

Holy Spirit Catholic Church



You have approached
Mount Zion and the city
of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem,
and countless angels
in festal gathering.

Hebrews 12:22

AUGUST 28, 2022

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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PARISH ANNEX

3111 Parkwood Lane,
Maryland Heights, MO 63043,
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MASS SCHEDULE

**MASSES 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!

Many of you may recall from my many stories that I was born and raised in East St. Louis, Illinois. I have been thinking a lot about that as we have embarked on the journey of the All Things New planning initiative in our archdiocese. The Evans family emigrated to the United States from Cardiff, Wales in 1850 and settled in the brand new parish of St. Patrick's located in Tipton, Illinois, a few miles south of Waterloo. Many of my ancestors are buried in the parish cemetery there. Sometime after his arrival, my great grandfather moved to East St. Louis and became a member of another new parish, St. Patrick's. It was established in 1861 and became the mother church of the city. Many parishes were established from its territory. Prior to its establishment, people of East St. Louis traveled either to Holy Family Church in Cahokia or to St. Louis for Sunday Mass.

My earliest memories of being together as a worshipping community in East St. Louis was when all the parishes would come together for the Corpus Christi processions that were held at Holy Family in Cahokia. As a sidebar, Holy Family was established in 1699 and is known as the oldest Catholic Church west of the Alleghenies. Seeing the processions from the perspective of a nine-year-old, they were always packed and just an amazing expression of faith. There were young and old, friends, family, and strangers all coming together for one reason, giving praise and glory to the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. They were grand celebrations that lasted all day as we would leave the large community celebration and have smaller family celebrations at one of our homes. All in the name of Jesus. I didn't know it then, but we were living the life of disciples and our mission to evangelize.

That, to put it succinctly, is the purpose of the All Things New Planning Initiative in our Archdiocese of Saint Louis, to better equip the archdiocesan community to fully live out the Catholic faith, including our mission to evangelize. As I look at our world today it is far different from the world that I experienced 60 years ago in East St. Louis. It has become more secular, and it requires us to adapt to change so that we can strengthen the faith of Catholics and enhance the way we minister and serve so that can reach more hearts with the Good News of the Gospel. There must be a change in the way we evangelize.

There are six preliminary evangelization priorities in All Things New:

- Parish Transformation: Becoming missionary communities
- Youth, Young Adult and College Ministry
- Equipping Parishioners as Missionary Disciples
- Digital Evangelization
- Missionary Formation of Christian Leaders
- Charity+Evangelization: Encountering Christ in the poor and bringing Christ to the poor.

Becoming evangelizing communities will require a radical transformation of the way we have always done things in our parishes. Everything must work towards the mission of making disciples. The time is now. The time to renew is now.

In the coming months there will be presentations of proposed models to parishioners throughout the Archdiocese and there will be opportunities for all to share their thoughts. As the information is shared, let's continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Stay tuned to the bulletin for more information about the fall listening sessions. There will be two in our parish.

As always, let's pray for each other.

Peace,
Father Bob

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 28

7:30am People of Parish
9:00am Paula Davidson
11:00am Jefferson Giovannini

Monday, August 29

6:30am Chrismar Family

Tuesday, August 30

6:30am Glenda & Hope Rosas

Wednesday, August 31

6:30am Leon Bates

Thursday, September 1

8:00am Bob Cutia

Friday, September 2

8:00am Florine Dallavalle

Saturday, September 3

8:00am Eleanor Denton

5:00pm SI—Till Fehrenbacher

Sunday, September 4

7:30am Jane Dixon

9:00am People of the Parish

11:00am Richard & Leonard Pemberton

PRO-LIFE NEWS



A Night for Life Gala

benefitting Birthright Counseling, St. Louis

September 17, 2022

Chase Park Plaza: Khorassan Ballroom

Cocktails: 6pm

Dinner/Program: 7pm

Dancing/Music by Trilogy: 8:30pm

Crash the Ball (ages 21-39): 8:30pm

Join us as we celebrate our dedicated volunteers and generous donors in support of Birthright STL mothers.

[Go to birthrightstl.org/friends/](http://birthrightstl.org/friends/)
for tickets or call 314-962-5300



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

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

♦ NANCY BROWER, MOTHER OF REBECCA (PACO) TOBAR

MAY HER SOUL REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for Aug. 8 - Aug. 14, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 9,479.00
Loose Collection	\$ 330.43
Online Donations	<u>\$ 4,524.00</u>
Total	\$ 14,333.43
Weekly Budget	\$ 17,410.00
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ (3,076.57)

HandS
\$320.00

Parish Improvements
\$331.00

The Young Catholic Musicians

will be holding auditions in preparation for their 48th year of service to the Church. These young people, aged 10-17, represent many parishes and schools in the St. Louis area.

