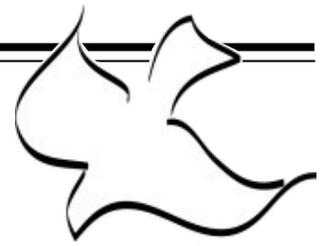


News from the Pews



HOLY SPIRIT

ROMAN ❖ CATHOLIC ❖ CHURCH

AUTUMN LEAVES

The season of autumn is probably one of my most favorite times of the year. Poets and writers in reflecting on this season have said “autumn is the year’s last and loveliest smile” (William Cullan Bryant) and B. W. Overstreet wrote that “October is a symphony of permanence and change.”

With the hail of this colorful and transformative season, autumn is also marked as the chaotic beginning of the hurricane season. Hurricanes Irma and Juan caused an estimated one hundred and thirty-four fatalities and destroyed homes, towns, and business with the cost of the damage reaching billions of dollars.

I thank all of you who contributed your treasure to help our sisters and brothers who were affected by the hurricanes. In all we collected \$5,500 for all those needing assistance with the rebuilding of their homes, as well as access to food, water, and clothing.

Not to diminish from this grave tragedy that has affected the lives of so many but, the season of autumn

is also a time for us to reflect on the presence of God in our lives. Autumn reminds us of the cycles of life present in our lives. Just the way autumn celebrates both the beauty of creation and the symphonic changes of life into death with the falling of leaves to the ground; Autumn is a season for teaching us to let go. Watching leaves fall gently to the ground remind us that we too need to let go of past sins and hurts and whatever else keeps us from loving and forgiving one another. The falling of leaves and the passing of our loved ones reminds us that we too need to let go of anything that burdens us and keeps us from experiencing the beauty of the Lord’s transforming grace. Autumn says to each of us, “freedom awaits”. ❖

May God bless you,

M. Connor Malacani



Prayer for the Season of Fall

Heavenly Father, whose voice I hear in the winds and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me. I am small and weak. I need your strength and wisdom.

Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red, gold and rust of the trees and the reds and purples of the sunset.

Make my hands request things you have made, my ears sharp to hear your voice.

Make me wise so that I may understand the things that you have taught your people.

Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

Make me always ready to come to you with clean hands and clean eyes so when life fades, as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame.

Amen.

Please Share Your
Good News!

If you would like to contribute news for the newsletter, please email Chris Zielinski at zielinskiforlife@gmail.com

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

July: Isabella Charlotte Hill, Brayden Charles Helstrom, Bentley Micah Helstrom, Raelyn Ann Parrish
August: Aubrey Ray Haines, Logan Jarvis Dias

September: Blake Thomas O'Brien, Wyatt James Thompson

October: Bryon Lee Huss, Dominic David Soulier, Amelia Elizabeth Ellis, Grayson Michael Ellis

November: Talon Brawley Parrish

MATRIMONY

July: Emily Torbert & Adam LaFleur; Cora M. Skillman & Benjamin A. Woods

October: Nicole Marie Juliano & Kyle Weston Bailey

November: Olivia Schild & Adam Hatem

REPOSE OF THE SOUL'S

June: Paul Zemenz, Roman Jadwiga Komenda

August: Niki Shishakly, Thomas Korn

September: John Broder, Agnes Herbert, Regina Collyer, Irene Conroy, Neil Mometti, Robert Kuczarski, Thomas Keene

October: Joseph Lenihan, Alice Qinzal Harford, Ann Lenihan

On the behalf of the parish community and myself, I would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to **Cathy Touchstone** for spearheading and overseeing the publication of our parish newsletter, *News from the Pews*.

I thank you for evangelizing, welcoming new parishioners, keeping us abreast of all the achievements of our parish family and serving on our Parish Council under two pastors.

May the Lord continue to bless and grace you for your years of loyal and faithful service.

