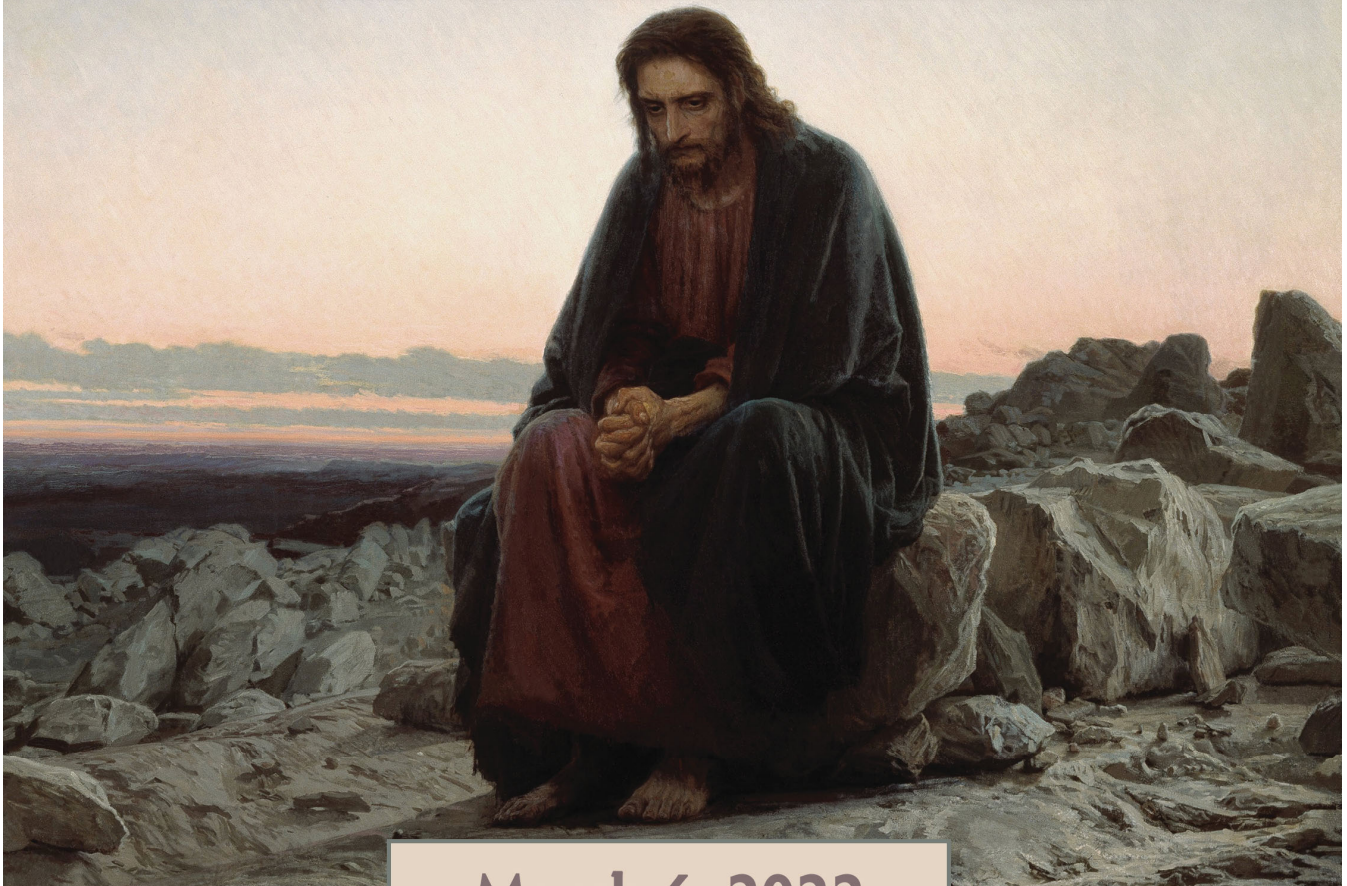


Holy Spirit Parish Family

First Sunday of **LENT**

Filled with the Holy Spirit,
Jesus returned from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit into
the desert for forty days,
to be tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:1-2



March 6, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE

*MASSSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED AT 6:30 AM MON/TUES/WED;
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Monday thru Wednesday.....6:30am
Thursday and Friday.....8:00am
Saturday:8:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am
Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin.

