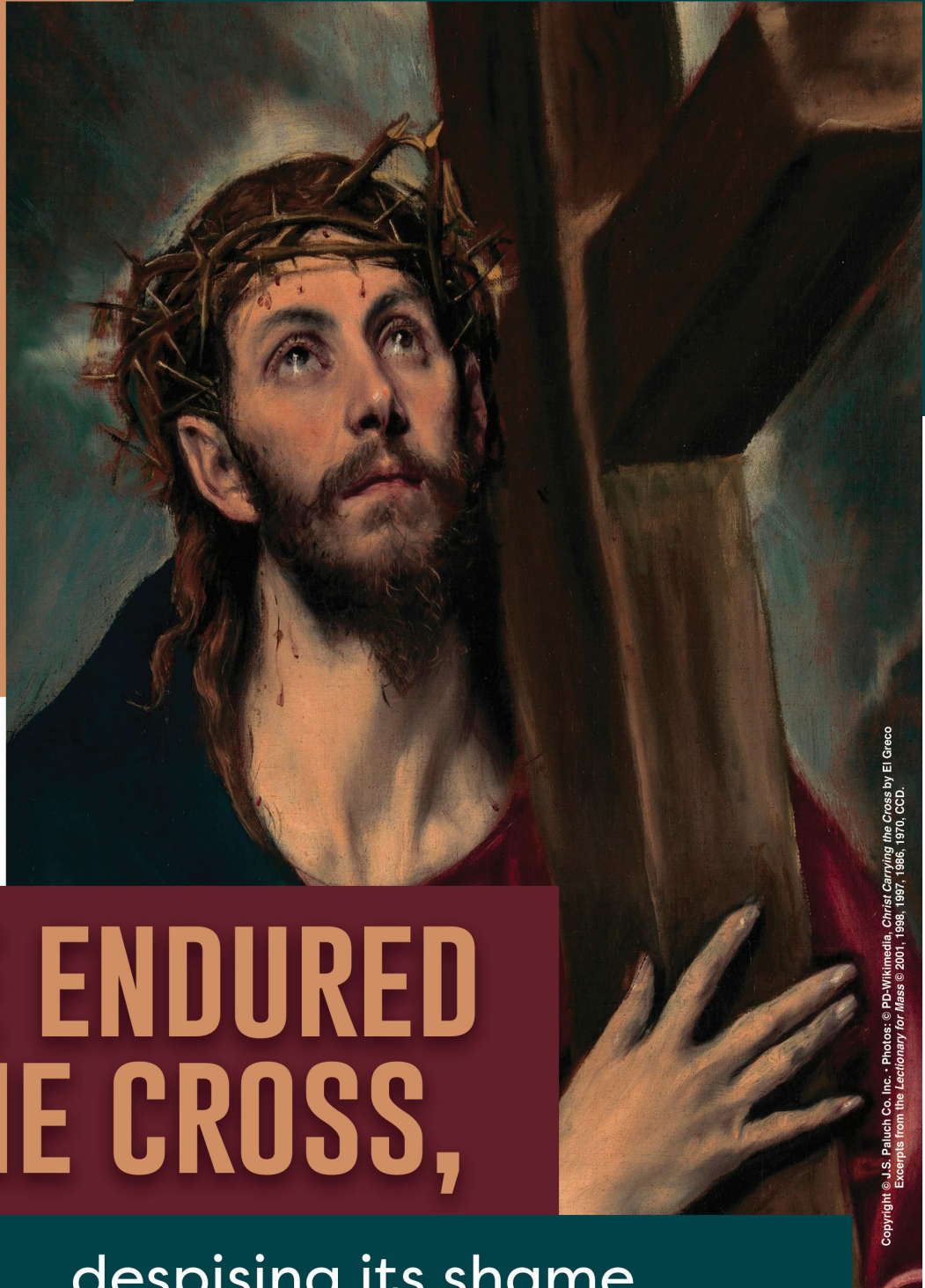


Holy Spirit Catholic Church

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 14, 2022



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HE ENDURED THE CROSS,

despising its shame,
and has taken his seat at the
right of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

3130 Parkwood Lane
Maryland Heights, MO 63043
Phone: 314-739-0230
Fax: 314-739-0237
Website: www.holyspiritstl.org
E-mail: parish@holyspiritstl.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH STAFF

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314-954-1326 deisenbath@holyspiritstl.org	

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Prayer Chain:	prayerchain@holyspiritstl.org
HandS	314-739-9796
Stephen Ministry	314-739-0230 ext. 130

SCHOOL

(K-8 & PRE-SCHOOL & PREK INFORMATION)

3120 Parkwood Lane
Maryland Heights, MO 63043
Phone: 314-739-1934
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Katie Koberlein, Principal
kkoberlein@holyspiritstl.org
Kate Ayres, School Secretary,
kayres@holyspiritstl.org

PARISH ANNEX

3111 Parkwood Lane,
Maryland Heights, MO 63043,
Pre-School, Pre-K 314-739-5020

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 Adoration
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!

