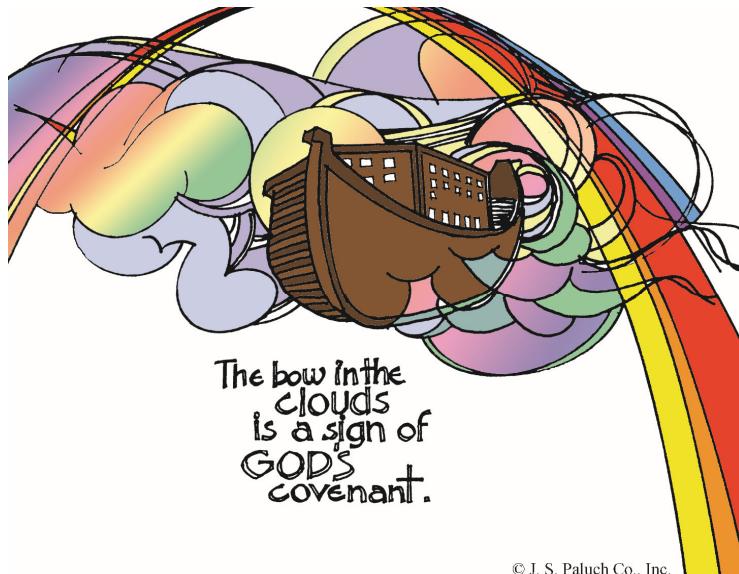


# Holy Spirit Parish Family

February 21, 2021 — First Sunday of Lent



## OUR MISSION:

*We, the community of Holy Spirit Parish, centered in the Eucharist, and guided by the Holy Spirit, will use our shared wisdom to be a joyful, accepting and forgiving community. We encourage all to grow in the Catholic faith by teaching and proclaiming the Gospel, serving others and praising God.*

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday  
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday thru Wednesday.....6:30am  
Thursday and Friday.....8:00am  
Holy Days Consult bulletin  
Saturday: .....8:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

**CONFESIONS**

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm or by appointment

**EUCARISTIC CHAPEL HOURS**

**Weekdays:** 12am to 6am and 9am to 12 midnight.  
**Saturdays:** 12am to 7am  
Chapel will close at 7am Saturday until 9am Monday.  
**Holy Days:** Please consult the bulletin.

**EUCARISTIC EXPOSITION**

Suspended until Further Notice

**BAPTISMS**

Baptism Class for parents/godparents is normally held on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Church. To register for the meeting and/or to arrange for a baptism, call the Parish Office.

**MARRIAGE**

Couples planning marriage contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

**COMMUNION CALLS**

Please call the Parish Office to request Communion if someone is unable to attend Church.

**HOSPITAL VISITS**

Please notify the Parish Office concerning hospitalization.

**REGISTRATION**

New parishioners may register at Parish Office or download a registration form, [www.holyspiritstl.org](http://www.holyspiritstl.org). New information e.g. address, phone numbers or moving from the parish, please call Parish Office.

**BULLETIN INFORMATION**

Please submit information for the bulletin by Noon TWO Fridays before publication. Include name, daytime phone number of person submitting information, and group name. Items can be e-mailed to [mwelsh@holyspiritstl.org](mailto:mwelsh@holyspiritstl.org).

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

Stewardship for February 1-7, 2021

Sunday Envelopes, 119 utilized	\$ 12,284.00
Loose Collection	\$ 109.00
Online Donations, 99 families	\$ 8,384.00
Holy Days	\$ 70.00
Total	\$ 20,847.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ 656.62
HandS	Parish Improvements
\$ 995.00	\$ 450.00

**WHAT'S HAPPENING****Sunday, February 21**

Sunday Mass Schedule—7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
9:00 am—RCIA, Parish Hall

**Monday, February 22**

7:00pm—Evening Prayer, Church

**Wednesday, February 24**

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

**Thursday, February 25**

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

**Friday, February 26**

7:00pm—Stations of the Cross, Church

**Sunday, February 28**

Sunday Mass Schedule—7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
9:00 am—RCIA, Parish Hall

**ZECHARIAH MEN'S PRAYER MORNING**

is about sharing the story of an encounter with Christ one man at a time. It involves fellowship, a great talk, and prayer. Due to COVID there is no breakfast and no charge. Limited **LIVE** in-person seating at the Fleur de Lis Room, Cardinal Rigali Center, is by first-come/first-served reservations to email [gary.whitlock@att.net](mailto:gary.whitlock@att.net), by phone to **636-215-0973**, or via the online form at [StlRenewal.Org/ZPB](http://StlRenewal.Org/ZPB). Join in online at [Facebook.com/STLrenewal](https://Facebook.com/STLrenewal) or [YouTube.com/user/ArchSTLmedia](https://YouTube.com/user/ArchSTLmedia) without any fee or reservation. For information or donations, see [ArchSTL.org/renewal](http://ArchSTL.org/renewal). Our special speaker Feb. 27, 9:00am is Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski.

**DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE!—THE DESERT**

Lent has officially begun. Into the desert we go. The desert is a place we find ourselves in at various points in life, sometimes intentionally and sometimes not. During Lent, we choose to enter the desert of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices impel us to rely more on God and to trust in His faithful love. We face many challenges in the desert and sometimes feel as if God is not with us, but entering prayerfully into penance and self-denial, we are able to be transformed and to grow in the ways we often find most necessary. How do we need to repent this season? How can we proclaim the saving message of the Gospel?

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# A Note From Fr. Bob

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you! Happy Lent!

Here we are, four days into Lent. How's it going? Those of us who have been around a while probably have a routine of what we have planned to do for Lent. Things like, what to give up; what additional prayer practice; or some additional donation to a specific charity. All noble practices. The question that has been on my mind is, "What is Lent?" You may think, that is an easy question to answer. It's the 40 days before Easter that we take time to slow down, abstain from parties, give to the poor, and devote more than the usual time to religious activities.

What is Lent, really? Lent is 40 days long for a reason. Recall that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism. It was a time of solitude and a time of fasting. Toward the end of his time in the desert, Jesus was tempted by Satan. In this year's Gospel of Mark for today, we hear the shorter version of the temptations. Mark tells us that Jesus was tempted by Satan and that angels ministered to him. In the gospels of Matthew and Luke we hear the details. He was tempted three times. The first with food because he was hungry. But he stated that it is the word of God that gives life. Second, he was tempted to put the love of God to the test by throwing himself off a tower. His response, "You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." God's love is everlasting. Nothing can separate us from it. Finally, he was tempted with power if only he would give allegiance to Satan. That cannot be, for there is only one God and him alone do we serve and worship. These forty days then are the time that we unite ourselves to the mystery of Jesus in the desert. We undertake almsgiving, fasting, and prayer so that we, like Jesus, may enter the desert and focus entirely on Him and understand more clearly our relationship.

During Lent there are many resources available to help us on this journey. In our parish we have Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00 pm. They will also be live-streamed on Facebook, HolySpiritChurch. Monday evenings we have Evening Prayer and the opportunity for Reconciliation. The Little Black Book is also available for meditation. And the Adoration Chapel is available 24 hours a day. Just call the office for the code. There are other resources that may be found online:

*Augustine Institute Formed:* <https://formed.org/> Our parish has a subscription, just look for our name when you sign up.

*Best Lent Ever daily reflections:* <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever>

*Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Lenten Reflections:* <https://www.lentreflections.com/>

May we take time this Lent to reflect and grow more deeply into the mystery of God's love for each of us. I continue to pray for each of you. Please pray for me.

Peace,

Father Bob



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 21

7:30am	Milton Hall
9:00am	For Our Parishioners
11:00am	Barbara Van Doren
<b>Monday, February 22</b>	
6:30 am	Teresa Hams
<b>Tuesday, February 23</b>	
6:30am	Sr. Kathy Stark
<b>Wednesday, February 24</b>	
6:30am	Faithful Departed
<b>Thursday, February 25</b>	
8:00am	Bonnie Wittman, Special Intention
<b>Friday, February 26</b>	
8:00am	Mary Jane Miller
<b>Saturday, February 27</b>	
8:00am	Denise Lipinski
5:00pm	Jacob Dyar
<b>Sunday, February 28</b>	
7:30am	For Our Parishioners
9:00am	Pat & Walter Schlenk, Special Intention
11:00am	Richard Hilgenbrink

### FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of **Jean Eise**, mother of Deb (Steve) Borgmann, Jeff Eise, and Stacey (Robert) Armentrout, grandmother of Amanda, Andrew and Ashleigh Borgmann, Courtney and Abby Armentrout; and **Velda Sutterer**, sister of Susie Meyer; **Pat Marshall**; and **Sr. Francita Barringhaus**, sister of Ralph (Helga) Barringhaus.



May their souls rest in the Peace of Christ.

### PRO-LIFE NEWS



**March on the Arch, Sat., Mar. 6, 10AM.** This year, marchers will depart at intervals on a 1.5 mile prayer walk in the heart of our region, starting outside the last abortion facility in Missouri. Go to [stlmarch.com](http://stlmarch.com) for more details including a schedule of speakers.