—Father Carmen

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 11 Veterans Day; Patriotic Rosary and Breakfast after 9:00am Mass

November 18 Ladies' Sodality Christmas Craft Fair 9am-2pm PAC

November 20 Thanksgiving Baskets 9am PAC 9

November 23 Thanksgiving Day 10am Mass

November 26 Christ the King (Solemnity)

December 3 First Sunday of Advent, Light Up for Christ 6:00pm

December 8 Immaculate Conception 9am, 7pm Holy Day of Obligation

December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

December 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 17 Third Sunday of Advent

December 20 Christmas Pageant: A Charlie Brown Christmas & Potluck, 6pm PAC

December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:30am & 11am Masses

Christmas Eve Masses: 4pm PAC; 7pm PAC;

11pm Lessons & Carols church

Vigil: Midnight, church

December 25 Christmas Day Mass 11am PAC

December 31 Feast of the Holy Family 8:30am, 11am New Year's Eve Party 6pm-2am PAC

January 1 Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary—Mother of God; New Year's Day Mass: 9am church

January 6 Epiphany

January 7 Feast of Baptism of Christ

January 27 Reconciliation Retreat

February 2 Presentation of Our Lord

February 3 First Reconciliation 10am

February 10 Knights of Columbus Valentine Dinner/Dance 6pm PAC

February 14 Ash Wednesday Prayer Service with Ashes, 6pm PAC, Mass 9am, 7pm church

February 16 K of C Lenten Fish Fry 5:30-7pm PAC Stations of the Cross 7pm

February 23 K of C Lenten Fish Fry 5:30-7pm PAC Stations of the Cross 7pm

February 24 Middle School Youth Night—All

Please check the weekly bulletin for information concerning meetings of Ladies' Sodality, Knights of Columbus, Bible Study, Spirited Seniors, Scouts, Moving On After Moving In, Exercise Group, Bereavement Support, Blanket & Shawl, Youth Ministry, Faith's Fire, Faith Formation and other activities.

Feeling Blessed

by Linda Schwarzmueller

Who among us has not known someone who has been diagnosed with cancer? Sadly, it transcends race, class, gender and age. The initial shock of hearing 'you have cancer' initiates a range of emotions as anyone reading this can attest. So, it was for us, yet a second time, when my husband, Mark, was told his renal cancer had recurred during his 5th year exam. We couldn't believe this. He had no symptoms, no discomfort; in fact, he had been feeling great! After this jarring report, panic, fear, distress quickly followed.

Informing family and friends was very difficult, but I knew their prayers would be comforting. Surgeons were unable to remove it in totality and the remaining tumor was inoperable. Subsequently, options presented by an oncologist at the Levine Center in Charlotte, were grim and limited; possible side effects, even more alarming.

We decided to take a couple weeks off to gather our thoughts and spend some quiet time in Sanibel, Florida, where we had vacationed for over 35 years. I was totally depressed over what we were facing and inconsolable. My husband, on the other hand, kept assuring me it was in the hands of God and remained stalwart. I knew and believed this, but I still could not compose myself.

Then one morning, on our sunrise walk along the beach, I found a seashell called 'angel wing'. Sanibel is one of the best shelling islands in the world and is home to over 300 different kind of shells. Angel wings are very delicate white shells that resemble, what else, but angel wings! They are absolutely beautiful and rarely do you find a whole one that isn't broken from the pounding of the waves. I was so thrilled and inspired by this find and took it as a sign from God I had been waiting for. I was so overcome with emotion,

that I'm certain I was filled with the Holy Spirit. I became inspired and hopeful for the first time.

Subsequently, three different people spoke so highly of a facility in Ft. Myers (Florida Cancer Specialists), that I immediately investigated it on the internet. Within days, we had an appointment with an oncologist who specialized in renal cancer. He and his staff were absolutely wonderful. Before our appointment, he had read Mark's medical records and had him registered in a clinical trial of immunotherapy as opposed to chemotherapy. This was *before* we even consulted him. The day after we agreed to his recommendation, the trial was closed to further patients. Mark is one of only 500 in the US that were eligible for this trial. It was not offered in Charlotte. This was in December 2015.

The clinical trial that he started then ended this past May and has slowed the progression of Mark's

tumor, which remains stable with no metastasis to other areas. He has had minimal side effects and will remain on the trial drug until such time that the disease progresses.

I sincerely believe that this is in God's hands. I am convinced that He led us to Sanibel, planted that Angel Wing at my feet for a positive sign, and placed everyone in our path to guide, assist and support us as we go through this part of our life. Mark remains strong and in high spirits attributing to his staunch unwavering faith. I have always been a realist and know we still have a difficult road ahead. But whenever anxiety becomes an issue for me, I find great solace in daily prayer. It's so powerful; it sustains me.

