

Holy Spirit Parish Family

July 11, 2021 — Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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 SUMMER HOURS

Monday to Friday
9:00am to 5:00pm

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(K-8 & PRE-SCHOOL & PREK INFORMATION)

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Maryland Heights, MO 63043
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PARISH ANNEX

3111 Parkwood Lane,
Maryland Heights, MO 63043,
Pre-School, Pre-K.....314-739-5020

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

CONFESSIONS

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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. 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for June 21-27, 2021

Sunday Envelopes, 131 utilized	\$ 9,325.00
Loose Collection	\$ 201.00
Online Donations, 69 families	\$ 5,559.00
Total	\$ 15,085.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	(\$ 5,105.38)

HandS	Parish Improvements
\$ 430.00	\$ 193.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, July 11

Sunday Mass Schedule—7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
7:00 pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm.

Monday, July 12

6:00 pm—Quilting, Quilting Rm.

Tuesday, July 13

9:00 am—Senior Exercise
12:00pm —Ladies Club, Rigali Rm.
7:00 pm—Ministry of Support, Community Rm.

Wednesday, July 14

7:00 pm—Contemporary Music Group, Church

Thursday, July 15

9:00 am—Senior Exercise
6:00 pm—Bells, Church

Sunday, July 18

Sunday Mass Schedule—7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
7:00 pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm.



SENT OUT TWO BY TWO

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus call the Twelve and send them out to spread God's word. We know these twelve men as the apostles. The word *apostle* means "one who is sent forth" or "messenger."

The names of some of the Twelve might be familiar to you. You may have heard or read about them in the Bible.

Peter and Andrew, James and John were the first ones Jesus called (Matthew 4:18-22).

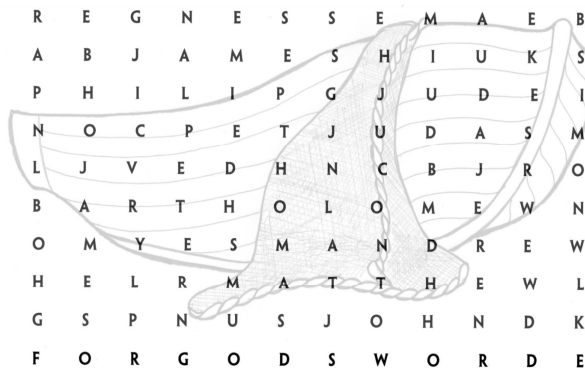
Thomas doubted Jesus' appearance after the Resurrection (John 20:19-29).

Matthew was a tax collector who left his work to follow Jesus (Matthew 9:9-13).

Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus (Mark 14:43-46).

The others are less well known: *James the Lesser* (or Younger), *Philip*, *Bartholomew*, *Jude*, and *Simon* (Luke 6:12-16).

Find the twelve names hidden in these letters. Then begin at the last letter in the first row across and read backwards. Continue by reading the last line across from left to right. What does it say to you?



Answer: Be a messenger for God's word.

THE GARDEN OF FEEDEN IS BACK!

Vegetables will be available each weekend at the Annex

Sat. 9-11 AM & Sun. 8:30-10:30

This week we will have...



If you have a home garden, and would like to share any of your produce, we are delivering to the food pantries and would be glad to add your surplus.

A Note From Fr. Bob

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

There are a couple of updates that I would like to share with you. The first is that we have surpassed our Annual Catholic Appeal Challenge goal with pledges of \$161,566! Our Challenge Goal is \$160, 420. Thank you so much! I served on the ACA Council for six years both as a member and as the Chair of the Parish Emergency Grant Committee and saw firsthand how your contributions helped so many people and parishes. Your pledges help people in need and parishes facing emergencies for which they did not have the funds to address. Our contributions really do make a difference. The Appeal will continue until August 16th if you would like to make a pledge. You may make a pledge by placing it in the Sunday collection, mailing it to the ACA at the Rigali Center, or going online to archstl.org. Thank you again for your amazing generosity and making a difference!

