

August 5, 2021



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2021/2022

"In work there is dignity"

Here we go!

Wow! Where have the weeks of Summer gone?

It is hard to believe in just a few short weeks we will launch our 2021/2022 school year. I pray you are enjoying the time away from school and that you and your children are ready to embrace the new school year and all of the excitement that it holds. We welcome back our returning Holy Spirit families and all those who are new to our community – we look forward to getting to know everyone.

The faculty has chosen the theme of "In work there is dignity" as we highlight throughout the year the Catholic Social Teaching of the dignity of work and the rights of workers. We look forward to continuing to provide opportunities for the students both in and out of classrooms to live the Catholic Faith.

We have a couple of new teaching/homeroom assignments for the year. Mrs. Taylor Webb will move to the Resource Department as she completes her Master in Special Education. Mr. Greg Gordon will have teaching responsibilities including 7th grade Religion and 6th grade Language Arts. Mrs. Rebekah (Solee) Tucker will be a 6th grade homeroom teacher and will take over the Social Studies classes for the Middle School. Mrs. Rita Callahan, who was a proctor for us last year, will now be a full-time aide in one of the kindergarten classrooms and Mrs. Sara O'Brien who was also a proctor last year

will now be a paraeducator in the Resource Department.

We also have new faculty and staff members with us this year. We welcome back two teachers who were here at Holy Spirit year ago: Mrs. Molly Guthrie will be the lead teacher in one of the prekindergarten classrooms and Mrs. Patty Case will be a part of the 3rd grade team. Ms. Isabel Kazan joins the Middle School as a 6th grade homeroom teacher and will be responsible for the 6th grade Religion and 8th grade Language Arts curriculums; Mrs. Eve Montavon joins us as the School Counselor; Mrs. Patti Zamiska will join the prekindergarten team as a classroom aide

If, by chance, your student has not completed his/her summer work, now would be great time to be sure students are on track to have everything finished as most everything is due either the first day or first week of school.

If you have a rising kindergartener or are a new family to the school, all required medical forms must be returned as soon as possible. School law prohibits school attendance without the required documentation. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wild.

If you are interested in either Morning Care or Extended Day, the registration document is available on the website, you may send that in now and you will be billed the registration fee via FACTS.

On August 18th at 6:00 pm the NEW family ice cream social sponsored by the PTO will be held on the lawn out in front of the school. We invite all new families (parents and children) to join us.

On August 20th there will be an opportunity to meet the teachers, find out homeroom assignments and take a peek at the classrooms. This year we are splitting up the arrival times in order to give students a bit more time to really see their teacher. Families with last names from A-M are invited to come by the school between 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. Families with last names from N-Z are invited between 1:00-2:00 pm. We look forward to seeing all of you then and ask that you please not come to school for an extra early sneak peek prior during the week of August 16th as the teachers and administrators will be very busy with meetings and classroom set-up.

Paperwork needed for the start of the school year will be available for pickup during the August 20th Open House in order to give families the weekend to fill out the many required forms. Please return all forms on Monday, August 23rd.

For **Grades 1-8** Monday, August 23rd is an 11:30 am dismissal; the rest of the week are full days. No School lunches will be provided the first week of school. Please pack a lunch for your child the first week.

School for **Grades 1-8** begins on August 23rd at 8:00 am. Please make every effort to begin the good habit of arriving on time. Drop off begins at 7:40 am; I will see you in the parking lot! Teachers will meet the students outside and escort them to their classrooms. Parents are asked to say their goodbyes as they drop their children off in the carline. (If you want to park and watch from the upper lot after you drop off your children you are welcome to.) Please refer to the handbook that will be posted on the webpage for complete directions on arrival and pickup procedures. During the first week of school the vanpool slots for last year will be used with the EXCEPTION of kindergarteners who are now first graders. These students will be dismissed with the regular carpool unless they are in a group vanpool that used a non-kindergarten slot. Applications for vanpool slots will be sent home in the beginning of the year packet.