We certainly are blessed and appreciate all of God's gifts. Didn't Jesus tell us "ask and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you."? ✠



Holy Spirit's Annual
Veteran's Day Breakfast
and Patriotic Rosary
Saturday, November 11
After the 9:00 Mass

All are invited to honor and thank our U.S. Military Veterans.

Knights Council 10389 will lead the Patriotic Rosary and the solemn "Missing Man Table" Ceremony before serving a delicious breakfast of eggs, sausage, and pancakes in the Parish Activity Center.

**BREAKFAST IS FREE TO ALL VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.
DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM ALL OTHERS.**



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Council 10389



Oktoberfest a Hit

Over 150 people turned out on Saturday, October 28 for the annual Oktoberfest, held in the Parish Activity Center. Many thanks are extended to Brother **Sean Welsh**, who spearheaded this event, and to Head Chef Brother **Patrick Fea** and K of C Council #10389 for providing a delicious menu of authentic German food that included roast pork, kielbasa, bratwurst, German potato salad, red cabbage, and other favorites, along with great music and fellowship. And thank-you to Our Ladies of the Knights, who provided mouth-watering desserts.

All proceeds raised by Oktoberfest benefitted Knights Charities.



LAMB
FOUNDATION OF NC

Tootsie Roll Drives Raise Thousands for LAMB

Knights of Columbus Council 10389 helped raise over \$2,645 from a Tootsie Roll drive at Wal-Mart on August 25-26. A second Tootsie Roll drive on October 20-21 raised over \$2,000. Proceeds benefit the Least Among My Brethren (LAMB) Foundation, a statewide initiative of the North Carolina K of C with the sole purpose of supporting those with intellectual disabilities, brothers and sisters whose needs are greater than most of us can imagine. By its very nature LAMB touches just about every program that the Knights support—community, family, right to life, youth, and church. To learn more about LAMB, go to <https://kofcnc.org/lamb>.

The August drive was a joint effort of Knights from Holy Spirit and

St. Dorothy. **Mike Wright**, a new member of Council 10389 participating in his first Tootsie Roll drive, collected an impressive \$108 during his two-hour shift. To volunteer for future drives, please contact **Don Richmond** at 704-616-9441.



Heritage of Brotherhood

Ole Timers' Night on November 13 honored the 25 Brothers of Council #10389 who have achieved at least 25 years of service as Knights! Our 25-and-over Brothers and their spouses/significant others enjoyed a festive evening that linked our past with our present and helps better plan for our future. Special thanks to Brother **Bill Fischer** for his leadership in planning this special occasion.



Christmas Ornaments for the Season

The Parish Life Ministry has a limited number of custom-made Holy Spirit Church Christmas Ornaments that will be offered right after Thanksgiving. The ornaments will be available after all Masses. Proceeds from your \$10 contribution will go to the Building Fund. See Brother Knights at the doors after all Masses while supplies last.



Principle of Charity

CHARITY is the first of four core principles that guide the Knights of Columbus in all that we do. Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Knights show love

for our neighbors in many ways—by conducting food drives, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day. To learn more about Knights of Columbus membership, go to www.KnightsofDenver.org.

Krakow or Bust!

On the anniversary of St. John Paul II's election as pope, October 16, a bust of the saint was dedicated at a Mass held at the St. John Paul II Sanctuary in Kraków, Poland. The bust, a gift from the Knights of Columbus, had been presented to Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, archbishop emeritus of Kraków, by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson at the 135th Supreme Convention in St. Louis this summer.

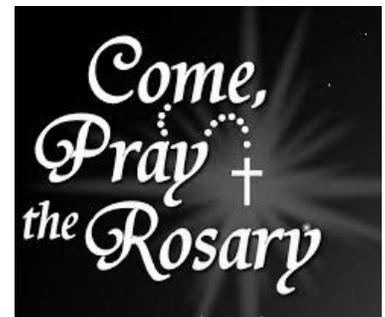


Become a Knight!

The Knights of Columbus Council #10389 is always looking for a few Good Catholic men over 18 years of age. Contact Brother **Tommy Vassallo** at 561-420-3530.

Check our Web Site: www.KnightsofDenver.org ✕

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RECITATION OF THE ROSARY
30 MINUTES PRIOR TO
WEEKEND MASSES



Ladies' Sodality

The Ladies' Sodality has been hard at work putting the final touches on our annual craft fair, which will be held on November 18 from 9:00 to 2:00. This year, 48 crafters will bring their homemade goodies. Don't forget to visit the sodality bake sale, always a hot spot! For lunch, there will be homemade chicken salad and vegetable soup!