They learn quality liturgical music and lead the music for Mass once each month at different parishes.

Auditions are for singers and instrumentalists.

Please call Fr. Bruce Forman, 314-231-7464 or Mrs. Mary Smith, 314-749-1444 for more information.

www.youngcatholicmusicians.org

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Mon., Aug. 29:	Bookmobile visiting Holy Spirit School
Wed., Aug. 31:	6:00 PM Home & School Meeting; then "Meet the Teacher" PARENTS ONLY
Thur., Sept. 1:	8:00 AM—Kindergarten thru Gr. 8 Mass, prepared by Gr. 4 6:30 PM—Palmer Music Parent Meeting, Music Room
Fri., Sept. 2:	8:00 AM—Gr. 5 thru 8 Mass, prepared by Gr. 7 SPIRIT DAY! Spirit shirts allowed with uniform bottoms/nice jeans or sweats. NOON DISMISSAL for Preschool through Gr. 8 (Faculty Meeting)

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 before our next session at the end of September.
- **IMPORTANT!** Look for a sign-up sheet for your fall sessions in your email. Please return them by **September 2**.
- ***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 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.

CONVERSATION STARTERS FOR PARENTS AND TEENS

- Ask: Did you see any acts of kindness today? What was it?
- Did go out of your way to do something nice for someone else? Who was it?
- How do you think you made a difference to someone else, or to a situation, or to your life this week?

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick and Home-Bound [Parishioners](#)
and those who care for them.

Don Abramovitz
Julia Andert
Lorraine Bath
Ronnie Bindbeutel
Carol Bonner
Becky Bonner
Jim Brockmeyer
Karen Clarke
Leon Deimeke
Tom DuBois
Debbie Dufaux
Till Fehrenbacher
Ray/Betty Garvels
Jim Gerdes

Kathy Glaser
Norma Gross
Sherry Holland
Kenneth Jordan
Sue Knoesel
Ken Kramer
Sr. Joan Kuester
Michael Lemp
Charles Medvick
Susie Meyer
Glenn Mueller
Jacob Painter
Bob/Donna Pedrotti
Karen Piskulic

Pat Romano
Bob/Tootie
Ponder
Carolyn Putnam
John Rath
Jean Schepers
Pete Schwaninger
Lois Smith
Jan Telthorst
Rudi/Brenda
Torricelli
Bill/Jean Weinzirl
Tom/Jeanne
Zemblidge

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick Relatives and Friends:

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



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
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.



Marriage on Tap STL

Marriage on Tap is returning in-person
Next Month on Tue., Sept. 13 at 6:00 pm at Sunset
Bistro and Banquet, Kirkwood, MO,
with special guest speaker

The Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski.

The evening, which is sponsored by Worldwide
Marriage Encounter, will include a seated dinner and a
talk on marriage enrichment by the Archbishop.

Dinner is \$76 per couple/\$38 per person, and
advanced registration is required by Tues., Sept. 6.

Registration is now open. For more information, go to
[Marriage on Tap STL on Facebook](#) or email us at
marriageontapstl@gmail.com.

PSR NEWS

The Parish School of Religion has 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. For information on joining a PSR please contact Donna Eisenbath, PSR (email deisenbath@holyspiritstl.org), or Julie Spinner, PSR Assistant (email jspinner@holyspiritstl.org), or by calling the Parish Office at 314-739-0230 or email psr@holyspiritstl.org.

GET YOUR TED DREWES!

We'll be selling the locally famous frozen custard after all the Masses this weekend. Get yours while they last!

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION-IMPORTANT DATES

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

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

*Tues., SEP. 6 – 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. – first night of PSR and Parent Meeting

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, August 28

◊ **ADVANCE TICKET SALES FOR CARNIVAL!**

Ted Drewes available after ALL MASSES.