A **kindergarten parent meeting** (no students) is scheduled for Monday, August 23rd at 8:30 am. Kindergartners' first day will be Tuesday, August 24th, from 8:00 – 11:30 am

(with no afternoon Extended Day for them this first day). The remainder of the week is full days.

The **prekindergarten parent meeting** (no students) is at 9:30 am on Monday, August 23rd. The prekindergarten orientation for the students and parents is on Tuesday, August 24th. Students with last names beginning A through L are asked to come from 9:00 – 9:45 am and students with last names beginning with M through Z are asked to come from 10:00 – 10:45 am. Classes begin for prekindergarten on Wednesday, August 29th; this is a half day for all PreK students with dismissal at 11:30am (there is no afternoon Extended Day for PreK this first day). Thursday and Friday are full days.

Morning Care will be open at 7:00 am on the first day of school. Morning care is located in the cafeteria. Families should park in the rear of the building and access the cafeteria via the back doors. Grade levels may begin using Morning Care on the following dates:

Grades 1-8 – may begin using Morning Care on Monday, August 23rd
Kindergarten – may begin using Morning Care on Tuesday, August 24th
PreKindergarten – may begin using Morning Care on Wednesday, August 25th

Afternoon Extended Care for all grades will begin in the cafeteria. Grade levels may begin using Afternoon Extended Care on the following dates:

Grades 1-8 – may begin using Extended Day on Monday, August 23rd
Kindergarten – may begin using Extended Day on Wednesday, August 25th
PreKindergarten – may begin using Extended Day on Thursday, August 26th
Afternoon Extended Day is closed completely on Friday, September 3rd due to the early dismissal prior to the Labor Day weekend.

Information regarding the calendar, supplies and reading lists can all be found on the webpage www.holyspiritflames.org.

I am looking forward to the start of the new school year. Thank you for allowing us to be a partner in the education of your children.

Welcome Back Letter 2021

Information specific to the opening of school in relation to COVID-19 will be sent in a separate announcement on Friday, August 6, 2021.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal



The Summer Reading list is posted to the school website under the *Happening at Holy Spirit* section on the front page.

IXL Math assignments for students in rising K-8 were included with each student's report card.



Did your kiddos have some fun with their hair this Summer?

Please remember that students are expected to return to school with their natural hair color and a school-appropriate hair cut.

Thank you.



Save the Date!

New Family Social
Wednesday, August 18th 2021
6:00pm.

We are excited to welcome new families to our school community.

For returning families, if you would like to be a "buddy family," please email Anne Marie Chartrand (amneatrour@gmail.com) or Katie Corwin (mattingly.katie@gmail.com) for a fun way to serve as a resource to new families.

Used Uniform Sale - COMING SOON!!!



Two Sale Dates- **Wednesday, August 18** from 5:00-7:30 (during the New Family Social)

Friday, August 20 (during the Meet Your Teacher Event)

Where: Holy Spirit School – Quinn Room

Cost: \$5 per item (\$1 for socks/tights)

How to Pay: Cash or Check (made out to the Holy Spirit PTO)

ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE HELP STOCK the SALE!!!

DONATE ANY USED UNIFORMS THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED TO THE OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS OR EMAIL - MelanieAnneBennett@gmail.com TO ARRANGE FOR CONVENIENT PICKUP/DROP OFF OF DONATIONS

Important Details-

- Masks will be required
- Limited volume of shoppers at one time, as needed
- Enter and exit through the Quinn Room's SIDE DOOR
- Plan ahead - bring a list of items and sizes needed
- Shopping preference - one shopper per family, if possible

Support this PTO Fundraiser While Getting a Great Deal!

Extended Day 2021/2022

The Registration Form and Rate Table for Morning Care/Extended Day for the upcoming academic year are available on the school website under the *Quick Links - Family Resources* tab.

