

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Do you not know that you are the temple of God,
and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY** **TIME**

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH
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PARISH ANNEX

3111 Parkwood Lane,
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MASS SCHEDULE

*MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED AT 6:30 AM MON/TUES/WED;
8:00 AM THURS/FRI; AND 9:00 AM ON SUNDAYS
(YOUTUBE: HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH MARYLAND HEIGHTS)*

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 Adoration—Mondays
1:00pm—6:50pm followed by Benediction

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 Father Bob

Dear Friends,
Grace and peace to you!

Thank you all for your prayers and concern following my recent health scare. All is well and I feel fine. Thanks especially for all the treats!

Hopefully, everyone has had a chance to look at the 2nd draft of parish models being proposed for the All Things New planning initiative. I appreciate all those who have offered feedback about the models and our parish. In case you didn't see it in the Review, we have included an explanation of a pastorate as an insert in this bulletin. This is the same graphic that appeared in the Review. If you have any questions about this or the proposals I would be happy to speak to you about. I will have more to say about the models and our parish in future bulletin articles and homilies. Let's continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit during these days of anticipation of Pentecost when the final plans will be released.

Also included in this bulletin is an insert of our Second Quarter Financial results for the quarter ending December 31, 2022. Heading right to the bottom line, our net income is \$72,556.20. Slightly ahead of last year at the same time but nearly equal. Our Sunday offerings are down slightly by 1.8% or \$8,703. Unrestricted Gifts are up by 31.75% or \$13,866. Parish Savings has increased by 6.87% or \$46,293. Parish Expenses overall are up 2.44%. Please review the report and if you have any questions, please contact me and I will be happy to discuss it with you. Thank you all for your generous support of our parish and our ministries.

Somehow, Lent has snuck up on me. I was certain that it was further away than it is. I guess the busy times have been a real distraction. How about for you? Are you ready for Lent to begin? Ready or not, here it comes! Lent begins this Wednesday with Ash Wednesday and the imposition of ashes at all our Masses. Mass times are 6:30 am, 8:00 am, and 7:00 pm. We will not have an Ashmake this year but will burn the palms with the school children at 2:00 pm in front of Church, weather permitting. Please check this bulletin for more information about the many opportunities available this Lent. If you have been as busy as me lately, maybe Lent has arrived at the perfect time. Let's take time to slow down and be quiet with the Lord. Blessings to all.

Let's continue to pray for each other this week.

Blessings,

Father Bob

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 19

7:30am Mike Rolfes
 9:00am People of the Parish
 11:00am Stephen Hercules

Monday, February 20

6:30am Jared Milligan

Tuesday, February 21

6:30am Jennie Ritter

Wednesday, February 22—ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30am Paula Gamel
 8:00am Ellen O'Conner
 7:00pm People of the Parish

Thursday, February 23

8:00am Evelyn Mareschal

Friday, February 24

8:00am Mary Louise Herget

Saturday, February 25

8:00am Cory Fisk
 5:00pm Michael Moll

Sunday, February 26

7:30am People of the Parish
 9:00am Till Fehrenbacher
 11:00am Mike Sampson

Consider Electronic Giving Year-Round

TO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING, GO TO
<https://holyspiritstl.org/Online-Giving>

If you need help navigating the website, please call
 Mary Saputo at the Parish Office
 314-739-0230

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for Jan. 30 - Feb. 5, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 13,271.00
Loose Collection	\$ 555.40
Online Donations	\$ 3,917.00
Total	\$ 17,743.40
Weekly Budget	\$ 17,410.00
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ 333.40

HandS	Parish Improvements
\$505.00	\$668.00

Choose Life:

A Lenten Series on Pro-life Issues

This three-part series from the Respect Life Apostolate and the Archdiocesan Office of Peace and Justice will begin with Mass followed by dinner and a panel discussion.

Free childcare is available on-site.

There is no charge for this event.

All sessions are at 20 Archbishop May Dr., St. Louis, MO. To RSVP, contact Marie Keynon at mariekeyone@archstl.org or 314.792.7062

Part ONE of Series:

Choose Life: What's on the Horizon?