### NEW-Abortion Healing Ministry Women's Bible Study, Wed., Feb. 24

All women wounded by abortion are invited to join our new "Forgiven and Set Free" Bible study. This group will meet once or twice each month on Wednesdays, starting Feb. 24, 6:30 p.m.

Contact [cynthiahaehnel@archstl.org](mailto:cynthiahaehnel@archstl.org) or 314.792.7556 to sign up or for more information.

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your prayers, please remember all the sick and home-bound parishioners and those who care for them.

Renee Armon	Kenneth Jordan	John Roberson
Barbara Backowski	Al Katzler	Pat Romano
Sonny Bolm	Deacon Scott	Mike Sampson
Nancy Brand	Kaufman	Anita Schiermeyer
Jim Brockmeyer	Charles Kraemer	Bill Schneider
Connie Buenemann	Bill Kriete	Norma Schwaninger
<b>Linda Buttry</b>	Mike Lemp	<b>Rita Slice</b>
Nicole Chapman	Jerry McGuire	Jan Telthorst
Ed Cody	Mary McGuire	Rebecca Tobar
Matthew Cody	Karen Newcomb	Rudy & Brenda Torricelli
Peggy Cody	Matt Niedringhaus	Nanci Van Amburgh
Leon Deimeke	Jacob Null	Katy Van Stratton
Charles Dent	Bob & Donna Pedrotti	Joe & Jean Wangler
Till Fehrenbacher	Rick Pemberton	Angeline Weber
Ray & Betty Garvels	Bob & Tootie Ponder	Gene Weckherlin
Rosemary Harty	Carolyn Putnam	Bill & Joan Weinzirl
Betty Hirschmugl	John Rizzello	Christine Woracheck
Suzanne Holzum		Tom Zemblidge
Diane Javaux		
Kathy Johnson		

### Sick Relatives and Friends:

Judy Bauman	Christian James	Ruby Smith
Kendell & Tina Bedell	Trish Merklin	Grace Solimando
Jeri Burch	Lou Merritt	Jerry Sutterer
Tamara Cannon	Margaret Oberhaus	<b>Matthew VanStratton</b>
Nancy Chik	Shirley Petrosky	John Wamhoff
Debbie Ditch	Dianne Rellergert	Michelle Wilson
Fran Ebers	Gary Schell	Bonnie Wittman
Colleen Evans	Albert Schiermeyer	Joe Wolf
Michael Gill		

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~ From Pope John Paul II's Message for World Migration Day 2000

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During this time of COVID-19 we can provide Tele-visits by phone or FaceTime to stay safe.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

FIND HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM  
[www.facebook.com/hsyouth](http://www.facebook.com/hsyouth) AND as hs\_youth\_stl (HS Youth STL) on Instagram

Our Saint reports from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade who received their Confirmation in November are still getting lots of views. Head on over to our pages and check them out. The young people did an outstanding job.

### HIGH SCHOOL:

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: C2B Retreat Team will begin planning this month.** JOIN EAT, PRAY, DISCUSS gatherings for high school as we brainstorm and plan possibilities for the spring retreat. We will be doing the important work of team building as well as working on retreat plans.

We will be holding virtual meetings on Sundays from 11:45-12:45 and Thursdays from 8-9 for now and in person when we are able to do so safely. Please contact Donna Eisenbath for meeting details as things may change due to the pandemic and restrictions.

### 7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION FORMATION

Parents, watch your mail, FastDirect and Email for information on Confirmation preparation. You should have received your small group assignment and meeting day/time. Meetings have begun the first Wednesday in February.

Upcoming small groups: Today - Sunday, February 21; Wednesday, February 24; Thursday, February 25.

### WANTED:

~ PGC adults who would be willing to chaperone a hybrid retreat this spring. Some sessions will be in person – socially distanced and outside. Some will be virtual.  
~ Teens and families willing to be called upon for the occasional parishioner who needs a service project tackled.

### PRAYER STARTERS FOR PARENTS AND TEENS

- Keep holy water by your door and make the sign of the cross as you leave as a blessing for the day ahead
- Name three things you're thankful for each night before going to bed
- Say a quick Hail Mary or Our Father before exiting your car to go into a game. Ask for things like safety, good judgment, calm nerves, sportsmanship, etc.

### SAVE THE DATE...

#### F3 FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 6-12

(Socially Distant and In Masks if necessary, following St. Louis County/Archdiocesan Guidelines)

June 13 - 17, 2021

Registration will begin March 1<sup>st</sup>.  
The deadline is May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Space will be Limited to 30 students.

## PSR NEWS

### Upcoming PSR Happenings

Lent has begun! Watch for some suggestions for things to do as a family for Lent on our PSR Facebook page during this season of preparation for Easter.

### FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION:

Session 1 (2/2) & 2 (2/23) in your child's Encounter with Christ Eucharist Book should be worked on in Feb. Don't forget to have your child share what they did for their task on Flipgrid (PSR) and to Miss B (school). Please remember to turn in your RSVP for the Parent Child Afternoon—they are due Feb. 22. We need to have a response from every family.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Be charitable, protect your family and strengthen your faith. Now is your opportunity for all men 18 and over who are practicing Catholics to join the Knights of Columbus free on line. Go to [www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join).

Very important use code JFERRIS to join free. Once you join we can transfer you to Council 3977 here at Holy Spirit. This opportunity is valid through June 30.

The K of C will hold a virtual Fraternal Benefits night March 10 at 7PM. Noted speaker, Tom Hegna, will give a retirement planning seminar titled "paychecks and playchecks" **All are invited.** If you want to join us register today go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYtcuivpzovGdEvEtHuHzs44AunE5inpCG>

### ST. PATRICK CENTER CASSEROLES FEB. 24

Casseroles for St. Patrick Center area due this **Wed., Feb. 24**, in the white bin at the curb outside the entrance to church, from 6:30 until 9:00 AM. In case of inclement weather, the bin will be in the small vestibule of the old church (now the parish hall). You can enter that from the outside door. Pans and lids will be available for you to pick up. As always, thank you to our current volunteers for your generosity. If you are not currently making a casserole, but would like to join us, please call or email Mary Beth Schulte, 229-8067 or SpecRelEdu@aol.com.

### ST. PATRICK CENTER SALAD FEB. 28

Holy Spirit volunteers provide salads and/or components to help feed the homeless of St. Patrick Center, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. **Salad and/or components will be collected between 8 & 10 AM Sun., Feb. 28.** The container will be in the Gathering Area. For more information contact Ellen Staples, 422-2381.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15  
 Ps 25:4-9  
 1 Peter 3:18-22  
 Mark 1:12-15

**Monday February 22**  
**Chair of St. Peter**  
 1 Peter 5:1-4  
 Ps 23:1-6  
 Matthew 16:13-19

**Tuesday February 23**  
 Isaiah 55:10-11  
 Ps 34:4-7,16-19  
 Matthew 6:7-15

**Wednesday February 24**  
 Jonah 3:1-10  
 Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19  
 Luke 11:29-32

**Thursday February 25**  
 Ester C:12,14-16,23-25  
 Ps 138:1-3,7c-8  
 Matthew 7:7-12

**Friday February 26**  
 Ezekiel 18:21-28  
 Ps 130:1-8  
 Matthew 5:20-26

**Saturday February 27**  
 Deuteronomy 26:16-19  
 Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8  
 Matthew 5:43-48

The same pattern repeats itself in our lives. As soon as we experience new growth in our faith, or a new calling to do the Father's will, we run smack into a situation that tests the strength and sincerity of our faith. However, if this didn't happen, how would we find out that we've spiritually matured? How would we know that we are ready to make a significant difference for the kingdom of God?

Sometimes without consciously thinking it, we decide that if we're going to be tested and we might lose, wouldn't it be better not to start something new?

Well, that's another temptation!

Today's Gospel reading shows us the first thing that Jesus did after his baptismal anointing in the Jordan River: He wrestled with temptation.

His baptism had marked the moment of his complete surrender to the Father's will. As he arose from the water, he began a new life of ministry.

The Father responded by telling him that he was very pleased, and the Holy Spirit filled his humanness. Jesus as God already had the Holy Spirit (he and the Spirit were the same God), but Jesus the fully human Son now came fully alive in the Spirit. We can imagine how this experience in the Jordan River gave him the feeling of an elated spiritual high. And the next thing that happens is an attack of the devil.



Lent is the perfect time to examine the temptations that we face every day and turn them into new growth that will strengthen our faith.

Every time we face a sin and seek God's forgiveness, we become stronger. And if we take it a step farther by walking into the confessional with it, we also receive powerful graces directly from Jesus, through the priest, that will render temptations much more powerless.

And this makes us more useful to God in the mission of conquering evil in the world and helping his kingdom spread into the lives of the people around us.

Think of temptations as blessings in disguise: Use them as opportunities to become more like Jesus and grow powerful in the faith.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. How well do you recognize temptation?
2. How quickly do you rely on the faith that God has given you to say no to the devil's tricks?
3. Describe a time when you experienced a spiritual high and then faced a strong temptation.
4. How did you handle it?
5. What role did (or will) Jesus play in overcoming this temptation?



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