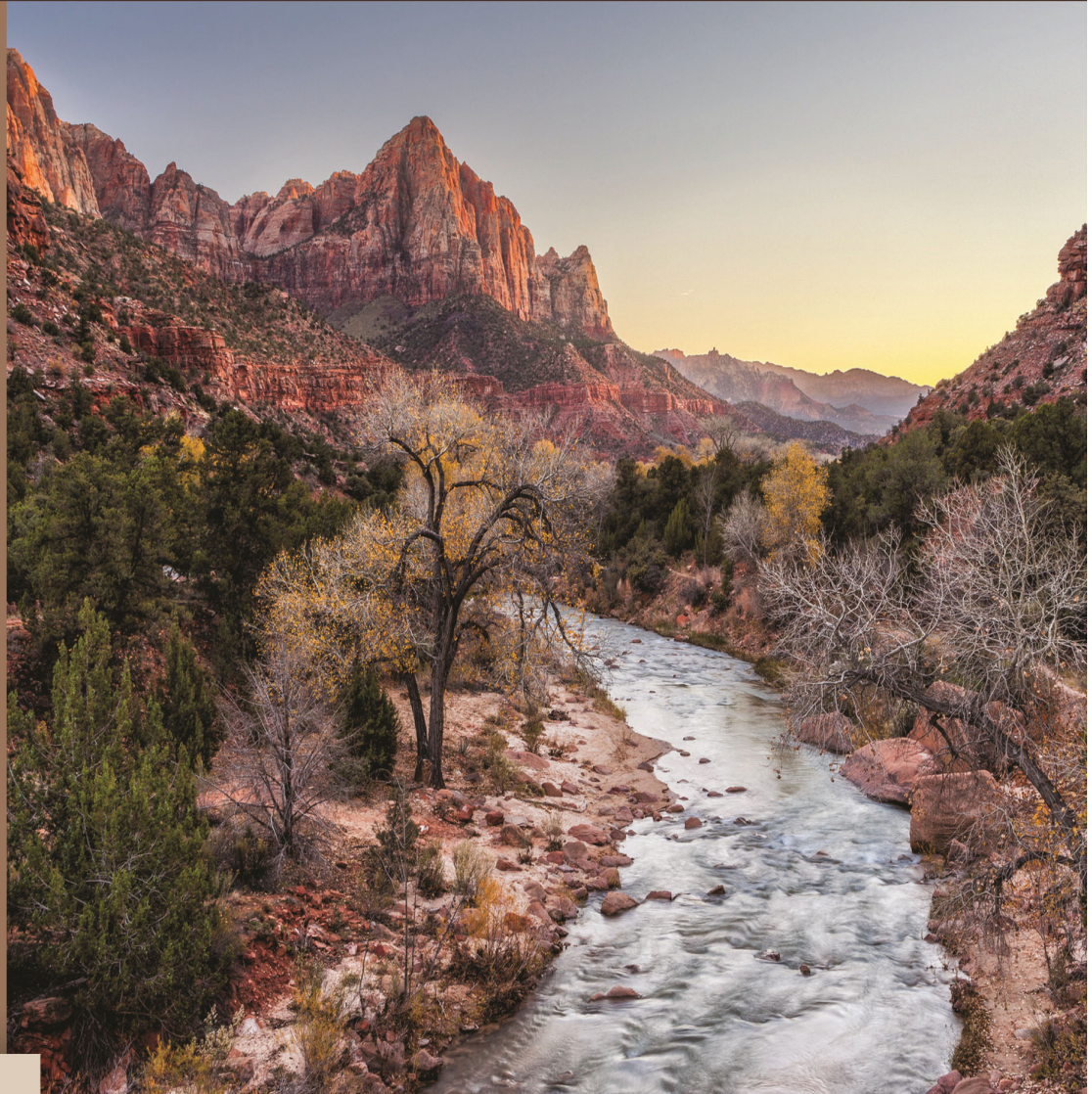


Holy Spirit Catholic Church

April 3, 2022



Fifth Sunday
of

I put water in the desert
and rivers in the wasteland
for my chosen people to drink.

Isaiah 43:20

Lent

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

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MASS SCHEDULE

*MASSSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED AT 6:30 AM MON/TUES/WED;
8:00 AM THUR/FRI; AND 9:00 AM ON SUNDAYS
(YOU TUBE 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 Exposition

Suspended until Further Notice

SPECIAL REQUESTS

COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the Parish Office to request Communion if someone is unable to attend Church.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Please notify the Parish Office concerning hospitalization.

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION

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

BAPTISMS & CLASSES:

Baptism Class for parents/godparents is normally held on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Church. To register for the meeting and/or to arrange for a baptism, call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

Registration

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

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

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Please submit information for the bulletin by Noon TWO Fridays before publication. Include name, daytime phone number of person submitting information, and group name.
Items can be e-mailed to msaputo@holyspiritstl.org.



A Note From Father Bob

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

As this is the Fifth Sunday of Lent we are quickly coming to Holy Week, the holiest of weeks in our Church year. Next weekend we begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday. Palms will be blessed at the beginning of all the Masses followed by the reading of Lord's Passion. Each year we have the option of beginning Mass with either a procession from the Parish Hall or a Solemn Entrance where all are in place in Church. Both forms begin with the blessing of the palms and then the reading of the Gospel of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. We will have a procession from the Parish Hall for both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses. Please gather in the Parish Hall prior to both Masses. The 5:00 pm and 7:30 am Masses will begin in church. Please pick up a palm as you enter church.

You may find the schedule for Holy Week elsewhere in this bulletin, but it is also listed here for your convenience.

Mass of the Lord's Supper – Holy Thursday: 7:00 pm. Please note that following the procession to the Altar of Repose in the Parish Hall, the hall will remain open until 11:00 pm for personal, quiet adoration.

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross: 3:00pm Confessions will be available prior to the Stations beginning at 2:00 pm and immediately following until all have been heard.

Good Friday – Friday of the Passion of the Lord: 7:00 pm Confessions will again be available at 6:00 pm and immediately following until all have been heard.

Holy Saturday – The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night: 8:00 pm We will begin in front of church with the blessing and lighting of the Easter Candle and then process into church.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am

We wish everyone the blessings of Holy Week. May this week be a time of extraordinary grace and peace for all. May God bless our parish and all who visit during these holy days.

As always, let's pray for each other this week. May we also continue to pray for peace in Ukraine.

Peace,

Father Bob

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 3

7:30am Irene Mroczkowski
9:00am People of the Parish
11:00am Jimmy Beine

Monday, April 4

6:30 am Bill Manz

Tuesday, April 5

6:30am Melenzio Santiago

Wednesday, April 6

6:30am Rita Slice

Thursday, April 7

8:00am Andy Rice

Friday, April 8

8:00am Bill Schneider

Saturday, April 9

8:00am Raymond Hake
5:00pm Ron Kinnison

Sunday, April 10

7:30am Luke Boenker
9:00am George Hendrickson
11:00am People of the Parish



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

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

- ♦ Carol Smith, sister of Mike Graff
- ♦ Betty Ivey, mother of Gladys Gross

May their souls rest in the Peace of Christ.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for March 14– March 20, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 7,993.00
Loose Collection	\$ 588.50
Online Donations	\$ 7,533.33
Total	\$ 16,114.83
Weekly Budget	\$ 19,196.00
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ (3,081.17)

HandS	Parish Improvements
\$1,305.00	\$410.00

PRO-LIFE NEWS



Project Rachel Day of Hope & Healing for Women Wounded by Abortion,

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Project Rachel, an Abortion Healing Ministry program of the

Archdiocese of St. Louis, is holding a **Day of Hope and Healing** for women on **Sat. April 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

The day retreat, which includes Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a light lunch, will be held in a confidential, prayerful setting in the St. Louis area.

The cost is \$25 per person, with financial scholarships available. Marisol Pfaff, Project Rachel coordinator and certified spiritual director, and Fr. Mark Madden, spiritual advisor to the Respect Life Apostolate, will help participants realize the hope, love, and mercy of Jesus Christ.

Encourage those wounded by abortion to accept this opportunity for healing by contacting 314.406.0815 or hopehealing@archstl.org.

To learn more about Project Rachel and the Archdiocesan Abortion Healing Ministry visit <https://www.archstl.org/hope-healing>

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

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	Ray/Betty Garvels	Carolyn Putnam
Nancy Barr	Jim Gerdes	John Rath
Lorraine Bath	Kathy Glaser	Jean Schepers
Ronnie Bindbeutel	Sherry Holland	Kathy Schindler
Carol Bonner	Kenneth Jordan	Pete Schwaninger
Becky Bonner	Susie Meyer	Gary Szevery
Sr. Mary Eliz.	Glenn Mueller	Jan Telthorst
Cullen	Jacob Painter	Ron Unterreiner
Leon Deimeke	Bob/Donna Pedrotti	Bill/JoanWeinzirl
Charles Dent	Karen Piskulic	Tom/Jeanne
Tom DuBois	Pat Romano	Zemblidge
Martha Elmore	Bob/Tootie	
Till Fehrbacher	Ponder	

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick Relatives and Friends:

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



Holy Spirit Ladies Club April Meeting

*April 12 at 12:00 NOON
in the Rigali Room.*

An Easter Celebration!

Please bring a sandwich & a drink

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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK



By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,
may we walk eagerly in that same charity
with which, out of love for the world,
your Son handed himself over to death.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Men! Come to the Zechariah Prayer Breakfast

9am — Noon, 8:30 registration

Saturday APRIL 9, 2022

Cardinal Rigali Center, Shrewsbury

INFO: ARCHSTL.ORG/RENEWAL



**STEVE
RUPP**

Our speaker **STEVE RUPP** is President of Missouri Right to Life and a manager at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Come to breakfast or tune in free at 10:00 am on YouTube or Facebook: stlrenewal.org/yt or stlrenewal.org/fb.

COME TO BREAKFAST! It's \$15.00, PAYABLE AT THE DOOR.



Advance reservation of a breakfast is required, at
(636) 215-0973 or On-Line at **STLRENEWAL.ORG/ZPB**

EMAIL: **GARY.WHITLOCK@ATT.NET**



“The entire material universe speaks of God’s love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God.”

(Pope Francis’ Encyclical letter, Laudato Si’ n. 84)

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, April 3

7:00pm—Al Anon, by Zoom

Monday, April 4

1:00-7:00pm—Eucharistic Adoration,
closing with Benediction at 6:50pm

6:00pm—Quilting, Annex

7:00pm—Evening Prayer/Reconciliation

Tuesday, April 5

9:00am—Quilting, Annex

Wednesday, April 6

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm

Thursday, April 7

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

6:00pm—Bells Rehearsal

7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 8

2:00pm—Stations of the Cross

2:30pm—Grief Support, Resource Ctr.

4:30-7:00pm—Seafood Dinner

7:00pm—Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 9

4:00pm—Confessions

Sunday, April 10

7:00pm—Al Anon, by Zoom



ALL THINGS NEW
STEADFAST IN FAITH • FORWARD IN HOPE

*Don't Forget to
**TAKE THE SURVEY
BY APRIL 4th!***

Please help us by
participating in a 10-15
minute parish survey (Disciple
Maker Index) conducted by the
Catholic Leadership Institute.

The survey can be accessed through an online link
on our website from now through April 4, 2022.
Our unique link to the survey is

[https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/
ydcbxy](https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/ydcbxy)

Also, paper copies are available at the church
doors, or you may submit your
survey electronically in the
Parish Hall during Spirit Brew
with a volunteer to help you
through the process!

Thank you for helping with
this important project!



TODO LO HAGO NUEVO
CON FE • EN LA ESPERANZA

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 14, HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper —7:00pm

April 15, GOOD FRIDAY

Confessions beginning at 2:00pm

Stations of the Cross—3:00pm

Confessions beginning at 6:00pm

Friday of the Passion of the Lord—7:00pm

April 16, HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night—8:00pm

April 17, EASTER SUNDAY

Resurrection of the Lord Masses—
7:30am ~ 9:00am ~ 11:00am



Are you patient, supportive, and fun?
YOU ARE NEEDED!

We are hoping to have
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
this summer and we are looking for
volunteers to help out.

If your heart is stirring within you while you read
this, please contact Linda 739-0230 x 108



Covenant Network Catholic Radio offers a variety of informative and inspiring programs to help focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving which form the core of activities for Christians during Lent. In addition to the daily Holy Mass, join in praying the Rosary, the Angelus and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Listen on the radio at AM 1460 or 96.7 FM, on the Covenant Network app, or on your mobile device or at OurCatholicRadio.org.

Tune in this Lent to help prepare your heart for the great celebration of Easter.

HELPING YOUR NEIGHBOR

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart.
Ask God simply to fill you with charity . . . with it you can accomplish what you desire.

—St. Vincent Ferrer

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our Mar. 28 Red & Blue raffle winner of \$25 ~ Mark Baker
Thank you for supporting our school!

Tues., Apr. 5: Grades 2, 3, 6, & 7 students will go to Reconciliation
Thurs., Apr. 7: 8:00 AM Kindergarten thru Grade 4 Mass led by Grade 2
Fri., Apr. 8: 8:00 AM Grades 5 thru 8 Mass led by Grade 8C
Spirit Day! Wearing of Holy Spirit "Spirit" Shirts with uniform bottoms
9:15 AM-10:00 AM Grade 5 D.A.R.E with Officer Bob
11:15 AM Kindergarten thru Grade 8 Stations of the Cross
will be led by Grade 8 Living Stations
Grades 7 & 8 Lenten Seafood Dinner Dessert Donations
Mon., April 11: Spring Student Photos will be taken from 8:00 AM-11:00 AM

YOUTH MINISTRY

FIND HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY

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

C2B - SPRING RETREAT for 7th and 8th grade students has been moved to **April 30 – May 1**. Retreat begins at 10:15 on Saturday and we will return for the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Look for permission forms to come home through school and PSR, pick one up in the Parish Office or request one electronically from Donna Eisenbath. Cost is \$45 per person. Adult chaperones are free.

CONFIRMATION:

7TH GRADE FAMILIES – Session 3: The Jesus Question is in April.

Small Group Dates: 3rd Wednesday – April 20; 4th Sunday – April 24; 4th Wednesday – April 27

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates:

The **Rite of Enrollment** is **Sunday, April 3 at 11:00 a.m.** Mass. All Candidates should plan to attend.

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS:

EAT. PRAY. DISCUSS gatherings are Sunday afternoons in the Resource Center from 1:30 – 3:30. We are working on planning C2B, the spring retreat, for the 7th and 8th grade.

Help Wanted:

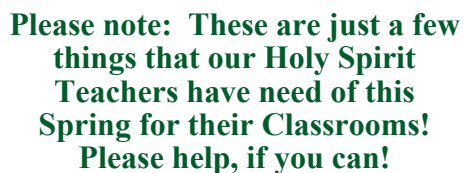
RETREAT PLANNING AND CHAPERONES: As we begin preparing for our retreat in the spring, we need PGC adults who are willing to chaperone (all you have to do is be there. Bring a book. Take walks. Enjoy some quiet time.). Our retreat will be in April. Please contact Donna Eisenbath if you are willing to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

Lenten Prayer Resources for Parents and Teens

Busted Halo (<https://bustedhalo.com>) has some great resources for Lent.
You can check out their website or find them on social media.

PSR NEWS

Tues., Mar. 29: Lenten Activity Night Grades 1-5; Reconciliation Grades 6-8
Tues., Apr. 5: 6:45-7:45 Holy Hour Before the Blessed Sacrament
First Communion Banners due
Thurs., Apr. 28: 7:00 pm—First Communion Practice, Church
Sun., May 1: 2:00 pm—First Communion Mass



Kindergarten: Crayola Crayons & Sharpener
Grade 1: Beginning reader biographies
Grade 3: "I am" History picture books
Grade 4: Chair pockets to replace torn pockets
 & Amazon Gift Cards
Grades 5: Phase 10 card game (New)
Grade 8: Card games & Board games New)
Music: Ukulele set



(string, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments) and **Choir** (soprano, alto, tenor and bass singers) is now holding auditions for new members—age 10-17.

The YCM has two rehearsal a month and leads the music for Mass once a month. Auditions and rehearsals are held in Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

For information about YCM (now in its 48th year!) go to the website at youngcatholicmusicians.org. Or contact Fr. Bruce Forman (314-231-7464 or revycm@charter.net) Or Mrs. Mary Smith (314-749-1444 or smithycm@sbcglobal.net) to schedule an audition!



**Tickets are available to purchase
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Wed. and Thurs. at the Annex!**



Did you know that our clients can come to the food pantry once per month by appointment?

Our clients live in the Maryland Heights and Bridgeton area – parishioners and non-parishioners alike. We give clients a variety of food items as well as paper products and personal care items that can't be purchased with food stamps and a small gift card to purchase perishable items like milk and eggs. In addition to our food pantry, we assist with utility payments for those in threat of disconnection.

Donations can be dropped off in the bins outside the Resource Center OR in the bins in the Parish Hall.

If you prefer instead to make a financial contribution, please do so in the Sunday collection basket or Online Giving; OR donate a Gift Card to Wal-Mart (purchased through Scrip also benefits our school!) or Aldi's. These 2 stores enable us to stretch your donation the farthest.

Thank you for your generosity!



Please note: items with longer ‘sell by’ dates are best as we can not give out food that is past the expiration date.

- Beef soups
- Vegetarian soups
- Cooking soups – cream of chicken,
cream of mushroom
- Chili
- Chili beans
- Canned vegetables - corn, carrots, peas,
mixed vegetables
- Juices
- Beef ramen
- Dry beans
- Condiments – ketchup, ranch dressing,
mayonnaise, barbeque sauce, mustard
- Canned fruit - pineapple, pears, mandarin oranges
- Crackers
- Canned meat (beef, pork)

Razors
Shaving cream
Hair conditioner*
Body lotion*
Mouth wash*

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

Bring a box of pancake mix, bottle of syrup or a non-perishable breakfast item to support our backpack program! All donors get a free raffle basket ticket

Join us for a...

BASKET & Raffle

PANCAKE Breakfast

Sunday, April 10, 2022
Bridgeton Recreation Center
4201 Fee Fee Road
7:30am to 12:30pm
\$5.00/children under 12
\$8.00/adults
Free for children 4 & under



Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton—For ticket information call:
Jeff Painter at (636) 949-8800 or email to jthpaintman@hotmail.com.

Duchesne High School 2022 Dream Home Raffle on April 23

Get your tickets today for a chance to win \$150,000 credit from Fischer & Frichtel Homes OR a lump sum of \$120,000 cash!

Grand prize drawing will be April 23, 2022.

For tickets, visit

<https://www.duchesne-hs.org/dream-home.html>
or call 636-946-2603 ext. 6931.



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SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 4TH!

**The Run for Life and Learning,
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Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 4 for a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with FREDBIRD.

Register or donate at runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning.

Contact us at run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com for sponsorship opportunities. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves and their families.

TRUE TEACHERS

Believe one who has tried; you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books.

The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

SPEAKER SERIES



Please join us on Wed., **April 27, 7pm** in the Parish Hall for the second of our Speaker Series on Social Justice issues.

Our guest speaker will be **Michael Meehan,**
Chief Executive Office of Marygrove.

Marygrove is one of eight Catholic Charities of St. Louis agencies and has a rich history of more than 170 years caring for children, teens and young adults.—offering a compassionate, safe and healing environment.

The children and adolescents who come to Marygrove have endured multiple failed placements at other organizations, cycled through foster homes, or survived failed adoptions. Many come from abusive, violent, and severely disruptive family situations; and in a few instances, are discharged from psychiatric hospitals directly to Marygrove. The emotional toll a severely dysfunctional and aberrant family can have on a child cannot be underestimated.

This organization, located in Florissant, MO, assists children, teens and young adults in learning how to transcend an abusive past or overcome other life challenges and move toward a brighter future.

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

5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21
Ps 126:1-6
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11

Monday April 4
Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,
19-30,33-62
Psalm 23:1-6
John 8:12-20

Tuesday April 5
Numbers 21:4-9
Ps 102:2-3,16-21
John 8:21-30

Wednesday April 6
Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95
Dan 3:52-56
John 8:31-42

Thursday April 7
Genesis 17:3-9
Ps 105:4-9
John 8:51-59

Friday April 8
Jeremiah 20:10-13
Ps 18:2-7
John 10:31-42

Saturday April 9
Ezekiel 37:21-28
Jer 31:10-13
John 11:45-56

This Sunday's Gospel reading shows us a good example of how to treat someone who is, as Jesus says elsewhere in scripture (Matthew 25) "the least of these."

The recipient of Christ's compassion in this story was considered to be unworthy of life itself. She was first of all a woman, which in her society meant she was inferior to men. She was a sinner and deserved punishment. She was one single person facing a condemning crowd alone.

How much more of a "least" one could anyone be?

When have you felt alone and insignificant? Perhaps you've faced a condemning crowd. Then again, have you ever treated others as if they're not important? Yes, none of us can cast the first stone.

There are many in the Church who feel forgotten and neglected. We all know some of them. Their loneliness is usually hidden from us, and if we're busy with many important responsibilities, seeking them out and giving them attention feels too overwhelming. Their needs become too insignificant to warrant the expense of our time, the development of parish resources, and the sacrifice of our personal comfort.

Divorced Catholics often feel condemned, and many who could be receiving Communion stay away because



they've been misinformed about the Church's rules, and no one is reaching out to lead them back.

And although the Church has been focusing on stopping the abuse of children, often the sin of sexual activities between "consenting" adults and the lustful or abusive grooming of easily influenced adults is ignored, because

they are dismissed as "less vulnerable" — they are of least concern.

Identifying the least among us and reaching out to them is a good Lenten exercise — but only if the intention is to make it a year-round habit.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Which persons are you neglecting because their situation makes you feel uncomfortable or inadequate?
2. Which members of your family or parish do you avoid because you like them "least" of all?
3. Begin to give them compassionate attention by praying for them, then discern if the Lord is inspiring you to do anything more.
4. Share the story of a time when you encountered — or were — one of "the least of these". Did anyone show compassion? How?
5. Where was Jesus? How was he helping?

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD — (APRIL 10, 2022)

Lk 19:28-40 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]



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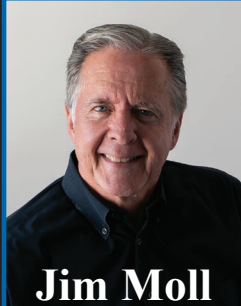
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