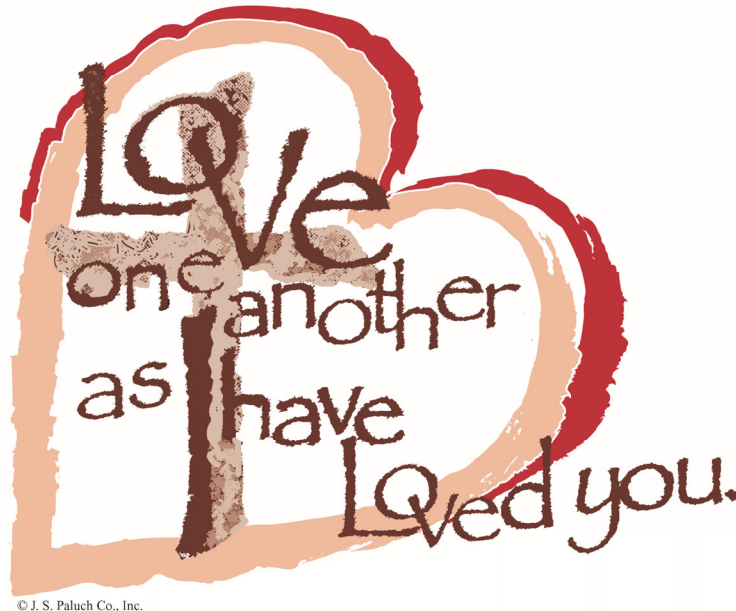


Holy Spirit Parish Family

May 9, 2021 — Sixth Sunday of Easter



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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.

PARISH OFFICE

3130 Parkwood Lane
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E-mail: parish@holyspiritstl.org
Fax: 314-739-0237

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
between 8:00am and 5:00pm

PARISH STAFF

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SCHOOL

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

3120 Parkwood Lane
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Phone: 314-739-1934
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Kate Ayres, School Secretary,
kayres@holyspiritstl.org

PARISH ANNEX

3111 Parkwood Lane,
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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 April 19-25, 2021

Sunday Envelopes, 143 utilized	\$ 10,444.00
Loose Collection	\$ 194.00
Online Donations, 101 families	\$ 10,668.00
Total	\$ 21,306.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ 1,115.62

HandS	Parish Improvements
\$ 340.00	\$ 330.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, May 9 – Happy Mother's Day!

Sunday Mass Schedule—7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 11

12:00 pm—Ladies Club, Rigali Rm.

Wednesday, May 12

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

Thursday, May 13

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

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

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Now being sold without preordering. Please come through the drive up in front of the Parish Hall from 10-11am on Sundays and we will sell cards on-site. We carry everything on our Scrip-to-go order form. We will also take Scheduled Orders for cards we don't carry on-hand. Please see the parish website to print out either form, or pick up a few forms when you come to Scrip Drive up. Cash or checks are accepted.

Thank you for supporting Holy Spirit.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OLDER ADULT EVENTS:

Lunch Bunch will return on June 22.

More details will be coming.

HOLY SPIRIT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 19TH, 2021

Florissant Golf Club

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Four Person Scramble – Shotgun Start



\$75 per player (\$300 per team) includes:

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Tee Off: **8:00AM** (Check in at 7:00am)

For more information, registration or sponsorships:

See www.holyspiritstl.org OR Email:

Pete Kielhofner (kielhopj@yahoo.com)

Bill Peroutka (peroutkajr@hotmail.com)

Matt Besserman (Besserman24@yahoo.com)

John Keeven (JohnKeeven@hotmail.com)



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of **Gary Schell**, brother of Barb.
May his soul rest in the Peace of Christ.

F3 – FOOD, FAITH AND FRIENDS

for students going into Grades 6-12 in the Fall of 2021
ONLINE Registration began March 1st

Please use this link to register

<https://forms.gle/igCnMkGtqJDnRk6E7>

or go to the Parish website and under the Education tab, choose F3, Food, Faith and Friends.

\$10 per teen. Space is limited.

Deadline for registration is May 17.

