

August 26, 2021



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2021/2022

"In work there is dignity"

The parking lot you say?



We are almost one full week into school! Congratulations!

The car lines in the morning and afternoon will continue to get better as everyone figures out their travel schedule and as after school activities begin. Historically, once we are in the groove, the afternoon dismissal is fully completed by 3:30 pm. I appreciate everyone's

patience.

Our Holy Spirit School family this year is comprised of 291 families (joyfully, that's a lot for us!). Of those families, potentially, 257 come through the front of the school for drop off in the morning. So, there are a few things that will prove to be helpful as we move forward.

Making sure you are lined up as straight as possible behind the car in front of you so that we can maximize space is great. As we get to the top of the lot though, please remember that cars need to get behind the last car in order to start lanes over, so be sure to leave space at the very top of the lot. (The various construction vehicles also present an added challenge to our obstacle course.) Be sure to pull up as far as possible when it is your turn in front of the school. Students, regardless of grade level, should get out of the car at any spot and we will be sure they get where they need to be. Students must only exit cars on the right hand side of the car directly to the sidewalk. This is for the safety of your child as there are cars that traverse that expanse of road who are not a part of our car line. Families with car seats should consider rearranging, if needed. It is super helpful, as well, if parents stay in the car and we respectfully ask you to do so. If you have a younger child, have them practice unbuckling their car seat and opening the car door, as these are great skills for them to learn. The safety patrols and teachers are there to help when needed.

For those you have sent in vanpool requests, your new numbers will be sent home tomorrow, Friday, August 27th and you should use them beginning Monday.

Next week are our Back to School Night events. Please be sure to look at the information below.

Thank you to everyone for being in tune with the health of your children. As we continue to navigate our young school year, it is important that you keep children home if you have any concerns about their wellness. Additionally, if you are scheduled to volunteer in the building, please be sure you are healthy too.

If you have not completed all of the beginning of the year forms, it is important for us to receive those back immediately.

A reminder that Friday, September 3rd is an early dismissal (11:30 am) for everyone and there is NO afternoon extended day.

There are quite a number of flyers associated with parish events at the bottom of this newsletter - be sure to take a look!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Hello Holy Spirit Families!

We hope that everyone has had a great start to the school year.

A few reminders:

- The PTO Fundraiser Coordinator position is currently vacant. If you are interested in taking this position, please contact Shelley.Schaad@gmail.com.
- If you happen to see an event that you would be interested in participating as a committee member, please send inquires to ptovpmembership@holyspiritflames.org to be connected with the appropriate Committee Chairperson.

Important upcoming dates to remember:

- September 8 – Volunteer Fair (<https://holyspiritchurch.us/ptovolunteerfair>) Parents who attend the fair will earn 1 PSSC volunteer hour
- September 15 – PTO Committee Chair Social
- September 21 – Monthly PTO Meeting

We hope you have a wonderful week!

Blessings,

Your PTO Executive Board

PTO Board 2021/2022

President - Tom Fields - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org
Vice President - Heather Howard - PTOVp@holyspiritflames.org
Treasurer - Eileen Feely - PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org
Secretary - Lee Conroy - PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org

Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Sonnen - PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org
Fundraising Coordinator - Vacant

Volunteering

We still have a tremendous number of open volunteer opportunities. We look forward to working with parents from across the school community as we support the mission of the school and the many, many programs and activities that run throughout the year.

Please remember that you must be fully compliant with the Child Protection policies of the Diocese in order to perform recess duty and to volunteer in activities where students are present.

Back to School Nights

Back to School Nights will be held:

August 31 - Grades 1-5

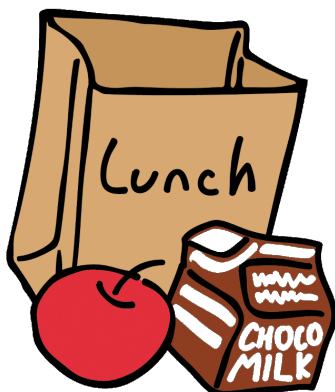
September 1 - Grades 6-8

Each night there will be two sessions. The first will be from 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm and the second will be from 7:15 pm - 7:45 pm.