The second update is about our parish debt to the Archdiocese. I am pleased to report that as of June 30th we are debt free! Thank you for your continued stewardship and generous support of our parish. You might recall that when we began to address our debt several years ago, Archbishop Carlson provided us with a dollar-to-dollar debt reduction grant. As we paid against our debt, the Archdiocese reduced our debt equally for each dollar we paid. This enabled us to pay off our debt in five years instead of the anticipated ten years. Thank you for your support and thank you to Archbishops Carlson and Rozanski for their support of our parish. We will have complete Stewardship Report for your review in late August or early September when the books are closed for the year. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me.

Beginning today, I will be away from the parish for vacation for the next two weeks. During that time Fr. Chris Seiler will be assisting with Sunday Masses. Please take care of Father Jerry while I am away. Take him out to breakfast, bring him donuts or just give him a call. While I am away, please pray for me. I will be praying for you and remembering you in daily Mass.

Speaking of Father Chris, he recently completed his training in Rome for the Diplomatic Service of the Holy See. The Holy Father appointed him to service in Angola and São Tomé and Príncipe. He is looking forward to working on his Portuguese and getting to know God's people in Angola and São Tomé and Príncipe. Please keep him in your prayers as he begins this next step in his journey of serving God and his people. God bless you Father Chris and safe travels.

Let's continue to pray for each other this week.

Peace,
Father Bob

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 11

7:30am Glennon Fuest
9:00am Marcinette Dayco
11:00am Bernetta Drury

Monday, July 12

6:30 am Bill Fetsch

Tuesday, July 13

6:30am Faithful Departed

Wednesday, July 14

6:30am Helen Mente

Thursday, July 15

8:00am Marjorie Crow

Friday, July 16

8:00am Bill Fetsch

Saturday, July 17

8:00am Dr. Edward Reh, Special Intention
5:00pm Marjorie Crow

Sunday, July 18

7:30am Dorothy Ellebracht
9:00am Fisk Family
11:00am Bernetta Drury

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Don Abramovitz	Eric Hill	John Rizzello
Renee Armon	Betty Hirschmugl	John Roberson
Kathryn Arnold	Suzanne Holzum	Pat Romano
Greg Bamert	Brenda Jaeger	Mike Sampson
Bert & Sarah	Diane Javaux	Jean Schepers
Beckmann	Kathy Johnson	Anita Schiermeyer
Sonny Bolm	Kenneth Jordan	Norma Schwaninger
Nancy Brand	Sharon Knoppe	Mary Taszarek
Jim Brockmeyer	Mike Lemp	Jan Telthorst
Connie Buenemann	Jerry McGuire	Rebecca Tobar
Linda Buttry	Karen Newcomb	Rudy & Brenda
Nicole Chapman	Matt Niedringhaus	Torricelli
Ed Cody	Jacob Null	Nanci Van Amburgh
Matthew Cody	Bob & Donna	Joe & Jean Wangler
Peggy Cody	Pedrotti	Angeline Weber
Leon Deimeke	Rick Pemberton	Gene Weckherlin
Charles Dent	Maisy Grace Pina	Bill & Joan Weinzirl
Till Fehrenbacher	Bob & Tootie	Christine
Betty Fiske	Ponder	Woracheck
Ray & Betty	Brian Ponder	Tom Zemblidge
Garvels	Carolyn Putnam	Pam Zika
Karl Gill	John Rath	

Sick Relatives and Friends:

Judy Bauman	Richard Hahl	Robert Schneider
Kendell & Tina Bedell	Christian James	Ruby Smith
Jeri Burch	David Kasprzyk	Alford Snowden
Nancy Chik	Jenny Lemkemann	Grace Solimando
Beau Dempewolf	Trish Merklin	Jerry Sutterer
Margaret Dickinson	Lou Merritt	Msgr. Jim Telthorst
Debbie Ditch	Shirley Petrosky	Jim Wamhoff
Fran Ebers	Mike & Cindy Prinzi	John Wamhoff
Colleen Evans	Dianne Rellergert	Michelle Wilson
Harold Feltmann	Sr. Pat Rodemann	Bonnie Wittman
Michael Gill	Sheryl Sanfilippo	Joe Wolf
Chris Gooch	Albert Schiermeyer	

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the families of **Harold Zahner**; **Cynthia Probst**, wife of George; and **Rose Blair**, mother of Theresa (Donnie) Essner.
May their souls rest in the Peace of Christ.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

Gluten allergy? Would you like a gluten-free host? Please contact the Parish Office, 739-0230.

