

June 13, 2024



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2023/2024
"Faithfulness"

Thank you

The past couple of weeks have been humbling and overwhelming in the best possible ways. I am grateful for all of the well wishes this community has expressed to me in a hundred different ways.

Holy Spirit has been home to my family for decades. Having attended this parish as a child, being married here, my children making all of their Sacraments here (including my daughter's marriage and granddaughter's baptism), and of course my children attending school here from prekindergarten through the 8th grade - the tie to everything Holy Spirit for me is unbreakable.

There will be two more newsletters coming out under my name, but before everyone scurries off for the fun of summer, I wanted to say my "good bye" and "thank you". For the person who was "never going to be a teacher," I know in my heart that I was brought to this profession by the guidance of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. As I finish my



(Not the greatest background for her right now, but she will look spectacular in the outdoor garden. Such an amazing, thoughtful, and touching gift!)

"Trust all, indeed, to Him my dear one; put all in His hands... Look up to the blue heavens and love Him! Purify your hearts that they may appear to Him like bright little stars at the bottom of a fountain. Look up and be thankful for the good that yet remains."

If you have never visited The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton it isn't far and it is a beautiful drive!

<https://setonshrine.org/>

19th year at Holy Spirit and my 27th in the Diocese of Arlington, I also know that my life has been blessed in countless ways.

Change can be hard and feelings of uncertainty are uncomfortable, but I am certain that your children and this community are in good hands with Mrs. Anne Dyke. I have known her for several years and believe her to be a strong educator and faith-filled leader. The Holy Spirit community will continue to be as vibrant as always with Father O'Donohue and Mrs. Dyke at the helm.

Dedicated educators are becoming more and more like rare gemstones. The teachers here give far more than you may ever believe - treasure them for their vocation and for the gifts and talents and love they share with your children each and every day.

Thank you for everything.



June 2024
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

July 2024
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 (Week of July 1 - office closed)

August 2024

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Through August 14, 2024
Office closed August 15, 2024**

If your child was not here on the last day of school, you will need to swing by the school to pick up his/her report card - they will not be mailed out. (This excludes the 8th grade students - theirs will be mailed to your home address.) A reminder that report cards did not go home with students whose family has any sort of outstanding financial obligation to the school whether that be PSSC hours, tuition, late fees, damaged textbooks, etc. Please look to the summer office hours for times when someone will be in the office to assist with closing out those bills.

Reports cards and transcripts for students matriculating away from Holy Spirit School will not be provided if a family has any sort of outstanding obligation to the school.



[Summer 2024 Reading List](#)

June's Partners in Faith Newsletter!

Thoughtful Moments

St. Anthony of Padua

Born Fernando de Bulhoin in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1195, St. Anthony was originally an Augustinian monk. He was inspired to join the Franciscans after hearing the news of five martyred Franciscans, taking the name "Anthony." At a meeting of the Dominican and Franciscan Orders, St. Anthony was spontaneously asked to preach a sermon and inspired everyone with his knowledge of the divine. He is known for working miracles and receiving a vision of the Christ Child.

Open your eyes

Parents know that children thrive when they feel loved. However, God knows this need for love doesn't stop when we grow up. Even when we are adults, our heavenly Father is always ready to listen to us, help us, and forgive us. Today when you look at your children with love, know that you are beloved, too.

"Praise the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures forever" (Psalm 136:1).



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Celebrate the summer with saints

Embrace the Communion of Saints by integrating saints into your summer activities and dedicating each adventure to one.

Let them inspire and protect your family as you enjoy your warm-weather pursuits. Seek their intercession for your family's well-being.

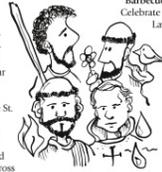
Traveling adventures: Invoke St. Christopher, the patron of travelers, who according to legend safely carried the Christ Child across a river. For air-bound journeys, turn to St. Joseph of Cupertino. Celebrated for his humility and piety, he is said to have levitated due to spiritual ecstasy.

Outdoor activities: Immerse yourself in the natural world with St. Francis of Assisi. His love for all creation shines through in his "Canticle of the Sun."

Patron of animals, he famously brokered peace between a menacing wolf and a terrified town.

Barbecues and campfires: Celebrate with the spirit of St. Lawrence, a third-century Roman deacon who humorously faced martyrdom. As he was roasted alive, he remarked, "I am well done. Turn me over." His courage and wit make him a fitting patron for grill enthusiasts.

Water fun: When swimming or sailing, remember St. Adutor of Vernon, the patron saint of swimmers, who swam to freedom to avoid capture. Or, set sail with St. Brendan the Navigator, a fifth-century Irish abbot renowned for his reported journey to the "Promised Land of the Saints" and his safe return.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

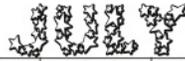
Referring to priests as "Father" signifies that we belong to a spiritual family guided by a father figure. This honorific was given to leaders of the early Church. "Even if you should have countless guides to Christ, yet you do not have

Why do Catholics call priests, "Father?"

many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (1 Corinthians 4:15). As a father guides, nurtures, instructs, and cares for his children, so a priest does the same for his parish family.