The information is included in the "Family Folder" section below, as well.

See flyer below for school supply lists by grade level.

Parish Happenings!

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

Middle School Summer Series

Pray & Play Day

Pray hard and play hard with us this summer!



Tuesdays
Day & Evening Sessions
July 6 - Aug 3

Prayer & Apologetic Talk,
Laser Tag, Dinner, Spiritual Talk
Ice Cream Social

Registration Required! **\$15/day**

 HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH
www.holyspiritchurch.us

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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 Ravioli
- 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 86 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



THAT MAN IS YOU

BECOME A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

All Men Invited!

Summer Session!

ON DIVINE MERCY

Every 2nd & 4th Saturday
MAY - AUGUST

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

Saturday Mornings
7:00 - 8:30 AM
In the Quinn Room, School Building

0700 - Coffee and light breakfast, "meet and greet"
0730 - Video Presentation
0800 - Small Group Discussions
0830 SHARP - END

 www.thatmanisyou.org

For more info, contact Sean Roberts
seanroberts911@gmail.com

 HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

BAKE SALE

At the Parish Yard Sale in the School

Friday, Aug 6 5:30 - 8PM **Saturday, Aug 7 8AM - 2PM**

We need B&Bs
Bakers & Buyers!

Can you donate an item to the Bake Sale?

Bake Sale proceeds benefit the Poor Clare Monasteries

For details,
www.holyspiritchurch.us

 HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

Huge

PARISH YARD SALE

FRIDAY, AUG 6
5:30 PM - 8 PM

SATURDAY, AUG 7
8 AM - 2 PM **FREE ADMISSION**

In the School **2** *HOLY SPIRIT* *Catholic Church* **PRESALE \$5/person**

DONATION DROP-OFF
Items Accepted at the School Starting:

Saturday Jul 31st & Sunday Aug 1
9AM - 5PM
Monday, Aug 2 - Thursday, Aug 5
9AM - 8PM

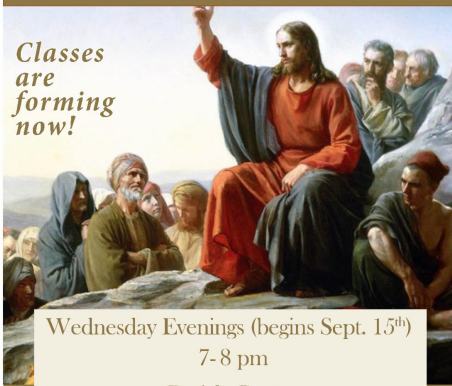
For more info, contact Irwin Oliver at
hsmc@holyspiritchurch.us

www.holyspiritchurch.us/yardsale
Proceeds benefit Holy Spirit Community

The following items cannot be accepted:
mattresses, tires, old TVs, computer equipment, and
undergarments. Donations must be clean, complete
and in operable condition.

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

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 to bring lawn chairs

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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

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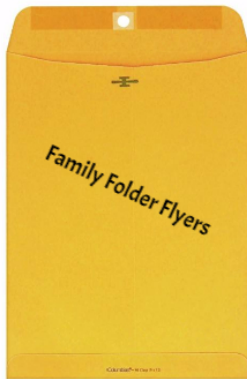
"Now come and have some breakfast!" Jesus said.

JOHN 21:12 CLUB

Coffee & Donuts after 9AM & 10:30AM Masses!

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

Community Happenings!



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "August 5, 2021" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. School Supply Lists
2. Used Uniform flyer
3. Extended Day 2021/2022 Registration Form
4. Extended Day 2021/2022 Rate Table

Parish Flyers:

1. Prayer & Play Day flyer
2. St. Lucy Summer Food Collection flyer
3. Parish Yard Sale flyer
4. That Man is You Summer Session flyer
5. RCIA flyer
6. Blood Drive flyer
7. John 21:12 Club flyer
8. Parish Picnic flyer

Community Flyers: