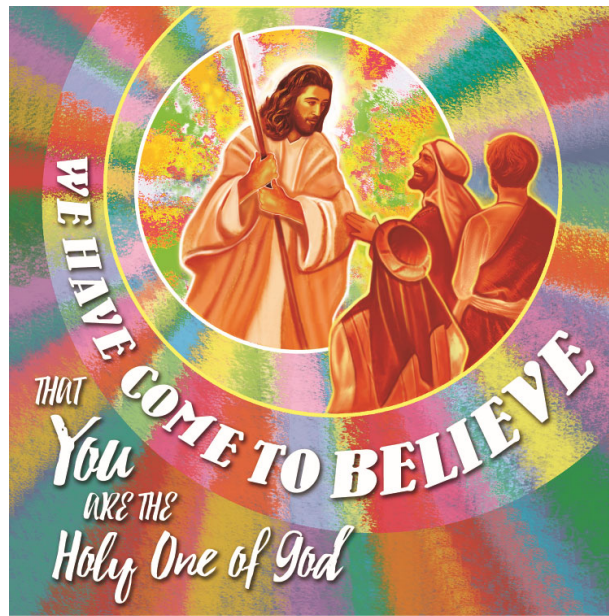


Holy Spirit Parish Family

August 22, 2021 — Twenty-first 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.

PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

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

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prayerchain@holyspiritstl.org
HandS.....314-739-9796
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SCHOOL

(K-8 & PRESCHOOL & PREK INFORMATION)

3120 Parkwood Lane
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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 August 2-8, 2021

Sunday Envelopes, 142 utilized	\$ 10,617.00
Loose Collection	\$ 349.05
Online Donations, 94 families	\$ 7,219.00
Holy Days	\$ 11.00
Total	\$ 18,196.05
Weekly Budget	\$ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	(\$ 1,994.33)
HandS	Parish Improvements
\$ 210.00	\$ 196.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, August 22

8:00 am—Salad Sunday, Parish Hall
7:00 pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm.

Monday, August 23

6:00 pm—Quilting, Annex

Tuesday, August 24

9:00 am—Quilting, Annex

Wednesday, August 25

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
7:00 pm—Contemporary Music Practice, Church
—Prayer Shawl, St. Blaise Rm.
—RCIA, Parish Hall

Thursday, August 26

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
6:00 pm—Bells Rehearsal, Church

Sunday, August 29

7:00 pm—Al Anon, Rigali Rm.
9:00 am—Mass, Knights of Columbus

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be at the 9:00 AM Mass next Sunday, August 29. They will lead the Rosary at 8:30 a.m. prior to the Mass.



GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is like the end of a summer holiday – it's full of freshness, new beginnings, hope, and the start of another season. We are excited to announce that our next **IN-PERSON** Encounter in the St. Louis, Missouri metropolitan area will be held the weekend of Sept. 24-26, at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in St. Peters. We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants. For more info or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm, 314-649-7317.

THE GARDEN OF FEEDEN IS BACK!

Vegetables will be available each weekend at the Annex

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

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!

Recently, I received a message, through a mutual friend, from Monsignor Jack Costello (Fr. Jack), requesting our prayers for healing. Many know him from when was assigned to St. Blaise Parish in the late 70's. I have known him since 2000 when he was pastor at St. Francis Borgia in Washington, and I was a seminary intern.

Fr. Jack is a great priest and friend to many. A year or so ago he was diagnosed with Stage 4 Prostate cancer and underwent treatment. Since then, he has learned that the cancer has spread and requires additional and aggressive treatment. He asks for our prayers!

As you read this, I ask you to stop and ask God to heal Father Jack. Ask God to make his presence known to him that he may know of God's infinite love and peace. Please add Father Jack to your daily prayers. And as you pray for him, think of, and pray for, all the people you know who are ill and in need of prayers. Pray for the miracle of healing. Thank you and God bless!

Let's continue to pray for each other this week. May we the people of Holy Spirit Parish, live the Spirit!

Peace,

Father Bob

Lunch Bunch!



On August 24, 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 (AND WILL CONTINUE MONTHLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE): Please RSVP to the Parish Office 314-739-0230 by Friday, August 20 as they need to know staffing needs. Due to COVID, they have had employee shortages.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 22

7:30am Donald Tornatore
9:00am George Murphy
11:00am People of the Parish

Monday, August 23

6:30 am Craig Meyer Family

Tuesday, August 24

6:30am Mike Rolfes

Wednesday, August 25

6:30am Faithful Departed

Thursday, August 26

8:00am Raymond Schnieders

Friday, August 27

8:00am Bob Kielhofner

Saturday, August 28

8:00am Dalton Reed
5:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, August 29

7:30am Melvin Duchek
9:00am Lolita Lacuanan
11:00am Robert Lane

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the families of **Eileen Markham; Rick Pemberton**, son of Barb; and **Ann Reilly**, mother of Jim (Kathleen), grandmother of Anna, Andrew & Aiden.

