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

Liturgy of the Word for Children is suspended until further notice.
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
Stewardship for August 31-September 6, 2020

- Sunday Envelopes, 160 utilized: $17,885.00
- Loose Collection: $24.00
- Online Donations, 97 families: $7,875.00
- Holy Days: $16.00
- Total: $25,800.00
- Weekly Budget: $20,190.38
- Weekly Surplus (shortfall): $5,609.62

HandS: $380.00
Parish Improvements: $3,585.00

WHAT’S HAPPENING
Saturday, September 26
4:00 pm—Confessions, Church
5:00 pm—Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday, September 27
Sunday Mass Schedule—7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

PARISH DIRECTORY
Guide Book Publishing is preparing our new directory. The directory will be mailed to you if you were a registered parishioner the middle of July. If not, we will have extras available. Watch the bulletin for further details.

If you own a business or work for a business that would be interested in supporting our parish, please contact:

SUSAN GALE
770-402-6035 OR SUSANFGALE@GMAIL.COM

STEPHEN MINISTRY
Stephen Ministry has specially selected & trained men & women to listen with care to all they serve, & to keep all that is shared with them in strict confidentiality. Whether your struggle with emotions is what you consider small, or even if it is larger, Stephen Ministry awaits your call for help. 739-0230, ext.130, leave a confidential message. Compassionate, caring listening!

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE—GENEROSITY
In this year of generosity, we should keep in mind that God our Creator is infinitely generous. In the Gospel parable Jesus rebukes the servants who are unsatisfied with receiving the same amount as those who worked significantly less. We should not be envious because the Lord is generous. Rather, we should embrace His generosity and the bounty He has bestowed on us and rejoice in the blessings that others have. The world today suffers much from the sin of envy, and many people cannot rejoice when others receive blessings. “Envy is a capital sin. It refers to the sadness at the sight of another's goods and the immoderate desire to acquire them for oneself, even unjustly. When it wishes grave harm to a neighbor it is a mortal sin” (CCC 2539). We must be careful with jealousy and reject it. We can be generous instead.

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GARDEN OF FEEDEN VEGETABLE SALES
We will continue the drive-thru vegetable sales behind the Annex on Sat. from 9:30-11 & Sun. from 8-1030.

Donations for the vegetables are given to HandS to help those needing financial assistance and/or food from our food pantry.
Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

Today the Church in the United States celebrates Catechetical Sunday, an opportunity to recognize, thank and commission those who have committed themselves to hand on the treasure of our Catholic faith to others. Parents who teach the faith in their homes, along with the priests, deacons, religious and lay women and men who teach the faith in parish religious education programs all do so in the name of the Church and with a spirit of great generosity and love. Truly, we are blessed by the talent and willing service of so many dedicated members of God's people.

Those who are catechists seek to help our children, young people and adults as well encounter the living Christ in the midst of His Church, in the intimacy of prayer and worship, in the power of His Word recorded in the Sacred Scriptures and in a life of loving service to God and neighbor.

We want to express our gratitude for the many hours of time and effort which our catechists have spent aiding others to encounter the Lord Jesus and so be drawn into a vital and intimate relationship with Him. We pray that, together with our catechists, all of us will come to an ever deeper knowledge and love of Christ, who lives forever and who invites each of us to share in His life. We recognize and ask God’s blessings on all those who serve as catechists in our parish.

Peace to all,

Father Bob

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**ST. PATRICK’S CASSEROLES**

Casseroles for St. Patrick Center will be collected this **Wed., Sept. 23**, between 6:30 & 9 AM. Please bring your casserole to the white bin in front of church, and pick up a new pan. In case of inclement weather, the white bin will be in the vestibule of the parish hall. If you have any questions, please call or email Mary Beth Schulte, 314-229-8067 or SpecRelEdu@aol.com. Thank you!