Sunday, February 26 | 4-7pm

Speakers will be the following:

- Fr. Peter Fonseca, Director of Continuing Formation for Priests, Pastor of St. Theodore Catholic Church and Bioethicist
- Deacon Sam Lee, Director of Campaign Life Missouri
- Ray Boshara, Legislative Fellow for U.S. Senator Bob Casey, Senior Advisor for the Social Policy Institute at Washington University.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING Life and Dignity of the Human Person

"Every person is created in the image of God and precious. People do not lose dignity because of poverty, disability, age, race or lack of success."



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

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

- ◆ Bill Russell, husband of Jo-Ann
- ◆ Joaquin Tantoco, husband of Maria

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

Gluten allergy? Would you like a gluten-free host?
 Please contact the Parish Office, 314-739-0230.

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.

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

Don Abramovitz	Rita Laurentius	Wibbenmeyer
Carol Bonner	Susie Meyer	Tom Zemblidge
Becky Bonner	Karen Newcomb	
Russ Bovier	Bob/Donna Pedrotti	
Jim Brockmeyer	Karen Piskulic	
Tom DuBois	Pat Romano	
Sharon Essner	Jean Schepers	
Shirley Farajat	Rudi/Brenda	
Ray/Betty Garvels	Torricelli	
Jim Gerdes	Nancy VanAmburg	
Norma Gross	Paul Vitale	
Kenneth Jordan	Norma	

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick Relatives and Friends:

Baby boy	Michael Gill	Travis Tackaberry
Aubuchon	Suzanne Johnson	Jack Wells
Kendell/Tina	Ruth Menard	Paul Williams
Bedell	Yvonne Laramie	Michelle Wilson
Paul Beckerle	Billy Leibeck	Ruby Winschel
Debbie Bick	Jenny Lemkemann	Kurt Zoellner
Doloros Bratten	Colin Meyer	
Byron Difani	Alma Montgomery	
Harold Feltmann	Eugene Ochs	
Kathy First	James Scherle	
John Garvels	Grace Solimando	
Matthew Gill	Jerry Sutterer	



Prayer for Family and Friends

Loving God, hear this prayer,
which I offer on behalf of my family and friends.
Keep them safe in your care.
When they are in trouble, be with them.
When they despair, bring them hope.
When they are joyful,
help them share their happiness.
Help us all to realize
that we are your sons and daughters
and that you love us more than we can imagine.
Amen.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Mini prayer shawls are available in the gathering area. There are also prayer shawls available for women, men and children. We have all shapes, sizes 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.

Next meeting: Wed., March 1st at 7pm,
Parish Resource Center, Upstairs

You are welcome to come and craft with us !
If you have any questions, or want a shawl, don't
hesitate to call or text Mary at 314-497-5048 or
Email: dalebannister@sbcglobal.net.

Hands Food Pantry ~ FEBRUARY REQUESTS

plain oatmeal	dry beans (kidney or navy)	ketchup
applesauce - unsweetened and sweetened	sugar	salad dressing
vienna sausages	flour	coffee - regular and decaf
canned ham	vegetable oil	tea bags
spam	evaporated milk	fabric softener
hash	cookies	bathroom cleaner
beef stew	dessert/muffin/brownie mixes	Bleach
pasta sauce with meat and without	cornbread muffin mix	
chicken and dumplings	pudding - regular and sugar free	Aldi or Walmart Gift cards
any Hamburger Helper mixes	mayonnaise	are also appreciated
	mustard	

**NO PEANUT BUTTER, POTATO SIDE DISHES, NO PASTA OR
CANNED PASTA (LIKE CHEF BOYARDEE RAVIOLI)**

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, February 19

Donut Sunday/Spirit Brew after All Masses
1:00-2:30pm—7th Gr. Confirmation make up session, Rigali Rm (Annex)
7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom

Monday, February 20—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

1:00-7:00pm—Eucharistic Adoration, closing with Benediction at 6:50pm
3:30pm—Contemplative Prayer-Resource Ctr.
6:00pm—Quilting, Annex

Tuesday, February 21

9:00am—Quilting, Annex

Wednesday, February 22—ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses: 6:30am / 8:00am / 7:00pm
6:30-9:00am—St. Patrick Ctr. Casseroles
9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
7:00pm—Contemporary Music Rehearsal

Thursday, February 23

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
6:00pm—Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:15pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 24

4:30-7:00pm—Seafood Dinner, Gym
7:00pm—Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 25

4:00pm—Confessions

Sunday, February 26

8:00-10:00am—St. Patrick Ctr. Salads
3:00pm—Donna Cori Concert
7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom



Lunch Bunch! **TUES., FEBRUARY 28**

our older adult parishioners are invited to gather at 11 am for light-hearted conversation while enjoying lunch together.

