

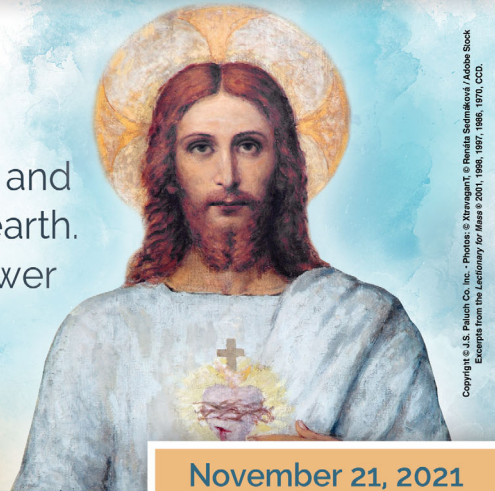
Holy Spirit Parish Family

November 21, 2021 — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Jesus Christ is the
faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead and
ruler of the kings of the earth.
To him be glory and power
forever and ever.
Amen.

Revelation 1:5, 6



November 21, 2021

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.

DECEMBER BULLETIN DEADLINES

Sunday, Dec. 19th—due Friday, Dec. 10th
Sunday, Dec. 26th—due Thursday, Dec. 16th

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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday to Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm

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HandS.....314-739-9796
Stephen Ministry
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SCHOOL

(K-8 & PRESCHOOL & PREK INFORMATION)

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PARISH ANNEX

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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 msaputo@holyspiritstl.org.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for November 1-7, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 9,690.00
Loose Collection	\$ 412.05
Online Donations	\$ 7,394.00
Holy Days	\$ 738.00
Total	\$18,234.05
Weekly Budget	\$20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$(1,956.33)

Retired Religious
\$921.00

HandS
\$1,726.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, November 21

Pancake Breakfast—Gym
7:00 pm—Al Anon, by Zoom

Monday, November 22

6:00 pm—Quilting, Annex
7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 23

9:00 am—Quilting, Annex
11:00 am—Lunch Bunch, Sports Cafe

Wednesday, November 24

St. Patrick Casserole, Parish Hall
9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
NO RCIA this evening

Thursday, November 25

Happy Thanksgiving!—Parish Office Closed
9:00 am—Thanksgiving Mass

Friday, November 26

Holiday—Parish Office Closed

Sunday, November 28

Last Day for donations for HandS Giving Tree
St. Patrick Center Salad Sunday

HOLY SPIRIT ACTS

Help kick off 2022 and the 20th anniversary celebration of ACTS here at Holy Spirit Parish with our next women's retreat:

*"Returning in the Power
of the Holy Spirit"*

January 6-9, 2022

Anne Kinealy, Director

314-330-7752 or anne.kinealy@gmail.com

Donations – of all sorts! – from the community are welcome and appreciated as we begin preparations for the return reception on January 9th.

Questions? Want to help?

