Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. *— Hebrews 12:2*

LISTEN TO JESUS AND THE PROPHETS

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen.

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REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

By now just about all of summer has been unwrapped and spent. As the season drains away and summer's light dims, so too grows the realization that the busy work of life must soon be taken up in earnest once more. Once more the realization returns that life calls us seriously to particular autumn cares. No matter how fearful or challenging, each of us must follow that inner voice or else sense that life will have become less.

Such was the story of Jeremiah, who found himself prophet to the Hebrew people. He sensed an inner call to speak God's word against the nation's political alliances and against the king's penchant to trust in military machines. As a result Jeremiah found himself tossed into a well. Yet he remained committed.

It is also the story of Jesus, who came with truth as a walking stick and the kingdom as seeds of life to be scattered and sown. He also knew full well that few would walk where he would walk or choose to feed on what he would sow. Yet he would not back away from what he was about.

Such a willingness to stretch ourselves into the unknown is part of that mysterious list of things that make us human. At such times we walk in the shadow of Jesus as he leads us into new ways of being human. Seldom, if ever, is it without struggle or even pain, yet it is then that we begin to gain a fuller sense of who we truly are, and it is then that through us God brings the world to something new. —Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday:	Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

August 23 – Youth Group August 30 – Parish Council

From Bishop Sis - Help for Gaza

Dear friends,

In the ongoing crisis in Gaza, Christians and other innocent victims of violence are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions. The Holy Father Pope Leo XIV continues to call for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that "Gaza is starving." The Catholic Church is there providing emergency humanitarian relief through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

If you would like to help provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East, you can send your donations directly to CNEWA or CRS. Both organizations have well-established partnerships with the Catholic Church in the region which allow them to respond quickly and efficiently.

Here is how you can donate to these Catholic organizations:

For CNEWA:

Donate by check: Catholic Near East Welfare Association , Gaza Emergency Relief, 220 East 42nd Street 27th Floor, New York, NY 10017

For CRS:

Donate online: support.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict

Donate by phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS

Donate by check: Catholic Relief Services Holy Land Response, P.O. Box 5278, Tipton, IA 52772-0517

Thank you for your generous support of our brothers and sisters in need.

Bishop Michael J. Sis

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 7:30pm at IHM. Confession will also be available during Adoration.

WHY AM I CATHOLIC? Deacon Bill's sharing session is every Tuesday at his home, @6pm. All are invited!

ULTREYA– meets Monday, August 17th, 7:00pm at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html

GRUPO MISIONERO will meet Thursday in the hall @7:00pm.

PARISH MOVIE GROUP – will meet this Sunday, August 17th at 4:00pm, Holy Family parish hall.

BAPTISM – To schedule, please call the office

¡ATTENCIÓN! Clases de catecismo para adultos en español son los miercoles a las 7:00pm, en el Salón de Inmaculado Corazón, 507 W. Alabama Ave con el catequista Victor Rubio Jr.

08/9-10, 2025 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS……$4769.00
LOOSE PLATE……1043.94
Diocesan Priests' Ret..……689.15
TOTAL COLLECTION……..$6502.09

Thank you for your generosity

Holy Spirit Catholic Parish

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
2025 – 2026

R E G I S T R A T I O N
(Note: ALL CURRENT and NEW STUDENTS)

WHEN: Starts: Tuesday, August 12, 2025
Ends: Thursday, August 28, 2025
Days: Monday thru Thursday
Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Where: IHM Hall c/o Sister Tita, OND

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: NO REGISTRATION on WEDNESDAYS or SUNDAYS when CLASSES start!

CLASSES BEGIN:
(a) Wednesday, September 3rd: 7th to 11th Grades
Class Time: 7:00-8:30pm
(b) Sunday, September 7th:Pre-K to 6th Grades
Class Time: 9:30-10:40am

***Religious Education Calendar 2025-2026 will be given upon registration.**

***Baptismal Certificate is required of all new registrants and current students without baptismal records.**

"Please come and register early!"

Saturday, August 16th
5:00PM-IHM–
+Belinda Gomez,
Tomas & Guadalupe Morales;
+Fidela Gonzales;
+Louis Torres

Sunday, August 17th -
8:00AM – En acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Sara Kelly; Por Martin Luna; +Ezequiel, Albina, Delia y Teresa Gonzalez; Rafael y Concha Acevedo
9:30AM-HF- For the people of Nolan County
11:00AM – +Roberto Sauceda, Jr.

Tuesday, August 19th 9:00AM - HF
+Margaret and Mark Butler

Wednesday, August 20th 6:00PM–IHM
In thanksgiving for Zackery and Dominic Villa's birthdays

Thursday, August 21st 9:00AM HF
+Cecil Villa

Friday, August 22nd 9:00AM– HF
For the well-being of Tanis Moreno's family

Saturday, August 23rd -
5:00PM-IHM–+Maria Morales & Carlos Guerrero, Rodolfo Morales; for Humberto Diaz

Sunday, August 24th -
8:00AM – Por la Gente de Nolan County
11:00AM – +Martina Herrera; In thanksgiving for the birthdays of Toribio & Erick Medellin

J A M A I C A S e p t e m b e r 2 8, 2 0 2 5

Holy Spirit Jamaica Committee is getting ready for our annual festival! Once again, we are asking for donations for the bingo prizes, cakes for the cake walk, 2 liter soft drinks, and stuffed animals for game prizes. All donations may be dropped off at the parish office and the cakes the day before the Jamaica. If you would like to help in any other way, please contact Ellie Mendez @ 725-0671. Please remember to pick up your raffle tickets and to return them to Patty Torres (finance). Someone from the finance council will be outside after all the masses. The raffle is the biggest money maker of the Jamaica! Thank you for your help!

SELL 100 Tickets to have your name entered in a drawing for a CHANCE to win a "NINTENDO SWITCH 2"

NOTE: See back page this Bulletin ►
"Be a Jamaica Sponsor"

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

With YOUR help, we're going to have a great festival this year! There is much to prepare for and we need your help to purchase the festival food, entertainment and game prizes so that all raffle ticket sales and festival food sales goes straight to Holy Spirit Catholic Parish.

It's time for the **Holy Spirit Catholic Parish's Annual Jamaica Festival** which will be held Sunday, September 28, 2025. We are asking for monetary donations to help defray the cost of festival expenses.

Please contact Patty Torres at 325-733-8252 or any of the finance committee members passing out raffle Tickets every Saturday and Sunday. Please Sponsor by September 20th so that your contribution will make this year's Jamaica a success!

Name:_____

Address:_____

Date Paid_____

Amount Paid by Check (Payable to Holy Spirit Parish) #_____$_____ or Cash $_____

FOOD COSTS_____ ENTERTAINMENT_____RAFFLE & GAME PRIZES_____

Do you want to be listed as our generous sponsor on our Facebook page and in our weekly bulletin?
Yes____ or No____

On behalf of Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, we thank you for your sponsorship. Your Sponsorship goes to support and maintain the parish churches and activities.