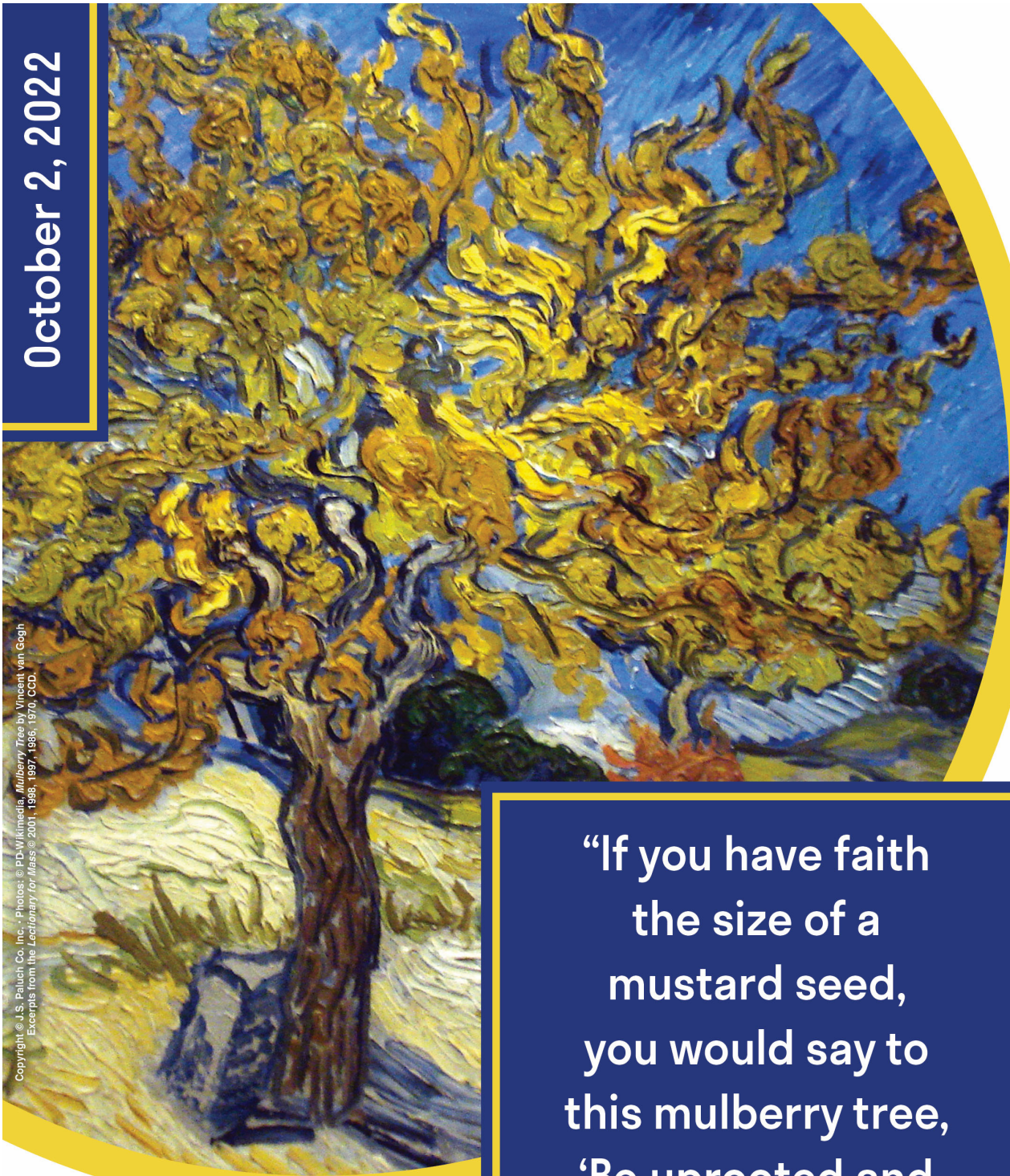


Holy Spirit Catholic Church

October 2, 2022



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TWENTY-SEVENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

“If you have faith
the size of a
mustard seed,
you would say to
this mulberry tree,
‘Be uprooted and
planted in the sea,’
and it would obey you.”