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

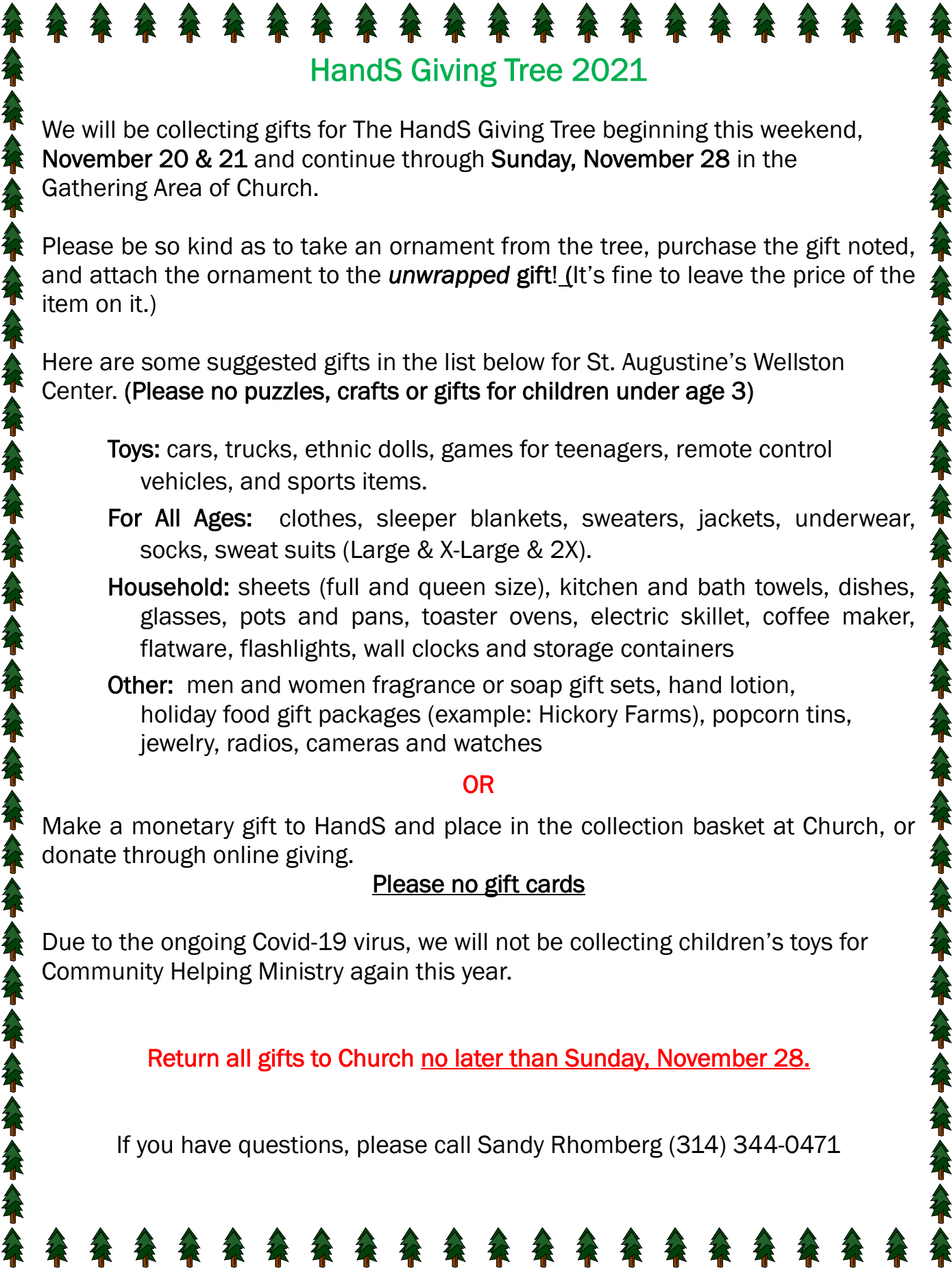


FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the families of

- ♦ Karl Gill, Son of Richard and Patricia
- ♦ Herman Essner, Husband of Dorothy
- ♦ Kathyanne Johnson, Wife of Mark
- ♦ Mary Ann Mansfield, Sister of Julius Konopka

May their souls rest in the Peace of Christ.



HandS Giving Tree 2021

We will be collecting gifts for The HandS Giving Tree beginning this weekend, **November 20 & 21** and continue through **Sunday, November 28** in the Gathering Area of Church.

Please be so kind as to take an ornament from the tree, purchase the gift noted, and attach the ornament to the ***unwrapped*** gift! (It's fine to leave the price of the item on it.)

Here are some suggested gifts in the list below for St. Augustine's Wellston Center. **(Please no puzzles, crafts or gifts for children under age 3)**

Toys: cars, trucks, ethnic dolls, games for teenagers, remote control vehicles, and sports items.

For All Ages: clothes, sleeper blankets, sweaters, jackets, underwear, socks, sweat suits (Large & X-Large & 2X).

Household: sheets (full and queen size), kitchen and bath towels, dishes, glasses, pots and pans, toaster ovens, electric skillet, coffee maker, flatware, flashlights, wall clocks and storage containers

Other: men and women fragrance or soap gift sets, hand lotion, holiday food gift packages (example: Hickory Farms), popcorn tins, jewelry, radios, cameras and watches

OR

Make a monetary gift to HandS and place in the collection basket at Church, or donate through online giving.