Eucharistic Chapel Hours

Weekdays: 12am to 6am and 9am to 12 midnight.

Saturdays: 12am to 7am

Chapel will close at 7am Saturday until 9am Monday.

Eucharistic Exposition

Suspended until Further Notice

SPECIAL REQUESTS

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.

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION

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

BAPTISMS & CLASSES:

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.

Registration

New parishioners may register at Parish Office or download a registration form, www.holyspiritstl.org.

New information, such as change of address, phone numbers or moving from the parish, please call Parish Office at 314-739-0230

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 msaputo@holyspiritstl.org.



A Note From Fr. Bob

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

Last week I began my homily with a poem from an unknown author. In the Gospel Jesus told the parable of the blind leading the blind. He also asked, "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" The point being, we should work on our own faults and not others. The poem does not have a title, but I think it could be aptly entitled, "The Surprise."

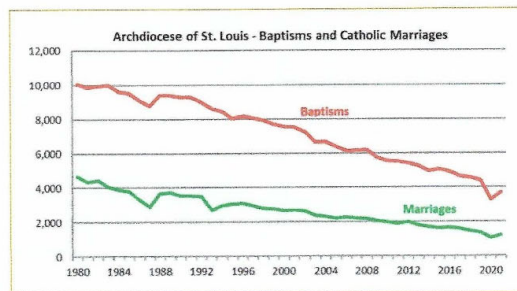
"I dreamt death came the other night and heaven's gate swung wide.
With kindly grace an angel came and ushered me inside.
And there, to my astonishment, stood folks I'd known on earth.
Some I had judged 'most unfit' and others of 'little worth.'
Indignant words rose to my lips but never were set free.
For everyone showed stunned surprise: no one expected me."

I suggested that this Lent perhaps we could ask our Lord to help us to be blind to the faults of others as we seek to be more like Jesus. If we all did that for the 40 days of Lent, how do you think it would affect us? And how do you think it would affect those around us? May we all take time for prayer this Lent.

Two weeks ago, I shared one of the Catholic Trends shared on the *All Things New* website. The first statistic was of the Number of Catholics and how it has declined. This second one is a graph of Baptisms and Catholic Marriages.

Baptisms and Catholic Marriages

Mirroring the decline in the number of Catholics, there has been a significant decrease in the number of baptisms and marriages each year.



As the number of Catholics has declined, it should not be a surprise that Baptisms and Marriages have declined as well. What should we take away from this? As we will see in future graphs in the weeks to come, there is an impact in the number of priests and the number of students in our Catholic elementary schools and PSR programs. What else should we take from this? For me, we should change the way we think of ourselves as evangelizers. We can no longer rely on someone else to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Each one of us should think about what the apostles did in the early Church. They each went out, relying on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the faith they each received. We really have returned to the Apostolic Age of Evangelization. There are many people just waiting to hear about Jesus. It's our mission to tell them ourselves.

In these months ahead, let's pray about how each of us can live out our baptismal call. There will be some fear as we each examine how we will do this. Certainly, the apostles felt the same fear. Trust in the Lord. Trust in the Holy Spirit. When we are given the opportunity to evangelize, what we need will be given us. We have a relationship with Jesus. Let's share it. And,

Let's pray for each other this week.

Peace,
Father Bob

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK	
Sunday, March 6	
7:30am	Eugene Buecher
9:00am	Daniel Boulicault
11:00am	George Hendrickson
Monday, March 7	
6:30 am	Bill Fetsch
Tuesday, March 8	
6:30am	Luke Boenker
Wednesday, March 9	
6:30am	Carmen Notaro
Thursday, March 10	
8:00am	Theresa Dallavalle
Friday, March 11	
8:00am	Ed Cody
Saturday, March 12	
8:00am	Cronan Rothkopf
5:00pm	Bonnie Wittman
Sunday, March 13	
7:30am	Terry Moran
9:00am	Herman Ponder
11:00am	People of the Parish

**Also, Rice Bowls are available ~
Please consider donating generously to this yearly
collection, especially in this hard hit economy that
has been so challenging for those in need.**

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick and Home-Bound *Parishioners*
and those who care for them.