**ST. PATRICK CENTER SALAD SUNDAY, SEPT. 27**

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., Sept. 27.** The container will be in the Gathering Area. For more information contact Ellen Staples, 422-2381.
MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, September 20
7:30am    Sarah Scott
9:00am    For Our Parishioners
11:00am    The Fisk Family
Monday, September 21
9:00 am    Larry Ritter
Tuesday, September 22
6:30am    Monica Rielly
Wednesday, September 23
6:30am    Vera Birke
Thursday, September 24
8:00am    Arturo Villadiego
Friday, September 25
8:00am    Fred DeWitt
Saturday, September 26
8:00am    Faithful Departed
5:00pm    Karen Mangogna
Sunday, September 27
7:30am    For Our Parishioners
9:00am    Deacon Scott Kaufman, Special Intention
11:00am    Norb Herdler

DEACONS: CARING FOR YOU...SINCE A.D. 33
Please Support The Deacon Formation Collection
Did you know that over the last four decades: dozens of Deacons of the Archdiocese of St. Louis have in addition to their parish service, volunteered countless hours of selfless loving care for those in our midst who are suffering and in need? Like those first seven ordained by the apostles, our deacons are called to be ministers of charity and models of Christ-like compassion for the sick, the poor, the imprisoned, and the dying, Deacons “wash the feet” of the faithful each day, seeing the face of Christ revealed in their ailing brothers and sisters. Deacons can be found sharing the Joy of the Gospel: offering us comfort in every facet of daily life—nursing homes, hospitals, hospices, prisons, schools, airports, businesses, and more. You can help our future deacons be Christ’s hands and feet with your charitable donation to the Deacon Formation Collection. Deacon Formation in the Archdiocese relies heavily on the support of the annual Deacon Formation Collection, held this coming October 3rd and 4th. Please be as generous as possible. God bless you for your support!

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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PRO-LIFE NEWS
SEPTEMBER INTENTION:
“May mothers receive help and support as they pursue their educational goals.”

Reflection: “We know that countless young mothers have become unexpectedly pregnant and have continued to pursue education. And arguably, they do so not in spite of their children, but because of their children. Even if things don’t go exactly according to plan—timelines may shift, and dreams may change—the twists and turns can bring unexpected joy, purpose, and growth. In The Gospel of Life, Pope St. John Paul II commends “brave mothers who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to [their children] the best of themselves” (EV 86). As members of the Body of Christ, we have a responsibility to help mothers do just that. Most importantly, we can pray for mothers to be given the grace and the support they need, and for the wisdom to know how we can help.”

4 | Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 20, 2020
JOIN EAT, PRAY, DISCUSS GATHERINGS FOR HIGH SCHOOL NEW FRESHMEN ARE INVITED AND WELCOMED!

We have resumed in person meetings. We will gather outside of the Annex on the grass, or move into the Annex if the weather is bad at 7 PM. Bring a chair and a mask, a water bottle and snacks if you want them. If the virus situation changes, we will move back to Zoom meetings on Thursdays at 7PM. Join our chat group, watch Facebook & Instagram for last minute changes.

Head over to the Holy Spirit Youth STL page on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/hsyouth/ for information and encouragement. You can find Holy Spirit Youth Ministry on Instagram as HS Youth STL (hs_youth_stl).

OUR SPRING RETREAT, C2B, WAS POSTPONED.

But the team is working on it. We are looking at dates in early January for an 8th & 9th grade retreat. In the spring, as usual, we’ll host one for 7th & 8th.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY for sophomores-seniors: Join our retreat team to plan this retreat. Earn service hours while making deeper friend and faith connections.

PLUS – THERE’S FOOD! Win/win/win!

JOIN OUR YOUNG ADULT GROUP CHAT FOR SENIORS & COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Contact Donna E. to join the chat on GroupMe and Marco Polo. I’ll post questions and reflections about the Sunday readings each Sunday. Watch and respond when you have a minute.

CONFIRMATION

8th Grade: You have received a letter in the mail marked “Confirmation,” about the fall. Please read through the information. Look for emails with “Confirmation” in the subject line. You’ll be receiving a phone call as well to talk through your questions. Please read through the information. Contact Donna Eisenbath if you have any questions. Email is deisen-bath@holyspiritstl.org. Phone number is 314-954-1326

This fall-Confirmation 2020 Session 6: Relationships should be done with your sponsor either in person, in a video chat or by phone. We’ll have a Zoom check-in with young people and sponsors as part of our virtual retreat on October 25.

August/September please do Confirmation 2020 Session 7: The Eucharist at home with your family. We’ll meet virtually Sept. 13, 10:30 a.m. on Google Meet to check-in. Watch your email for the link/invitation. The meeting should not last too long.