Please no gift cards

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 virus, we will not be collecting children's toys for Community Helping Ministry again this year.

Return all gifts to Church no later than Sunday, November 28.

If you have questions, please call Sandy Rhomberg (314) 344-0471

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 21

7:30am Terry Moran
9:00am Msgr. John Unger
11:00am People of the Parish

Monday, November 22

6:30 am Joseph Schulte

Tuesday, November 23

6:30am Mike Rolfes

Wednesday, November 24

6:30am Marg Hutchison

Thursday, November 25

8:00am Terry Moran

Friday, November 26

8:00am Lou Mudd

Saturday, November 27

8:00am Pat DeWitt
5:00pm Joan Mason

Sunday, November 28

7:30am Jerry Olson
9:00am People of the Parish
11:00am Jim Crawford

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	Pat Romano
Janet Allan	Betty Hirschmugl	Mike Sampson
Renee Armon	Suzanne Holzum	Jean Schepers
Kathryn Arnold	Bill Hughes	Anita Schiermeyer
Jane Audrain	Brenda Jaeger	Norma Schwaninger
Sonny & Donna Bolm	Diane Javaux	Jimmy Smith
Carol Bonner	Kenneth Jordan	Jan Telthorst
Becky Bonner	Sharon Knoppe	Rebecca Tobar
Nancy Brand	Mike Lemp	Rudy/Brenda Torricelli
Jim Brockmeyer	Jerry McGuire	Ron Unterreiner
Connie Buenemann	Susie Meyer	Nanci Van Amburgh
Linda Buttry	Karen Newcomb	Joe & Jean Wangler
Maisy Grace Casey	Matt Niedringhaus	Angeline Weber
Nicole Chapman	Jacob Null	Gene Weckherlin
Margaret Cima	Jeff Painter	Bill & Joan
Ed Cody	Bob/Donna Pedrotti	Weinzirl
Matthew Cody	Maisy Grace Pina	Tom Zemblidge
Peggy Cody	Karen Piskulic	
Leon Deimeke	Bob & Tootie	
Charles Dent	Poder	
Tom DuBois	Brian Ponder	
Martha Elmore	Carolyn Putnam	
Till Fehrenbacher	John Rath	
Ray & Betty Garvels	John Rizzello	
Jim Gerdes		

Sick Relatives and Friends:

Judy Bauman	Harold Feltmann	Sr. Pat Rodemann
Kendell & Tina	Kim Fortier	Nancy Rofkahr
Bedell	Michael Gill	Sheryl Sanfilippo
Jack Beine	Chris Gooch	Albert Schiermeyer
Kim Boxdorfer	Richard Hahl	Robert Schneider
Jeri Burch	Diane Hermann	Ken Schutz
Chris Burns	Suzanne Johnson	Ruby Smith
Violete Casusus	David Kasprzyk	Alford Snowden
Debra Cates	Jenny Lemkemann	Grace Solimando
Wayne Cates	Leann McCarty	Jerry Sutterer
Nancy Chik	Shawn McCarty	Judy Taylor & Family
Diane Chorzel	Trish Merklin	Msgr. Jim Telthorst
Tom Dalton	Betty Merritt	Jim Wamhoff
Beau Dempewolf	Lou Merritt	John Wamhoff
Margaret Dickinson	Mary Mudd	Chris Wells
Debbie Ditch	Melinda Oeth	Paul Williams
Jack Dowd	Shirley Pankey	Michelle Wilson
Fran Ebers	Shirley Petrosky	Bonnie Wittman
Kayla Emerson	Liz Prange	
Chris Essner	Mike/Cindy Prinzi	
Sandi Essner	Paul Provost	
Colleen Evans	Dianne Rellergert	

Anyone interested in bringing up the Gifts during the Offertory, please see an Usher before any Mass!