Luke 17:6

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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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
Fax: 314-739-7703

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!

All Things New Listening Sessions

As part of the ongoing strategic process for All Things New, the Archdiocese will be hosting listening sessions for each parish in October and November, 2022. Each listening session will be facilitated by volunteer parishioners from a different parish. These trained facilitators will share pre-recorded messages from Archbishop Rozanski and Fr. Chris Martin, Vicar for Strategic Planning, with an overview of All Things New, a planning area overview, multiple DRAFT model options to consider for the respective planning area and facilitate large group feedback. If your parish has more than one Listening Session, the information presented at both is the same.

The goals of the listening sessions are to engage as many parishioners as possible in understanding the current state of our parishes and diocese and to solicit feedback from as many parishioners as possible about the DRAFT models options for their planning area.

After the final listening session in each planning area, the Archdiocese of St. Louis will make public the content presented at all the parish's Listening Sessions in that planning area and will offer an additional opportunity for parishioners to provide open-ended feedback through an online survey. The survey will remain open until December 31, 2022. Parishioner feedback to the models is critical as it will be used to help shape the future of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

The listening sessions for our parish will be on Monday, October 17th and Wednesday, October 19th. Both sessions will be from 6 to 8 pm in the Parish Hall. As of this past Monday there were over 200 spots available for each session. I encourage everyone to sign up for a session. You may go to our website or to the All Things New website to sign up. If you have difficulty please call the parish office for assistance. The All Things New website is slow in loading so please be patient.

Priests Convocation

Next week Father Jerry and I will be away from the parish from Monday through Friday for the quadrennial Priests Convocation for all the priests of the Archdiocese. We will have Communion Services on Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:30 am, and Thursday and Friday at 8:00 am. St. John Bosco Parish will have Mass at 7:00 am and St. Monica Parish at 8:15 am. If you have a sacramental emergency, you may call Fr. Tim Foley at St. Monica Parish. Please pray for all of us priests while we are away, we will be praying for you.

Let's pray for each other this week.

Peace,
Father Bob

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 2

7:30am Jane Dixon
9:00am People of the Parish
11:00am Elmer Sandheinrich

Monday, October 3

6:30am Elmer Sandheinrich

Tuesday, October 4 *

Cory Fisk / Norm Himmelsbach

Wednesday, October 5 *

Mary Miller / Larry Flores

Thursday, October 6 *

Evelyn Mareschal / Carol Smith

Friday, October 7 *

Jefferson Giovannini / Ron Unterreiner

Saturday, October 8

8:00am Marcella Rose Canning
5:00pm John Roberson

Sunday, October 9

7:30am Mike Rolfes
9:00am Evelyn Mareschal
11:00am People of the Parish

**Fr. Bob & Fr. Jerry will each offer intentions for the names above Tues. through Friday while away at Convocation*

**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*

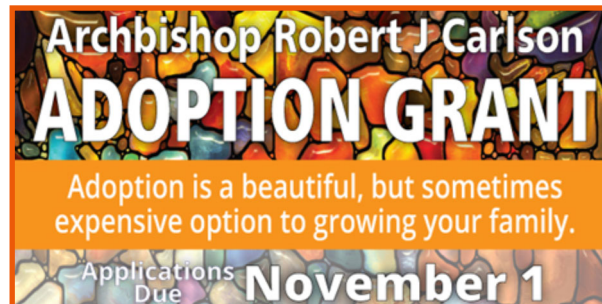
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for Sept. 12 - Sept. 18, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 10,953.00
Loose Collection	\$ 468.00
Online Donations	\$ 3,407.00
Total	\$ 14,828.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 17,410.00
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ (2,582.00)

Education Fund	HandS	Parish Impr.
\$535.00	\$120.00	\$410.00

PRO-LIFE NEWS



Since its inception in 2009, the Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Adoption Grant has **awarded nearly \$250,000 total to 46 grant recipients--allowing 50 children to be adopted into their forever families.**

This grant, offered through the Archdiocesan Office of Natural Family Planning, is available to couples who want to build their family through this loving choice. According to [The Balance.com](http://TheBalance.com), the average cost of private adoption through an agency can be up to \$45,000. The grant helps adoptive parents offset some of the cost of adding their new child to their family through adoption.