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PSR NEWS

PSR parents - By now you should have browsed our new website and begun to work with your child on their Flipgrid topics/chapters. Establishing a regular routine for PSR work will make this go more smoothly for you and your child. If you need any assistance, please contact your child’s catechist or Mrs. Spinner or Mrs. Kaufman and we will help you. We are excited about this new opportunity to continue sharing our Catholic faith with your children and your family.

Ways to contact Mrs. Spinner & Mrs. Kaufman: Sharon Kaufman, 739-0230, skauffman@holyspiritstl.org or Julie Spinner, 739-0230 or jspinner@holyspiritstl.org

STUDENT/PARISHIONER PRAYER PARTNERS!

Holy Spirit PSR and Full Time School invite you to become a prayer partner with one of our students. If you have already signed up, you will be contacted shortly (by email or phone), no need to sign up again.

*Prayer partners will be matched by the end of September and then as people join after then.

Submit your name by completing this form or emailing Sharon Kaufman skauffman@holyspiritstl.org and we will match you up with a student from either the PSR or Full Time School program. You will receive the student’s name and he/she will receive your name. Then please include “your student” in your prayers and “your student” will pray for you in return.

Questions? Please contact Sharon Kaufman 739-0230 x110 or skauffman@holyspiritstl.org

PRAYER PARTNERS

I, _____________________________ (please print) would like to be a Prayer Partner with a student from Holy Spirit PSR or Full Time School. I will pledge to pray for the student who is chosen for me.

Email______________________________

Phone_____________________________

Date _____________________________
**25th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 55:6-9  
Ps 145:2-3, 3-4, 17-18  
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a  
Matthew 20:1-16a

**Monday September 21**  
St. Matthew  
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13  
Ps 19:2-5  
Matthew 8:8-13

**Tuesday September 22**  
Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13  
Ps 119:1,27,30,34,35,44  
Luke 8:18-21

**Wednesday September 23**  
St. Pio of Pietrelcina  
Proverbs 30:5-9  
Ps 119:29,72,89, 101,104,163  
Luke 9:1-6

**Thursday September 24**  
Ecclesiastes 1:2-11  
Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17b  
Luke 9:7-9

**Friday September 25**  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11  
Ps 144:10-4  

**Saturday September 26**  
Ecclesiastes 11:9-12b  
Ps 80:3-6,12-14,17  
Luke 9:43b-45

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God’s not fair! How many times have we felt that way? And it’s true, at least by our standards. The parable in the Gospel reading is a fine example of this.

The landlord seems to be very unfair. We can begin to understand him, however, if we think of this parable in terms of parenthood. A loving father cares about each of his children equally. Although he gives more attention to the child who needs it more, he loves the others just as much.

God the Father is like a vineyard owner who gives equally to all. Since we cannot earn our way into heaven, equal benefits are not an injustice to those who labored longer. Rather, God gives complete and perfect love even to those who only discovered, at the last minute, the value of having a relationship with him. He can do no less.

The first reading reminds us that as high as the heavens are above the earth, God’s ways are greater than our ways and his thoughts are higher than our thoughts. We think that justice (fairness) means equal treatment, but that harkens back to the Old Testament concept of justice: “an eye for an eye”. Jesus raised justice to its highest level, which means being equally loving and kind to all, whether they deserve it or not.

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We don’t have to understand God’s higher ways. We only have to be grateful that God loves us even when we are unloving. No matter how undeserving of his love we might be, he still gives us the same amount of love that he gives to the holiest of saints. He loves us as much as he loves Mary the Blessed Mother of Christ! “Am I not free to do as I wish with my own love?” he asks.

**Reflect & Discuss:**

1. When have you felt undeserving of God’s goodness?

2. What evidence proves that he never stopped loving you? What did he do for you?

3. How has your own opinion of yourself interfered with feeling his love?

4. Share the story of a time when you saw something good happen to a “bad” or undeserving person, or a time when you prayed for something that you didn’t get while an unfaithful person received it without turning to God for help. Despite the unfairness of this, why are you glad that you have known God’s love?

5. Can you also be glad for the blessings that unbelievers receive from God?

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