PRO-LIFE NEWS

A gift of love twice given



Archdiocese of St Louis

ADOPTION MASS

with Auxiliary Bishop Mark Rivituso

Sunday, November 21 | 10 am
Cathedral Basilica St. Louis
Reception to follow in Boland Hall



A special invitation is extended to birth parents and families who have adopted or who are in the process of adoption. We invite you to sit in reserved seating in the front/middle pews and attend a reception following Mass.
For more information, contact Good Shepherd Children and Family Services at goodshepinfo@ccstl.org or 314-954-5700



Please plan to
attend the
Adoption Mass
at the
Cathedral
Basilica Today
Sun., Nov. 21
at 10 am .

All
Souls



We Remember

The Memorial Candles in honor of those who died this past year were a part of our annual Memorial Mass on November 2.

Those candles will renew the Sanctuary Lamp (over the tabernacle) throughout the coming year as we continue to remember our deceased loved ones.



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HOLY SPIRITS HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS:

A MAGICAL MORNING WITH SANTA

December 4, 2021
9:00 am – 11:00 am

Holy Spirit Catholic School Gymnasium
3130 Parkwood Lane
Maryland Heights, MO 63043

PICTURES WITH SANTA * GAMES * CRAFTS * BASKET RAFFLES / PRIZES
HOT BEVERAGES * PASTRIES

Prepaid Admission- \$6 per person / Pay at the Door- \$8 per person

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our Nov. 15 Red & Blue winner of \$25; Bob Anthon

Thank you for supporting our school!

Wed., Nov 24—Noon Dismissal

Thanksgiving Break begins at Noon

NO Spirit Zone Aftercare will be available

Thurs., Nov.25—No School—Happy Thanksgiving

Fri., Nov 26—No School—Thanksgiving Break

Mon., Nov. 29—School resumes on a regular schedule:

Preschool—Gr. 8: 7:50am-3:00pm

7:00pm: First Reconciliation

Grade 2, Church

Scrip Gift Cards:

Scrip gift cards are available on Fridays 7:30-8am (school days) and Sundays 8am-11am (non-holiday weekends). Find us outside church or in the Parish Hall.

These cards are wonderful stocking stuffers! For a limited time, come by the Scrip Table to buy \$5 and \$10 gift cards. Perfect for that little gift to show you care.

Thank you for supporting Holy Spirit Catholic School

Music Trivia is back! Saturday, February 5, the 7th grade class is having Music Trivia in the Holy Spirit gym. Doors open at 6:30 and the music starts at 7:00. More details and registration forms to come in December!

PSR NEWS

Nov. 20: 10:00 St. Louis Cathedral Basilica
Rite of Confirmation Mass

Nov. 23: 7:00 Thanksgiving Mass - Please feel free to contribute full size personal care items (ie, shampoo, hair conditioner, mouthwash, tooth paste, toothbrushes, etc.) or a monetary donation to Hands

Nov. 29: 7:00 pm in Church/Parish Hall
First Reconciliation & Reception

Nov. 30: 7th grade Family, Faith, & Fun Night

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Nov. 28: No Children's Liturgy of the Word

~ Live the Spirit

TV Star
FRANK RUNYEON
in:



THE 3^{1/2} STORIES OF CHRISTMAS

"REMARKABLE!"
PEOPLE MAGAZINE

"INSPIRING!"
ST. LUKE'S, FOSTER CITY, CA

**"THE CHILDREN WERE
ENTHRALLED!"**
ASSUMPTION, FAIRFIELD, CT

Children and adults will be delighted as all the parts of the Christmas story are tied together for the first time:

From the light of Creation to the manger in Bethlehem, from the origin of Saint Nicholas to the secret of

the Christmas Angel himself!

Saturday, December 11th, 2021
7:00 pm
Immaculate Conception/Dardenne
(held in Church)
7707 Town Square Ave, Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368
636-561-6611
Free Will Offering

FRANK RUNYEON has starred in over 1,000 television shows over the last 20 years... opposite Meg Ryan on AS THE WORLD TURNS, on SANTA BARBARA, FALCON CREST, GENERAL HOSPITAL, LA LAW and MELROSE PLACE. He is also an honors graduate of General Theological Seminary and Princeton University.

