director of this ministry. With about two hundred 7th-12th graders enrolled in the program last year, this year's registration is looking to be even more promising!

Devyn views the program as an effort of many. There are staff members and volunteers who help. To name a few, **Rachel Cromwell-Reetz**, Associate

Youth Minister, cooks all of the awesome food featured at events, such as Bacculaureate and the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. **Lisa Estrada**, **Deborah Garrison** and **Lindee Greer** are on the Faith Formation team and, together, they support one another as they plan for the Youth programs.

Holy Spirit has conducted many local and travel mission trips. For the past four years, Devyn has taken Holy Spirit Youth on "Alive in You" excursions, where Catholic Youth, from around the country, are hosted each summer by a Catholic Service Camp and Conference center. Other years, they have gone to Chattanooga, TN, Mobile, AL and Little Rock, AR. This year they are going to New Orleans, LA, and their mission is to convert a 12-bedroom house into a monastery...WOW! They will have 3 work days and then attend a Catholic conference. There will be fun activities, too, with time to explore the city, dine in great restaurants and even go on a Swamp Tour!

Devyn says that she loves working in youth and young adult ministry as it's a way to give teens a voice. To her, it's all about what God does through the program. She adds that it is amazing to see what teenagers can do when given a platform.

If you are interested in participating in the program or know a youngster who wants to attend, feel free to contact Devyn at devynbuschow@holyspiritcc.org or call her directly at 972-298-4971 x 16.

And, in closing...

"The greatest deception, and the deepest source of unhappiness, is the illusion of finding life by excluding God."

St. John Paul II

For more information on the ACTS ministry at Holy Spirit, visit our website at <http://holyspiritcatholic.com/acts-retreats>.

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