

Holy Spirit Catholic Church



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THIRTIETH **Sunday** IN ORDINARY TIME

**"Whoever exalts
himself will be humbled,
and the one who
humbles himself
will be exalted."**

Luke 18:14

October **23** 2022

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 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!

The results for our Carnival are now in. This year the Carnival raised \$58,167.30 for the parish. This appears to be the second highest total in recent years. Second to last year when we raised \$65,013.61. Thank you to everyone for your support patronizing the Carnival, as a sponsor, or as one of the many volunteers who made this possible.

Every year the Carnival is a great community event that showcases our parish community to the greater community of Maryland Heights and Bridgeton. As everyone knows, inflation has been affecting us all. During our discussions in the planning, we made the decision to keep prices equal to last year's so that it would continue to be affordable for families. We knew that would affect the profit but the community was more important. Even with keeping the same prices, it looked like we were going to surpass last year as sales on Friday were 16% ahead of last year. As many know, we had a thunderstorm pop up in the middle of the evening on Saturday which caused many to leave. Even with the storm, the Carnival was very successful, and we are grateful.

Since we paused the event for about 90 minutes and many left, we ended up with a great deal of food remaining at the end of the evening on Saturday. Rather than let it spoil, the desserts and frozen and dry goods from the chicken dinner were donated to our HandS food pantry as well as 2 others in the area. The frozen French fries have been donated to the Seafood dinner and it looks like it may be enough for the entire Lenten season. Our Holy Spirit Athletic Association received a generous donation of hamburgers and buns to use in the concession stand during the soccer season. The junior Carnival helpers (Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and 8th graders) were treated to cake and ice cream as a "Thank you". Finally, the school children participated in a fun BBQ of Hamburgers and Hot Dogs to celebrate the Cardinals and Blues. All supplied from a donation of food from the Carnival.

Again, thanks to all of you for a great Carnival!

Next week we'll have a recap of the listening sessions and the next steps in the All Things New planning initiative.

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

Peace,

Father Bob

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 23

7:30am Dorothy Ellebracht
9:00am Marcelia Mente
11:00am Bob Lindner

Monday, October 24

6:30am Marcia Mohrman

Tuesday, October 25

6:30am Hilary Dsouza

Wednesday, October 26

6:30am Hilary Dsouza

Thursday, October 27

8:00am Evelyn Mareschal

Friday, October 28

8:00am Cory Fisk

Saturday, October 29

8:00am Glenda Rosas/Hope Rosas
5:00pm Karl Gill

Sunday, October 30

7:30am Audrey Schmidt
9:00am People of the Parish
11:00am Charles Dent

PRO-LIFE NEWS



A PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

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<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 Oct. 3 - Oct. 9, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 13,522.00
Loose Collection	\$ 917.00
Online Donations	\$ 8,182.00
Total	\$ 22,621.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 17,410.00
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ 5,211.00

HandS	Parish Improvements
\$425.00	796.00



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

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

- ♦ EDILBERTA GARCIA, SISTER OF ISABEL VILLADIEGO
- ♦ WILHELM STANGL, HUSBAND OF GWENDOLYN
- ♦ CHRISTINE WORACHECK, PARISHIONER
- ♦ EDNA WUCHER, PARISHIONER

MAY THEIR SOULS 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 Oct. 17 Red & Blue Raffle winner of \$25 ~ Bill Miederhoff
Thank you for supporting our school!

Mon., Oct. 24: "Show Me Dough" fundraiser ENDS today
Tues., Oct. 25: Health Screenings will take place today by our School Partnership Nurses through Cardinal Glennon Preschool thru Grade 8
Thurs., Oct. 27: **No School: 8:00am-8:00pm—Teacher, Parent Conferences: Pre-Kindergarten thru Grade 8**
Fri., Oct. 28: **No School**

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.
- ◇ ***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.

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: Our first MSM is set to be on October 21 and we would like to have MSM this month, but as of now, have no 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 only have 7 months to cover. We should be able to make this happen for our young people. Volunteer for one or more months to help make this fun opportunity possible for our 7th and 8th grade.

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

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick Relatives and Friends:

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

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



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise.
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.

ROSARY ~ NEXT SUN., OCT. 30th

Please join us for The Rosary, led by The Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus on the 5th Sunday this month, Oct. 30, at 10:15 in Church (after 9:00am Mass.) The Knights are also going to gather for lunch after the 11 am Mass .Check with the Knights in attendance that day.
All are welcome for both of these events.

For questions, contact Deacon Scott Kaufman deaconscoott@holyspiritstl.org or 314-229-6633.

PSR NEWS

FAMILIES

Be sure to invite your grandparents or a special adult to our game night this Tuesday, October 18 from 7-9 in the Parish Hall.