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November

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RUN.GOBBLE.NAP

ThanksGIVING Day Walk/Run benefiting Hands

Nov., 25th

(Thanksgiving morning)

**7:30 am / Creve Coeur Park /
Sailboat Cove**

Join us for this 2 mile (or as far as you want) walk or run and Give Thanks for all of our blessings! Bring your furry friends & burn a few calories while helping those in need. We will start and stop by the Boat Ramp in Sailboat Cove. Monetary donations accepted and will go directly to the Holy Spirit HandS ministry.

(Those that want to run the 3.7 miles around the lake—that will be a timed event.)

Please Note: This is OUTDOORS—social distance & wear a mask if appropriate.

ST. PATRICK CENTER CASSEROLES—NOV. 24

We will be collecting casseroles for St. Patrick Center this **Wed., Nov. 24** in the white bin at the curb outside the entrance to church, from 6:30 until 9:00 AM. (In case of inclement weather, the bin will be in the small vestibule of the Parish Hall) Pans and lids will also 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.



Lunch Bunch!
Tues. Nov. 23, 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.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office 314-739-0230 by NOON Monday, Nov. 22

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

WAY OF LIGHTS

OPEN NOW THROUGH DEC., 31

Wintertime sparkles at the **Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows** as the Annual Way of Lights

Christmas display illuminates the grounds. Since 1970, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate have invited one and all to make the Way of Lights a part of their family tradition. This breathtaking display focuses on the birth of Christ, the one true light of the world.

For detailed information please visit: snows.org



The **2021 St Ferdinand Thanksgiving Dinner** continues a tradition of their free community Thanksgiving dinner. All Are Welcome!

When: Thursday, November 25, 11:30am—1:30pm

Where: St. Ferdinand Catholic Church
1765 Charbonier Rd., Florissant

Want to Volunteer?

Please call the Parish Office at St. Ferdinand:
314-837-3165

ST. PATRICK CENTER SALAD—NOV. 28

Holy Spirit volunteers provide salads and/or components to help feed the homeless of St. Patrick Center, the 4th Sunday of each month.

**Salad and/or components will be collected between
8 & 10 am, Sun., Nov. 28.**

The container will be in the Gathering Area.

For more information contact
Ellen Staples, 422-2381.

Holy Spirit Parish
Advent by Candlelight
Sunday, December 5, 2021
6:30pm in the Holy Spirit Church
Doors open at 6:00 pm

Contact information for this event:

Lisa Ahern – lisaahernathome@gmail.com – (314) 605-4346-cell phone
Ann Allman – anncallman@gmail.com – (314) 724-2124-cell phone

What can you expect from Advent by Candlelight 2021?

Because of the ongoing pandemic, we will gather in church for an evening of music, songs, speaker, and great inspiration. Join us for a glimpse into the humble life of *St. Joseph*. We will conduct seating as we do with Sunday Masses. No reservations. Come as you are. Masks are required for the whole evening. Cookies and drinks will be served after the event in the Parish Hall. There is always *Room at the inn* for you.

Who is invited?

This is a ladies-only night out. We have *Room at the inn* for you. This event is for the ladies of our parish and/or their relatives/friends. Let us wait together in this Advent season.

Live-Streaming will be available.

If you're unable to attend in person but would still like to share in this inspirational evening, you can watch it live on You Tube. Look for the link on the Holy Spirit website. Will you tune in as we honor *St. Joseph* on this Advent evening?



Donations to Charity

Our charity this year is: **Room at the Inn.**

All donations will stay in the Maryland Heights/Bridgeton area.

Room at the Inn volunteers prepare/serve an evening meal and host overnight guests and families for those that are homeless and in desperate need.

Room at the Inn charity is asking for the following donations:

- Pre-made juices, lemonade, and tea in plastic bottles...NO GLASS please.
- Gift cards to purchase ingredients for the evening meal: Schnucks, Aldi, Dierbergs, any grocery store in this area.
- Gift cards to give to guests to buy for their loved ones: Kohls, Target, Wal-Mart, Shoe Carnival



In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis emphasized solidarity with the poor and marginalized as part of our faith vocation to pursue the common good.