May their souls rest in the Peace of Christ.



PRO-LIFE NEWS

Pro-Life Saint Spotlight:

St. Monica

Feast Day August 27th: Patron Saint of Mothers

"Her faith and dedication to motherhood played a pivotal role in the spiritual formation of one of the most brilliant philosophers and well-known saints of all time – Saint Augustine, her son"

from <https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/st-monica-the-patron-saint-of-mothers/>

"St. Monica and St. Augustine invite us to turn confidently to Mary, Seat of Wisdom. Let us entrust Christian parents to her so that,



like Monica, they may accompany their children's progress with their own example and prayers. Let us commend youth to the Virgin Mother of God so that, like Augustine, they may always strive for the fullness of Truth and Love which is Christ: he alone can satisfy the deepest desires of the human heart" Pope Benedict XVI

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

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

Sick Relatives and Friends:

Judy Bauman	Thomas Hart	Albert Schiermeyer
Kendell & Tina Bedell	Diane Hermann	Robert Schneider
Jeri Burch	David Kasprzyk	Ken Schutz
Chris Burns	Jenny Lemkemann	Ruby Smith
Nancy Chik	Trish Merklin	Alford Snowden
Diane Chorzel	Betty Merritt	Grace Solimando
Beau Dempewolf	Lou Merritt	Jerry Sutterer
Margaret Dickinson	Mary Mudd	Msgr. Jim Telthorst
Debbie Ditch	Melinda Oeth	Jim Wamhoff
Fran Ebers	Bruce Payne	John Wamhoff
Chris Essner	Shirley Petrosky	Paul Williams
Colleen Evans	Liz Prange	Michelle Wilson
Harold Feltmann	Mike & Cindy Prinzi	Bonnie Wittman
Michael Gill	Dianne Rellergert	Joe Wolf
Chris Gooch	Sr. Pat Rodemann	
Richard Hahl	Sheryl Sanfilippo	

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

581-8657 or mikeschnable@sbcglobal.net

Upcoming Women's Retreat: January 20-23, 2022

Anne Kinealy, Director

330-7752 or anne.kinealy@gmail.com

Questions? Want to help?

Please contact Alli Kleitz, Core Team Communications, 344-9034 (H), 239-3015 (C), or kleitzfamily@gmail.com.

PSR NEWS

PSR Catechists - Important Dates

***Weekend of Aug. 28/29—Back to School Blessing:**
All Masses for Holy Spirit PSR & Full Time School Families & Staffs & all others who are beginning a new educational year.

***Sun. Sept. 19, 11 AM—Catechetical Sunday: Mass**

IMPORTANT DATES

***PSR Opening Family Event: Tue., Aug. 31, 6:30–8:30**

◊**Open House 6:30-8:30pm**— *parents and students will stop by to see the classroom(s)*

◊**Stop by the Cool Times Ice Cream Truck 7–8 pm in the Parking Lot in front of Church**— *see Julie Spinner or Linda Farhat on the sidewalk outside Church for a ticket that entitles you to a \$1 or \$2 treat! Feel free to bring extra money if you'd like a more expensive treat.*

***PSR Class and REQUIRED Parent Meeting –Tue., Sept. 7th.** Drop children off at their classrooms and come to the Parish Hall for the Parent Meeting **6:45–8:00 p.m.**

SHOUT OUT TO TEENS

DO YOU NEED SERVICE HOURS??



PSR is looking for A FEW GOOD TEENS to serve as HELPERS to the catechists and students during PSR classes on Tuesday nights. Scheduling can be flexible - you do not have to commit to the entire year - We know how busy a teen's life can be.

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE

"Looking to the common good is much more than the sum of what is good for individuals. It means having a regard for all citizens and seeking to respond effectively to the needs of the least fortunate."

~ Pope Francis, speaking about striving toward the common good in his new book "Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future."

SCHOOL NEWS

Mon., Aug. 23, Red & Blue Raffle tickets are due to the School Office

Thur., Aug 26, 1 PM Palmer Music Demonstration, Grades 2-8

Fri., Aug. 27, 8 AM ALL Mass

Wed. Sept. 1, 7 PM Home & School Meeting, Parish Hall, "Meet the Teacher Night" will follow the meeting. Parents ONLY, please.