You can also pick up your Autobell Car Wash cards, a great gift for those hard-to-buy-for relatives and friends. They are \$20, the same you would pay at Autobell, except the Ladies Sodality gets half of the proceeds. The cards are good at any Autobell and never expire. You will also be able to purchase them after Mass.

We would like to extend an invitation to every lady to come to our meetings held the second Tuesday of every month at 11:00 in PAC Room 9.

We are always looking for new ideas. We have decided not to do the fashion show this year, but we are working on some exciting new projects.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy O'Brien (704) 483-4262. ✕

Moving On After Moving In

The thirteenth class of Moving On has currently enrolled 12 new women this Fall. These newly relocated women are from California, Michigan, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Florida, Huntersville, and Charlotte. Class twelve welcomed these new ladies by serving a delicious luncheon.

Our Alumnae November Luncheon will be a Thanksgiving dinner catered by Joey's. Members will also be collecting Christmas gifts for Christian Ministries.



In 2018, the MOAMI Program will start its eighth year! Our next class will begin at the end of January. Please watch the church bulletin for the start date. Classes are Thursday mornings from 10-11:30 am.

So, if you are a woman who is new or "feel new" to the Denver area or you are going through a life transition, such as a move, retirement, loss of a spouse or divorce, then join the 260-plus ladies who have participated in this non-denominational program. The classes are based on the book, *After the Boxes are Unpacked*. Author Susan Miller delves into the spiritual, emotional and practical needs of a life transition.

For more info or to register, call **Candy Perry** 704-489-1696 or **Nancy O'Brien** 704-483-4262. ✕

East Lincoln Christian Ministry



The Angel Tree for ELCM will soon be up at Holy Spirit, says parish representative **Janet Schmerber**, "As soon as I get over this cold!" Christmas Angels represent a gift for individuals, especially children and elderly, who are in need. There will be 200 Angels on the tree at Holy Spirit, making our church one of the biggest Angel Tree supporters. In past years, the Angel Tree Project has spread joy with over 1,200 gifts for 300-plus people.

ELCM Pantry Needs:

- canned meats
- peanut butter
- canned fruit
- pork 'n beans
- canned vegetables
- rice
- dry cereal/oatmeal
- spaghetti
- macaroni & cheese
- pasta
- oil & shortening
- Sugar

NOTE: Cans rather than glass containers are preferred. Dry food items such as beans, rice, and pasta should be in one-pound packages. Smaller sizes of canned goods are preferred.

East Lincoln Christian Ministry is a non-profit agency, which began in 1983 with a \$500 donation from an anonymous benefactor in East Lincoln County. Today, ELCM has an annual budget of just under \$500,000, more than half of which supports the crisis ministry that provides emergency assistance for food, rent, utilities, and so on.

You might be surprised to know that originally ELCM was located on Highway 16 adjacent to Triangle Elementary School – now Holy Spirit Catholic Church! A single-wide (50' by 12') trailer served as home until the early 1990s. After outgrowing the trailer, ELCM located to a building on Pine Ridge Drive near its present location. The Ministry continued to outgrow its needs, so a large building was built on Catawba Burreis Road in Denver across from Rock Spring Campground and serves as its present location.

The current building, which has been expanded several times, incorporates offices for the crisis ministry, a food pantry, a Home Meals program, and an extensive area called 'The Closet' where donated clothing and other articles are sorted and sold.

The Home Meals program provides a hot lunch every weekday, delivered to elderly, shut-in or disabled persons. More than 1200 meals are delivered every month, with the assistance of 180 volunteer drivers.

More than one hundred volunteers keep ELCM operating. **Jean and Earl Miller** of Holy Spirit Parish have been volunteering for just over a year. Says Jean, "I had been involved in a social group at Holy Spirit, but I felt a need to do more to help others, so Earl and I visited ELCM and we're still here. We are able to work side by side tagging and hanging clothes, and we love it."

The need is ever-present. ELCM president **Laura Moore** explains, "Our greatest challenge is finding enough volunteers. If we had more volunteer help, we could do even more. But God has given us the strength to keep going day to day." ✕

Did You Know?