For students in Grades 1 - 5, the homeroom teachers will send out a sign-up list for each session so that we may limit the number of parents in the rooms at any given time. Children will not be permitted to attend.

For students in Grades 6-8: the first session will be for parents of students in grades 6 and 7; the second session will be for parents in grade 8 so that we may provide necessary information regarding the transition to high school. The sessions for middle school will be held in the gymnasium.

General remarks from school administration will be prerecorded and made available to families.



A reminder from Mrs. Chomko, our fabulous Cafeteria Manager.

The deadline for ordering hot lunches for the month of September is September 5th. Instructions for setting up a Boonli account were included in the family packet.

If you are having issues ordering milk/water, please reach out to Mrs. Chomko (schomko@holyspiritflames.org).

Thank you!

PTO Volunteer Fair

**Are you new and not sure where to start?
Have you been at the school a while, but want to try something new?
Come to the Volunteer Fair!
September 8, 2021: 6:30pm – 8pm**

in the School Gym

You will have the opportunity to meet and talk with parents and staff who can tell you about their school event, group, or how you can join their team.

Be a part of the Holy Spirit Community!

Get involved. Meet new families. Start earning volunteer hours!

Parents who attend the fair will earn 1 PSSC volunteer hour towards the 20 needed for the school year.

For more information contact Mary Sonnen at ptovpmembership@holyspiritflames.org.

Holy Spirit Choir



If you like to sing and are interested in singing at the Friday School Masses, sign up to join the choir!

Choir Sign-Ups: Thursday September 2 @ 3:15-4:00 pm in Music Room

First Choir Rehearsal: Thursday September 9 @ 3:15-4:30 pm in Music Room

Schedule for choir will be sent out the first week of Rehearsal.

***NOTE: Parents please plan to pick up your student in the car line in front of the school at the end of each rehearsal. Parents who are late for pick up (4:40), your child will be sent to extended day and charges will accrue!**

Fill out the interest form below and return to Mr. Toussaint.

Questions? atoussaint@holyspiritflames.org

Choir Interest Form - Due by Monday August 30, 2021

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom _____

Initial here if your child will be going to Extended
Day after choir _____

Name and phone number(s) of person(s) picking up
your child after rehearsal:

Contact for Emergencies:

Name _____

Relationship _____ Phone _____

Preferred Email for Choir Updates:

Printable Choir
Form



Tuesdays 3:15-4:15pm

Quinn Room

Begins September 21

Snacks & Social Time Included!

Registration Required

WHAT IS IT?

Militia Immaculata is a prayer group that uses the power of the youth to pray for an end to evil in the world. We meet every Tuesday to call upon the Holy Spirit through the intercession of Our Lady for the conversion of the whole world!

WHAT DO YOU DO?

We pray the rosary, led by Father O'Donohue, intercede for our friends and family, pray some special prayers by St. Maximilian Kolbe, and then we end with some snacks and social time!

WHO CAN JOIN?

This group is open to youth of all ages! All you need is a permission form and you're in! You can find that on the parish website at holyspiritchurch.us/youth/middle-school/militia-immaculata/

IS THIS REALLY AS GREAT AS IT SOUNDS?

Yep! Just come to one of our meetings and you will see the power of prayer! You will get it and want to tell others about it. Really!

REGISTER TODAY!

www.holyspiritchurch.us/category/youth

Think about a Daily Health Observation before sending your child to school

Symptoms of COVID-19 may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

Fever (100.0F) or chills

Cough

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If your child has experienced any of these symptoms in the last 24 hours, please keep your child home, contact your physician, and let us know (attendance@holyspiritflames.org).

If someone in your household has tested positive for or is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, keep your child home and let us know (attendance@holyspiritflames.org)

Parish Happenings!

