



Holy Spirit Catholic Parish A Welcoming Community

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; & 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

As indicated in the weekly calendar.

RECONCILIATION

Available before weekday and Saturday Masses as indicated in the weekly calendar and by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated throughout the year. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after mass. See parish website for further information.

MARRIAGE

Please make an appointment with the pastor as soon as a decision is made to marry. A minimum of nine months notice is required. Please make no other arrangements until a date is confirmed with the parish. A marriage preparation course, offered in our pastoral region, is required.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Kim Baudouin 613-884-8475

PASTORAL CARE

A Pastoral Care Team visits sick or elderly members of the parish in their homes or in hospital. To arrange for Communion, the Sacrament of the Sick, or a visit, please contact the Pastor.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Claire Moore, President 613-612-1659

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

James MacLean, Grand Knight 613-831-8617

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Alex Golob, Chair 613-410-1896

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Bernadette Elementary 613-907-4122
Guardian Angels Elementary 613-836-7423
Holy Spirit Elementary 613-831-1853
St. Stephen Elementary 613-831-8844
Sacred Heart High 613-831-6643



PARISH REGISTRATION: If you are new to our Parish Community, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket.

Names: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Oct 6 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2.7ab,15,18-24

Hebrews 2.9-11

Mark 10.2-16

Oct 13 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 7.7-11

Hebrews 4.12-13

Mark 10.17-30

Parish Calendar

- Mon, Oct 7** Our Lady of the Rosary
9:00 am Mass followed by the Rosary
6:30 pm RCIA
- Tue, Oct 8**
7:00 pm Mass
7:35 pm Knights of Columbus planning meeting
- Wed, Oct 9**
9:00 am Mass
7:00 pm Mary & the Eucharist Adoration hour
- Thu, Oct 10**
9:00 am Mass with Sacred Heart Grade 10
9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
9:30 am Cenacle of Marian Movement of Priests
7:00 pm Youth Night Grades 6-8
- Fri, Oct 11**
9:00 am Mass
9:30 am Flame of Love Prayer Group
- Sat, Oct 12**
9:30 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
4:15-4:45 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass
- Sun, Oct 13** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Mass
11:00 am Mass

* Confession available before morning Mass 8:30-8:50am

SAVE THE DATE – November 16, 2024, is our Catholic Women's League BAZAAR – you don't want to miss it!

An Invitation from Father C. Ross Finlan, our former pastor On October 25, 1974, I was ordained to the presbyteral ministry in my home parish of St. Augustine, Ottawa. I will celebrate my 50th anniversary on October 25, 2024, at St. Isidore Parish, 1135 March Rd, Kanata. We will begin by singing Evening Prayer at 7:30 pm in the church and a catered reception and cash bar will follow in the adjacent parish hall until 10:00 pm. To assist in the planning, please RSVP the name(s) of attendees by email to FatherRoss50@gmail.com before Oct 18. I hope you can join me.

World Day of the Rosary: on Monday, October 7th, to celebrate the World Day of the Rosary, we will pray the rosary after the 9 am morning Mass. You are invited to attend! If you can't make it, consider at some point in the day praying a rosary with your family or on your own, entrusting the world to the maternal loving care of our Blessed Mother.

For e-Transfer please send it to admin@holyspiritparish.ca and use the password: Holyspirit (all one word with a capital H).

Mass Intentions

- Mon, Oct 7 – 9:00 am**
†Father Norbert Cybulski by Sandra Cybulski
- Tue, Oct 8 – 7:00 pm**
Intentions of Janet Nikkel by Secret Sister
- Wed, Oct 9 – 9:00 am**
In thanksgiving to St. Jude, St. Anthony & St. Joseph
- Thu, Oct 10 – 9:00 am**
In thanksgiving by Sandra
- Fri, Oct 11 – 9:00 am**
†Gene Thompson by June Peter
- Sat, Oct 12 – 5:00 pm**
For the closure of the main Ottawa abortion facility & all affected by abortion
- Sun, Oct 13 – 9:00 am**
†Claudette Sabourin by Leonard Foley
†Stephen Geurts by Hopkins, Thomas & Murray Family
Intentions of Carryer Family
- Sun, Oct 13 – 11:00 am**
For the intentions of all parishioners



Please pray for those who are sick:

Please pray for those who have died: †

†Indicates Deceased.

Men's Breakfast with Guest Speaker Bishop Yvan Matthieu

Saturday, October 19th, 8 am in Holy Spirit Parish Hall. The Knights of Columbus of Holy Spirit Parish are hosting a men's breakfast with a guest speaker. The theme is "Fatherhood in the "New and Old Testaments". All men are invited! Please RSVP to kofc@holyspiritparish.ca by Tuesday, October 17th so we can have enough scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, etc. Free will offering to cover the costs. Invite a friend for a morning of fellowship with an engaging speaker on the important topic of fatherhood.



2025 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION - PARENTS

ONLY MEETING (no children required): at Holy Spirit Parish Hall on: Tue, Oct 22, 2024, at 6:30 pm; and Sat, Oct 26, 2024, at 4:00 pm. If you have children in Grade 6 or older and wish the Sacrament of Confirmation for them, please plan to attend one of these meetings. If your child was not baptized at Holy Spirit Church, we will need a copy of their baptism certificate.