On this Sunday that we gather together celebrating the return of the Spirit Brew Crew, Donut Sunday, and our Mini Festival of Ministries, I have some troubling news. During the week of August 1st, approximately sometime between Wednesday evening and Saturday morning, someone stole our Boy Scout programs trailer. The police were called, and the report was made and the report to our insurance carrier was also made. As of this writing, the trailer was still missing. It is unfortunate that this happened, but it seems to be occurring more frequently throughout the entire metropolitan area. The trailer and its contents will be replaced, and greater precautions will be taken. I report this to you to ask your help. If you notice something suspicious taking place on the parish grounds, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Maryland Heights Police Department. Thank you for your vigilance.

This week we welcome our teachers and students to Holy Spirit Catholic School. As of August 7th, our enrollment stood at K-8, 168 students; Pre-K, 28 students, and Preschool, 10 students. We are grateful for your support of our full-time school program. Once school gets underway this Wednesday, we will provide an update on enrollment. Let's pray for all our students, teachers, staff, and their families for a blessed school year.

In this week's bulletin you will find a summary report of the results of Disciple Maker Index Survey. It is included as an insert because it is far too much to include in the bulletin. It will also be available online on our website. If you have questions about greater details of the survey, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Let's pray for each other this week.

Peace,

Father Bob

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 14

7:30am Christine Elwell,
Joseph Turner, & Luke Boenker
9:00am Dennis Eise
11:00am People of the Parish

Monday, August 15—Feast of the Assumption

6:30am People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 16

6:30am Dotty Noblitt

Wednesday, August 17

6:30am Lucie Sato

Thursday, August 18

8:00am Marcia Mohrman

Friday, August 19

8:00am Clarita Batas

Saturday, August 20

8:00am David Bopp
5:00pm Bruno Mroczkowski

Sunday, August 21

7:30am Jane Dixon
9:00am People of the Parish
11:00am Mike Sampson

PRO-LIFE NEWS



While the Catholic Church is against abortion, we as a Church value all life, including yours. We also stand **FOR the wounded, offering Jesus' love, understanding, and forgiveness to all** who suffer

abortion trauma, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Please [contact us](#) for healing or support if you:

- Lost a child to abortion
- Are a parent, grandparent, sibling, or friend of someone who has
- Worked in the abortion industry
- Are a helper of the wounded, including clergy, educators, youth ministers, social workers, and counselors

Just as every person is unique so is each healing journey. The [Abortion Healing Ministry \(AHM\)](#) of the Archdiocese of St. Louis offers many different resources to help you. Our integrated approach to healing combines **spiritual, emotional, and psychological support** through

- One-on-one pastoral care with confidential phone, text, and email hope lines
 - Referral to a priest, sensitive to your particular needs, who will provide healing spiritual support including the Sacrament of Reconciliation
 - Prayer and fellowship groups
 - Weekend healing retreat and aftercare follow-up through Rachel's Vineyard Ministries ([next weekend retreat, Sept. 16-18, 2022](#))
 - Day of Hope & Healing through Rachel's Vineyard (all), Project Rachel (women) and Project Joseph (men)
 - Spiritual direction and healing prayer through the [Catholic Renewal Center](#)
 - Referrals to professional counseling
 - Rachel Healing Garden
 - Naming & Commendation Rite (healing prayer service for unborn loss)
 - Books, virtual resources and other support
- Begin your healing journey today! Contact us at: Abortion Healing Ministry, Archdiocese of St. Louis Hopeline (call/text): 314.406.0815 —hopehealing@archstl.org



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

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

♦ **CHES VANSTRATTON, HUSBAND OF KATY**

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for July 25 - July 31, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 7,512.00
Loose Collection	\$ 459.59
Online Donations	\$ 7,204.00
Total	\$ 15,175.59
Weekly Budget	\$ 17,410.00
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ (2,234.41)

HandS	Missionary Collection
\$840.00	\$770.00

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	Kathy Glaser	Bob/Tootie
Julia Andert	Norma Gross	Ponder
Lorraine Bath	Sherry Holland	Carolyn Putnam
Ronnie Bindbeutel	Kenneth Jordan	John Rath
Carol Bonner	Sue Knoesel	Jean Schepers
Becky Bonner	Ken Kramer	Pete Schwaninger
Jim Brockmeyer	Michael Lemp	Jan Telthorst
Karen Clarke	Charles Medvick	Rudi/Brenda
Leon Deimeke	Susie Meyer	Torricelli
Tom DuBois	Glenn Mueller	Bill/Joan Weinzirl
Debbie Dufaux	Jacob Painter	Tom/Jeanne
Till Fehrbacher	Bob/Donna Pedrotti	Zembridge
Ray/Betty Garvels	Karen Piskulic	
Jim Gerdes	Pat Romano	

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick Relatives and Friends:

Kathryn Arnold	Carol Heffner	Jan Redden
Bailey Family	Greg/Jane Hefley	Alford Snowden
Kendell/Tina	Paul Hyduchak	Grace Solimando
Bedell	Suzanne Johnson	Caroline Van Scoyk
Ann/Bill Boewer	Jenny Lemkemann	Jerry Sutterer
Teagan Bracken	Barb McDonald	Joyce Watts
Brenda Joyce	Trish Merklin	Chris Wells
Crouch	Lou /Betty Merritt	Paul Williams
Byron Difani	Colin Meyer	Michelle Wilson
Steve Essner	John Misauraca	Ruby Winschel
Harold Feltmann	Bill Nobles	
Kathy First	Melinda Oeth	
John Garvels	Liz Prange	
Michael Gill	Mike Prinzi	



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O God, who have prepared for those who love you
good things which no eye can see,
fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your
love,
so that, loving you in all things and above all
things,
we may attain your promises,
which surpass every human desire.
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.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry

We have Pocket Prayer shawls (also called mini prayer shawls) and Prayer Wristbands in the gathering area in a basket on the desk near the door. The pocket prayer shawls and wristbands are great to have with you in a pocket or purse as a reminder of God's love. The wristbands are especially nice for people who are in the hospital or those having medical procedures. With the doctor's permission they can often be worn during procedures. Full sized Prayer Shawls are available for women, men and children. All of the items were hand made by parishioners. Full sized shawls and lapghans are available upon request at no cost - see my contact information below.

Please Note: Our August meeting has been cancelled

If you have any questions, or want a shawl, don't hesitate to call or text Mary at 314-497-5048. You can also email at dalebannister@sbcglobal.net.
call or text Mary at 314-497
(or email: dalebannister@sbcglobal.net)

DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

Back to
School
Trivia Night

August 27 - \$160 per table
www.duchesne-hs.org/august2022trivia.html



Garden of Feedin Is Still Open!

Saturdays ~ 9-11am, Annex
Sundays ~ Outside church, 8:30-11am.
Donations go to support HandS.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, August 14

- ◇ **BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING, ALL MASSES**
- ◇ **ADVANCE TICKET SALES FOR CARNIVAL!**
- ◇ **8am-12:30pm—DONUT SUNDAY**
7:00pm—Al Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom

Monday, August 15—Feast of the Assumption

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

Tuesday, August 16

- 9:00am—Quilting, Annex

Wednesday, August 17

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

- 9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

Thursday, August 18

- 9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
- 7:00-8:15pm—Al Anon, by Zoom only

Saturday, August 20

- 4:00pm—Confessions

Sunday, August 21

- ◇ **ADVANCE TICKET SALES FOR CARNIVAL!**
- ◇ 7:30-Noon—Car Wash Fundraiser, Front Lot
- ◇ 7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom

Holy Spirit

Contemplative Prayer Group

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

NEXT MEETING ~ Mon., August 15

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

The prayer can help you to find the God within and hear with the ear of the heart.

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



BOY SCOUTS FUNDRAISER!

THE LAST CAR WASH will take place in front of the Parish Rectory

Next Sunday, August 21 ~ 7:30am to 12pm

(Free-Will offerings Accepted)

Holy Spirit ACTS

WANT TO GET AWAY?

A dedicated group of Holy Spirit parishioners are inviting you to attend the next ACTS Retreat! ACTS (Adoration/Community/Theology/Service) is a Catholic retreat that will take place this Fall at the **Pallottine Renewal Center in Florissant** on **Sept. 29—Oct. 22, 2022**

Registration is now OPEN
for this special weekend.

Just think...time to Increase your Faith with
No cleaning, No cooking, No grocery shopping,
No diapers to change No laundry, No emails
and No deadlines!

You will have a private room and enjoy the fellowship of other faith filled women! The cost of each retreatant is \$250. Scholarships are available if this cost is a hardship.

**If you are interested or have any questions,
please contact:**
Sharon Silver
314-578-5186
or sharonsilver2433@gmail.com



Donut Sundays are Here!
along with **The Mini-Festival of Ministries**
and **Spirit Brew**

TODAY, Sunday August 14

Come join us in the Parish Hall for coffee, donuts
and fellowship after each Mass.

Learn about some of the Ministries present
in our vibrant faith community!

GIVING BACK

The Virgin received salvation so that she may give it back to the centuries.
~ *Saint Peter Chrysologus*

SCHOOL NEWS

Sun., Aug. 14:	All Masses —Back to School Blessing
Mon., Aug. 15:	6:00pm-7:00pm— Back To School Night (Kindergarten thru Grade 8)
Wed., Aug. 17:	First Day of School—Noon Dismissal Spirit Zone After School Care will not be available
Thurs., Aug. 18:	7:50am-3:00pm Full Day of school 3:00pm-6:00pm—Spirit Zone Aftercare available (Registration Required to attend)
Fri., Aug. 19:	Red & Blue Raffle Tickets are due TODAY!
Wed., Aug. 24:	10:30 AM—Palmer Music presentation for students; School Gym

YOUTH MINISTRY

FIND HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY

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

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS:

EAT. PRAY. DISCUSS. gatherings are on Thursday nights in the Resource Center from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. WE NEED YOU to help us plan and vision for youth ministry at Holy Spirit! The more people we have the more fun it will be. We have games, snacks, and will pray together. Join us and bring a friend. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to commit to every Thursday. Just come when you can and stay as long as you like. We are always happy to have you.

CONFIRMATION

- **8TH GRADE FAMILIES** – Session 6: Relationships along with a service project should be done over the summer with your sponsor.
- Look for a sign-up sheet for your fall sessions in your email. Please return them by **September 1**.
- ***Your Sacramental Record Form was due in April. Please be sure to turn this in to Donna Eisenbath as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have turned them in.***

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.

AUGUST: Please ask God to guide our team as we work to invite young people participate in ministry. Inspire us in new ways. Encourage us. Open our minds and hearts to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS CHAPERONES – We will need PCG adults to help chaperone one Friday a month from 7-9 p.m. October to April. Please contact Donna Eisenbath if you are able to help one month. We have 7 dates to gather. Volunteer for one or more months to help make this fun opportunity possible for our 7th and 8th grade.

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER (adapted from a prayer by Tom Dermody of the Peoria, IL diocesan new)

*Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart;
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways.*

At the beginning of this new school year, we implore your mercy.

Bless and protect our students, teachers, staffs, their families.

Give wisdom to the decision makers, be they in our schools or in our homes.

Expand the horizons of our minds, and deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways.

Enliven our faith to reach out to those in need, particularly those isolated and lonely.

In this new beginning and time of change, help us to trust in the love of your Son Jesus, our Divine Teacher, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amen.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION-REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023

If you have not registered your child(ren) for Parish School of Religion for the 2022-2023 school year, plan to visit us today in the Parish Hall at the PSR table during Donut Sunday after any of the Masses. Registration and payments are all online at www.holyspirit.psrenroll.com. We'll have computers set up for you. You'll need to bring a credit card.

We want to have everyone registered by Sunday, August 14. We'll be putting together supplies, books, and class rosters on Monday, August 15. If you do not have computer access and need assistance, visit us today or contact Donna Eisenbath or Julie Spinner tomorrow, August 15 to complete the registration process. Contact information: Donna Eisenbath, 314-954-1326 or deisenbath@holyspiritstl.org; Julie Spinner, 314-739-0230 or jspinner@holyspiritstl.org

The Parish School of Religion has religion classes on Tuesday evenings, from 6:45-8 p.m. for students in grades 1-8 who attend public schools. PSR sessions focus on the message of Jesus, experienced within a community of faith with opportunities to pray, worship and do service for others.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION-IMPORTANT DATES

*AUG. 14 & 15 – REGISTER FOR PSR IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY REGISTERED

*Tues., Aug. 16, 6-8:00 p.m.—ALL PSR Staff Dinner & Meeting in the Parish Hall

*Sun., Aug. 27&28 - Ted Drewes fundraiser after all Masses

*Tues., Aug. 30 – OPEN HOUSE 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. Come enjoy the ice cream truck from 7-7:30!

Are You Celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or
over 50 Years of Marriage during 2022?

Join Archbishop Rozanski
Wedding Jubilee Mass

Sunday, October 9, 2022
Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis
2:30 p.m.



For details or to register by Sept. 9, 2022, visit archstl.org/jubilee or call 314.792.7171.

**MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL HOME**



Trivia night
Hero Edition
August 27th, 2022
Doors open at 6pm, Trivia starts at 7pm
\$35/person or \$245/table of 8

- 8 Rounds of Trivia
- Free Beer, Soda, Water, & Popcorn
- Games & Prizes
- Silent Auction

JFK Center, 315 Howdershell Rd
Florissant, MO 63031


SCAN ME

To register, scan the QR code or visit
<https://events.readysetauction.com/mothergoodcounselhome/trivia>



MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Marriage Preparation Class: ENHANCED

Engaged couples can experience a unique Marriage Preparation Class: ENHANCED event which includes the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday and Sunday Mass with recognition and special blessing. The next **Marriage Preparation Class ENHANCED** program will be held at **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in O'Fallon, MO on August 27 & 28.**

This class brings couples closer to Christ through the sacraments.

For more information or to register, visit marriageprepstl.org

CARNIVAL NEWS

ADVANCE TICKET SALES

AUG. 14, 27 & 28

SEPT. 3 & 4

**IN THE PARISH HALL
AFTER ALL MASSES**

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

Game Tickets — 6 for \$5
(Day of: \$1 each)

Food & Drink Tickets — 6 for \$5

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

**There is a Limited Number of
tickets Available for our
delicious Chicken Dinner!
Get yours EARLY!**

CHICKEN DINNER!

IN THE PARISH HALL

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

White Meat Meal ~ \$10

Breast & Wing
(includes 2 sides, roll/butter, drink & dessert)

Dark Meat Meal ~ \$8

Thigh & Leg
(includes 2 sides, roll/butter, drink & dessert)

DESSERTS NEEDED!



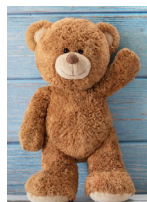
Please drop off desserts in the
Parish Hall anytime on Friday,
Sept. 9, and up until 4:00pm on
Saturday, Sept. 10.

**Please provide desserts in a
disposable container.**



BENEFITS OF WORKING AT A CARNIVAL BOOTH

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



**The CARNIVAL
is quickly approaching!
It's time to start donating those cute
and cuddly stuffed animals.**

**Please make sure that they are
NEW or GENTLY USED
There is a drop-off box in the Gathering Area.
Thank You!**



**Friday ~ Sept. 9
5 to 10:00 p.m.**

AND

**Saturday ~ Sept. 10,
1 to 3:30 p.m.
8 to 10:00 p.m.**

**Join us in the Parish Hall for
some FUN and Cool Off!**

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Ps 40:(14b)2-4,18
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53

Monday August 15
Assumption of Mary
Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab
Ps 45:10-12,16
1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Luke 1:39-56

Tuesday August 16
Ezekiel 28:1-10
Deut 32:26-30,35c-36b
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday August 17
Ezekiel 34:1-11
Ps 23:1-6
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday August 18
Ezekiel 36:23-28
Ps 51:12-15,18-19
Matthew 22:1-14

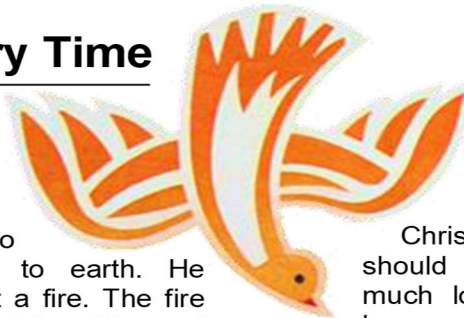
Friday August 19
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Ps 107:2-9
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday August 20
St. Bernard
Ezekiel 43:1-7ab
Ps 85:9a-14
Matthew 23:1-12

In the Gospel reading, Jesus says that he did not come to bring peace to earth. He came to light a fire. The fire that he longed for with great anguish was the presence of the Holy Spirit alive and active within each of his followers. This is what changes the world. This is what brings lasting peace, first within us and then flowing out from us.

The Holy Spirit is a fire that purifies us from impurities – the unloving behaviors and attitudes – that cause disharmony, disunity, conflicts and war. This purification makes us capable of feeling peaceful even in the midst of trials and attacks from others. This is what makes us channels of God's peace in a world that desperately needs it.

If you do not yet feel the fire of the Holy Spirit impassioning you to spread the peace of Christ, Jesus feels anguish over you.



To stop evil, we have to become like Jesus. Our willingness to make sacrifices for others is a sign of Christian maturity. We should be burning with so much love that we are not happy unless we're pouring our hearts and souls into works and prayers that to make a difference in someone else's ability to receive eternal peace.

Jesus noted that this fire divides households. It divides us from anyone who remains self-centered and unwilling to make sacrifices that will lead to peace. Nevertheless, we must continue to give them love. This heats up the fire within us, which purifies us further. And gradually, the world changes.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Who has "burnt" you? What pain has been inflicted on you by others? See this as happening to Jesus, too. Instead of retaliating to try to stop the pain, choose a sacrifice that you're willing to make for them.
2. Jesus appreciates the sacrifices you make for others. How does his appreciation make you feel?
3. How is it possible to experience peace after making a sacrifice for someone who is unloving toward you? Give an example of an everyday sacrifice you've made. How does the Holy Spirit bring God's kingdom to earth through this?

Think of the evil around you that you've been wishing would stop. What does Jesus want you to do about it? What impurities in your own spirit needs to be burn off by the fire of the Holy Spirit so you can overshadow the evil with divine goodness? Look at what Jesus had to do. What baptism was he talking about? Not the water baptism he'd already received. It was the baptism of painful self-sacrifice, which he willingly accepted in order to rescue us from evil.

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TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— (AUGUST 21, 2022)
Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;
Lk 13:22-30

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Disciple Maker Index

Survey Results

446 Total Surveys Completed

35% of 1276(Average Sunday Mass going parishioners)

A total of 446 people shared their views by completing the Disciple Makers Index survey this past Lent. The 35% is a response rate that is above average for parishes in the country completing this survey. We are grateful to the members of our community for giving to complete the survey.

This survey, consisting of 75 questions, examined our personal beliefs about the Church and the level of our participation in the sacraments and other parish-based activities, and experiences of the parish.

Provided here is a summary and highlights of our survey. If you would like to discuss any of the results in greater detail, you may contact either the pastor or one of the Key Parish Leaders listed at the end of the report.

Strengths

Top 3 by Highest Percentage Strongly Agree

Belief: Eucharist is
body/blood of Christ
☐ Show table



Legend

- I Do Not Know
- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Belief: Scripture is word
of God
☐ Show table



Recommend Other
Priests
☐ Show table



Top 3 by Highest Percentage Monthly or More Often

Frequency: Mass
attendance
☐ Show table



Legend

- Never
- Once or Twice a Year
- Quarterly
- Monthly
- Weekly
- Daily
- Group Daily, Weekly & Monthly

Frequency: Individual
prayer time
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Frequency: Prayed with
someone
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Opportunities

Top 3 by Lowest Percentage Strongly Agree

Conversations: Sharing personal story

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Conversations: Sharing story of Jesus

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Conversations: Confidence in teachings

☐ Show table



Legend

- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree

Top 3 by Lowest Percentage Monthly or More Often

Frequency: Retreat

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Frequency: Invited man to priesthood

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Frequency: Invited another to religious life

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Legend

- Never
- Once or Twice a Year
- Quarterly
- Monthly
- Weekly
- Daily
- ☐ Group Daily, Weekly & Monthly

The DMI was primarily completed by those who are committed. 97% of those responding attend Mass at Holy Spirit. 85% report attending Mass at least weekly. 71% were older than 55 years old. 72% have been parishioners for more than 11 years. There was very little response from those who are less involved in the parish.

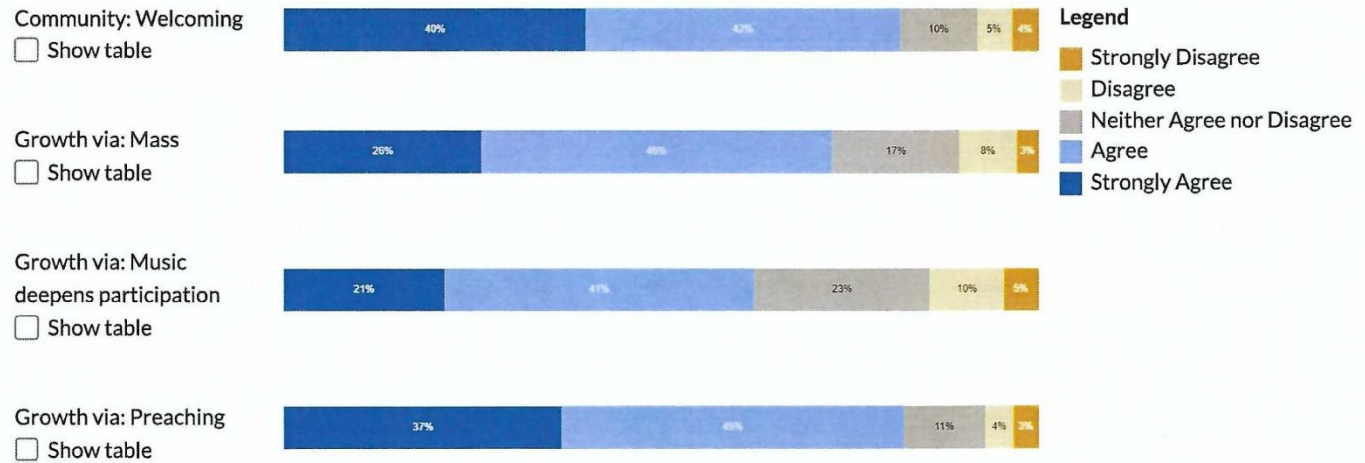
Major themes of strength from our survey were:

- There is a strong belief that the Eucharist is the body and blood of Jesus Christ.
- There is a strong belief the Scripture is the Word of God.
- There is high satisfaction with Father Jerry.

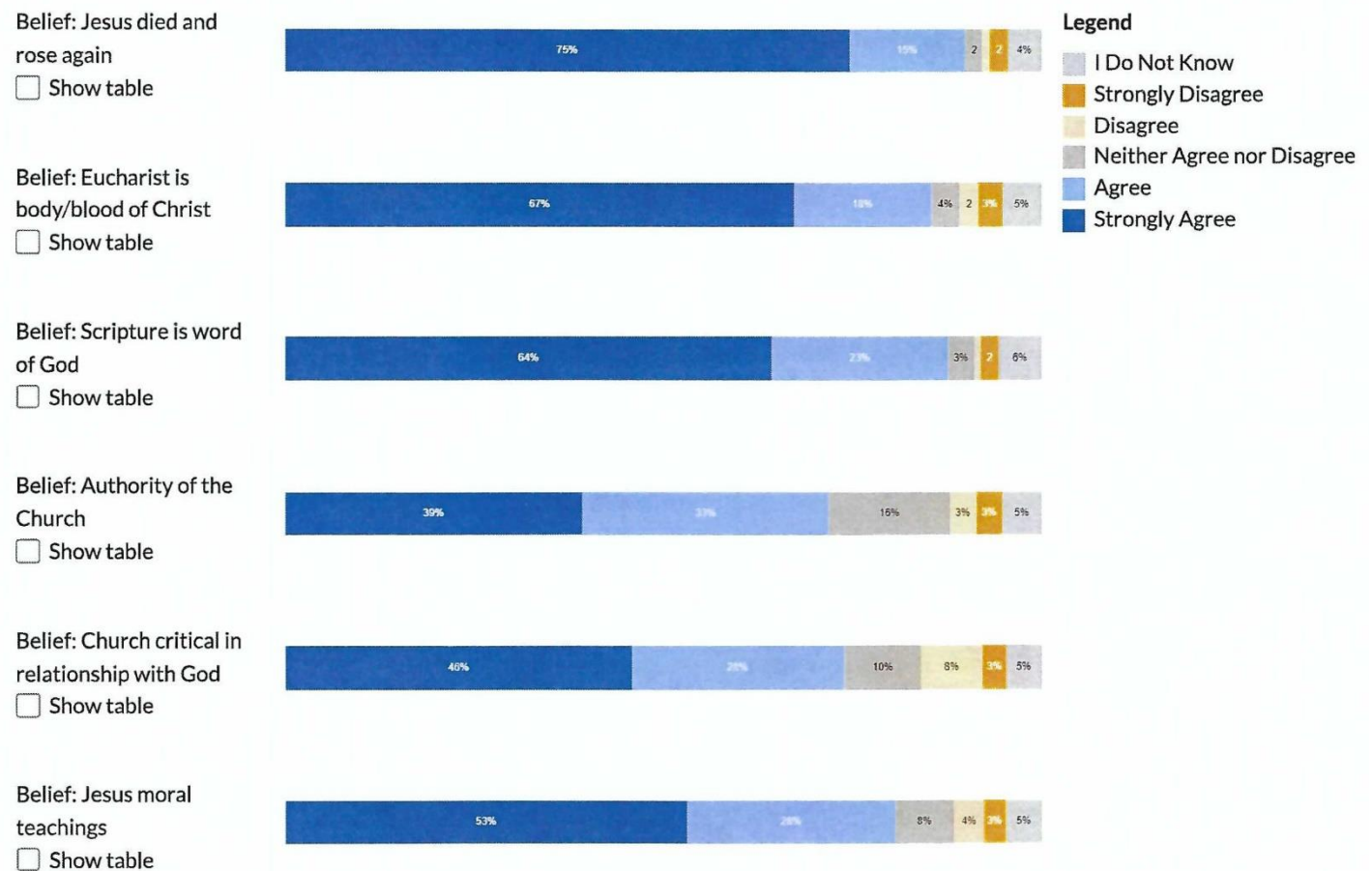
Major themes of opportunities from our survey were all focused on evangelization:

- There is a predominant feeling that more needs to be done to teach individuals how to share their personal witness story.
- More can be done to teach individuals how to share the story of Jesus.
- More needs to be done to assist individuals so that they grow in confidence in the Church's teachings so that they can answer other's questions.

Sunday Experience



Belief in Core Catholic Teaching



Most agree that the Sunday Experience assists in their personal growth in faith. There is a strong belief in Core Catholic Teachings from the Resurrection to the moral teachings of Jesus.

What drives a parishioner to recommend their parish to a friend and to indicate the parish is helping them grow spiritually?

Recommend Pastor

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Legend

Strongly Disagree
Disagree
Neither Agree nor Disagree
Agree
Strongly Agree

Community: Welcoming

☐ Show table



Growth via: Preaching

☐ Show table



Growth via: Mass

☐ Show table



Conversations: God's work in my life

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Growth via: Forming as a Disciple

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Community: Information availability

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What drives a parishioner to share a personal witness story?

Belief: Scripture is word of God

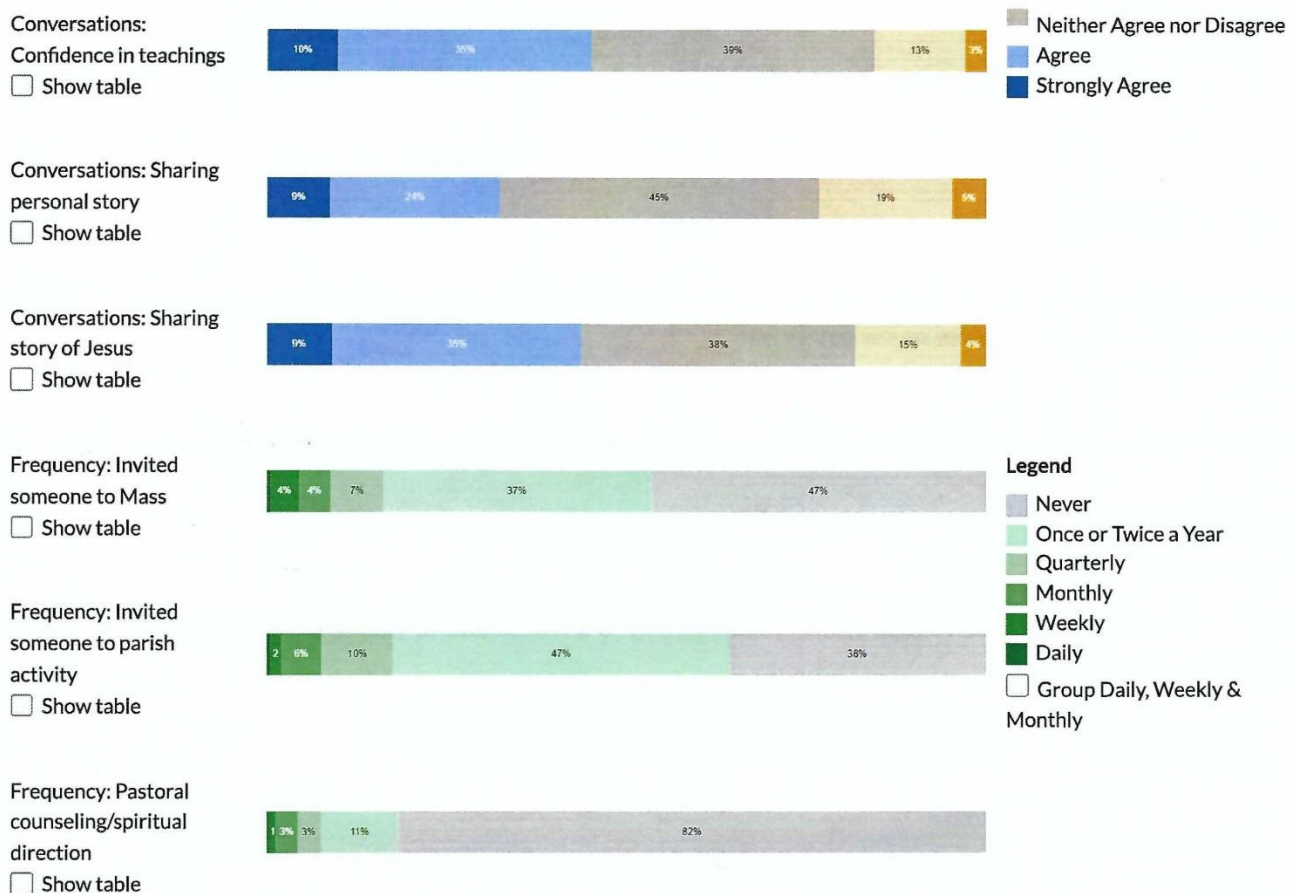
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Legend

I Do Not Know
Strongly Disagree
Disagree

As you see in the last question above, there is a dichotomy when it comes to what drives a person to share their personal witness story. On the one hand, there is a strong belief that Scripture is the Word of God. But on the other hand, there is a reluctance to share one's faith with others. As we began this planning process, Father Bob asked this question in a homily, "What keeps us from sharing our faith?" Common responses were, "Fear", and "Lack of knowledge." Both show that we have work to do.



About the Parish

10. All parishes have opportunities for growth. If you could **only select 3 of the following things** that the parish needs more of, which would they be.

- 294 More young people involved
- 149 More volunteers participating in ministries
- 109 More contemporary forms of worship
- 96 More catechesis on Church teaching
- 89 More inclusive spirit and welcome
- 87 More lay involvement in decision making and leadership
- 82 More clarity on parish vision, direction, and goals
- 58 More traditional forms of worship
- 36 More money for parish needs
- 28 More savvy communication strategies
- 19 More transparency (e.g. finances and decisions)
- 15 More paid professional staff

11. Rank **the community values** that would best describe the culture of your parish community. (1 being the highest preference)

2.0	Access to the sacraments and worship
3.6	Prayerfulness
4.4	Family Focused
4.7	Parish Traditions
5.0	Service and Outreach
5.3	Stewardship
6.1	Sharing the Faith with others
6.8	Diversity and Inclusion
6.9	Social Justice

These last two points about growth and values are enlightening. Clearly two thirds of those responding feel that we need to do more to engage the young people of our community. One third see a need to increase the number of people who volunteer in our ministries. Finally, one quarter would like to see more contemporary forms of worship offered. These three opportunities, young people, volunteers, and contemporary worship are realistic and achievable for our community of Holy Spirit. They give us the opportunity to grow more deeply in our faith.

The ranking of values in our community is revealing. They say so much about us that the top value is about access to the Sacraments and Worship. Clearly, we are a Christ-centered community drawn together by our common love of God.

As we continue to move from under the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic it is our hope that we continue to grow as a community of faith.

I am grateful for the support and contribution of our Key Parish Leaders who assist me with All Things New. They are Patrick Cunningham, Sandy Flack, Sharon Kaufman, Jeff Pattison, and Jerry Rumph.

Blessings,

Father Bob Evans



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