Please RSVP by

Mon. Feb. 27: 314-739-0230

(The Sports Café would like an exact count since moving the group from the Game Room to the Dining Room)

**SPORTS CAFÉ, 3579 Pennridge Dr.,
Bridgeton, MO 63044
Bring a Friend!**

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

6:30am / 8:00am / 7:00pm

Holy Spirit

Contemplative Prayer Group

This group meets on the **1st and 3rd Monday** of the month: **3:30—4:45pm in the Resource Center.**

NEXT MEETING ~ MON., FEB. 20

Contemplative prayer, such as Centering Prayer, can lead one to discover the meaning of Psalm 46: "Be still and know that I am God".

If you have an interest, please contact **Karlye Keleher at 314-291-5209**

ST. PATRICK CENTER CASSEROLES

WED., FEBRUARY 22

Casserole Collection will be from 6:30am—9am in the white bin curbside outside of church

(In case of inclement weather, in the Parish Hall)
Pans/lids will also be available for you to pick up.
For more information, contact Mary Beth Schulte, 314-229-8067 or SpecRelEdu@aol.com.

ST. PATRICK CENTER SALADS

SUN., FEBRUARY 26

Holy Spirit volunteers provide salads and/or components to help feed the homeless.

Salad and/or components will be collected between 8 & 10 am

The container will be in the Gathering Area. For more information contact Ellen Staples, 314-422-2381

La Salle Retreat Center

(2101 Rue de LaSalle Drive, Wildwood) is excited to be featured in the new book, **'Places to Pray'**

by Patrick Murphy.

Meet Patrick at La Salle on Tues., **March 21 at 6:00 pm.** He will share his stories of traveling throughout the state of Missouri exploring and photographing Catholic Churches, shrines, monasteries in big cities and tiny towns.

For more information, go to the website www.lasalleretreatcenter.org.

THE HEAVIEST LOAD

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.

~ Anonymous

SCHOOL NEWS

**Congratulations to our February 13 Red & Blue Raffle winner of \$25 ~ Richard Gloriod
Thank you for Supporting our School!**

Sun., Feb. 19:	9:00am—Grade 4 Class Mass 11:00am—Grade 6 Class Mass
Mon., Feb. 20:	NO School---President's Day
Tues., Feb. 21:	11:00am-9:00pm—Bandana's BAR-B-Q Fundraiser sponsored by our Home & School Association @ 12222 Dorsett Road (please bring the flier in bulletin) 2:30pm—Mardi Gras Parade & Burying of the Alleluia
Wed., Feb. 22:	8:00am— All School Ash Wednesday Mass led by Grade 7
Fri., Feb. 24:	9:00am—Dr. Moshiri, DDS will visit Kindergarten thru Grade 2 for Dental Health Preschool Buddy Day with Grade 4 2:15pm—Stations of the Cross in Church led by Grade 1 & 6 Grades 3 & 6 responsible for Seafood Dinner Dessert Donations (please bring the desserts to the School Office by 3:00 PM)
Wed., Mar. 1:	6:00-8:00pm— Skate Night at Coachlite Skate Center 3754 Pennridge Drive, Bridgton

NOW HIRING ~ HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL PART TIME AFTERCARE STAFF

Approx 3pm-6pm — Choose your days Monday thru Friday!

Contact Katie Koberlein

314-739-1934 or kkoberlein@holyspiritSTL.org



“YOU can make a Difference!”

Once in a while, we all have a unique opportunity to have an impact on society in a very real way. On **February 18/19**, the parishioners of Holy Spirit will be asked to join together in a campaign to benefit ThriVe St. Louis.



ThriVe St. Louis is a 39-year-old Pregnancy Resource Center based in St. Louis. They are on the front-lines in the battle against abortion and helping pregnant mothers before and after their baby is born. They are very successful in their mission. ThriVe operates a Mobile Medical Center which will be available for you to see on the Holy Spirit campus **TODAY, February 19 after all Masses.**

Our objective at Holy Spirit is to purchase another state-of-the-art Laptop Ultrasound Machine to be used on the Mobile Medical Center. They are also in need of funding for nurses that work with the mothers-to-be.