The **Lighthouse Youth Ministries** Youth Nights continue: this week Grades 6-8. This week's theme: Gratitude. Bring a friend. Check Parish Calendar above. Our ministry is still looking for volunteers, if you feel called to help in any way, please contact Alex for next steps! youth@holyspiritparish.ca

Gospel Reflection

In the Gospel we hear Jesus say, “what God has joined together, let no-one separate.” (Mk 10.9) As Christians, we understand that marriage is much more than a special contract, it is a covenant and when it is celebrated between two baptized Christians it is raised to the dignity of a sacrament. As Catholic Christians we know that a problem with society’s view of marriage today is that it sees marriage as merely a contract between two, consenting adults. It fails to grasp its God-given dignity as a sacred union between man and woman that invites us into the reality of God’s love for the human person. Marriage dignifies the difference of the sexes and transforms human relations into a reflection for God’s love and self-gift to us.

Father Geoffrey Kerlake

CUSTODIAN NEEDED Holy Spirit Parish is looking for a part time custodian to do cleaning, lawn maintenance, event setup and minor maintenance in the church, hall, and grounds. This position is for 20 hours per week. Please contact Tamara in the Parish Office, admin@holyspiritparish.ca or 613-836-8881, for more information.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Parishioners are invited to share with those less fortunate in our community by bringing non-perishable food items to donate to the Stittsville Food Bank for Thanksgiving. The Food Bank is serving more clients than in previous years. Please bring your donation to the Parish Hall by Sunday, October 6th. Thank you for giving generously!

Catholic Women’s League Bazaar 2024: The CWL annual Bazaar will be November 16th. There will be vendors, crafts, baked goods, door prizes, raffles, White Elephant table, religious articles and more at our Bazaar. We invite all parishioners to help us. If you have knitting, sewing, craft items and baking, it would be much appreciated! We love having a variety of crafts, so please let us know if you have items to donate. Contact us at cwlholyspiritparish@gmail.com

40 Days for Life Campaign Vigil: The Fall 40 Days for Life campaign, a time set aside to pray and fast for an end to abortion, is taking place from Wed, Sep 25 to Sun, Nov 3, 2024. To sign up for a prayer vigil time slot or for more info see www.40daysforlife.com/en/ottawa

Life Chain October 6th (2 pm to 3 pm corner of Hazeldean and Eagleson) Life Chain is an easy way to get involved in pro-life activism. Our local Life Chain will be held October 6th - just show up for one hour to stand on the sidewalk with others who are not ashamed to publicly witness to their pro-life beliefs. Your local Life Chain organizer will provide you with a non-graphic Life Chain sign to hold, and you may pray silently for an end to abortion and for those affected by it. For more info visit: www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain

Holy Spirit is blessed with a **Prayer Shawl Ministry** that knits and crochets beautiful prayer shawls in various shapes and sizes, for men, women, the young and the elderly. Shawls are ministered for various occasions: whether you are in need of a hug and a prayer to comfort you in trying times or celebrating a joyous sacrament/festivity; prayer shawls are a loving gift and a great reminder that we are loved by our greater community. Please connect with us if you are creative and would like to use your talents in this wonderful Ministry - we meet monthly, or you may wish to be a silent knitter who cannot attend the meetings but wishes to participate. If you know of someone who can benefit from a prayer shawl, please contact: prayershawlmin@gmail.com

WOVEN All are invited to a special diocesan Mass of Remembrance for children lost through miscarriage or in infancy. Hosted at Annunciation Parish on Oct 19, 2024, the 9am Mass is an opportunity to entrust to the Lord our children who have gone home to his arms. If you have lost a child, you are invited to record their name(s) using the online form: www.ottawacornwall.ca/.../mass-of-remembrance.../. A reception will follow the Mass.

The Red Mass will be celebrated at **7 pm on Thu, Oct 24, 2024**, at **Notre-Dame Cathedral** presided by the Most Reverend Marcel Damphousse, Archbishop of Ottawa. The Red Mass marks the opening of the fall session of the law courts and is sponsored by the Saint Thomas More Lawyers' Guild of Ottawa. This Mass will provide us with an opportunity to reflect on the important role we play in our legal profession in seeking justice and fairness for our community at large. All judges and lawyers are invited to attend. Lawyers are also invited to gown for the procession and the mass. There will be a reception in the Cathedral basement following the mass. Refreshments and food at the reception is sponsored by Bergeron Clifford LLP

What everyone needs to know about women & heart disease. The Holy Spirit Parish Catholic Women’s League General Meeting is pleased to invite all ladies of the parish to our General Meeting on October 28 at 7:15 pm in the Parish Hall to hear a talk by Risa Mallory, a retired psychotherapist who, as a result of a serious cardiovascular event, has become passionate about heart health advocacy, collaborative medical care and knowledge translation. Her discussion will cover:

- What heart disease is
- How heart disease is different in women, including signs and symptoms;
- Risks for heart disease;
- How you can take heart health action;
- Tips for talking with your health care providers.

Following the talk by Ms. Mallory, we will have a health break with refreshments followed by our regular monthly meeting. You are most welcome to join us for this meeting or leave after the health break. We look forward to seeing you there.

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