For more information contact

Sharon Kaufman, skaufman@holyspiritstl.org
or Donna Eisenbath deisenbath@holyspiritstl.org

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE! – THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is called the Advocate, the Paraclete, and the Consoler in Scripture. He is the gift of the Father whom we received at Baptism and then more fully in Confirmation. The Holy Spirit is our defender, the one who stands by us in the midst of the attacks of Satan (the accuser). Constantly reminding us of what Jesus has taught us and guiding us into prayer, the Spirit leads us just as He led Jesus. “The Holy Spirit, whom Christ the head pours out on his members, builds, animates, and sanctifies the Church” (CCC 747). Praise God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, our anointing, our dove, our fire.

archstl.org/dynamic

BLOOD DRIVE

Holy Spirit Parish,
Rigali Room of the Annex
Sunday, May 16
8:00 am – 12:30 noon

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A Note From Fr. Bob

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

Happy Mother's Day!

At all the Masses this weekend Fr. Jerry and I will offer the following blessing for all Mothers present. I offer it here for all those who will be away with their families or unable to attend due to COVID.

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Hope you all have a wonderful day!

COVID Restrictions Update

This past Monday St. Louis County lifted the capacity restriction of 50% of occupancy rating but maintained the Social Distancing requirement. As I mentioned last week, the social distancing requirement keeps us under 100% of occupancy so that we can seat approximately 230 people in church under our current configuration. Setting up additional seating in the Gathering Area will increase our capacity somewhat. Thanks for your patience and let's continue to pray for an end to the pandemic.

Let's pray for each other this week.

Peace,

Father Bob

PARISH PASTORAL ASSOCIATE WANTED –

Following the recent retirement announcement by our beloved Pastoral Associate and Director of PSR, Sharon Kaufman, we are now looking for someone to fill this full-time position. This position is an administrator who assists the Pastor in his responsibilities in responding to the spiritual, pastoral, and educational needs of the parish. If you believe that you have the gifts, interest, and the calling to serve Holy Spirit Parish in this way, please look at the job posting on the Archdiocesan website (<https://www.archstl.org/job-opportunities/pastoral-associate-2256>) for further details.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 9

7:30am	Gertrude Schenk
9:00am	Kim & Cory Fisk
11:00am	Cecelia Goebel

Monday, May 10

6:30 am	Denise Lipinski
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Tuesday, May 11

6:30am	Dorothy Faerber
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Wednesday, May 12

6:30am	Faithful Departed
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Thursday, May 13

8:00am	David Hanley
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Friday, May 14

8:00am	Joseph & Joan Weikart
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Saturday, May 15

8:00am	Robert Hachmeister
5:00pm	Clarence Hermann

Sunday, May 16

7:30am	Robert Wientge
9:00am	Marianne Burnes
11:00am	People of the Parish

PRO-LIFE NEWS

LITANY TO MARY, MOTHER OF LIFE

Mary, Mother of all Life, help us to respect human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. **Mary, Mother of Compassion**, You showed us how valuable a single life can be; Help us to guard and protect the lives of all people entrusted to our care. **Mary, Mother of the Child Jesus**, with St. Joseph you formed the Holy Family. Guard and protect all families in this earthly life; **Mary, Mother Most Holy**, You sanctified the vocation of motherhood; Pour out your heavenly aid on all mothers and help them to be holy. **Mary, Mother of Sorrows**, Simeon's prophecy foretold that a sword of suffering would pierce your heart; Bring comfort and hope to all mothers who suffer over their children. **Mary, Full of Grace**, You had a choice in responding to God's call; Help us always to say "Yes" to the will of God in our lives, And strive always to do whatever he tells us. **Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted**, Pour forth your heavenly grace on all who are in need of God's healing... Help them to experience the love and mercy of Christ, your Son. **Mary, Intercessor and Advocate**, We lift up the poor, the displaced, the marginalized and vulnerable members of society; Help them to never abandon hope, but to place their trust in the God who gave them life. **Mary, Mother of the Word Incarnate**, you bore in your womb him whom the heavens cannot contain; Help us to bear witness to Christ by the example of our lives and show the world the extravagant love of God. Amen