On **February 18/19**, we will initiate our 4-week long Baby Bottle Campaign. We will be distributing baby bottles to every family as they leave Mass on that weekend. We will ask that you take these bottles home and fill them with your loose change, currency or generous check over the next weeks. Please make checks payable to **“Holy Spirit K of C”**. **(Please be sure to write the “K of C” on your payable line)**

You can return the bottles ANYTIME. If needed, we will be happy to give you another one.

Remember, Holy Spirit will have a major impact in St. Louis.

Over 80% of pregnant mothers, anticipating abortion, who see their ultrasound, **CHOOSE LIFE.!**

This is the effect we can achieve.

***The Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus
are the driving force behind this ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE
Thank you and we are looking forward to your participation.***

HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY

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

~ WE NEED YOU! ~ for LUKE 18

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS FOR TEAM: Our retreat is a great way to earn service hours while having fun with friends and giving back to the community. **Our first team meetings begin this Thursday, February 23.** Meetings will be on Thursday evenings in the Resource Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m. High school students are needed to be on the team.

RETREATANTS: Look for permission forms to come home from school, PSR, Middle School Madness, and Confirmation sessions or email deisenbath@holyspiritstl.org for a form. This is a great opportunity to grow in faith and make new friends or deepen friendships on a fun retreat.

PARENTS: We must have one parent for every 10 retreatants. Last year we needed 5. If your child is going and you would like to help make our Luke 18 retreat possible, please contact Donna Eisenbath. Adults must be PGC certified. If you are worried about giving your son or daughter space, you do not have to be in the room while the retreat is going on. There are beautiful outdoor spaces as well as a rec room on the property. Please consider helping us make Luke 18 a reality for our young people.

WE HAVE A GROUP TEXT MESSAGE for 8th grade/high school gatherings USING REMIND APP.

Contact Donna Eisenbath to be added to the group messages and reminders.

CONFIRMATION

• 7TH GRADE FAMILIES –

- ◇ *If you missed Session 1, make up session is today, Feb. 19 from 1:00 – 2:30, Rigali Room (Annex)*
- ◇ *The Sunday groups meet on February 26, in the Rigali Room. The morning group is from 10:10 – 11:40 and the afternoon group if from 1:00 – 2:30.*
- ◇ Remember if you miss the session that you signed up for, please let Donna Eisenbath know so that we can work out a time for you to come to another session.

• 8TH GRADE FAMILIES –

- ◇ Session 12 is today from 10:10 – 11:40. Join us to stir up the Holy Spirit in the Rigali Room.

COMMUNITY, WE NEED YOU!

- **PRAYER PARTNERS – The most important thing you can do for us is pray. Watch here for opportunities to pray for specific needs for youth ministry and our young people.**
- **FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION:** *Please pray for teens and their relationships, that they will have good examples of love (parental, friendship, romantic) in their lives, learn to love themselves and know good boundaries, and experience Jesus love for them. Please pray for our retreat team, that young people will hear and answer the call to leadership, and that we will grow in faith and friendship.*

WAYS TO PRAYER WITH YOUR TEENS

- Say a prayer when an emergency vehicle passes you on the street.
- Say a simple, short prayer like “Thank you God for all the fun we had with _____ today” when you pick up your child from a friend’s house, or game or practice/lesson.
- Give thanks at mealtime for the people and things around you like sun, rain, soil that made it possible

PSR NEWS

FAMILIES

- 1st grade has their work on our display board, and 2nd grade will be decorating our bulletin board. Stop by the hallway and take a look.
- There will be no parish community gathering for Ashmake on February 21. Your packets came home last week with ideas on how to celebrate Mardi Gras as a family as well as suggestions for Lent. Share your pictures with us and we’ll post them on our parish website and Facebook page.
- Parent/Child Afternoon for First Eucharist children and their parents is Saturday, March 4 from 12:30-3:30. Plan to be there with your child.
- Remember to attend all family events with your child . The children look forward to having their families join in, and your family will be entered into the drawing for free family fees for PSR.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION-IMPORTANT DATES

