

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIocese of TYLER

Celebration of the Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
Monday 9:00 am
Communion Service
Tuesday 9:00 am
Wednesday 9:00 am
Thursday 9:00 am
Friday 9:00 am

Adoration

Tuesday
9:45 am - 12:30 pm
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm



Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Sunday 8:00 - 8:45 am

Sacrament of the Sick

Offered the first Friday
of the month after 9:00 am
& 6:00 pm Mass.

Marriage or Baptism

Contact the parish office
six (6) months prior to the
anticipated date.

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 29, 2024

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:
NM 11 : 25 - 29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
PS 19 : 8; 10; 12 - 14

2ND READING:
JAS 5 : 1 - 6

GOSPEL:
MK 9 : 38 - 43; 45; 47 - 48



St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, October 4th is the feast
of St. Francis of Assisi. He is
known for his ministry to the
poor and underprivileged, his
care for nature and animals, and
founding the Franciscan order.

Plan to bring your pet for a special blessing on Friday,
October 4th after the 9 am Mass or on Sunday, Octo-
ber 6th after the 9 am Mass. Fr. Ariel will bless the ani-
mals in the church parking lot close to St. Jude's
Hall—in front of the statue of St. Francis of Assisi.

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Church Organizations

Parochial Administrator	Fr. John Gomez
Financial Council	Charlie Clymer
Pastoral Council	John Rigney
Virtus	Justin Mahaffey
Knights of Columbus	Jerry Hauck
4th Degree Knights	Gary Laudt
Legion of Mary	Marge Clymer
	Jane Bidlack
Food Pantry	Bryan Todd
Music Ministry	Lou Masferrer
Rosary Makers	Carol Szczepanski
Cenacle of Life	Vicki Hauck
Welcome	Anna Parker
Bereavement	Eva/Jess Corrigan
Altar Flowers	

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance: 9/21 SAT: 73 9/22 SUN: 86

Collections from 9/21 - 9/22:

Offertory	\$ 4,481.00
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$ 130.00

SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 9/28: 5:00 pm Mass
Wild West Casino Tickets available

Sun 9/29: 9:00 am Mass
Coffee & Donut Sunday
Wild West Casino Tickets available

Mon 9/30: 9:00 am Communion Service

OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues 10/1: 9:00 am Mass
Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Wed 10/2: 9:00 am Mass
3:00 pm Cenacles of Life

Thurs 10/3: 9:00 am Mass

Fri 10/4: 9:00 am Mass - First Friday
Blessing of Animals (after Mass)
6:00 pm Mass - First Friday
Following Mass - Healing Service

Sat 10/5: 9:00 am Mass and Patriotic Rosary
5:00 pm Mass
Wild West Casino Tickets available

Sun 10/6: 9:00 am Mass
Wild West Casino Tickets available

Mon 10/7: 9:00 am Communion Service

Tues 10/8: 9:00 am Mass
Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
5:00 pm Fundraiser Meeting

Wed 10/9: 9:00 am Mass
3:00 pm Cenacles of Life

Thurs 10/10: 9:00 am Mass

Fri 10/11: 9:00 am Mass

Pope's September Intention



For the cry of the earth. We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



Remember the sick of our parish: Suzanne DiCarlo; Barbara Schneider; Helene Kaczowka; Mary Ott; Emly Walker; Elizabeth Egan; Cindy Sue Erdag; Emeress Aiwohi; Fr. Ariel Cortes; Joe Bonneville; Wauneta Winton; Joe Fazzio; Sharon Kroll; Jeri Garfield; Ethan Cowles; Lupe Leal; Jason McCormick; Eloise Sanchez; Linda Hedgecock; Juan & Barbara Delgado; John Buchanan; Dale Boman; Avery Boultinghouse; Bishop Joseph Strickland; Rosemary Seltzer; Elaine March; Libby Paladino; Jo & Doris Hoffman; Roy Marchak; David Borel; Verna Sloan; Mike Stephens; Kathy Bowers; John McGrane; Msgr. Ron Diegel; Chris & Dave Paape; Richard & Dottie Schuetz; John Fabitz; Jodie Woods; George Duke; Jean Hamilton; Kathleen Fleming; Jaye Anderson; Greg Mooney; Karee Haney; Charlie Parker; Jacob Stephens. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.



Remember the active military of our parish: Mitchell, LTJG Navy (Son-in-law of Stan & Terrie Evans). Ben Clymer, Air Force (Grandson of Charlie & Marge). Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike Stephens). CPI Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan). Staff Sergeant, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Lt. Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma). Petty Officer 2 Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).