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

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Greg Bamert	Diane Javaux	Pat Romano
Sonny Bolm	Kathy Johnson	Mike Sampson
Nancy Brand	Kenneth Jordan	Marianne Saputo
Jim Brockmeyer	Sharon Knoppe	Jean Schepers
Connie Buenemann	Charles Kraemer	Anita Schiermeyer
Linda Buttry	Bill Kriete	Norma Schwaninger
Nicole Chapman	Mike Lemp	Jan Telthorst
Ed Cody	Jerry McGuire	Rebecca Tobar
Matthew Cody	Karen Newcomb	Rudy & Brenda
Peggy Cody	Matt Niedringhaus	Torricelli
Leon Deimeke	Jacob Null	Nanci Van Amburgh
Charles Dent	Bob & Donna	Katy Van Stratton
Till Fehrenbacher	Pedrotti	Joe & Jean Wangler
Ray & Betty	Rick Pemberton	Angeline Weber
Garvels	Bob & Tootie	Gene Weckherlin
Karl Gill	Ponder	Bill & Joan Weinzirl
Rosemary Harty	Brian Ponder	Christine
Eric Hill	Carolyn Putnam	Woracheck
Betty Hirschmugl	John Rath	Tom Zemblidge

Sick Relatives and Friends:

Mike	Michael Gill	Albert Schiermeyer
Cindy	Chris Gooch	Ruby Smith
Judy Bauman	Richard Hahl	Sharon Sneed
Kendell & Tina Bedell	Christian James	Grace Solimando
Jeri Burch	David Kasprzyk	Jerry Sutterer
Nancy Chik	Mary Lane	Matthew VanStratton
Beau Dempewolf	Jenny Lemkemann	John Wamhoff
Margaret Dickinson	Trish Merklin	Michelle Wilson
Debbie Ditch	Lou Merritt	Bonnie Wittman
Fran Ebers	Shirley Petrosky	Joe Wolf
Colleen Evans	Dianne Rellergert	

SOCIAL JUSTICE

MARY, QUEEN OF ALL CREATION

Mary, the Mother who cared for Jesus, now cares with maternal affection and pain for this wounded world. Just as her pierced heart mourned the death of Jesus, so now she grieves for the sufferings of the crucified poor and for the creatures of this world laid waste by human power. Completely transfigured, she now lives with Jesus, and all creatures sing of her fairness. She is the Woman "clothed in the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars."

~Source: Laudato Si #241

Mary is the mother and Queen of all creation.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

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That's the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through.

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Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

LADIES OF THE PARISH

Please join us (Holy Spirit Ladies Club)

Noon, Tue., May 11,

for our return to the Rigali Room.

Please bring a drink and sandwich to join us for lunch!

We will work on the calendar and fund-raising activities and, maybe, even play a game or two.

Questions? Call Karen, 291-1971

YOUTH MINISTRY

FIND HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

www.facebook.com/hsyouth AND as hs_youth_stl

(HS Youth STL) on Instagram

HIGH SCHOOL:

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: If you need service hours, JOIN EAT, PRAY, DISCUSS gatherings for high school every Thur. We have begun gathering in person, and planning for a retreat for the 7th & 8th grade. Join us in the Parish Hall from 7:30-9:00 p.m. every Thur. If you want to be on the team, be at our meetings in May. You can earn service hours for the retreat planning meetings..

COLLEGE STUDENTS

If you're home this summer & would like to join us, please stop by the Parish Hall Thur. nights. We'd love see you, & if interested, we'd welcome your input & leadership with our C2B retreat, & F³ this summer.

7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION FORMATION

Parents, please watch your Email for information & reminders about Confirmation preparation. In May we will be discussing Session 4: The Prayer Process. Upcoming small groups: 2nd Wed., May 12, 3rd Sun., May 16, 3rd Thur. (online), May 20

F³ – FOOD, FAITH, FRIENDS (AND FUN) – IT'S EXPONENTIAL!

(see what I did there?) Our theme this year is *Prayer: Who, What, When, Where, and How?* Signups are open until May 17 for young people who will be going into 6-12 grades in the fall. It will take place in the evening from June 13-17. Cost is \$10. Use this link to register <https://forms.gle/igCnMkGtqJDnRk6E7>

WANTED:

~ PGC adults who would be willing to chaperone a retreat this summer. Sessions will be in person-socially distanced and outside-at the Annex.

~ Young Adults to help with F³

~ Teens & families willing to be called upon for a parishioner who needs a service project tackled.

NON-PHYSICAL COMPLIMENTS TO TRY:

~ I like the way I see you treat other people.