Congratulations to **Carson Wessel** and **Evan Senft** of Lincoln Charter School, who have been named National Merit Scholar semi-finalists. Finalists must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT scores that reflect the student's earlier performance. Hopefully, they will be named prestigious National Merit Scholars. Last October, more than 1.6 million high school juniors from more than 22,000 high schools took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Those highest-scoring students from each state were chosen semi-finalists to continue their pursuit of a National Merit Scholarship.

Thanks to all the volunteers, participants and sponsors from Holy Spirit who participated in **East Lincoln Christian Ministry's** 4th Annual Golf Classic at Cowan's Ford Country Club. This year the Ministry was handed over \$21,000 for community outreach compared to only \$13,000 they received last year. This amount enabled the Ministry to provide food for over 5,800 individuals; provide and deliver Home Meals to over 16,000; meet medical and housing expense; Thanksgiving and Christmas meals/gifts. This is a very vital outreach organization in our community. Please consider volunteering if you have extra time to spare. Call Laura Moore at 704-483-4415 for questions.

Drew Zink, a cross-country runner for Lincoln Charter, had an outstanding time of 17:01 in the 5,000-meter open finals at the 11th Annual Providence Invitational in late August. Drew finished sixth in a field of 256 runners.

Steve Giordano recounted his survival story of 9-11 in a September issue of the *Denver Weekly*. He reflected on his feelings that day, and the profound effect it has had on his life. He and his wife, Lorraine, moved here in 2010. Steve, maybe you will consider sharing your experiences in an upcoming newsletter.

Janet Schmerber, Holy Spirit's representative for East Lincoln Christian Ministry, would like to thank all parishioners who donated school supplies for the **Back to School** project. She took two carloads of

supplies donated from Holy Spirit. Thank you for your generosity.

Seven hundred and counting! Rosemary Woods recently reported there are now 703 registered families at Holy Spirit. Our community is vibrant and growing!

Fourteen parishioners are enrolled in *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*, a 10-week retreat at the church. Thanks to **Celeste Richards** and her assistants **Nicole Waer** and **Barbara Sreck** for making this session a success.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) was an overwhelming success this past summer. There were 57 children, 22 morning session youth volunteers, and 15 teens in the evening program. Special thanks to our DRE **Nicole Waer**, **Laura Rowe**, **Father Carmen**, and the **Station Leaders** and **Music Leader** for such a huge success.

Holy Spirit hosted Denver's senior luncheon again this year. As usual, it was well organized, and we received so many compliments. **Father Carmen** began the luncheon with a prayer and thanked everyone for attending. About 300 seniors enjoyed a fantastic meal

prepared by the Knights. The 7th grade class from St. Mark in Huntersville helped with serving food and drink. The music had the seniors tapping their toes and smiling. **Maureen Malmstrom**, you and your committees did such a good job again.

Thanks to **Jeff DiCosmo** for spearheading the **Life Chain** October 1. Sixty-two parishioners made a visual statement of pro-life and an end to abortion.

Our **Knights of Columbus** chapter is such a vital organization at our church and in the community. Congratulations to **Justin** and **Michele Wessel**, who were chosen the Knights' Family of the Year. **Bill Fischer** was chosen as Knight of the Year.

Thanks to all the Holy Spirit volunteers who participated in East Lincoln Pregnancy Care Center's *Walk for Life* and to all the parishioners who donated. About 10 participants raised about \$3,300 in pledges from Holy Spirit, which placed fourth among the church teams. Father Carmen was responsible for \$2,550 of those pledges. The total amount raised exceeded \$31,000, a new record. ❖



Holy Spirit Ladies' Sodality Sponsored

Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday
November 18
9-2 PAC



Newcomers

Joan and Larry Cioffi relocated to our area in the spring from Naperville, IL. They now live in Trilogy and are enjoying their new home and looking forward to playing lots of tennis. Joan already volunteers on Wednesday afternoons at the parish office.

Ernest and Lorie Lane moved to North Carolina from Augusta, GA. Ernest is with Husqvarna and Lorie is a pharmacist with Walgreens in Belmont. They joined Holy Spirit from St. Mark in Huntersville. They have a nine-year-old son who is a student at Saint Mark and an active Boy Scout.

Michael and Shaun Simmer are both chiropractors and the owners of Spine Chiropractic here in Denver. Prior to joining Holy Spirit, they were members of St. Mark parish in Huntersville. They are blessed with six children ages 20, 18, 17, 16, 11 and 9 with the oldest attending East Carolina University. Michael is originally from Philadelphia, PA and Shaun is from Le Mars, Iowa. They enjoy playing tennis when time permits. They also enjoy church activities and appreciate being made to feel part of Holy Spirit from the very beginning.