Mass Intentions

Sat 9/28	Rita Joyce Aucoin+ (Carolyn Aucoin)
Sun 9/29	Tyler Adams+ (Marie Hansen)
Tues 10/1	G. L. Wood+ (Melinda Hlavanks)
Wed 10/2	Emma Seeley+ (Ann Marie Vancas)
Thurs 10/3	Peggy Vancas+ (Ann Marie Vancas)
Fri 10/4	9:00 am Jean Kelly+ (Rosary Makers)
	6:00 pm Fr. Ariel Cortes (Knights of Columbus)



Special Observances

Monday: St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church (*He was from Dalmatia; devoted monk and ascetic; wrote numerous commentaries on and authored Latin ("Vulgate") translation of the Bible; one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church; patron of scripture scholars; "ignorance Scripturarum ignorance Christi est"—"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ".*)

Tuesday: St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church (*Known as "little Flower" dies of tuberculosis in the Carmel of Lisieux at age 24; born in Alencon; contemplative who, in her autobiography, 'The Story of a Soul', urged all to follow "the little way"; proclaimed a doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II; patroness of the missions, of florists, and of France; secondary patroness of the Apostleship of Prayer.*)

Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels (*Observed in Spain since the 16th century; Pope Clement X assigned this Memorial to the first free day following Michaelmas day in 1670.*)

Friday: St. Francis of Assisi, (*Noted for his charismatic personality, deep compassion for, and love for God's creation; renounced wealth to follow "Lady Poverty"; deacon; founded the Franciscan Family that is made up today of the Friars Minor Capuchins, numbering about 10,355 religious, Conventuals, 3,980 religious and those of the Leonine Union numbering 12,475 religious, Poor Clares, Third Order Religious, and Secular Franciscan Order; wrote 'Canticum of the Sun'; received the stigmata; patron of ecologists and of Italy.*)

Saturday: St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin (*Known as St. Maria Faustina Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament; venerated as the "Apostle of Divine Mercy"; professed her first religious vows in the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. Throughout her life, Faustina reported having visions of Jesus and conversations with him, which she noted in her diary (which was published as 'The Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska; Divine Mercy in My Soul'); Faustina had a vision of Jesus who presented himself as the 'King of Divine Mercy', she heard Jesus ask her to become the apostle and secretary of divine mercy, a model of how to be merciful to others, and an instrument for emphasizing God's plan of mercy for the world.)*)

Blessed St. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest (*Born in Germany, he entered the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer and was sent to North America. Ordained a priest in 1844, he began his pastoral ministry in Pittsburgh as an assistant pastor of his confrere, St. John Neumann, serving also as Master of Novices and dedicating himself to preaching. He became a full-time itinerant missionary, preaching in both English and German in a number of different states.*)

Fundraising



Howdy Pardner! Holy Spirit's 12th Annual Dinner & Casino Night is quickly coming upon us. Our *Wild Wild West* themed evening is scheduled for Saturday, October 26th.

Event tickets on sale this weekend after each Mass inside the Church Office. The cost is \$50 per person (or \$400 for a table of eight cowpokes). No tickets will be sold at the door and capacity seating is 160.

Each pardner will receive dinner and \$1500 in casino chips. Tickets are nonrefundable.

TICKETS ARE GOING FAST—GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

So saddle 'em up, Cowboys and Cowgirls!!!!



Fourth quarter offertory envelopes are available for pick up after all Masses this weekend (September 28 & 29). They are located on the table outside Bridget's office.



Annual Red Mass

The Diocese of Tyler will celebrate the annual Red Mass on Monday, October 7th at 6 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Tyler. Very Rev. Doug Jeffers, JCL, Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Austin, will be the homilist.

The Red Mass is celebrated to provide an opportunity for those in the judicial and legal profession to ask guidance of the Holy Spirit as they pursue peace and justice in their communities, and for the faithful to pray with them and for them.

The Mass is open to all.



Anyone involved in any Ministry at our Parish, must be compliant on your Ethics and Integrity training with VIRTUS.

To sign up for training, please notify Holy Spirit's contact person:
Justin Mahaffey 903-714-3649 or
email him at: justin.mahaffey@icloud.com



Holy Spirit Food Pantry

The food pantry is in desperate need of canned meat items (i.e. Spaghetios, Ravioli, Chicken and Dumplings, Stew).

If you know of anyone who needs our help, please contact:

Robert Mailliard (503-559-6022) or
Bryan Todd (972-672-4218).

Thank you for helping us feed the hungry in our community

Holy Spirit Catholic Church 2024 Life Chain



Holy Spirit Catholic Church will be participating again in the 2024 Life Chain on FM 2869 on Sunday, October 6 at 2:00 until 3:00 PM. This year will be the 10th year that Holy Spirit will take a stand for Pro-Life by being part of this National Life Chain Event.

The National Life Chain is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. Nearly 2000 cities across the US and Canada are expected to participate on Sundays in October and November.

For more Information, contact Holy Spirit's Life Chain Committee Chairman, Richard Boultinghouse at 903-769-4257 or rbhouse61@aol.com.