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Becky Bonner	Kenneth Jordan	Jan Telthorst
Sr. Mary Eliz.	Susie Meyer	Ron Unterreiner
Cullen	Glenn Mueller	Bill/JoanWeinzirl
Leon Deimeke	Bob/Donna Pedrotti	Tom/Jeanne
Charles Dent	Karen Piskulic	Zemblidge
Tom DuBois	Pat Romano	
Martha Elmore	Bob/Tootie	
Till Fehrbacher	Ponder	

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick Relatives and Friends:

Kendell/Tina Bedell	Suzanne Johnson Jenny Lemkemann	Judy Taylor & Family
Ann/Bill Boewer	Barb McDonald	Caroline Van Scoyk
Brenda Joyce	Trish Merklin	Jerry Sutterer
Crouch	Lou /Betty Merritt	Chris Wells
Pat/Joe Dickman	Colin Meyer	Paul Williams
Harold Feltmann	John Misauraca	Michelle Wilson
John Garvels	Liz Prange	Ruby Winschel
Michael Gill	Jan Redden	
Greg/Jane Hefley	Alford Snowden	
Paul Hyduchak	Grace Solimando	

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Grant, almighty God,
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,
that we may grow in understanding
of the riches hidden in Christ
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.



It's Okay to Be Human

An important theme of the
Lenten season is the humanity of
Christ. In Jesus,

God became human and fully
experienced the wide range of
emotions we all encounter in life. Jesus experienced
times of loneliness, sadness, hurt, anger, disappoint-
ment, grief, and abandonment. That is part of being
human. Another part of being
human is needing help from each other. God never
intended us to be completely self-sufficient.

Part of God's plan is for each of us to turn to others
for help when we need it.

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For more information or to apply, go to
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**March 18-20, 2022 - Villa Maria Catholic
Life Center in Springfield, IL**

**April 1-3, 2022 - Courtyard Marriott Hotel
in St. Peters, MO**

Volunteers needed for Faith in Action

Through Faith in Action we help people in our parish with
a variety of things like rides to Mass or doctor appoint-
ments, yard work, simple home repairs and emergency
meals.

Please contact Cheri Deckard at
cherideckard@sbcglobal.net or **314-753-4528**
if you would like to be
added to the list of volunteers. Thank you!

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, March 6

7:00pm—Al Anon, by Zoom

Monday, March 7

6:00pm—Quilting, Annex

7:00pm—Evening Prayer/Reconciliation

Tuesday, March 8

9:00am—Quilting, Annex

Wednesday, March 9

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm

7:00pm—Contemporary Music Rehearsal

Thursday, March 10

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

6:00pm—Bells Rehearsal

7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 11

2:00pm—Stations of the Cross, School

2:30pm—Grief Support. Resource Ctr.

4:30-7:00pm—Seafood Dinner

7:00pm—Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 12

4:00pm—Confessions

Sunday, March 13

7:00pm—Al Anon, by Zoom

Holy Spirit Catholic Church is participating in a PARISH-WIDE SURVEY! Please Read

Holy Spirit Catholic Church is participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link from **March 2, 2022 through April 4, 2022** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. The link below will also be available on our web-site.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to **Fr. Bob Evans** and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you prefer a paper copy of the survey, you may pick up that version after daily and Sunday Masses; they will be located **in the Gathering Area and the West Transept Entrance**. Printable version of the survey is also available at: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/ydcbyx>.

To submit the completed paper survey, please drop it off **in the box in the Gathering Area**. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact Mary Saputo, Parish Administrative Assistant at 314-739-0230 ext. 102.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

QUILT RAFFLE

**Holy Spirit Ladies Club
is raffling off a Beautiful
Queen Size Quilt!**



Tickets will be available to purchase
TODAY in the Gathering Area.
\$5 for 1 chance, \$20 for 5 chances!
(Drawing will be Holy Saturday)



Holy Spirit Ladies Club March Meeting

**March 8 at 12:00 NOON
in the Rigali Room.**

Celebrating St. Paddy's Day! Food Provided!