8:00am-10am—St. Pat's Ctr. Salad, P. Hall

7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom

Monday, August 29

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

Tuesday, August 30

9:00am—Quilting, Annex

Wednesday, August 31

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
SOCK ANGEL DRIVE ENDS TODAY

Thursday, September 1

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
6pm-7pm—Bell Choir Practice
7:15pm-8:30pm—Adult Choir Practice
7:00-8:15pm—Al Anon, by Zoom only

Saturday, September 3

4:00pm—Confessions

Sunday, September 4

◊ **ADVANCE TICKET SALES FOR CARNIVAL!**

8:00am-Noon—Scrip Sales, Parish Hall

7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom

Following up on our first **Social Justice Speaker Series** presentation by Sr. Cheryl Kemner, The Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Help are offering an uplifting educational opportunity on **Sept.13, at 6:30pm at the Kirkwood Tau Center and via Zoom.**

September's presentation will be, *A Harvest of Awe and Wonder*,
presented by Sr. Jan Stocking, RSM and Diza Velasco.

The sisters promise an evening of reflection, collective insight, and ritual.

To sign up for the event, go to <http://www.fsolph.org/events>.

If attending by Zoom, watch for a return email containing the Zoom link.

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. 2, 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**

Holy Spirit Parish GUIDEBOOK & DIRECTORY **ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY**

Holy Spirit Parish has partnered with Guide Book Publishing to publish our annual Parish Guidebook &

Directory for our church that will be updated and mailed directly to our parishioner homes.

This book will be the who, what, when, where and how of our parish. The book is being provided at NO COST to our church. All costs are incurred through local advertising.

Local businesses and parishioners are being contacted to advertise in the book. If you own or manage a business and would like information regarding advertising in our book, please contact

Marianne Kempka Fuhrmann at 314.723.1982 or at mkfuhrmann4@gmail.com

NO SURPRISES

We are told by all spiritual writers that one important point to bear in mind, as we seek to attain humility, is not to be surprised by our own faults and failures.

~François Fénelon, Archbishop of Cambrai

**HOLY SPIRIT IS
NOW HIRING**

CAFETERIA MANAGER

PRESCHOOL AIDE

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

*Those interested should
contact Katie Koberlein:*

314-368-6835

KKOBERLEIN@HOLYSPIRITSTL.ORG

Ted Drewes Frozen Custard Sale!



August 27th & 28th

After all Masses

In the Parish Hall

(benefits Holy Spirit PSR)

Chocolate, Vanilla or Strawberry

8 oz. size

\$4 each

Sock Angels

sock drive brought to you by

**Knights of Peter Claver
and Ladies Auxiliary**



**Drop off NEW socks
in the box!**

Socks of various colors and sizes are accepted for children, women, and men.

Why socks?

From our Holy Father to our homeless, such a simple article of clothing can have a BIG impact on our health! Socks play a crucial role protecting our feet from frostbite, infections, blisters, and poor circulation. Clean, well-fitting socks have a direct, immediate impact on the health of our homeless, low-income families, and seniors.

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary will distribute the donated socks to several Catholic agencies in the greater St. Louis region. For more information, visit <https://sockangel.org/>.

**The sock drive ends August 31st.
Thank you for your generosity!**

SHOULD I HAVE A LIVING WILL?

Learn about Advance Directives and Estate Planning from local Catholic attorney Carl Markus at *The Conversation: A Catholic Perspective on Cycle-of-Life Issues*.

Additional topics include Principles of Catholic Bioethics, Funeral and Cemetery Planning and Charitable Legacy Planning.

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

St. Joseph's Academy • Sr. Mary DePaul Room
2307 S. Lindbergh Blvd. • Saint Louis, MO 63131

To register, visit

<https://bit.ly/3QdJZnM> or call
314.918.2892



BLOOD DRIVE ~ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

08:00 AM - 12:30 PM

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH-ANNEX—Rigali Room

(3111 Parkwood Lane)

**ImpactLife St. Louis Email: hello@impactlife.org ~
To Schedule an App., Call 800-747-5401**

CARNIVAL NEWS

ADVANCE TICKET SALES

AUG. 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!**

BASKET RAFFLE BOOTH

Please consider donating new items that can be used for gift baskets. Suggested themes: sports, dinner & a movie, baby boy or girl, card/board games, crafts, NASCAR, tailgate party, cat or dog, etc. We'd love to receive donations of game, theatre, or event tickets. Would your employer consider donating a set of their season tickets? We also need baskets/containers in good condition. **Please place items in the Parish Hall marked "Basket Raffle."**

Monetary or gift card donations will be gladly accepted. Purchase your gift card donations from the SCRIP Table! Please put them in an envelope marked "Basket Raffle" and place them in the collection basket or drop them off at the Parish Office.