A THANKFUL HEART

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.

—Cicero

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

CONGRATULATIONS! To the 45 young people who received their Confirmation at the Cathedral this weekend. I am so proud of their hard work and perseverance. Well done!

NEED SERVICE HOURS?

Upcoming opportunities – December 5 will be Drive By Rakings: Stay tuned.
C2B (Called to Be) Retreat Team (high school students) will be **forming in January**.

GOT COLLEGE STUDENTS?

Thanks to those who have responded! Another mailing will go out in November/December. If you have a child who has graduated high school, is away at college or staying at home and working, I'd like to send them some mail from time to time.

Email deisenbath@holyspiritstl.org with their address, and I'll add them to the list.

HIGH SCHOOL EAT.PRAY.DISCUSS.

Are you in high school? Want to make new friends, deepen old friendships, and grow in faith?

Join us for Eat. Pray. Discuss as we talk the issues you are facing, and find ways to see how God is active within those times. We meet in the Resource Center in the Holy Spirit Room (come to the basement door) from 7:00-9:00 p.m. every Thursday. Bring a friend. All are welcome.

NCYC - The National Federation for Catholic Youth

Ministry is offering a virtual option for the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) **November 18-20**. We hope to do this at the parish as a small gathered event sometime over the Christmas break. This event features some of the best Catholic speakers for youth in the country. It's a fun event with lots of good music and speakers. Please contact Donna Eisenbath if you are interested.

UPCOMING PROJECTS:

Dec. 5—Leaf Raking;
Jan—Christmas Party;
April—Retreat

AFFIRMATIONS TO SHARE –

- ♦ **I BELIEVE IN YOU**
- ♦ **IT'S GREAT HOW YOU LOVE TO LEARN NEW THINGS**
- ♦ **YOU ARE A GOOD FRIEND**
- ♦ **I LOVE YOUR CONFIDENCE**
- ♦ **IT'S WONDERFUL SEEING YOU BE TRUE TO YOURSELF**
- ♦ **IT IS GREAT TO SEE YOU TRYING SOMETHING NEW**
- ♦ **I SEE YOU MAKING GOOD CHOICES**
- ♦ **YOU ARE FUN TO BE AROUND**
- ♦ **YOU BRING JOY TO MY LIFE**

Truck Needed

We need a volunteer to help transport mattresses to the St. Francis Community Services for needy immigrants/refugees in South St. Louis. If you can help, please call Clare Duffy: 314-291-2144

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Jesus' clothing had miraculous healing powers. The woman who suffered from hemorrhage for 12 years, was healed when she simply touched Jesus' garment (Matthew 5:28). People begged to touch the fringe of Jesus' cloak and were cured of illness when they did. (Matthew 14:36)

Our prayer shawls are crafted with prayers for the person who will receive it. They provide comfort and warmth to the recipient, but they are also a reminder of the love with which they were made and the love God has for us.

We have Prayer Shawls available for women, men and children. We have all shapes and colors and can find an item that will work for anyone. They were all hand made by parishioners and are available upon request at no cost.

Our evening meeting will be **Wed. Nov. 24, 7pm** in the Resource Center.. You are welcome to come and craft with us or just stop by to chat.

If you have any questions, or want a shawl, stop by the Rectory Office or call Mary at 314-497-5048. Email: dalebannister@sbcglobal.net



Our Stephen Ministers Are Ready to Care for You!

We provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. If you are hurting, call the confidential Hotline today: (314) 739-0230 ext.130. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life



Al-Anon Meetings by Zoom Every Thursday

If you would like more information on joining our group, please do not hesitate to contact Diane Neuroth at 314-878-8067

Dynamic Catholic, Alive!

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe- Imitating Christ

It is not optional to serve our neighbor. It is not optional to perform corporal works of mercy and spiritual works of mercy. It is by these that we will be saved or condemned. Heaven and hell are at stake here.

