



Holy Spirit
Catholic Community



The Altar

We gather around the altar, especially in our configuration at Holy Spirit. Why? Because through our baptism and gathered around the altar we are transformed and as we heard in our scriptures this week, "made...into a kingdom...priests for his God and Father." (Rev. 1:6) The altar is "the center of thanksgiving that the Eucharist accomplishes." (General Instruction of the Roman Missal) When we approach the altar, we bow in reverence because the altar is a symbol of Christ in the midst of the assembly of Believers. At the altar, the sacrifice of the cross is made present under sacramental signs. Here is where the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. It is the holy table where God's people are nourished for their journey.



Our altar is built of beautiful white oak. The inset limestone is engraved with the same simple, ancient cross that is located on our dedication stone, on the paschal candle stand and on the tabernacle.