BLOOD DRIVE

Each donation will generate a contribution benefitting Holy Spirit's Full-time School & PSR programs (for educational tools used by these students).

Holy Spirit Parish,
Rigali Room of the Annex
Sunday, July 18
8:00 am - 12:30 noon

Be a Steward of Christ!
Appointment **REQUIRED**
NO Walk-in's.

To schedule an appointment, log on to
www.bloodcenter.org/donate
Use group sponsor code 10414



Mississippi Valley
REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER

www.bloodcenter.org
Eat before donating • Bring photo ID

Prayer in action is love, love in action is service. ~Mother Teresa

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER CHAIN

Praying for one another is one of the most powerful things we can do for each other. It can be done at any time & in any place. You can make prayer requests or pray for others or both. Presently we have over 125 people who receive prayer requests by phone or email. If you are already praying, you do NOT need to sign up. If you would like to join us or request prayers, please contact the parish office, 739-0230, leave a message for Sharon Kaufman or prayerchain@holyspiritstl.org

LADIES CLUB MONTHLY MEETING

The Ladies Club will have their Annual Indoor Picnic Tuesday, July 13, 12:30 p.m. in the Rigali Room. We will have hot dogs and ice cream available. Bring your own drinks. After the meeting we will play picnic games for prizes. Questions? Call Karen, 291-1971.



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH MINISTRY OF SUPPORT

We are pleased to announce the formation of the Holy Spirit Parish Ministry of Support to assist those with family members suffering from mental illness. This ministry will meet monthly & provide an opportunity for family members to come together with other parishioners with similar needs to pray for each other. The monthly meetings will have a theme based on scripture, an opportunity of intercessory prayer, & a period of discussion based on the monthly theme. This group's mission is to assist each member's faith & reliance on God. It is not a counseling session but an opportunity for the prayerful support of others. The first meeting will be Tues., July 13, 7 PM in the Community Room of the Parish Annex.

For more info, contact Michelle & Rick Keating, 739-1768 or michellekeatingrn@gmail.com.



PRO-LIFE NEWS

Saturday, July 17: Biking for Babies Celebration of Life event at St. Joseph Parish (Manchester) from 4 to 8 p.m. Go to <https://bikingforbabies.com/celebration-of-life/> for more information



"Missouri AG Seeks U.S. Supreme Court Review of the 'Missouri Stands for the Unborn Act' "

Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt has filed a petition with the U.S. Supreme Court to review an 8th Circuit Court decision striking down much of the landmark Missouri pro-life law passed in 2019. The 2019 law, known as HB 126 (Missouri Stands for the Unborn Act), would have prohibited abortion at eight weeks, when a fetal heartbeat can be detected. HB 126 also prohibited abortions performed solely upon a diagnosis of Down Syndrome. The 8th Circuit Appeals court, which hears appeals of federal cases from Missouri, recently ruled that much of HB 126 violates current Supreme Court precedent by imposing a ban on abortions before fetal viability (generally believed to be around 20-22 weeks when a fetus can survive outside the womb). AG Schmitt is asking the court to consider whether the viability standard should be overruled

SENIOR EXERCISE

For the month of July we'll meet on **TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS** from 9 to 10 a.m. We will **NOT** meet July 22, 27 and 29.



HOLY SPIRIT ACTS

The ACTS community at Holy Spirit, in prayer and thanksgiving, is so pleased to announce that formation is resuming in preparation for our next Men's and Women's retreats.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Upcoming Men's Retreat: October 28-31, 2021
Mike Schnable, Director
314-581-8657 or mikeschnable@sbcglobal.net

Upcoming Women's Retreat: January 20-23, 2022
Anne Kinealy, Director
314-330-7752 or anne.kinealy@gmail.com

Questions? Want to help?

Please contact Alli Kleitz, Core Team Communications, at 314-344-9034 (home), 314-239-3015 (cell), or kleitzfamily@gmail.com.



