

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF TYLER

Celebration of the Mass (Oct 17 – Oct 23)

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
Monday 9:00 am
Communion Service
Tuesday 9:00 am
Communion Service
Wednesday 9:00 am
Communion Service
Thursday 9:00 am
Communion Service
Friday 9:00 am
Communion Service

Adoration

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



Reconciliation

Tuesday 9:45 am – 12:30 pm
Saturday 4:30 pm – 4:45 pm
(or by appt.)
Sunday Upon request
Weekdays Upon request

Sacrament of the Sick

Offered at First Friday
Mass upon request

Marriage or Baptism

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

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2026

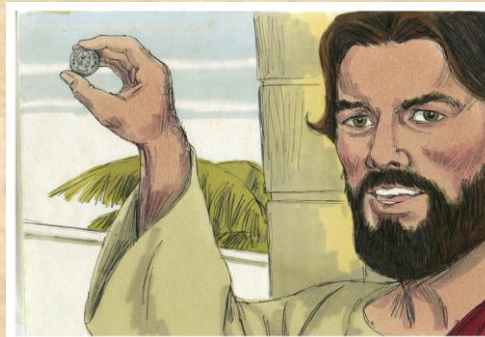
TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:
IS 45:1; 4 - 6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
96:15 - 21

2ND READING:
1 THES 1: 1 - 5

GOSPEL:
MT 22:15 - 21



"Whose image is this and whose
inscription?...
Then repay Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God."

Matt 22: 20 - 21

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Pope Leo's October Intention
For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health industry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.

Church Organizations

Financial Council	Charlie Clymer
Pastoral Council	John Rigney
Knights of Columbus	LC Dodson
4th Degree Knights	Gary Laudt
Legion of Mary	Marge Clymer
	Jane Bidlack
Music Ministry	Nitja McGrane
Food Pantry	Bob Mailliard
Rosary Makers/Prayer Blankets	Carol Szczepanski
Cenacles of Life	Vicki Hauck
Funeral Preparations	Deacon John Erdag

Mass Intentions

Sat 10/17	+Cleve & +Peggy Biggs (Brandi Edwards)
Sun 10/18	Jeff Ellis (Ellis Family)
Tues 10/20	Gary Laudt (Knights of Columbus)
Wed 10/21	
Thurs 10/22	Norman Taliana (Knights of Columbus)
Fri 10/23	Claire Ellis (Ellis Family)



Pray for our Sick

Eva & Jess Corrigan; Mike Stephens; Vicki Hauck; Rocio & Michael Bailey; Daine & Gary Laudt; Mendi Lancaster; Fran Fleming; Mark Edwards; Shepard Cartin; Joe Fazzio; Charles McCloskey; Deanie DeLee; Sharon Ryan; Marge & Charlie Clymer; Mary Langoff; Lillian Speights; Rebecca Niebrugge; Claire Sullivan; Kirk Wilder; David Barber; Elaine Arellano; Marissa Cowles; Judy Terry; Randy Munoz; Elain March & Rosemary Seltzer; Maureen Tucker; Patrick Wood; Margaret Smith-Cauley; Elmer Mulhollon; Roland & Pat Schmear; Barbara Schneider; Helen Kaczowka; Emily Walker; Joe Bonneville; Juan & Barbara Delgado; Avery Boultinghouse; Joe & Dorris Hoffman; Roy Marchak; David Borel; Verna Sloan; Kathy Bowers; Msgr. Ron Diegel; Chris & Dave Paape; Richard Schuetz; Jodie Woods; Jean Hamilton; Kathleen Fleming; Jaye Anderson; Karee Haney; Charlie Parker; Jacob Stephens; Betty Zwiger

Please check both the remembrance lists (sick and military). If your family member can be removed or needs to be added, please contact the church office (903-769-3235).

Pray for our Soldiers



Senior Chief Petty Officer James Nichols (Nephew of Dcn John & Cindy Erdag); Cody Mitchell LTJG Navy (Son-in-law of Stan & Terrie Evans); Ben Clymer Sr Airman USAF (Grandson of Charlie & Marge Clymer); Captain- US Army Joseph Chandler (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan); Lt Gary Buchanan, Lt William Corrigan (Nephews of Jess & Evan Corrigan); AMT 2nd Class Paul Morena (Grandson of Kathy Boman); Petty Officer 2nd Class - Navy Garner Baker (Grandson of Ed & Francie Baker)

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance: 10/10 SAT: 79 10/11 SUN: 88

Collections from 10/10 -10/11:

Offertory	\$ 3,139.00
Building/Maintenance Fund	\$ 650.00
Candles	\$ 44.50
Mass Intentions	\$ 46.00
Holy Spirit Food Pantry	\$ 275.00

OCTOBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

10/3 & 10/4: Building & Maintenance Fund
10/17 & 10/18: World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your generous contributions.
Please remember Holy Spirit Catholic Church in your will.

OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 10/17:	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 10/18:	8:30 am Mass
Mon 10/19:	9:00 am Communion Service 6:00 pm OCIA
Tues 10/20:	9:00 am Communion Service 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 - 7:00 pm Adoration
Wed 10/21:	9:00 am Communion Service 10:30 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 10/22:	9:00 am Communion Service 1:00 pm Legion of Mary
Fri 10/23:	9:00 am Communion Service 9:30 am Rosary Makers 9:30 am Food Ministry Distribution
Sat 10/24:	5:00 pm Mass – Fr. Ron Demske
Sun 10/25:	8:30 am Mass – Fr. Ron Demske
Mon 10/26:	9:00 am Communion Service 6:00 pm OCIA
Tues 10/27:	9:30 am - 12:30 pm Adoration 6:00 - 7:00 pm Adoration
Wed 10/28:	10:30 am Bible Study 3:00 pm Cenacles of Life 1:00 pm Legion of Mary
Thurs 10/29:	9:00 am Communion Service
Fri 10/30:	9:30 am Rosary Makers 9:30 am Food Ministry Distribution



Don't forget that you can spend time with the Lord during adoration on Tuesdays from 9:30 am—12:30 pm and again from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Holy Spirit Food Ministry

This month's Fill-a-Bag Fight Hunger will be for our Thanksgiving gift boxes. Please return the filled Thanksgiving bags by putting them in the bin outside the church office or handing it to a Food Ministry member. Thank you for your continued support of this crucial ministry that serves HLR and the surrounding community. If you, or you know of a person in need, please give a contact phone number to:

Bob Mailliard (503) 559-6022



Special Mass Observances

Saturday

St. Ignatius of Antioch
Bishop, Martyr

Tuesday

St. Paul of the Cross Priest

Friday

St. John of Capistrano Priest

Monday

Sts. John de Brebeuf and
Isaac Jogues Priests and Com-
panions, Martyrs

Thursday

St. John Paul II Pope



October
the month of the
Rosary

Pray the Rosary

 **DIOCESE of TYLER**

Advent Retreat

BE CONFORMED TO CHRIST! GO OUT TO THE WORLD!

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



St. Paul Meeting Room, Diocese of Tyler
1015 E. Southeast Loop 323
Tyler, TX 75701



The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently or is in danger, immediately report it to state/ local law enforcement or the **Texas**

Department of Family and Protective Services:
(800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org



HELP SAVE LIVES IN Tyler

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

Here's how to take part:

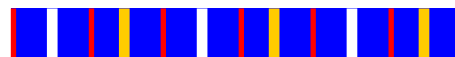
- **Vigil location:** Outside of Chapel of Sts. Peter and Paul
o 1435 E. Southeast Loop 323 @ Easy St.
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily on weekdays
- **Local contact:** Lars Gustafson, 281-782-6292,
Tyler40daysforlife@gmail.com

Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign:

40daysforlife.com/Tyler



Knights' Korner



Eats:

Holy Spirit Council members saw the breakfast this past Sunday welcome several folks we hadn't seen in months. Yes, it is the best culinary value in town but just as importantly, it is a fellowship event where parishioners, old and new, gather to catch up and evangelize each other on the experience of shared food and friendship. We're happy to be part of it! See you **November 1** for the next monthly breakfast!

Want to join the Knights of Columbus:

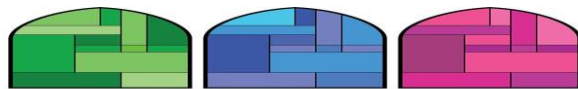
Scan this QR code with your smart phone. It will bring up the Knights of Columbus Website for joining. We're **Council #15174**. We are waiting for you!



Support Advertisement

As the new liturgical year begins, November 29th, we will be offering **business advertisements** in our bulletin. If you or someone you know is interested in securing an advertisement for a business, please contact **Ileana Suchta** at

469-323-5248 or
ileanasuchta@sbcglobal.net



Announcements

- ❖ Fr. Francis will be on vacation from Sunday, October 18th (afternoon) until Friday, October 30th (afternoon). Fr. Ron Demske will say Masses on the weekend of October 24th and 25th. We will have Communion Services during those two weeks.
- ❖ OCIA classes are held each Monday evening at 6:00 pm in St. Jude's Hall.
- ❖ In the next few weeks, the Pastoral Council will publish a parish survey. It is very important that each registered member provide an updated email address so that we acquire everyone's responses to the survey. Your input is greatly appreciated.
- ❖ **Holy Spirit's Sunday Choir is in need of an organist. If you know of anyone who is interested, please contact Nitja McGrane or the church office.**



All Souls Day

All Souls Day is just a few weeks away.

Holy Spirit will once again honor those parishioners or their family members who have died in the year 2026. Please

provide a picture to the parish office no later than October 27th.

FUN FOR ALL AGES!



FREE

- Food
- Carnival Games
- Inflatables
- Petting Zoo

PRESENTED BY: HOLLY TREE BIBLE CHURCH, HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH
HOLLY LAKE RANCH, ORIGIN BANK - HOLLY LAKE RANCH, AND SUMMIT HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP



MUSIC BY
THE TUXEDO CATS

- INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES!
- COME IN COSTUME OR AS YOU ARE!
- HOLLY LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
5-7 PM AT SUMMIT HEIGHTS

2340 FM 2869 | HAWKINS, TX

Holy Spirit Parishioners,

Once again, we are supporting Summit Heights Fall Festival. We need parishioners to donate 2-liter sodas (any variety and any quantity). Please bring them to the church office by Wednesday, October 21st.