Adam and Jessica Haines moved from New Jersey about six years ago. Adam is an engineer with Duke Energy and Jessica is a busy stay-at-home mom. They have a son and a daughter, Adam age three and Aubrey age eight months. Jessica enjoys reading and the family enjoys being outside as often as they can. Young Adam already loves football. He will even be holding his football while sitting and watching football on TV.

Bogomir and Rebecca Glavan moved from Fort Worth, TX about six months ago. Bogomir (Bog) is a pilot with American Airlines. Rebecca is a very busy stay-at-home mom. They have four children; three girls and a boy. Lori is fourteen; Mirko is twelve; Caroline is nine; and Julianne is three. The family has quickly integrated themselves into Holy Spirit life. Bog is a lector and some of the children participate as altar servers. The family loves to hike and enjoy outside activities, so they really like the North

Carolina weather and geographic diversity.

Clint and Amy Fier moved to North Carolina from Akron, OH about 22 years ago. Clint is a retired salesman for windows and window products. Amy is a retired elementary school teacher who started another career. She now owns and operates Amy's Home Cleaning LLC, (704 677-2347). Amy and Clint have two grown children, both living in North Carolina and three grandchildren. They were members of St. Therese in Mooresville before joining Holy Spirit.

Daren and Kelly Bruncak moved from Gilbert, AZ about eight months ago. Daren works from home as a IP developer and Kelly works at the middle school in Cornelius. They have two daughters. Grace is five and Caroline is three. In Arizona they attended Holy Spirit Church in Tempe. They say they felt right at home from the very beginning of their move to Denver. While in Arizona they raised chickens. Now they are in the process of building coops in their backyard for a new family of egg-layers.

Chris Zielinski moved to Huntersville from Clinton Township, MI, north of Detroit. He worked full-time in the prolife movement as a Right to Life of Michigan field Representative from 2006-2017. Chris, a Third-Degree Knight of Columbus, served as the parish liaison for the East Lincoln Pregnancy Care Center's Walk for Life fundraiser held in September and has is also now editing the quarterly News in the Pews.

Rachel Garcia moved to the Denver area from Chicago with her husband, who works for IPROSPRECT. Rachel is an attorney with Campbell and Associates. They enjoy boating, fishing, and hiking. Rachel's mother, Florence Gonzales, is also a parishioner at Holy Spirit.

Robert and Kathleen Muller, having moved here from the East end of Long Island, NY, love the change of weather. He is a manufacturer's representative covering the Southeastern U.S. She is a Financial Planning and Analysis Controller at Sirona Dental. They have an 18-year old daughter, Stephanie, who graduated from Bishop McGann

High School in Riverhead, NY this past June. Stephanie is presently working at Busy Patch and will begin college next Fall and major in Education. They enjoy road trips and antiquing.

Donnie and Lorie Davis moved from Lackland, TN. Donnie works for FedEx Ground. Lorie, who was an elementary school teacher, enjoys being at home. They have 2 sons: Carter is 12 and plays soccer for North Lincoln Middle School and Ethan is 15. Donnie belonged to the Knights of Columbus at his previous parish. He enjoys playing golf, fishing, and boating.

Larry Wittensolder, who is retired, moved from Ohio to be closer to family. His sons live in Maiden, Claremont, Charlotte, and Ohio. He has three grandchildren in NC and loves babysitting for them.

Anthony and Jessica Juliano moved here from Jacksonville, NC to be closer to family. Anthony is a North Carolina Highway Patrolman. Jessica enjoys being at home with their two daughters, who are 4 years old and 6. He relaxes by playing video games, and she enjoys artwork and sewing.

Joe and Kathy Heirigs moved from Charleston, SC. Joe retired from the military and is now a pilot for Southwest. They have 2 children, who are 5 and 6 years old. Their free time is spent with family activities.

Todd and Kristen Hermon moved from Kenosha, WI. Todd works for Prime Wire and Cable in Mooresville, and Kristen is a Neo-Natal nurse at Presbyterian Hospital. They have 7-year old twin boys, Luke and Drew, who are enrolled in Faith Formation. Todd is an avid golfer, and the family enjoys travelling, attending the boys' sports, and participating in family activities.