PSR NEWS

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION-REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022

The Parish School of Religion has religion classes on Tues. evenings, from 6:45-8 p.m. for students in grades 1-8 who attend public schools. PSR sessions focus on the message of Jesus, experienced within a community of faith with opportunities to pray, worship & do service for others. The students are also prepared to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist. Confirmation is a parish wide program coordinated by our Youth Minister, Donna Eisenbath.

All families will register & make payments for PSR thru our online program, www.holyspirit.psrenroll.com or PSR registration is one of the quick links on the parish website, www.holyspiritstl.org. Detailed information was also sent by email to each returning family.

WE NEED YOU! DO YOU LOVE CHILDREN?

DO YOU LIKE TO SHARE YOUR FAITH?

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY?

PSR is looking for a 2nd grade catechist & assistant to lovingly share their faith & help the children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist. This is a wonderful way to witness to our young children while growing in your own faith as well as serve our parish community. No teaching experience necessary. For the catechist, we have a teacher's manual & lots of supplemental activities to help you plan lessons. The assistant will work with the catechist to help the classroom run smoothly & help with tasks as determined by the catechist. PSR is held on Tue. evenings from late August until early May, 6:45-8pm.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Linda Farhat 314-739-0230 ext. 108 or email lfarhat@holyspiritstl.org

PSR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The PSR Scholarship Fund has been established to assist PSR families who need financial assistance with their PSR tuition. Parent(s) wishing to be considered for a scholarship must complete a PSR Financial Assistance Form for the current year & submit it to the CRE for approval. Donations to the PSR Scholarship Fund may be made in honor of or in memory of an individual as well as general contributions. This is a wonderful way to pay tribute to someone who has made a difference in helping your family grow in faith. Donations may be made by check or cash or through electronic giving found on the parish website www.holyspiritstl.org. Go to the online giving tab & log in or create an account. When setting up a new donation, look for the "PSR Scholarship" choice in the designations for donations. To designate an honorarium or memorial donation, please include information on the memo field or if mailing a check, please include a note. All donations are tax deductible.

YOUTH MINISTRY

FIND HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

www.facebook.com/hsyouth AND as [hs_youth_stl](https://www.instagram.com/hs_youth_stl)

(HS Youth STL) on Instagram

Check out our reflections from F3 and questions for you to ask your child.

HIGH SCHOOL:

Gatherings: JOIN EAT, PRAY, DISCUSS gatherings for high school every Thur. We have begun gathering in person. Join us in the Resource Center basement (Holy Spirit Room) from 7:30-9:00 p.m. every Thur.

NO MEETING July 15. Service opportunities will be offered. Check with Donna E. if you're interested.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

If you're home this summer & would like to join us, please stop by on Thur. nights, Resource Center. We'd love see you, & if interested, we'd welcome your input & leadership with our C2B retreat.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION FORMATION

Parents, please watch your mail & check your Email for information about the summer, doing a service project & Session 6: Relationships with sponsors over the summer as well as other important information. Be sure to respond which day/time you prefer for your sessions in the fall.

Next gathering will be **Aug. 15** for the Rite of Sending at 9:00 a.m. Mass.

WANTED:

- ~PGC Adults who are willing to chaperone &/or lead meetings for high school (Eat. Pray. Discuss.), &/or 7th & 8th grade (MSM-Middle School Madness).
- ~PGC Adults willing to chaperone large events like retreats or March for Life
- ~PGC Adults who are interested in working on occasional opportunities for younger youth (5th & 6th grade) during the school year.

PRAYER STARTERS FOR PARENTS AND TEENS:

- ◇ Before you go to bed, go into your child's room and make the sign of the cross over their forehead.
- ◇ When you get a prayer request from friends or family, say a quick prayer aloud with your family. Call on your favorite saints for intercession or look up the patron of the need and ask for prayer.
- ◇ For spontaneous prayer try using "You, who, do, through" prayer: **name God** (Creator God, Loving Father, Spirit of Wisdom, etc.), **who** (is loving, created us good, knows our future, etc.), **ask for what you need or want** ("do"), **through** (Jesus who saves us, the power of the Holy Spirit, etc.)