YOUTH
Greetings from Holy Spirit Youth Ministry!



We'd like to invite you to our kickoff events that will take place the following dates:

Middle School Grades 6-8 Sept 24, 7:30-9:30pm	High School Grades 9-12 Sept 26, 7-9pm
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The nights will include food, games, prizes, and a brief introduction of our theme for the year, "BE STILL"

Be sure to Register
for the 2021-22 Youth Ministry Year at:
www.holyspiritchurch.us/category/youth

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING & LASER TAG

Boys 3rd-12th Grade

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021
Church and Parish Grounds
5pm New Server Training
5:30pm Current Server Training
Cookout & Laser Tag to Follow

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
www.holyspiritchurch.us/ministries/altarservers

Grief Support Group

Seasons of Hope

Fall 2021

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted"

Wine & Cheese

Short & Sweet

The Office of Youth Ministry invites all parents of youth in grades 6-12 to join us and learn about our vibrant and growing youth programs and how YOU can get involved!

Wednesday, Sept. 22nd

7:30 - 9:00PM, Meeting Room 2

Please RSVP to youthministry@holyspiritchurch.us by Sept 20

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH
St. Lucy, pray for us!

St. Lucy Summer Food Collection

to benefit the St. Lucy Food Project

Hungry children are home for the summer and are not able to get the usual free lunches at school. Demand for food increases in the summer. The St. Lucy Food Pantry network must respond.

Blue Bag Pickup: August 7 - 8
Fill it with non-perishable food items.

Blue Bag Food Drop Off: August 14 - 15
All Masses, Holy Spirit Church

The St. Lucy Project is in need of the following items:
 1 Peanut Butter and 2 Jellies
 Canned Chicken and Tuna
 Canned Tofu
 Breakfast Cereal (can be used for all meals)
 Children's Snacks
 Granola Bars
 Pudding
 Non-Perishable Juices
 Shelf Stable Chocolate Milk
 Apple Sauce
 Raisins

It costs \$6 cents a lb. to transport food to the poor in over 50 locations. Check Donations are gratefully appreciated. Please mail a check in the pre-addressed envelope provided with the blue bag (or bring it to the truck with your bag). Please make checks payable to "CCDA" with "The St. Lucy Food Project" in the memo of the check. Thank you.

SIGNUP TODAY!
www.holyspiritchurch.us

COMMUNITY CHAIRMAN

Rain or shine!

Parish Picnic & Open House

Sunday, September 12
1 - 4pm
Front Lawn

Free! All Are Welcome

Please bring a dish to share:
 A-R: Salads/Sides
 S-Z: Desserts

Picnic Food & Activities Include:
 Burgers & Hot Dogs, Soda, Cotton Candy, Snow Cones, Moonbounce, Inflatable Obstacle Course, Face Painting, Scouts Obstacle Courses and more!

Side Dish Potluck

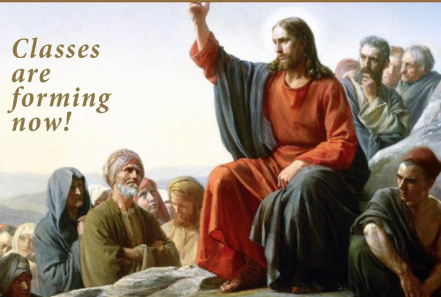
Many volunteers needed, youth and adult! See website.

Don't forget lawn chairs!

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH
www.holyspiritchurch.us

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more?

Classes are forming now!



Wednesday Evenings (begins Sept. 15th)
7-8 pm
Parish Center

For more information:
E-mail Father Carroll at fc Carroll@holyspiritchurch.us

INOVA Save Lives • Give Blood

INOVA
Inova Blood Donor SERVICES

Saturday, Sept 11th
6:45 - 11:45 AM
In the Gym

Covid antibody testing included for all blood donors.

Photo ID required. Allow one hour for donor visit.
Make your lifesaving appointment today!