Daniel & Kimberly Meade moved from Frisco, TX five months ago. They have a son and a daughter living in North Carolina. In Texas, Kimberly and Daniel (Dan as he likes to be called) were members of Saint Martin de Porres Church. Both Kim and Dan enjoy golfing and boating. Dan is the major golfer in the family. Kim also enjoys time at the gym.

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Sandra Hauser is a retired US Air Force Colonel. Her specialty was flight nursing. This past August she moved from Vista, CA where she belonged to St. Thomas Church. Although her schedule did not always permit, she did attend and enjoy bible study classes. While in the service, because of schedules, Sandra could only have a bird for a pet. Now she happily has two dogs and looks forward to becoming involved with dog rescue.

Frances Henrickson moved from Crofton, MD about eight months ago. She has four children. Two are in their thirties and are married and living outside of North Carolina. The others are in their twenties and live in North Carolina. Frances has over twenty years of experience in childcare and is looking for work in the area. She enjoys photography and is finding that North Carolina holds a great deal of opportunity for the use of her camera.

Jeff & Faye Nye moved from St. Mark Church to Holy Spirit. They have two grown children. Both live in North Carolina, one in Alexis and the other in Raleigh. For now, The Nyes are just waiting to learn when a grandchild is on the way. Faye works at St. Mark handling elementary faith formation. She has jumped right into Holy Spirit life by teaching our third graders on Sunday afternoons. In her spare time Faye enjoys knitting and quilting.

Daniel & Cynthia Driscoll moved to Denver just 6 to 8 weeks ago from San Antonio, TX. They have one son and two-year-old identical twin granddaughters living in Charlotte. Daniel is an IT consultant and Cynthia is an operating room nurse at Lake Norman Regional Hospital. In San Antonio they belonged to Holy Family Church where Cynthia taught RCIA classes. Both Daniel and Cynthia worked with the *Loaves & Fishes* program.

Bob & Dana Nolan moved to Denver from Charlotte. In Charlotte they belonged to St. Matthew Church where Dana enjoyed working in faith formation. Dana has already attended *Moving On After Moving In* and found it to be a nice way to be welcomed to the parish. Bob and Dana have two daughters. Elizabeth is 22 and Hannah is 20. Elizabeth is in a one-year program teaching language in South Korea and Hannah is a student at UNC Asheville.

Daniel & Dalys Aparicio moved from the Republic of Panama about thirteen years ago. They have been attending Spanish services where available and Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. They are excited to be joining Holy Spirit. They have two boys, who are five and nine years old. Their nine-year-old son is a student of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and he participates in many major competitions. The family enjoys competition travel and the unfamiliar

places it allows them to visit. Daniel works in construction and Dalys has her own cleaning service business.

Also please welcome **Russell Fuchs, Danielle Zemenz, Pat & Trena McNamara, David & Pamela Zeyher, Phil & Angela Minaudo, Daniel & Lisa Donnellan, Richard & Tracy McLaughlin, Richard & Agnes Waterman, Fabiana Canache & Mark Gonzalez, Kleiverton & Alyssa Dias, Donald & Susan Hogan and their families.** ✧



THANK YOU TO
KAREN CUSIC,
HANNAH STEVENS, &
CATHY TOUCHSTONE
FOR CONTACTING
THE NEWCOMERS.



advent symbols & traditions

DARKNESS AND LIGHT

The Advent candles demonstrate the strong contrast between darkness and light. In the Bible, Christ is referred to as the "Light of the World" contrasted with the darkness of sin. The Advent wreath helps us to contemplate the great drama of salvation history that surrounds the birth of God Incarnate who comes to redeem the human race.



SHAPE, NUMBER, AND COLOR

SHAPE: The circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end, symbolizes God's complete and unending love for us—a love that sent his Son into the world to redeem us from the curse of sin

NUMBER: The Advent Wreath holds four candles which are lit, one at a time, on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. An optional fifth white, as a pillar in the center of the wreath, or "Christ" candle, symbolizing purity, can be lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

COLOR: Violet is a liturgical color that is used to signify a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. Advent, also called "little Lent," is the season where we spiritually wait in our "darkness" with hopeful expectation for our promised redemption, as we eagerly await his promised return.

Festively decorate your Advent Wreath with other naturals such as evergreens to remind us of our eternal life with Christ; pointy holly leaves and berries represent the crown of thorns from the Passion of Jesus and his Precious Blood; and pine cones symbolize Christ's Resurrection.