NEEDED:

- *Tennis balls for student's desks & chairs.
- *Ticonderoga pencils
- *Gel pens, variety pack
- *8-1/2 x 11 sheet laminator

ST. PATRICK'S CASSEROLES

We will be collecting casseroles for St. Patrick Center this Wed., Aug. 25, 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, 314-229-8067 or SpecRelEdu@aol.com.

RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church? Is a spouse, fiancé, neighbor, friend, or co-worker interested?

The RCIA process enables those who are interested in the Catholic faith to "come and see"—to explore Catholic teaching and to discover what it means to be a Catholic Christian.

Most people come because they are invited. **Be the voice of Christ & offer the first invitation.** RCIA is for anyone unbaptized or baptized in another Christian tradition, as well as Catholic who are baptized but have never celebrated Confirmation or received 1st Communion.

There is no commitment placed on any one who may be interested or who has questions.

Please contact Fr. Bob Evans, 314-739-0230, OR revans@holyspiritstl.org, or have them contact us so we can invite them to attend inquiry sessions beginning Sept. 15th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

CARNIVAL NEWS

ADVANCE TICKET SALES

AUGUST 28 & 29

SEPTEMBER 4 & 5

IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER ALL MASSES

Ride Tickets — 25 for \$20
(Day of: 22 for \$20 or \$1.25 each)

Game Tickets — 3 for \$1
(Day of: 2 for \$1)

Food & Drink Tickets — \$1 each

Main Raffle Tickets — 6 for \$25
OR \$5 each

CHICKEN DINNER TICKETS

LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE

SO GET YOURS EARLY!

CHICKEN DINNER

(catered by Schnucks)
(SERVED OUTSIDE)

**Served Saturday evening,
4:30 to 7:00 PM**

\$9.00 per dinner

Breast & thigh (includes mashed potatoes
& gravy, green beans, slaw, roll & butter)

\$6.00 per dinner

Leg & wing (includes mashed potatoes &
gravy, green beans, slaw, roll & butter)

Limited Number of Tickets Available!
**So purchase them during
Advance Ticket Sales**

TEDDY BEAR BOOTH

The teddy bear booth is in need of many new or gently used stuffed animals. Please drop them in the Parish Hall marked 'Teddy Bear Booth.' If you would like to schedule a drop off/pick up of large donations OR have any questions please contact Dawn Womack at 803-7341 .



BASKET RAFFLE BOOTH

Please consider donating new items that can be used in gift baskets. Suggested themes: sports, dinner & a movie, baby boy or girl, card/board games, crafts, NAS-CAR, tailgate party, cat or dog, etc. We'd love to receive donations of game, theatre, or event tickets. Would your employer consider donating a set of their season tickets? We also need baskets/containers in good condition. Please place items in the Parish Hall marked "Basket Raffle."

Monetary or gift card donations will be gladly accepted. Purchase your gift card donations from the SCRIP Table! Please put them in an envelope marked "Basket Raffle" and place them in the collection basket or drop them off at the Parish Office.

Thanks for your help in making this year's Carnival the best ever!

Shelly Barry, 707-6049



**This year Bingo will be played in
the air-conditioned Parish Hall
Masks required!**

**Friday, September 10,
5 to 10:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 11,
1 to 3:30 p.m.
8 to 10:00 p.m.**



Many volunteers are needed to have a successful carnival.

We need **BOOTH CHAIRS (RAFFLE BOOTH, SHOOTING GALLERY) & nurses for the First Aid Station**, as well as help with clean up, working booths, and many other things. It is a great way to meet others in the parish and have fun too!

Please complete this form and return it to the parish office.

If you have questions contact:

Bryan (956-7727) or Sue (780-6866) Hercules

bhercules1717@gmail.com...OR...suehercules@aol.com

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

___ I would like to be contacted for clean up Saturday 10 p.m. until ?

___ I would like to be contacted to work a booth (2 hour shifts)

Friday: ___ 5-7 p.m. ___ 7-9 p.m. ___ 9-11 p.m.

Saturday: ___ 1-3 p.m. ___ 3-5 p.m. ___ 5-7 p.m.

 ___ 7-9 p.m. ___ 9-11 p.m.

___ I would like to be contacted to chair a booth

___ I would like to be contacted about joining the carnival committee.

Thank you in advance for your time!