Please bring a drink

For more information, call Karen: 314-291-1971

CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.
—Thomas Edison

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our Feb. 28 Red & Blue raffle winner of \$25 ~ Karen Brogan Bingham
Thank you for supporting our school!

Tues., Mar. 8: Papa John's Pizza Night Fundraiser, sponsored by the Home & School Assoc.
SCHOOL PROMO CODE SSH006

Thurs., Mar. 10: 8:00 AM—Kindergarten thru Grade 4 Mass led by Grade 1

Fri., Mar. 11: 8:00 AM—Grades 5 thru 8 Mass led by Grade 6
Noon Dismissal ~ Faculty Meeting
Spirit Day! Wearing of Spirit Shirts with non-uniform bottoms
11:15 AM All School Stations of the Cross led by Grades 2 & 3

Mon., Mar. 14: **Spring Break begins today thru Friday, March 18, 2022**

YOUTH MINISTRY

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ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM www.facebook.com/hsyouth AND as [hs_youth_stl](#) (HS Youth STL) on Instagram

CONFIRMATION

7TH GRADE FAMILIES – Session 2: What's Holding You Back is in March

HIGH SCHOOL: WE NEED YOU!

Join our retreat team and earn service hours while planning and helping to lead our spring retreat.

Join us for Eat. Pray. Discuss: be a part of our team as we plan for the spring retreat April 9-10 for the 7th and 8th grade (April 8-10 for the team). It's a great way to serve, deepen friendships, and grow in your faith. Be sure to join us sometime in February if you want to be on the team.

Meeting times for retreat team:

Team meetings are **Monday evenings March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 4 from 7:00-9:00 AND Sunday afternoons March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3 from 1:30 – 3:30.** Team members should plan to attend at least one meeting a week. There will be an ALL TEAM meeting on Thursday, April 7 – time TBD by the team.

Meetings will be held in the Resource Center in the Holy Spirit Room which is in the basement. Come to the basement door or ring the doorbell in front.

C2B Retreat Dates are April 8-10 for the team.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS!

We hope to return to MSM once a month soon. Watch here for details. We will need PGC adults to stay and chaperone. Contact Donna Eisenbath if you are able to help us make this possible.

HELP WANTED:

RETREAT PLANNING AND CHAPERONES: As we begin preparing for our retreat in the spring, we need PGC adults who are willing to chaperone (all you have to do is be there. Bring a book. Take walks. Enjoy some quiet time.). Our retreat is April 9-10, and the team will go down a day before. Please contact Donna Eisenbath if you are willing to help us make the retreat a success.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS (MSM): We need PGC adults to stay and chaperone MSM once a month. Contact Donna Eisenbath if you are able to help us make this possible.

Lenten Prayer Resources for Parents and Teens

Busted Halo (<https://bustedhalo.com>) has some great resources for Lent.

You can check out their website or find them on social media.

PSR NEWS

Tues., Mar. 8: Gr. 6 ~ Family, Faith & Fun Night
Tues., Mar. 15: Reconciliation Grades 6-7

Tues., Mar. 22: No PSR - Spring Break
Tues., Mar. 29: Lenten Activity Night Grades 1-5



***To volunteer with meal help or if you have any questions,
please contact: Peggy Owen at 314-738-0562
(pemaquid_ptloma@yahoo.com) or
Clare Duffy at 314-291-2144 (ceduffy@att.net)***



If you have any questions, please call Cheri Deckard at 314-753-4528 or email at cherideckard@sbcglobal.net.



**Personal care items are best if they are not extra large size.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Diaper Drive
Weekends of March 12-13 through
Sunday, March 20
Drop off during the weekend Masses at your Parish
Sponsored by the Permanent Deacons of the Archdiocese of
St. Louis, in conjunction with the Respect Life Office.
Diapers collected will be delivered to those in need in the
local area. Please be generous.

During the weekends of **March 12/13 through Sunday, March 20**, the Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in conjunction Respect Life, will be collecting diapers for infants, toddlers and adults as part of our 4th Annual diocesan-wide Pro-Life service project to assist families in need.