Questions?
giveblood@holyspiritchurch.us

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marian Homes, Inc.

Document Shredding Event

A Knights of Columbus Charity
Maintaining group homes for intellectually disabled individuals



Sept 25th
10 AM - 1 PM
Upper Parking Lot


Bring your old documents, cancelled checks, paper, manila envelopes, etc.
NO newspapers, magazines, card board, 3-ring binders, hard drives, discs, etc.

(Donations accepted)

For more information, contact:
Knights@holyspiritchurch.us

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

SAINT JOSEPH: GUARDIAN OF THE BODY OF CHRIST



ARLINGTON
Diocese Pilgrimage
2021-2022

A Pilgrim Experience
for the Whole Family

BISHOP MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE
INVITES YOU TO THE
DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE VISIT:
www.arlingtondiocese.org/2021/marian-pilgrimage

THE BASILICA

 BECOME A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!

Saturday Mornings
 Fall Session: Sept 18 - Dec 18
 7:00AM - 8:30AM
 Quinn Room, School Building

Each week, TMIY invites all men for coffee and a light breakfast before discussion on topics impacting Catholic men today.

No required attendance, no homework, no volunteering, no pressure to share. Just men being men.

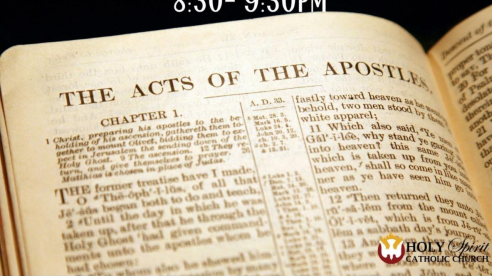
Wherever you are in your spiritual life,
 Jesus Christ wants to encounter
 you right there...
and take you further.

For info, contact Sean Roberts at,
tmiy@holyspiritchurch.us


 www.thatmanisyou.org

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
 BIBLE STUDY**
 WITH FR. O'DONOHUE

SEPT 15, 2021- MAY 18, 2022
 PARISH CENTER LARGE MEETING ROOM
 8:30- 9:30PM



JOURNEYING THROUGH THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
www.holyspiritchurch.us/wednesdaybiblestudy


 **HOLY Spirit
 CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Volleyball

7:00- 9:00pm in the Gym

Adult Young Adult

Monday Nights **Tuesday Nights**
 Open to all 21+ Open to all 21-39



www.holyspiritchurch.us



Community Happenings!



We're Still Scouting!

Are you interested in joining Cub Scout this fall? Learn leadership skills, what it means to be a good citizen, how to care for and explore God's creation in nature, and so much more.

Chartered by the Holy Spirit Catholic Church Men's Club, Cub Scout Pack 50 serves boys from kindergarten through 5th grade. Boys have the opportunity to learn and grow in important character-building ideals while participating in fun activities such as day hikes, family camping, Pack campfires, Pinewood Derby, summer camps and more! The Pack is broken up into "dens" grouped by age and led by parent "den leaders" with all parents pitching in to help guide various activities.

Join us for a 'Join Scouting Night' informational parent meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 on the front lawn of Holy Spirit Catholic Church (5121 Woodland Way in Annandale) at 6:30pm. Bring the kids, too, as we will entertain them with an informal game of kickball during the parent information meeting.

For more information, please email Pack50@holyspurchurch.us



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "August 26, 2021" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. Mass Choir registration form

Parish Flyers:

1. St. Lucy Summer Food Collection flyer
2. RCIA flyer
3. Blood Drive flyer
4. Parish Picnic flyer
5. Youth Ministry kickoff flyer
6. Grief Support Group flyer
7. Document Shredding Event flyer
8. Pilgrimage with Bishop Burbidge flyer
9. That Man is You flyer
10. Adult Volleyball flyer
11. Bible Study with Father O'Donohue flyer
12. Altar Server training flyer
13. Militia Immaculata flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Pack 50 Scouting flyer