Thanks for your help in making this year's Carnival the best ever!

Questions? Contact Shelly Barry, 314-707-6049

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.



The CARNIVAL
is 3 WEEKS AWAY!
Please consider donating some 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!**

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29
 Ps 68:4-7, 10-11
 Heb 12:18-19,22-24a
 Luke 14:1,7-14

Monday August 29
Passion of John the Baptist

1 Corinthians 2:1-5
 Ps 119:97-102
 Mark 6:17-29

Tuesday August 30
 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16
 Ps 145:8-14
 Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday August 31
 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
 Ps 33:12-15,20-21
 Luke 4:38-44

Thursday September 1
 1 Corinthians 3:18-23
 Ps 24:1b-6
 Luke 5:1-11

Friday September 2
 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
 Ps 37:3-6,27-28,39-40
 Luke 5:33-39

Saturday September 3
St. Gregory the Great
 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15
 Ps 145:17-21
 Luke 6:1-5

you hope to get from the good you do?

Even when someone sins against us and we pray for them to repent, our prayer should be offered out of concern for their souls. Sure, we also wish they would change so that our own lives will be easier, but that should not be our primary concern.

As followers of Christ, if we receive any blessings in return for the good we do, that's our bonus, not our motive. We can rightly look forward to such bonuses, but our joy does not depend on them.

This Sunday's Gospel reading raises the question: What are my expectations (my motivations) when I do good? How other-centered are they? How self-centered?

If benefiting others is done for the sake of receiving something in return, our motive is not Christ-like.

Jesus explains this with the example of inviting to a banquet those who cannot return the favor. He's not saying that we have to do this to be holy. That interpretation would be too literal; it misses the point.

The real message is that whatever we do, we should do it for the sake of love, rather than for repayment, i.e., for our own gain. We should do good to others for the sake of the benefit it will give to them. This seems like a no-brainer, but stop for a minute to think about how much you'd like to be thanked and appreciated. What else do



By becoming aware of our motives and expectations, we gain the freedom to

choose to be more like Jesus. As he promised, "You will receive your reward at the resurrection of the righteous." The fulfillment of this promise begins now, in the moment that we decide to be like the Resurrected One, our Lord Jesus.

The reward he gives us here and now is the grace that enables us to do whatever he asks and to do it generously and cheerfully. We'll receive other blessings besides, but that's not our main motive.

Reflect & Discuss:

- How upset do you get when others treat you unkindly after you've been nice to them?
- When the give-and-take in a relationship is unequal, do you withhold goodness from that person?
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you notice your selfish motives this week. Take your anger to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and ask Jesus to empower you to care more about those people who have been upsetting you.
- Describe a situation when you gave more than you received. How did God bless you in that? How was your sacrifice an example of Christ?



HOLY SPIRIT CARNIVAL

SEPTEMBER 9 & 10, 2022

Many volunteers are needed to have a successful Carnival.

We need help with running the booths.

It's a great way to meet others in the parish and have fun too!

Please sign up online:

Adult Volunteers

<https://signup.com/go/rZNcCEf>

Food Court

<https://signup.com/go/FQnMZSq>

Game Booths

<https://signup.com/go/VYntYGN>

Chicken Dinner

<https://signup.com/go/DkSvvHE>

OR complete this form and return it to the parish office:

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I would like to be contacted to work a booth.

Friday: 5-7 p.m. 7-9 p.m. 9-11 p.m.

Saturday: 1-3 p.m. 3-5 p.m. 5-7 p.m.
 7-9 p.m. 9-11 p.m.

If you have questions contact:

Jeff (249-6572) or Shannon (276-6934) Purvis
jeffrey.l.purvis@gmail.com shannonpurvis@hotmail.com

Thank you in advance for your time!

Holy Spirit Catholic School

Red & Blue Weekly Raffle

- *First Monday of every month - \$100.00*
 - *Remaining Mondays of the month - \$25.00*
 - *Drawing to be held on Mondays*
- September 12, 2022 – May 15, 2023

Proceeds to benefit technology/field trip transportation

Donation: **\$20.00** You need not be present to win.

Holy Spirit Catholic School

Red & Blue Weekly Raffle

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Seller's Name: _____

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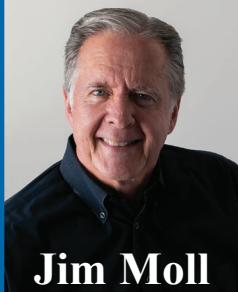
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