*Tues., Feb. 21 – No PSR classes

*Sat., March 4 – 1st Communion Parent/Child Day

*Tues., March 7 – Lenten Activity Night

**PICK UP YOUR POSTCARD
FOR THE DONNA CORI 'CD' DRAWING!**

Come *closer* to a loving God *with...*

A Free Concert at

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Sunday, February 26, 2023 @ 3:00 pm

info: 314-739-0230

3130 Parkwood Lane, Maryland Heights, MO

The Way of the Cross

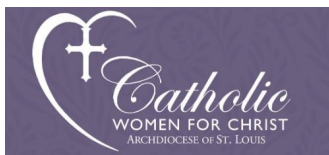
Make the Stations of the Cross like you never have before. Each meditation on the 14 stations is in song and video form. Share this very intimate and emotional walk with Jesus to his death on a cross. Inviting you to respond with the heart, this presentation helps us to really enter in and learn from the Master. The lush arrangements, words, accompanying video and Donna's amazing, beautiful and powerful voice are sure to captivate you and draw you in to the depth, meaning and emotion of the passion of Christ.

Her music "is a conductor that God uses to touch my soul." -C. Neisen. Get **free music downloads**, more info., hear samples and view videos at:

www.DonnaCori.com



**Donna Cori
in concert**



CATHOLIC WOMEN FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE

Archdiocese of St. Louis

NEW LIFE: Renewed in God's Love

March 11 ★ 8:45am—4:00pm ★ SI Commons at SLUH ★ \$40

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20

Questions? Contact Tammy Chumley at 314-792-7182 or evangelization@archstl.org



Kenrick-Glennon Seminary thanks you for your generosity this past Christmas. Our seminarians are grateful for the prayers and support of your parish.

There is still time to donate! Please visit kenrick.3du/GodsPeople

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday February 19

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

Ps 103:1-4,8,10,
12-13 (8a)

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

Monday February 20

Sirach 1:1-10

Ps 93:1ab,1cd-2,5

Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday February 21

Sirach 2:1-11

Ps 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,
39-40

Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday February 22

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18

Ps 51:3-6ab,12-14,17

2 Corinthians 5:20 — 6:2

Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday February 23

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Ps 1:1-4,6

Luke 9:22-25

Friday February 24

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Ps 51:3-6ab,18-19

Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday February 25

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Ps 86:1-6

Luke 5:27-32

Mercy is the key to understanding this Sunday's Gospel reading. Think of love as the front door to people's hearts. When they close it, mercy is the love that sneaks in through the back door.

In ancient times, if someone gouged another person in the eye, the victim could gather his clan and punish him by wiping out his aggressor's clan. So God gave his people a law that brought them closer to love: If someone hurts your eye, you may do nothing more than the same to him. It was still unloving, but at least it was fair.

When Jesus came onto the scene, he raised the standards: If someone hurts you, don't play fair; give that person love.

When people sin against us, they don't understand that they're closing their hearts to God and his love. But if we give them love, we give them God through a back door.

This does not mean we are to remain in harm's way. But if we continue to give them love – even if only from afar – we bring God and his healing into the situation.

If someone steals from you or demands something from you unjustly, you can't stop his greed but you can stop him from sinning against you: Let it go, give it to him. And as an act of generous love, give him more! I know it doesn't feel right, but this is what Jesus says is right. Divinely right.

If someone asks you to do a chore for her because she's lazy, prevent it from becoming a sin of cruelty; gladly do what she asks and volunteer to do more.



This plan of Jesus demonstrates, through us, that God's love is superior to everything else. It proves that love conquers evil.

This is what it means to be perfect. Perfection in the Bible means the fullness of love – complete, unlimited, merciful love.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Think of a time when God showed you mercy even though you didn't deserve his love. What did it feel like when he gave you his love anyway? How did it change you?
- † Who is currently sinning against you? What good deeds can you do simply and easily even before he or she asks for forgiveness?
- † Describe a time when you did a good deed to someone who caused you difficulties. What kind of impact did your efforts make? If you're not aware of good results yet, how did it help *you* experience God's love?
- † How can stopping an abuse be done as an act of love?