Holy Spirit School



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ★ 	Let one person choose a favorite prayer for the whole family to say together.	2  Recite the Guardian Angel prayer before bedtime.	3 Bless the television set and ask for help in using it in God's service.	4 ★  Make a paper flag and hang it in the window to celebrate our country.	5  Attend First Friday Mass or benediction as a family.	6 Prove to someone you love that you are trustworthy. Make a promise and keep it.
7 Ask each person to listen carefully to the homily at Mass today for one idea to implement this week.	8 Gather as a family and take turns sharing something good that happened to you today.	9  Share the joy of being a child of God. Tell a joke and make someone laugh.	10 Make cookies together using a recipe. Talk about how following God's recipe for our lives will make something wonderful, too.	11  Talk about what you would say to Jesus if he came to visit you.	12  Observe a meatless Friday today. Order a vegetarian pizza and relax.	13  Donate canned goods to a soup kitchen.
14 Pay close attention at Mass today and find something cool you hadn't previously noticed.	15  Select a person or situation in the news and devote a family prayer to it.	16 Write down all the kind and loving phrases you can think of. See how many you can use today.	17  Sing a song that tells God how much you love him.	18 As a family, pick one of the seven virtues and practice it all day. (Faith, hope, charity, prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance.)	19 Take a day off from TV, phones, and computers and ask each person to share a favorite family memory.	20  Say, "I'm sorry" to someone you've injured and go to Confession to celebrate God's unending mercy.
21 Attend Mass as a family and pray for peace.	22  In honor of St. Joseph, do something nice for your father.	23 Pick one person and have everyone else list five things they like about that person. Continue until everyone has had a turn.	24 Light a candle and confess a sin. Promise God you'll try never to do it again.	25  Take every opportunity today to say, "I love you."	26  Celebrate the feast day of Sts. Joachim and Ann, Jesus' grandparents.	27 Bring a meal to someone who is homebound.
28 Eat ice cream sandwiches after Mass today to celebrate the Lord's Day.	29  In honor of St. Martha today, clean house and share a special meal.	30 Help make your family more loving and patient. Resolve to only use kind words toward each other.	31 Ask St. Francis to watch over our Pope. 			

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-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Upcoming PTO Events

Volunteer Opportunities (1 point/30 mins volunteered)

2024 Boosterthon Committee Chairs (2 needed)

Join the fun and help us run our next **Boosterthon** in **September/October 2024!**

We are looking for two committee chairs to work collaboratively on our biggest fundraising event of the school year - Boosterthon! This role enables us to deliver a fun week of activities resulting in a big event that all the children love to participate in. The role includes overall planning, working with Booster Enterprises and engaging families to participate on the day. This role is worth 40 points per committee chair.

If you're interested in this role, please reach out to Lauren Schmidt

ptovpmembership@holyspiritflames.org

New Family Buddies

The New Family Team is looking for current Holy Spirit School families to serve as “buddies” to new families enrolling in the school this fall. A buddy family is a point of contact and friendly face for new families. You can answer their questions and help them navigate those first few months of school! You’ll also be asked to attend the new family social at the end of the summer.

If you would like to volunteer, please email ptonewfamilycoordinator@holyspiritflames.org.

PTO Board 2023 - 2024

President - Christine Ploschke - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org

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Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet - PTOHomeroomCoordinator@holyspiritflames.org

Volunteering

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 for activities where students are present.

Parish Happenings!



Construction Schedule and Parish Impact

MONDAY, JUNE 10 UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST

Building access from June 10 until the end of August:

- The church will be closed with no access for any purpose.
- The narthex will remain open.

WHAT IS BEING DONE:

- ✓ All existing floor tile and carpet are being removed
- ✓ All existing pews are being removed
- ✓ New floor tile and carpet are being laid
- ✓ Distance between pews will be increased
- ✓ Long pews in balcony are being divided in two with new aisles and pews

PARISH IMPACT

Parish activities will be held at the following locations during construction:

MASS

McGivney Hall
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays

School Gym
Saturday mornings, Saturday evening vigils, & Sundays

CONFESSION

Pentecost and Annunciation Rooms (in the Narthex)
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 7:00 p.m.
Tuesdays, Thursdays 6:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m.
Saturdays 3:30 p.m.

HOLY HOUR (NO ADORATION)

McGivney Hall
Fridays, June 22 through August 30
7:00-8:00 p.m.

* NOTE: No Holy Hour on June 15

FUNERALS

Will be held at another nearby Catholic Church with our clergy officiating.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

McGivney Hall will be available when not being used for Mass or Holy Hour.

School space will be on a "space available" basis.

BAPTISMS

Narthex
Sundays, 1:15 p.m.

Community Happenings!

FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "June 13, 2024" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



Family Folder

School Flyers:

1. Partners in Faith (June) newsletter
2. Partners in Faith July and August Summer Calendars
3. EPI School Supply Ordering flyer
4. School Supply List for 24/25

5. Summer Reading List

PTO Flyers:

Parish Flyers:

1. Parish Summer Mass Schedule

Community Flyers:

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