“Physician Assisted Suicide”

By Deacon John

I wrote the below article a few years ago, and every couple of years, I like to reprint it during Right to Life Month. It's an important message about the many victims of assisted suicide. During this month of October, I urge us all to be visibly active in our fight for life. Too many people are forever scarred by the evil of assisted suicide, and we must do everything we can to prevent it. It's been 25 years, but the loss of my stepmom is still painful.

This election year is so important in our state of Texas. Despite legal prohibition, surveys indicate that around 70% of Texans support physician-assisted suicide for terminally ill patients. Advocacy groups continue to push for "death with dignity" legislation. Fortunately, as of 2026, no bills have been passed or formally considered in the Texas legislature. But that could quickly change. Please get out and vote.

20 years ago, after my stepmother returned from a trip to Europe, she wanted to show me what she had brought back, and she pulled out a prescription pill container with one single pill in it. It was very non-descript; today, I don't even remember what it looked like. I asked her what it was and she said it was a suicide pill. I asked her why she had it and she replied that, because of a degenerative problem in her back and legs, she was constantly in pain. I also knew her disease had led her into a pretty severe depression. She told me that a doctor in Europe had given the pill to her to use when the pain became too much.

Well, I got very angry with her and tried to take the pill away. She eventually convinced me that it was more of a security blanket for her. She said that just knowing that she had it gave her a sense of relief, so that she wouldn't need to use it. I know now that it was the complete opposite. It was constantly on her mind; beckoning her to use it.

On November 25, 2001, Sheila told Dad that she wasn't feeling well and that she was going upstairs to take a nap. They were always pretty affectionate, so he didn't think anything strange about her kissing him and telling him that she loved him. A few hours later, he went upstairs to wake her up for dinner, and that's when he found her. She had left a note saying the pain had become too much. She was 62 years old.

She didn't need that pill. What she needed was a certified doctor who could have helped her deal with her pain and depression. What she needed was hope in a more attractive life; a hope that would be more overpowering than her pain. Something to help overcome the pain. I'm not suggesting that the pain wasn't severe, but she let it become more important than her life itself. She wasn't thinking rationally.

She always felt she was too intelligent to believe in God; that religion was for the simple and uneducated. But even without God, she could have recognized that her life was much broader than just her internal pain. That there was so much more to life than just the day-to-day problems she dealt with. Truly joyous things like her husband, her family, her friends, her worth to society. She didn't see that. She didn't believe in an afterlife, but she was still willing to end this life. And when it was so simple to get that pill, once she had it, there were no obstructions in taking it.

Suicide assistance—sometimes called Physician-Assisted Suicide (PAS) or Medical Aid in Dying (MAID)—places already vulnerable people groups at greater risk. Suicide assistance fails to protect the integrity and ethics of the medical profession. Yet, there's a growing disregard for human dignity that has been eroding patients' rights over the past several decades. Advocates of “death with dignity” have taken their case to the states. **(addendum: In 2026, 11 states plus D.C. have legalized physician-assisted suicide laws with 14 more actively considering it this year. And public support keeps growing.)**

Now, I know there are many ways to commit suicide. You don't necessarily need a physician's help. But these laws make it much easier. And current public sympathy makes it more acceptable. It places more value on the quality of life than on life itself. But how can we put an assessment on quality? Where do we look at someone's quality of life and determine that's the point where they should die? How can we ever think that there isn't enough value in any modicum of life that isn't worth living? Only God can determine that.

During this Respect Life month, let's pray for all people who are considering, or who have acted on, ending their lives. And for all people who have control of helping to end someone else's life. Let's pray that we stop making it so easy, and that our society changes its attitude on what true dignity of life is. And most importantly, let's pray that those who are suffering find life giving solutions, not life taking ones. We owe each other suicide prevention, never suicide assistance.



Life Chain hosted by Holy Spirit Catholic Church

National Life Chain (www.lifechain.org) is the largest Peaceful, pro-life public witness in the world. Cities, communities, and churches throughout the US and Canada annually, on Sundays in October, display handheld, pro-life signs on streets and roads for passing traffic to view.



On Sunday, October 11, 2026, for the 12th time, Holy Spirit Catholic Church successfully hosted the local Life Chain with 37 participants, members of Holy Spirit and our next-door neighbors at Holly Tree Bible Church, including Deacon and Mrs. John Erdag, and Pastor Tim Mink. Although the weather was hot, the volunteers, ranging in age from 7 up to 87 years, were very enthusiastic, as were the drivers of 137 vehicles driving past along FM 2869 during the event, organized by Knights of Columbus Holy Spirit Council 15174.



Thank you, all the volunteers who participated in the event, and we continue to always pray for an end to the evil of abortion.