~ You are such a good listener. I enjoy conversation with you.

~ I like knowing that I can depend on you to be honest with me.

PSR NEWS

Congratulations & Best Wshes – PSR retirements

Mrs. Edna Accardi & Mrs. Karen Kenning are retiring from PSR. Mrs. Accardi served 54 years as a PSR Catechist & Mrs. Kenning served 28 years! We celebrated their service at our last night of PSR on May 4th. Please join us in congratulating them for planting so many seeds of faith & serving our parish so selflessly. We will miss them on Tuesday nights but wish them the best!!

PSR Report Cards

Report cards will be mailed in mid-May this year. Thank you to everyone who came in person to help us celebrate our year.

ONLINE PSR Registration for 2021-2022

has begun. Check your emails or the PSR Website for details. **Early registration discounts and deadline is May 31st.** Beginning June 1st, registration begins at full price.

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 and 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 the electronic giving site found on the parish website www.holyspiritstl.org. Go to the online giving tab and 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.

HOLY SPIRIT ACTS

In gratitude & prayer, the ACTS community at Holy Spirit is pleased to announce formation is resuming soon in preparation for our next Men's & 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

Questions? Want to help?

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

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26,
34-35,44-48
Ps 98:1-4
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

Monday May 10

Acts 16:11-15
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b
John 15:26 -- 16:4a

Tuesday May 11

Acts 16:22-34
Ps 138:1-3,7c-8
John 16:5-11

Wednesday May 12

Acts 17:15,22--18:1
Ps 148:1-2,11-14
John 16:12-15

Thursday May 13 Our Lady of Fatima (Ascension of the Lord)

Acts 18:1-8
Ps 98:1-4
John 16:16-20

Friday May 14 St. Matthias

Acts 1:15-17,20-26
Ps 113:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8
John 15:9-17

Saturday May 15

Acts 18:23-28
Ps 47:2-3,8-9,10
John 16:23b-28

Servanthood is the mark of true Christian living. Jesus emphasized this during the Last Supper, saying that he came not to be served, but to serve, and that likewise we should serve one another. In his parables, he often referred to believers as "servants" of the Kingdom. But in John 15:9-17, Jesus says that he wants us to be his *friends*, not his slaves. Is he contradicting himself?

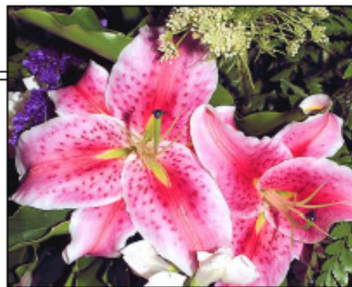
Not at all! Friends serve because they care. Slaves serve because of duty and the fear of punishment.

Jesus said, "If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love." Do we hear this as a friend or as a slave?

Slaves are afraid of what will happen if they fail to keep God's commandments; they are self-protective. Friends are eager to find out what God commands, because they view the commandments from the perspective of

love, as opportunities to serve; they are other-oriented.

Jesus said, "This is my commandment: Love one another the way I love you." It's the supreme commandment; call it the Commandment of Friendship. He says, "You know how I love you, my friends: I openly share with you everything that the Father tells me." His friends realize that what he shares (through scripture *and* through the Church) reveals our opportunities to love.



Every commandment is rooted in love. Every Church teaching is based on scriptures that help us know when and how to love.

When we fail to obey, do we lose God's love?

Never! Do we lose our place in his love? Yes. By living outside of his commandments, we feel unloved even while being loved.

This is slavery. We're enslaved by fear or by false beliefs or by our wounds that have caused us to think that we're not loved enough. God's commandments then feel confining, and if we try to escape, we commit rebellion. Those who don't rebel accept their slavery and obey dutifully in the hope of winning God's love.

Friends, on the other hand, know that God always loves them, and in this love, they are free to serve one another joyfully.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Are you obeying God like a slave or his best friend?
2. Do you eagerly jump into doing the will of God or do you complain about it? Do you ever want to escape from God's will?
3. What will you do to become more aware of his friendship?
4. What raises our relationships with God from slavery to friendship? Describe differences between obeying out of duty and obeying out of love.

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD — (MAY 16, 2021)

Acts 1:1-11 — Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 — Eph 1:17-23 — Mk 16:15-20



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