While we are on earth, let us put our faith into practice by being active in charity. Let us love one another as if each person we encounter is Jesus Christ Himself.

There are many people in the world today suffering from hunger, thirst, poverty, nakedness, imprisonment, estrangement, and sickness. What are we doing to bring Christ's healing and love? Let us serve the Lord and our neighbor in holiness. "In the presence of Christ, who is Truth itself, the truth of each man's relationship with God will be laid bare.

The Last Judgment will reveal, even to its furthest Consequences, the good each person has done or failed to do during his earthly life" (CCC 1039).

archstl.org/dynamic



The Grief Ministry Support Group

The Holy Spirit Grief Support group meets weekly on Fri at 2:30 in the Resource Center St. Lawrence Room. If you are interested in attending the program, please call Linda to register at 314.739.0230 ext. 108.

Previous participating parishioner's reflections:

"When my wife passed away, I was devastated and lost. Our Pastoral Associate confronted me about a group that met at church. I was glad to hear of it. My daughter was going through hard times also, so we attended together. At first I was nervous not knowing what to expect. Then I realized I was not alone in my feelings. It was a comfort to know others going through the same issues. I started looking forward to the meetings to be able to talk about our loss and to pray and realize she is still with me. Thank you so much for the opportunity to participate in this group. It gave me a lot of peace to go on".

TRUE GRATITUDE

Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.

—Theodore Roosevelt

Solemnity of Christ the King

Daniel 7:13-14
Ps 93:1-2,5
Revelation 1:5-8
John 18:33b-37

Monday November 22

St. Cecilia

Daniel 1:1-6,8-20
Dn 3:52-56
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday November 23

Daniel 2:31-45
Dn 3:57-61
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday November 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac & co.

Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,
16-17,23-28
Dn 3:62-67
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday Nov 25

Daniel 6:12-28
Dn 3:68-74
Luke 21:20-28
(Thanksgiving)
Sirach 50:22-24
1 Cor 1:3-9
Luke 17:11-19

Friday November 26

Daniel 7:2-14
Dn 3:75-81
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday November 27

Daniel 7:15-27
Dn 3:82-87
Luke 21:34-36

When the question of Christ's kingship comes up in the Gospel, Jesus redirects us to the true meaning of divine kingship. Without denying that he is king, he says: "The reason I was born into the world is to testify to the truth." He is not the king of a country or a world; he is the king of truth, the ruler of reality.

The perception of reality that we develop when Jesus is not our teacher and interpreter and revealer of truth is warped and blurred by the falsehoods and misunderstandings and counterfeits that float around in the kingdom of the world.

When we sin, it's because we don't fully understand the reality of the situation. Jesus is not yet fully the king of that part of our lives.

For example, think of a person who has asked you for something that you cannot afford to give. Perhaps it's the sick neighbor. Or the co-worker who doesn't have the level of faith that you have. Or the aging parent who needs more and more assistance.

Do you feel like you don't have enough to satisfy their needs? Are you so tired from your own burdens that you cannot take on someone else's? Well, it's our flesh nature that says we cannot enjoy doing more for others



than we're already doing. This is a warped view of reality; it looks like we'll be happier if we cater to our own desires instead of taking care of someone else's need.

In true reality, a joyful lifestyle develops when we listen to the

voice of Jesus, even when he says, "go the extra mile" or "be like the Good Samaritan and take a detour to minister to others". We have to trust the truth that he teaches, regardless of how little we understand it.

Understanding grows in the doing of God's will more than in the thinking about it. Joy grows as we gain the understanding that comes from seeing some of the fruits of what we've done. When we sin, it's because we cannot envision the good fruits that will come from doing things the way Christ tells us to. Under his kingship and the Holy Spirit's wisdom, we gain freedom to overcome all of our sinful tendencies.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. "FEAR" is "False Evidence Appearing Real." What is fear telling you about the ways of Christ?
2. What will you do to give Jesus kingship in these areas?
3. Name a common misconception you've seen or experienced that keeps people away from Christ. Why do people believe this unreality?
4. How can we help them feel safe in learning the truth and accepting the kingship of Christ?

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Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



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