For more information about the grant, contact the Office of Natural Family Planning at 314-997-7576 or email stlnfp@archst.org



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

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

◆ NANCY WECKHERLIN, WIFE OF EUGENE

MAY HER 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

**Congratulations to our Sept. 26 Red & Blue Raffle winner of \$25 ~ Charles Van Doren
Thank you for supporting our school!**

- Sat. Oct. 1:** Holy Spirit Home & School Association Fundraiser begins today, "Show Me Dough," Butter Braid, Cookie Dough, and Pizzas 2 pack. Please email kayres@holyspiritstl.org to place an order or call 314-739-1934.
- Mon., Oct. 3:** 9:00am—Bookmobile visiting Holy Spirit School
7:00pm—Grade 2 Parent Reconciliation Meeting, Church
- Wed., Oct. 5:** 12:30pm-2:45pm—Key Store
- Thur., Oct. 6:** 8:00am—Grade 1 thru 4 Mass prepared by Grade 2
- Fri., Oct. 7:** 8:00am—Grades 5 thru 8 Mass prepared by Grade 7
Spirit Day! Wearing of Spirit Shirts with Uniform bottoms or jeans, sweats, no torn or ripped clothing.
3:30pm—Grades 1 thru 8 Parent viewing of Grade Book will close
Noon Dismissal—Faculty Meeting
- Mon., Oct. 10:** **NO School—Professional Development Day**

HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY

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 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Over the next few weeks we'll be talking about friendship (and attempting to make Friendship Bread starters). We will have games, snacks, discussion and prayer 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. **We are inviting the 8th grade to join us this year to help build up our youth ministry and small faith community.** **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

- **8TH GRADE FAMILIES –**
 - ◊ **Session 9: The Church** is this month. The 3rd Wednesday group is on 10/19; 4th Sunday groups are 10/23; 4th Wednesday group is on 10/26. All meet in the Rigali Room at the Annex.
 - ◊ **October 24** is a meeting for **Parents ONLY.**
 - ◊ **October 30** is our retreat, beginning with 9:00 a.m. Mass and ending at 3:30.
- **7TH GRADE FAMILIES –**
 - ◊ **October 12** will be our Dessert and Discernment gathering for parents of young people who are planning to join Confirmation formation for 2023. This is an informational and discernment meeting for adults only. The young people do not need to attend.

WE NEED YOU! Prayer Partners

OCTOBER: We are focusing on friendship. Please pray that our young people are led to good friends and healthy relationships.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS (MSM) CHAPERONES – URGENT: Middle School Madness will begin in October! 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. Our first MSM is set to be on October 21 if we have chaperones.

CONVERSATION STARTERS FOR PARENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- Tell me about one new thing that you learned in the first month of school. Tell them something new that you learned.
- How would you rate your first month of school on a scale of 1-10? Tell me more about that.
- What made you happy lately?

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

Don Abramovitz	Norma Gross	Pat Romano
Lorraine Bath	Sherry Holland	Peggy Rumph
Ronnie Bindbeutel	Kenneth Jordan	Jean Schepers
Carol Bonner	Sue Knoesel	Pete Schwaninger
Becky Bonner	Sr. Joan Kuester	Jim Smith
Jim Brockmeyer	Michael Lemp	Lois Smith
Karen Clarke	Charles Medvick	Tom Strobl
Dorothy Dailey	Susie Meyer	Rudi/Brenda
Leon Deimeke	Glenn Mueller	Torricelli
Tom DuBois	Bob/Donna Pedrotti	Bill/JoanWeinzirl
Debbie Dufaux	Karen Piskulic	Tom/Jeanne
Till Fehrenbacher	Bob/Tootie	Zemblidge
Ray/Betty Garvels	Ponder	
Jim Gerdes	Carolyn Putnam	
Kathy Glaser	John Rath	

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick Relatives and Friends:

Kate Allen	Michael Gill	Liz Prange
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	Karen Kohler	Caroline Van Scoyk
Teagan Bracken	Jenny Lemkemann	Barbie Schlenk
Brenda Joyce	Steve Mashmeyer	Bob Stroder
Crouch	Barb McDonald	Jerry Sutterer
Byron Difani	Alton Mercer	Will Vonder Haar
Steve Essner	Lou /Betty Merritt	Joyce Watts
Harold Feltmann	Colin Meyer	Chris Wells
Kathy First	John Misauraca	Paul Williams
John Garvels	Bill Nobles	Michelle Wilson
	Melinda Oeth	Ruby Winschel

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., Oct. 3

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

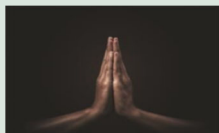
Karlye Keleher at 314-291-5209

Holy Spirit Parish Ministry of Support Group

Tues., Oct. 11—7pm, Annex

For more information, please contact Michelle and Rick Keating at 314-739-1768 or

michellekeatingrn@gmail.com.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

**Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and
the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
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.**

PSR NEWS

**We are still looking for volunteers who are PGC compliant. We need hall monitors.
Please contact Donna Eisenbath or Julie Spinner if you are interested.**

FAMILIES

Plan to join us for our community prayer every second Tuesday of the month. Each year level will take turns leading us. Our next prayer gathering will be **Tuesday, October 4 at 7:45pm in the Church.**

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION-IMPORTANT DATES

***Oct. 4** – Safe Touch grades 6-8

***Oct. 5** – Meeting for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7:00pm

***Oct. 11** – Community Prayer at 7:45. Parents and families gather in the church.

***Oct. 12** – Dessert & Discernment for parents of 7th grade students of Confirmation Candidates

***Tues., Oct. 18** – Older Adult Game Night, 7:00-8:00pm; Please call the Parish Office to RSVP. We look forward to having a fun night of community!

***Sat/Sun, Oct. 22 & 23** – Ted Drewes Sales after All Masses

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, October 2

Last Day for Tootsie Roll Sale

8:00-11am—Scrip Sales, Parish Hall

7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom

Monday, October 3

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

3:30—Contemplative Prayer Group, Resource

6:00pm—Quilting, Annex

Tuesday, October 4

9:00am—Quilting, Annex

Wednesday, October 5

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

7:00pm—Contemporary Music Practice

7:00pm—RCIA Inquiry Sessions, Parish H.

Thursday, October 6

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, October 8

HandS Blanket & Coat Drive Begins

Sunday, October 9

HandS Blanket & Coat Drive

8:00am-11—Scrip Sales, Parish Hall

7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom

Holy Spirit Catholic School Fundraiser



We've partnered with Show Me Dough Fundraising to raise money for our school! We're selling Butter Braid® pastries, cookie dough and pizzas. If you would like to place an order, please scan this QR code with your phone and select Holy Spirit Parish Orders.



All orders are due by October 24
(Delivery will be Friday Nov 7 at 2:00 pm)
Questions? Contact Jenni Dickinson at
dickinsonjenni@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

RCIA ~ RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church?

Is a spouse, fiancé, neighbor, friend, or co-worker interested?

The RCIA process enables those who are interested in the Catholic faith to “come and see” – to explore Catholic teaching and to discover what it means to be a Catholic Christian.

Most people come because they are invited. **Be the voice of Christ and offer the first invitation.** RCIA is for anyone unbaptized or baptized in another Christian tradition, as well as Catholics who are baptized but have never celebrated Confirmation or received First Communion, or Catholics who want to return to the Church but have questions. There is no commitment placed on any one who may be interested or who has questions. Please contact the Parish Office, 314-739-0230, or the RCIA coordinator, Deacon Jim DeNatale, deacon-jim@holyspiritstl.org, or have them contact us so we can invite them to attend inquiry sessions beginning **Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.**

WELL-READ?

**When the day of judgment comes, we shall not be asked what we have read,
but what we have done.**

~ Thomas à Kempis



HOLY SPIRIT

NOW HIRING

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE -
MIDDLE SCHOOL LANGUAGE ARTS
Starting early October

Contact Katie Koberlein:
 314-739-1934
kkoberlein@holyspiritstl.org

Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus
Mike Koch Memorial Golf Tournament
 Eagle Springs Golf Course
OCTOBER 8—Register NOW!
 Look for flyers in the Lobby

Save the Date ~ Sun. Nov. 13th
 The Holy Spirit Quilt Bingo is coming back!
 Come play bingo and you may be the
 lucky winner of a beautiful quilt!