Homework from Fr. Ariel Cortez:

Because it is the feast of the Archangels: They are one of the nine choirs of angels. What are the names of the other eight choirs of angels?



Blessing of the animals

When: Friday, Oct.4 and Sunday, Oct. 6

Time: After the 9 am Mass

Where: In front of the St. Francis of Assisi statue by St. Jude's Hall kitchen door.



fundraiser

Fundraising committee needs your help. In order to make our Casino Night a success, we need volunteers in a variety of capacities—we need sponsors, prize donations, and “hands-on” volunteers.

Stop by the sign-up board in the Narthex.

Being Holy Spirit's main yearly fundraiser, we hope to obtain \$25,000 to contribute to the maintenance of our beautiful church complex. The largest donations come from our raffle tickets. It depends on your selling the “raffle” tickets (which you received three weeks ago) or by acquiring money donations.

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St. Agatha https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=17

Birth: 231 Death: 251 Feastday: February 5

Patron: of Sicily, bellfounders, breast cancer, against fire, Palermo, rape victims, and wet nurses
St. Agatha, also known as Agatha of Sicily, is one of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of the Catholic Church. It is believed that she was born around 231 in either Catania or Palermo, Sicily to a rich and noble family. From her very early years, the notably beautiful Agatha dedicated her life to God. She became a consecrated virgin, a state in life where young women choose to remain celibate and give themselves wholly to Jesus and the Church in a life of prayer and service. That did not stop men from desiring her and making unwanted advances toward her.

One of the men who desired Agatha, whose name was Quintianus, because he was of a high diplomatic ranking, thought he could force her to turn away from her vow and force her to marry. His persistent proposals were consistently spurned by Agatha, so Quintianus, knowing she was a Christian during the persecution of Decius, had her arrested and brought before the judge. He was the Judge. He expected her to give in to his demands when she was faced with torture and possible death, but she simply reaffirmed her belief in God by praying: "Jesus Christ, Lord of all, you see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am. I am your sheep: make me worthy to overcome the devil." With tears falling from her eyes, she prayed for courage. To force her to change her mind, Quintianus had her imprisoned - in a brothel.

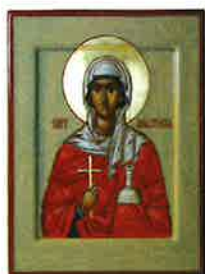
Agatha never lost her confidence in God, even though she suffered a month of assaults and efforts to get her to abandon her vow to God and go against her virtue. Quintianus heard of her calm strength and ordered that she be brought before him once again. During her interrogation, she told him that to be a servant of Jesus Christ was her true freedom. Enraged, Quintianus sent her off to prison instead of back to the brothel -- a move intended to make her even more afraid, but it was probably a great relief to her. Agatha continued to proclaim Jesus as her Savior, Lord, Life and Hope. Quintianus ordered her to be tortured. He had her stretched on a rack to be torn with iron hooks, burned with torches, and whipped.

Noticing Agatha was enduring all the torture with a sense of cheer, he commanded she be subjected to a worse form of torture. This evil man ordered that her breasts be cut off. He then sent her back to prison with an order of no food or medical attention. But the Lord gave her all the care she needed. He was her Sacred Physician and protector. Agatha had a vision of the apostle, St. Peter, who comforted her and healed her wounds through his prayers. After four days, Quintianus ignored the miraculous cure of her wounds. He had her stripped naked and rolled over naked over hot coals which were mixed with sharp shards. When she was returned to prison, Agatha prayed, "Lord, my Creator, you have ever protected me from the cradle; you have taken me from the love of the world, and given me patience to suffer: receive now my soul."

Agatha is believed to have passed into Heaven around the year 251. She is commonly featured in religious art with shears, tongs, or breasts on a plate. St. Agatha is the patron saint of Sicily, bellfounders, breast cancer patients, Palermo, rape victims, and wet nurses. She is also considered to be a powerful intercessor when people suffer from fires. Her feast day is celebrated on February 5.

Prayer:

Saint Agatha, you suffered sexual assault and indignity because of your faith and purity. Help heal all those who are survivors of sexual assault and protect those women who are in danger. Amen



St. Anastasia II https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=17

Death: 257 Feastday: October 28

Anastasia was a martyr, whose history is the subject of legends. She is believed to have been a young woman who lived with a group of Christian virgins in Rome. During the persecutions of Emperor Valerian, she was arrested and cruelly tortured by a prefect named Probus. When she asked for some water, a man named Cyril brought her some. For this kindness he shared her same fate – beheading.



Holy Spirit Night of Healing

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

*Come
Join
us in
Prayer
and
Healing*



The First Friday of each month

Mass for the Sick 6:00 pm

Blessings and Healing after Mass

Let the Holy Spirit Heal your Body and Soul