Holy Spirit Catholic School
Red & Blue Weekly Raffle

- *First Monday of every month - \$100.00*
- *Remaining Mondays of the month - \$25.00*
- *Drawing to be held on Mondays*

September 13, 2021 – May 16, 2022

Proceeds to benefit technology/field trip transportation

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FAITH IN ACTION UPDATE

Thank you to all the volunteers who have participated in Faith in Action since 2006 - over the past 15 years! Over 200 volunteers have been involved and many parishioners have been supported through rides to Mass; rides to dr. appointments; minor home repairs; visits or phone calls; yardwork; light housekeeping; non-medical assistance; meals after surgery or new babies or other health crises; or prayers sent out on the prayer chain. You have truly been the hands and feet of Christ.

As we look to the future (and as I retire), we are making some changes to this ministry. In order to meet those requests that seem to be the highest needs, we are focusing on the following ways we assist parishioners:

Prayer requests
Yard Work
Minor Home Repair
Emergency Meals
Rides to Mass or Rides to Dr. Appointments

Beginning on July 1st, we are streamlining the procedures. Please contact the Parish Office 314-739-0230 or email parish@holyspiritstl.org to make requests for assistance or to volunteer to help. We can always use more help! A volunteer coordinator will be in contact with the appropriate group of volunteers to fill requests or to contact new volunteers. Please remember that it takes about a week or so to fill requests, we need time to contact volunteers and get responses. Additionally, the office is not open on the weekend so there is no one available to take requests. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Thanks again for all that you do to be Christ to one another!

Sharon Kaufman

We're back!

***On July 27**, our **older adult** parishioners are invited to gather at **11 am** for light-hearted conversation while enjoying lunch together.*

SPORTS CAFÉ, 3579 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044
(Next to Bob Evans and Olive Garden)

****Note that lunchtime is 11 am and the restaurant opens at 11 am****

Directions: West on St. Charles Rock Rd. Pass under Hwy 270 and then make a left at the stoplight onto Pennridge Dr. Make another immediate left to stay on Pennridge Dr. Sports Café will be on the right.

NEW (& UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE):

Please RSVP to the Parish Office 314-739-0230 by Friday, July 23rd so they know their staffing needs.

Due to COVID, they have had employee shortages.

Invite a friend or come alone because it's just for fun!



FIAT WOMEN'S GROUP

All women are invited for prayer & a talk presented by a Kenrick-Glennon Seminary faculty member on the third Thur. of each month. In-person sessions will resume on July 15th beginning with the rosary at 8:00 a.m. in the seminary's Chapel of St. Joseph. This month's speaker is Dr. Larry Feingold, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Theology. To receive updates about this and other Fiat Women's Group events, visit kenrick.edu/fiat.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Racism comes in many forms. It can be seen in deliberate, sinful acts. In recent times, we have seen bold expressions of racism by groups as well as individuals. The re-appearance of symbols of hatred, such as nooses and swastikas in public spaces, is a tragic indicator of rising racial and ethnic animus. All too often, Hispanics and African Americans, for example, face discrimination in hiring, housing, educational opportunities, and incarceration. Racial profiling frequently targets Hispanics for selective immigration enforcement practices, and African Americans, for suspected criminal activity. There is also the growing fear and harassment of persons from majority Muslim countries. Extreme nationalist ideologies are feeding the American public discourse with xenophobic rhetoric that instigates fear against foreigners, immigrants, and refugees.

Source: <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/upload/open-wide-our-hearts.pdf> Pg 3.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE!- TWO BY TWO

As we are seeing an end to the pandemic in the near future, many are wondering "are people going to come back to Church?" Maybe the question should be "what are we going to do to invite people back?" Some parishes have decided to contact parishioners that they haven't heard from in a while and invite them back. But, if we haven't seen them prior to the pandemic, what was changed at our parish to encourage them to return? Instead, let's use today's Gospel as a model - let's go out "two by two" and walk with people in their faith journey. Let's train our parish disciples to be disciple-makers. Instead of starting big and calling people that were lukewarm to begin with, let's start small and train our "on fire" disciples how to lead small faith groups and how to easily share their faith story with others. Then, encourage people in our small faith groups to go out and do the same - this is called spiritual multiplication. The key - we need to personally invest in a few people at time and accompany them in their faith journey.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Scrip Gift Cards will now be available in the Parish Hall for summer sales from 8am-11am.