Holy Spirit Parish alone collected just over 10,000 diapers during the last campaign, and we hope to exceed that this year!

We ask that you please consider purchasing infant, toddler or adult diapers on your next shopping trip! Just bring them to the Parish Hall—a sign will be posted. All donations will be distributed to local organizations such as *Room at the Inn*, *Thrive*, and *Birthingright* to assist families in our parish community. (We would like to stress the need for larger size infant/toddler diapers such as 3's, 4's and 5's.)

For more information, please contact Deacon Scott (deaconscoott@holyspiritstl.org) or Deacon Jim (deaconjim@holyspiritstl.org).

We ask you to pray for the success of this project and to please be as generous as possible!
Thank you!



SPEAKER SERIES

Please join us on Wed., **March 30, 7pm** in the Rigali Room for a presentation of the **Church's Teaching on Ecology**. Our guest speaker is **Sister Cheryl Kemner**, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

The Franciscans have always believed in the sacredness of creation. In 2008, they committed further to that belief by choosing 'Care for Creation' as their community focus. Since 2015, when Pope Francis issued his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, they have been engaged in promoting and living its values through education, advocacy and collaboration. The community's 2021 Chapter Direction statement asks them to tend to God's presence in the heart of the world, prayerfully, prophetically and courageously.

In answer to that call, Sr. Kemner and several other Sisters have given presentations on *Laudato Si'* and *Fratelli Tutti* to parishes, peace and justice teams, and conferences at Our Lady of the Snows and Cardinal Rigali Center.

For more information, contact Clare Duffy 314-291-2144, or Peggy Owen 314-738-0562.

1st Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Ps 91:1-2,10-15
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

Monday March 7

Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18
Ps 19:8-10,15
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday March 8

Isaiah 55:10-11
Ps 34:4-7,18-19
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday March 9

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

Thursday March 10

Esther C:12,14-16,23-25
Ps 138:1-2,3,7c-8
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday March 11

Ezra 18:21-28
Ps 130:1-8
Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday March 12

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

Jesus' life is our life if we're sincere about our faith. We unite ourselves to him by receiving his body and blood in the Eucharist. We meet him in the scriptures and walk with him on the path to heaven.

During Lent, the readings help us with this journey if we listen with an ear that recognizes our personal connections to Christ.

This Sunday, we journey with Jesus into the desert. Consider your own struggles with temptation; reflect on how sin makes your life feel barren and dry like a desert.

By walking with Jesus, we unite ourselves to his victory over the devil. In our efforts to remain united to him, we reject Satan and choose holiness. The Church helps us by giving us ways to improve our self-discipline: fasting and abstinence, alms-giving, reconciliation services, faith formation events, reading materials, and more.

Every meal and meat that we give up for Lent, every sin that we confess in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, every sacrifice of time that we make to add more prayer and spiritual reading to our daily life, and every other Lenten activity is a practice of self-denial that unites us to Jesus in the desert.

Jesus fasted from food and other physical comforts during his battle with the devil, and this strategy strengthened him and prepared him for the ministry that came afterward. This is what Lent should be for us, too.



Satan is not someone to fear. Jesus already defeated all demons on our behalf, first in the desert and then on the cross. Our battle is really only against temptation and our personal weaknesses that make us vulnerable to succumbing to sin.

We don't always want to follow Jesus. This is what we must surrender to God during Lent. Then Easter will be far more meaningful, because we will emerge from Lent much stronger in our faith.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How have you been succumbing to temptation? Don't be afraid to face it. Guilt is not what Jesus wants from you. What he does want is your desire to receive his help in overcoming temptation. He's waiting for you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
2. How do you know that the Sacrament of Reconciliation really works?
3. How is it more than just a confession of your sins?
4. How has it helped you grow stronger in faith?

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT— (MARCH 13, 2022)

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;
Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36



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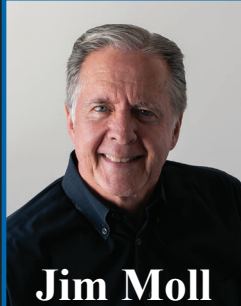
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