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT—(FEBRUARY 26, 2023)
GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
ROM 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; MT 4:1-11



**Bandana's BAR-B-Q
wants to help make a difference along with
Holy Spirit Catholic School**

**Tuesday February 21st
11:00 am – 9:00 pm**

**Please join your family and friends at the
Maryland Heights Location
12222 Dorsett Road (314-439-1123)**

Present this to your server

and

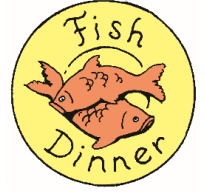
**Bandana's will donate a portion of the total proceeds to
Holy Spirit Catholic School**

Good for Dine-In & Carryout

THANK YOU!



2023
HOLY SPIRIT
SEAFOOD DINNER
(FISH FRY)



EVERY FRIDAY (except Good Friday) DURING LENT
February 24 thru March 31, 2023
4:30 - 7:00 P.M.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH GYM
3120 Parkwood Lane, Maryland Hts., MO 314-739-0230
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DINE-IN OR CARRY-OUT

Fish Dinner	\$13.00 Kids \$7.00
Baked Cod Dinner	\$13.00
Grilled Salmon Dinner	\$13.00
Shrimp Dinner	\$13.00 Adults ~ Kids \$7.00
Meatless Spaghetti Dinner	\$6.00 Adults ~ Kids \$4.00

Free drinks (coffee, tea or punch) with dine-in meals only

Dinners include 2 side dish options and dessert.
Kid's dinner includes 1 side dish option and dessert.

SIDE DISH OPTIONS

Fries/Onion Rings	Spaghetti (meatless)
Baked Potato	Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies (3)	Applesauce
Green Beans	(additional side dish \$3.00)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Cheese Pizza	\$3.00
Cheese Sticks (3)	\$3.00
Fish	\$15.00/lb.
Slaw/Spaghetti	\$4.00/pt. or \$6.00/qt.
Desserts	\$2.00 ea.

WORKERS AND DESSERT DONATIONS NEEDED
Please contact Don Casey (donspooncasey@att.net)
or Steve Borgmann (steveborgmann@att.net)

Please bring desserts to the kitchen on Fridays after 3pm

BACK AGAIN THIS YEAR

DRIVE THRU MENU

Fish	\$15.00/lb.
Fried Shrimp	\$13.00/Doz.
Slaw / Spaghetti	\$4.00/pt. or \$6.00/qt.
Green Beans	\$4.00/pt. or \$6.00/qt.
Fries / Hush Puppies	\$4.00 for 6 small / \$6.00 for 9 large

EXPLANATION OF A PASTORATE

A pastorate is a parish or number of parishes overseen by a pastor. Depending on the situation, there may or may not be associate pastors at a given pastorate.

As part of All Things New, there will be three primary structures of pastorates:

- One pastorate with one parish
- One pastorate with multiple parishes remaining as parish entities
- One pastorate with merged parish(es) becoming one entity



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ONE PASTORATE WITH ONE PARISH



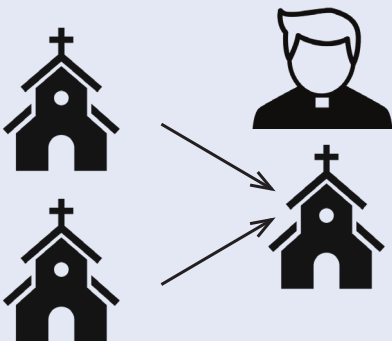
- One pastor oversees a parish, potentially with associate pastors
- Pastor is canonically the pastor of that parish
- Potential new Mass times or regional ministries
- Shared vision articulated by the pastor
- Mass celebrated regularly in one church
- One parish staff and outreach ministries
- One pastoral council
- One finance council

ONE PASTORATE WITH MULTIPLE PARISHES



- Comprised of multiple parishes sharing the same priest as pastor, potentially with associate pastors
- Pastor is canonically the pastor of each parish in the pastorate
- Shared vision articulated by the pastor
- Mass celebrated regularly in multiple churches
- Parish staff shared between multiple parishes
- One parish council
- Each parish retains financial council
- Parish finances are not combined

ONE PASTORATE WITH PARISHES MERGED INTO ONE



- One pastor oversees the parish created by the merger of parishes, potentially with associate pastors
- Pastor is canonically the pastor of the merged parish
- Shared vision articulated by the pastor
- The churches in which Mass will be celebrated regularly will be determined locally
- One parish staff and outreach ministries
- One parish council
- One finance council
- Parish finances of the merged parishes are combined