Please come by the Scrip table to purchase your gift cards or to let us know what retailers you shop so we can add them to our on-hand cards.

We are happy to announce that despite the pandemic, Holy Spirit Scrip wrote a check to the school for \$7000 to help with expenses.

Every online & gift card purchase adds up and we thank you all for your continued support.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY IS BACK!



We have Prayer Shawls available for women, men and children. They were all made and donated by parishioners and are available upon request at no cost - see my contact information below.

We will have our daytime meeting for prayer shawl makers this month on Thursday, July 15, at 1pm in the Rigali room in the annex.

Our evening meeting will be Wednesday, July 28, at 7pm in the Resource Center upstairs meeting room.

If you have any questions, or want a shawl, don't hesitate to contact Mary, 497-5048. Feel free to call or text.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Do You Know Someone Who Is Hurting?

If you know someone—perhaps a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative—who is going through a difficult time, there's a wonderful way you can help them receive the care and support they need. Tell them about Stephen Ministry! Our Stephen Ministers have received 50 hours of training to provide high-quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.

To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, call the Stephen Ministry confidential Hotline today: (314) 739-0230 ext.130.

Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Amos 7:12-15
Psalm 85:9-14
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:7-13

Monday, July 12
Exodus 1:8-14,22
Ps 124:1b-8
Matthew 10:34 – 11:1

Tuesday, July 13
Exodus 2:1-15a
Ps 69:3,14,30-31,33-34
Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 14
St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Exodus 3:1-6,9-12
Ps 103:1b-4,6-7
Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday, July 15
St. Bonaventure
Exodus 3:13-20
Ps 105:1,5,8-9,24-27
Matthew 11:28-30

Friday, July 16
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Exodus 11:10 – 12:14
Ps 116:12-13,15-18
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday, July 17
Exodus 12:37-42
Ps 136:1,23-24,10-15
Matthew 12:14-21

In this Sunday's Gospel passage, Jesus teaches us about trust. If we're to fulfill our calling as God's missionaries of love in this world, if we're to fulfill our calling to share the Good News, we must trust God and the resources he provides.

And we must trust that he will always provide exactly what we need when we need it, even though it doesn't always seem sufficient. It's important that we don't feed the inclination to distrust him by expecting anything other than what he provides.

Every Mass ends with a re-commissioning rite for the calling we all have. The final blessing is a sending forth after we've been renewed in our relationship with Jesus. His presence in the Word and in the Eucharist and in the Church community re-energizes us (when we pay attention) to boldly go and do all

that he asks of us.

Through the priest, Jesus sends us into the world to be the visible proof that he is real and that he's alive and that he cares. With Jesus, and in him and through him, we are all evangelizers who can make a difference in the world.

Yes, all of us – all of us who have participated in the Eucharistic celebration with conscious awareness of

what we are saying and praying and receiving during Mass. Go forth in bold confidence! Jesus is sending you out from the church with his Spirit and his sufficiency.

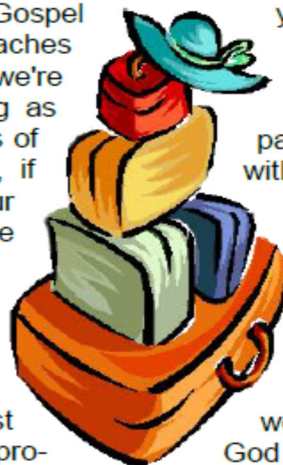
However, when we do the packing and decide what to take with us on the mission, we like to take an abundance of stuff, just in case we might need it. Thus, we fail to show others that God is reliable and trustworthy.

To be effective evangelizers, we have to surrender over to God whatever baggage interferes with our mission.

Remember this: Surrender is not truly surrender unless we no longer want what we surrendered. If we still have some desire for it, we're attached to it by a bungee cord that yanks us back to it, yanking us away from our true purpose in life.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. In what areas of your life do you rely upon the Lord?
2. What areas do you still need to entrust to him? What will you do to surrender any distrust?
3. What kind of "food" do others serve you when you rely on God to provide for your needs through them? How does their service to you help them understand God?
4. What kind of baggage should be left at home instead of carrying it into ministry? How does letting go of this better reveal Jesus to others?



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