St. Louis Catholic High School Nights

Welcome Fair Showcasing All Schools 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Three 15-minute school presentations 7:00 – 8:00 PM
 (Parents choose which presentations to attend)

Families with students in grades 5-8 are welcome to attend,
 no prior registration necessary.

Families may attend any of the high school nights.

October 3 **St. Louis University High School**
 4970 Oakland Avenue, 63110

October 12 **St. John Vianney High School**
 1311 S. Kirkwood Road, 63122



DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

**FALL FORE
DUCHESNE**

GOLF WITH DHS AT THE FALLS!

OCTOBER 14, 2022
8:30AM CHECK IN
9:00AM START
 FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE
 \$125 PER PLAYER - \$500 FOURSOME

The Falls Golf Club
 1170 Turtle Creek Drive
 O'Fallon, MO 63366

[HTTPS://WWW.DUCHESNE-HS.ORG/FALLGOLF.HTML](https://www.duchesne-hs.org/fallgolf.html)

REGISTER SOON IF INTERESTED

Oct. 10th through Oct. 14th

6th Annual

Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage

For more information,
 please visit our website at: www.katytrailpilgrimage.com
 Or send an email to: MarianPilgrimage77@gmail.com

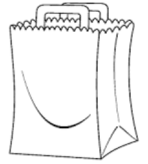
Covenant Network Catholic Radio fills the airwaves with inspirational and educational programming that will fill your heart and mind with the things that matter most. In addition to the **Holy Mass and Rosary**, you can pray along with the **Angelus, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and many other prayers**. You can hear faith-nourishing programs on Scripture, the lives of the saints, and current events through a Catholic lens.

Listen to Catholic radio on KHOJ 1460 AM.

You can also listen anytime on our Covenant Network App or at OurCatholicRadio.org.



Hands Food Pantry OCTOBER REQUESTS



Bottled Juice (2 qt size)
Canned mandarin oranges
Canned pineapple

Spaghetti noodles
Toilet paper
Baby Wipes

WE DO NOT NEED: Peanut Butter, Canned pasta (like Chef Boyardee & Spaghettios), pork & beans, plain cereals like Cheerios, Corn Flakes, any other dry pasta besides the spaghetti noodles.



Are you going through a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally?
Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life?

You don't have to suffer alone. Holy Spirit's Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing.

To find out more, call the Stephen Ministry confidential Hotline today: (314) 739-0230 ext.130.



Garden of Feedin Is Still Open!

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

**SCRIP ON SALE EVERY SUNDAY
from 8am - 11am!
START STOCKING UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS!**

Holy Spirit Ladies Club

**OCT. 11—12:00 NOON
RIGALI ROOM, ANNEX
Ice Cream Social!**

Bring a sack lunch—drinks provided

All Ladies of the Parish are Welcome!
For more info, call Dea 314-209-9231



Winter—it's right around the corner.
That means it's time for

Hands Blanket and Coat Drive.

We accept new and gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and blankets. Please begin to get your warm items ready to give to those who are less fortunate and in need of warm clothing.

We will be collecting on these two weekends:

Oct. 8th & 9th AND Oct. 15th & 16th

**Volunteers Needed to receive the donations after
all Masses during these 2 weekends.**

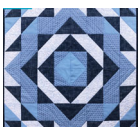
To volunteer or for questions, Lois, 314-739-6239

Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus Council 3977 TODAY, OCT. 2, IS THE LAST DAY!

Tootsie Rolls will be available after all Masses this weekend!

Donations will be used to help persons with developmental disabilities, and the Missouri Special Olympics.
This is the 50th annual drive by the Missouri State Knights of Columbus for this worthy cause.

Thank you for participating!