BENEFITS OF WORKING AT A CARNIVAL BOOTH

- ✚ Your children will know where to find you.
- ✚ While you're working, you're not spending money.
- ✚ An opportunity to meet other people in the parish.
- ✚ Give the booth chairman a break.
- ✚ An easy way for high school students to earn their service hours.
- ✚ You'll feel good for being a part of it and knowing you had a part in making it happen.



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BE A SOCK ANGEL

DROP NEW SOCKS IN THE BOX

Located in the Gathering Area

Campaign will run August 1st – September 7th, 2021

The number one item requested from homeless shelters, low income families, & seniors in need of warmth from the cold are **SOCKS**. Please donate **NEW** socks for infants, children & adults & be a **2021 SOCK ANGEL**. The **NEW** socks will be distributed to various catholic agencies, i.e. St. Patrick's Center & others serving less fortunate individuals in St. Louis. City & County. Last year we collected & distributed 14,000 pairs of socks from several parishes. The need is so great, our goal is 28,000 pairs for 2021. Each participating parish will be listed with the number of donated socks on our website & shared with all. Won't you be part of the top 10 by giving generously? Tell your friends & collect **NEW** socks in your neighborhood to add to **SOCKS IN THE BOX!** Get the kids involved—a fantastic community service project for them.

Dollar Tree, Walmart, Target are wonderful sources of quality warm socks at reasonable prices, some as low as 2 or 3 for \$1. Please buy as many as possible & **DROP NEW SOCKS IN THE BOX!** God's Blessing!

Find More Information on our Website:

www.sockangel.org. and www.kofpc.org.



YOUTH MINISTRY

FIND HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

www.facebook.com/hsyouth AND as [hs_youth_stl](#)

(HS Youth STL) on Instagram

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

PLEASE PRAY for our Confirmation Candidates as they continue their formation for Confirmation on Nov. 21. Pray for them by name.

Mia, Liv, Charlie, Freddy, Belle, Seamus, Anthony, Claudia, Becca, Jenna, Erick, Tyler, Sofia, Sydney, Peter, Leah, Michael, Anthony, Renee, Skylar, Simon, Drew, Alyssa, Joseph, Edward, Tim, Justin, Marisabela, Grace, Colby, Theresa, Genna, Gabi, Sammy, Audrey, Eva, Andrew, Caroline, Nathan, Nicole, Annabelle, Alexandra, Mia, Josephine, Max, Jonathan

HIGH SCHOOL:

Gatherings: JOIN EAT, PRAY, DISCUSS gatherings for high school every Thur. Join us in the Resource Center basement (Holy Spirit Room) from 7-9 PM every Thur.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION FORMATION

Session 6: Relationships should be done with your sponsor. Please make sure you have watched and discussed the whole session by Sept. 15.

Session 7: The Eucharist small group sessions will begin in Sept.

Don't forget to send in your Confirmation Record Form. It was due at the end of last school year.

WANTED:

- ~PGC Adults who are willing to chaperone 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, or service projects/retreats.
- ~Someone with knowledge of the area to help organize leaf raking project
- ~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:

- * Talk about something coming for which you and they need courage. Say a prayer asking God to help you with that.
- * Name three gifts that you see in your child, & say a prayer of thanksgiving for them.
- * Ask them their favorite Bible story. Read it out loud a couple of times then talk about what you heard, imagined, felt, saw as you listened to the story.



STEPHEN MINISTRY
"Pull Yourself Together!"

You've heard it a million times. Others may have said it to you, or you may have said it to yourself. But things just aren't coming together. You're still hurting. You still feel like it's all falling apart. Holy Spirit's Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will walk with you, listen to you, & provide confidential one-to-one care, as you search through the pieces & find what is truly in your heart.

To find out more,
call the Stephen Ministry confidential Hotline today:
(314) 739-0230 ext.130.
Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

BRIDGETON KIWANIS CLUB
PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton will have their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sun., Sept. 19, at the Bridgeton Community Center - 4201 Fee Fee Road from 7:30am to 12:30pm.

All you can eat pancakes & sausage will be served. Tickets are \$5.00 for children under 12 and \$8.00 for adults. Tickets can be purchased from a member of the Kiwanis Club or Jeff Painter, (636) 949-8800 or email, jeff.painter@edwardjones.com or Dick Wilhelm at 314-640-8247 or dcwilhelm2016@att.net

The pancake breakfast is one of several fundraisers the Kiwanis use to raise funds to donate to area charities. The Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton actively supports Community Helping Ministries, Pattonville School District through Parents as Teachers, Early Childhood and the Kiwanis Leadership Programs held in the elementary and Middle Schools. They also fund Holy Spirit and their leadership programs as well as Room at the Inn, Kiwanis Camp Wyman, Ranken Technical School, Scholarships for High School Seniors and Ranken Jordan a Pediatric Bridge Hospital.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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

Our evening meeting will be Wed., Aug. 25, 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/text.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Are you engaged? Consider attending a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend, a time of discovery and love for you and your fiancé. Spend a focused weekend together to prepare for your lifetime commitment. Our next weekend will be held Sept. 24-26 at the Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka.

