

Frequently Asked Questions:

What are the parish office hours?

Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon and 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM. Friday we are open from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

How do I contact the Parish office?

Phone: 972-298-4971, Fax: 972-709-1443, mailing address: 1111 W Danieldale Rd., Duncanville, TX 75137,
website: www.holyspiritcatholic.com

How do I register with the Parish?

We have a Welcome Table in the Narthex with parish census forms. Simply fill them out at the Welcome Table or return them in the Sunday collection or to the parish office.

When are Masses at Holy Spirit?

Weekend Masses are 5:30 PM Saturday, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM Sunday. Weekday Masses are Monday through Friday at 8:30 AM. Holy Day of Obligation Masses are 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 6:00 PM and 7:30 PM unless otherwise stated.

When are Confessions?

Confessions are Saturdays from 4:15 PM until 5:00 PM or by appointment.

What is required to have my child baptized?

Please contact the Parish office for Baptism information and requirements. Baptisms are celebrated one weekend a month during Masses, usually on the first weekend each month. We also have a special Baptism service outside of Mass at 12:30 PM on the first Sunday of each month.

How do I enroll my child in Faith Formation?

Children's Faith Formation (Pre-K through 6th grade) is Sunday at 9:15 AM and 11:00 AM. Contact Deborah in the Children's Faith Formation Office at ext. 14 for information. Youth Faith Formation (7th through 12th grade) is Wednesday from 6:30 PM until 8:45 PM. Contact Nicole or Lisa in the Youth Office at ext. 16 or 45, for more information.

I am planning to get married, where do I start?

You will need to make an appointment with Anne Keough in the Adult and Family Ministry Office at ext. 23, at least nine months prior to the wedding.

How can I have Masses said for friends, family or deceased loved ones?

Stop by or call the parish office. The suggested donation is \$5.00, and in accordance with Church Law, only one intention per Mass is permitted. Please be aware that the Mass Book is often booked up to six months in advance.

How can I get my loved one's name on the Prayers of the Faithful or the Prayer Chain?

Stop by or call the Parish office during the week or submit your request by email at www.holyspiritcatholic.com. You may also write the prayer request on the Liturgy bulletin board in the Narthex. It is also possible to schedule the Sanctuary candle to burn for specific intentions. You can make that request also through the Parish office.

How do I arrange Communion, Confession or Anointing of the Sick for someone who is homebound, hospitalized or in a Nursing Home?

During regular hours call the Parish office. We have a team of Eucharistic Ministers who visit people in their homes, in Nursing Homes and hospitals. If you are hospitalized tell the ER or floor nurse, "I am Catholic and want Communion." Nursing Home residents and their families should tell the Activity Directory that they are Catholic and want Communion. Please be aware that due to privacy regulations, hospitals and nursing facilities are no longer allowed to tell us which patients are Catholic. You must contact the Church and let us know if you want your loved one visited. If you wish to have a priest visit, call Shirlee at ext. 11. If it is an emergency after hours or on weekends, call the Parish office and you will be given instructions on how to have a priest paged.

What other ministries are available for the homebound and sick?

At your request, we will provide a Prayer Blanket for your loved one. These are made by our Craft Group and blessed by our priests. They are a reminder that the recipient is covered with prayer during serious illness. The Legion of Mary has a Get Well Card ministry with cards signed by Fr. Don and Fr.

Augusthy. Call the Outreach Office at ext. 20 if you would like a card and a visit from the Legion of Mary.

Are meals provided for homebound parishioners?

We do not have a meal ministry at this time. As individuals, we can offer to take meals to people who are ill, recuperating from surgery, or with a new baby. The food pantry is available to parishioners to obtain a few bags of staples. Some parishioners participate in Meal on Wheels which is part of the Visiting Nurses Association. They provide a hot mid-day meal to homebound citizens of Dallas County who meet eligibility requirements and for whom funding is available. Call 214-689-0639.

Are rides available for those with no transportation?

If you have no transportation to come to Mass, call the Outreach Office at ext 20. We will try to find someone close to you who can give a ride. If you need a ride to your physician or primary care provider, call the Outreach Office at ext 20. We will see if someone is available for Duncanville only. We will do our best, but cannot guarantee a ride. You might also check to see if you are in an area serviced by DART Handy Ride.

How do I make an appointment to meet with Fr. Don or Fr. Augusthy?

You can call the Parish office during the day or leave a message after hours. Fr. Don is at ext. 11 and Fr. Augusthy is at ext. 25. They will contact you to let you know when they can meet with you. If it is an emergency, please call Shirlee at ext 11. If you are calling after hours or on the weekend the recording will give you the emergency number to have a priest paged.

Does Holy Spirit have a website?

Yes, it is www.holyspiritcatholic.com. It is updated on a regular basis and has information about special events and services with more information about our history. We encourage you to visit it often to keep up-to-date with what is going on at your parish.

How do I get more information on becoming Catholic?

Contact Pat Bondie at ext. 43. She can give you information about the Catholic Church, what we believe and why we believe it. She can also give you information about the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process.

How can I get involved in ministry opportunities?

This brochure contains contact information for the different ministry heads. Contact information is also posted on the website.

Is childcare available during Sunday Mass?

Yes, the nursery is open during the 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses on Sundays unless otherwise announced. The nursery is located in the Parish Center.