QUILT BINGO ~ ST. JOHN BOSCO ~ Sunday, October 9th

Admission: \$15

Doors Open at 11:30 am Quilt Social starts at 1:00 pm

Refreshments Available Paper Cards—Bring your own daubers (or daubers available for \$1.00)

For more information, call Doris Meyer: 314-434-3627

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
 Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14
 Luke 17:5-10

Monday Oct 3

Galatians 1:6-12
 Ps 111:1b-2,7-10c
 Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday October 4 St. Francis of Assisi

Galatians 1:13-24
 Ps 139:1b-3,13-15
 Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday October 5

Galatians 2:1-2,7-14
 Ps 117:1bc,2
 Luke 11:1-4

Thursday October 6

Galatians 3:1-5
 Lk 1:69-75
 Luke 11:5-13

Friday October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

Galatians 3:7-14
 Ps 111:1b-6
 Luke 11:15-26

Saturday October 8

Galatians 3:22-29
 Ps 105:2-7
 Luke 11:27-28

This Gospel reading is disturbing. After doing a lot of hard work, the last thing we want to hear from God is: "You're an unprofitable servant."

Think of how hard you work. Whether it's at home or for a business or in ministry, we're never rewarded enough, right? Instead, we're given *more* work! At home, we try to relax after a busy day but one of the kids or an elderly relative needs help. On the job, we're given more work because our colleagues are either too lazy or they've been laid off. In the parish, most of the work gets done by only 10 to 20% of the people.

Jesus says that our reaction to all this should be: "Lord, I'm an unworthy servant of your kingdom, because I've only done what's expected of me." Is he implying that it's right to

be burdened with more to do when we're tired? Not at all! What he is telling us is that there's a difference between doing what's required out of mere obedience and volunteering to go the extra mile because we love and we care.

When we stop short of going the extra mile, it's usually because we have an unbalanced view of faith. Unaware that we're serving Christ in our everyday tasks, and unaware that we're serving others *with* Christ, we settle for a mediocre, half-hearted attitude. We limit our potential.

And then we're astonished that Jesus would suggest that we can command

trees to cast themselves into the sea! When was the last time you saw *that* happen?

Here's the connection between doing more than the minimum and having a supernatural faith: For both to occur, we have to know that God's love is complete and unconditional and available all the time and that from this comes his desire to serve us.

Knowing this, we're confident that he can accomplish anything he wants in us and through us. If we care like he cares, we *want* to go the extra mile with him. And then when we get hurt or tired, he restores us. Do you believe that yet?

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What's your mulberry tree? What problem is so deeply rooted that it seems immovable?
2. Who in your life is so stuck in sin that you've lost hope? Can you surprise that person with gestures of love that are unexpected and unrequested?
3. Describe examples of service that show the difference between doing our duty and doing more. How does volunteering to serve above and beyond what's expected reveal God's love?

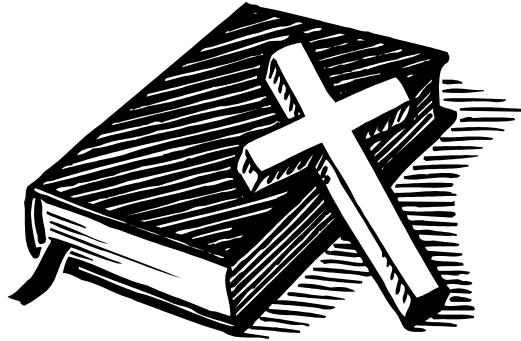


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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —(OCTOBER 9, 2022)

**2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13;
 Lk 17:11-19**

Liturgy of the Word for Children



***Sundays during the School Year
beginning October 9th***

***9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses
for children ages 4 – Grade 4***

*Liturgy of the Word with Children provides an opportunity for the children of our parish to hear and experience the **Sunday scripture readings** in an age appropriate environment. After the Opening Prayer the children are invited to leave the church with the leaders. If the parents wish to accompany a young child, they are welcome. In this smaller gathering, the children are able to sit quietly, listen attentively and participate with joy and enthusiasm.*

What happens at Liturgy of the Word with Children?

There is a procession, opening prayer, 1st reading, responsorial psalm, gospel reading, discussion/reflection, Apostle's Creed, intercessions, then the return procession to church to join the larger community for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

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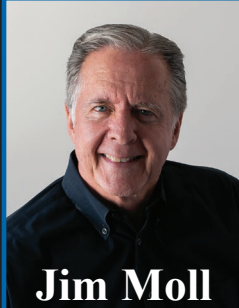
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