You can learn more and register at:

<https://www.stlengagedencounter.org/>,

Email: engagedencounterstl@gmail.com or call Peggy & Richard Burton, 314-941-1371.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, *ALIVE!*
WE WILL SERVE THE LORD

In the last chapter of the Book of Joshua we read, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." How many of us wish that we could go back in time and be better spiritual leaders for our families when our children were younger. Too many of us think that it is too late to start. But, all is not lost! Start now, be the spiritual leader that you are called to be! Matthew Kelly says, "Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." We've all heard the statement that your life may be the only Gospel someone else sees. Start today, share the joy of your Catholic faith with others, especially your family members. Soon you will notice that they will begin asking you questions about the Catholic faith and the dialogue will begin. The seeds of faith will be sown and will lead others back on the path of holiness.

archstl.org/dynamic

BRIDGES SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Are you looking for a deeper prayer life and a closer relationship with God? If so, please consider the "Bridges Retreat in Everyday Life," based on the 450+ year-old Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. This nine-month retreat is designed and adapted for persons in all walks of life. The retreat consists of daily prayer and journaling (experiencing discernment, contemplation, meditation), in addition to weekly or monthly small group meetings and weekly time with a prayer companion who listens to your experiences and provides oral and written guidance through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The retreat runs Sept. into May and coincides with the Church's liturgical calendar.

The retreat begins in Sept., and information sessions (like the retreat) will be offered at five Greater St. Louis-area sites on various days and times this summer, as well as a virtual "Zoom" session. For more details about the retreat and information session schedules, visit www.bridgesfoundation.org.

For questions, contact Holy Spirit parishioner, Denny Klosterman, dgklos@gmail.com or 314-341-6924 OR Steve Givens, executive director, executive.director@bridgesfoundation.org, 314-401-2072

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-18b
Ps 34:(9a) 2-3, 16-21
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69

Monday August 23

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b
Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday August 24

St. Bartholomew
Revelation 21:9b-14
Ps 145:10-13, 17-18
John 1:45-51

Wednesday August 25

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Ps 139:7-12ab
Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday August 26

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13
Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17
Matthew 24:42-51

Friday August 27

St. Monica
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12
Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday August 28

St. Augustine
1 Thessalonians 4:9-11
Ps 98:1, 7-9
Matthew 25:14-30

In John 6:60-69, we see the tragic rejection of Christ's true mission by many who had been listening to him and watching him. How could they miss the message that he taught?

"The words I have spoken are Spirit and life," he said. But they only heard his words on the surface level, in their flesh-nature. And thus they missed the life that he was offering: the healed life, the joyful life, the victorious life, the eternal life.

They weren't looking at Jesus spiritually. They saw him as a man, not messiah, as a healer of bodies, not souls, as a deliverer from Romans instead of from their sins.

Thus, the idea of eating his flesh and drinking his blood (which he had spoken of in the previous verses, in last Sunday's readings) truly was

gross and unthinkable. They couldn't grasp the Spirit and life behind those words. It seemed that Jesus had become too bizarre to follow.

The true disciples – those who remained to learn more from him – also didn't understand what he meant, not yet, but they recognized the presence of the Holy Spirit in his words.



How many times has Jesus come to you in another person and you didn't recognize him, because what you saw was the human individual and what you focused on was their un-Christ-like behavior?

Everyone has been created in the image of God. They would not be alive if the Holy Spirit had not given them life. Even non-Christians have the presence of Christ in them. To live a more victorious life, we have to look beneath the surface to find the Jesus who is hidden inside everyone we meet.

Do you have any difficulty recognizing the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass? Practice recognizing Jesus when he comes to you in others, and you will see the Eucharist in new ways.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Jesus said, "No one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." How has the Father gifted you with the ability to recognize Jesus?
2. What has happened in your life that opened your eyes to who Jesus really is?
3. What blocks our view of Jesus when he comes to us through others? What expectations, disappointments, or prejudices?
4. Share with your group a time when you learned to see past the flesh to discover Jesus in someone you didn't like. What led to this discovery?

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