TED DREWES IS COMING BACK

We'll be selling Ted Drewes **after all the Masses THIS WEEKEND: October 22-23.**



As the trees dress in their glorious Autumn hues, we are reminded of the glorious truths of our Catholic faith. Our daily programming highlights these truths and helps us stay focused on the things that really matter. Tune into **Covenant Network** 1460 AM on the radio or listen anytime on the Covenant Network app or at **OurCatholicRadio.org**

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, October 23

Ted Drewes Fundraiser after ALL Masses

8:00-10am—St. Patrick Ctr. Salad Collection

8:00am-11—Scrip Sales, Parish Hall

7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom

Monday, October 24

Show Me Dough Fundraiser Orders Due

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

6:00pm—Quilting, Annex

Tuesday, October 25

9:00am—Quilting, Annex

11:00am—Lunch Bunch, Sports Cafe

Wednesday, October 26

6:30-9am—St. Patrick Ctr. Casseroles

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

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

Thursday, October 27

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 29

4:00pm—Confessions

Sunday, October 30

8:00-11am—Scrip Sales, Parish Hall

10:15am—Knights of Columbus ROSARY

7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom



Save-The-Date
Holy Spirit Parish
Advent by Candlelight
Sunday, December 11

5pm-Holy Spirit Parish Hall ~ 7pm Church

ST. PATRICK CENTER SALAD

SUN. OCT. 23

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

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

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



The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Jesus' clothing had miraculous healing powers. The woman who suffered from hemorrhage for 12 years, was healed when she simply touched Jesus' garment (Matthew 5:28). People begged to

touch the fringe of Jesus' cloak and were cured of illness when they did. (Matthew 14:36)

Pocket Prayer shawls (also called mini prayer shawls) and Prayer Wristbands are available in the gathering area in a basket on the desk near the door. The pocket prayer shawls are great to have with you in a pocket or purse as a reminder of God's love. The wristbands are the same, but 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 are hand made by parishioners. Full sized shawls and lapghans are available upon request at no cost - see my contact information below.

To my crafters. We are in need of more pocket prayer shawls and wristbands. If you need a pattern, please call or text me.

**Next Meeting is Wed. Oct. 26 at 7pm in the
Resource Center upstairs meeting room.
You are welcome to come and craft with us or just
stop by to chat.**

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

ST. PATRICK CENTER CASSEROLES

WED. OCT. 26

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

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

NEVER ABANDONED

*Lord, I do not ask that I never be afflicted,
but only that you never abandon me in affliction.*

~ St. Bernadette Soubirous



Lunch Bunch! ***TUES., OCTOBER 25***

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

***Please Call The Office to RSVP by
Mon. Oct. 24: 314-739-0230***

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



THE HOLY SPIRIT QUILT BINGO

Sun., Nov. 13th

**Doors Open at 11:15
Games begin at 12:45
\$20 Admission**

**Food and refreshments Available
Tickets for the Grand Raffle will also
be available for purchase**

***Come play BINGO and you may be the
lucky winner of a beautiful quilt like the one above!***

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKER SERIES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Our Speaker will be Joyce Jones of the Office of
Racial Harmony Diocese of St Louis.

More info to come!

For more information, contact, Clare Duffy
314-291-2144 or Peggy Owen 314-602-9583

FREE DINNER THEATRE!

The 55+ Club through Pattonville enables senior residents in the district to enjoy school athletic events, plays and musicals **FREE OF CHARGE**. Members are issued a 55+ Card for free access to school-sponsored activities. Each year, Pattonville hosts two dinner theaters for members. Members also participate in other special events and are kept up-to-date on the latest happenings with a free subscription to a quarterly newsletter. More than 2,500 Pattonville residents are currently members.

For more information/newsletter call the
Community Relations department: 314-213-8025.



Lonely? Experiencing a Difficult Time?

Don't suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and help you through a crisis or difficult time. To find out more, call the Stephen Ministry confidential Hotline today: (314) 739-0230 ext.130. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care.

Are You Stressed? Discouraged? Feeling Down?

You don't have to go through difficult times alone. Holy Spirit's Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with confidential, one-to-one, Christian care and support to help you get through a tough time.

Don't keep it all inside and struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care.

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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.**



REQUEST FOR HANDS THANKSGIVING DINER\DONATIONS

It's That Time of Year Again!

HandS is once again asking for food or monetary or Wal-Mart gift card donations for our Thanksgiving Food Baskets for our clients. We have **23 families** on our list and will more than likely add a few more!

NEW THIS YEAR – We are asking families to indicate choices of items they would like to receive in their basket so we have changed the donation list some!

If you prefer to contribute money, please make your check payable to “Holy Spirit HandS”; place the check or cash in an envelope marked “HandS Thanksgiving Baskets” and place it in the collection basket at Mass or drop it off at the Parish Office.

OR

If you would like to purchase a gift card to allow us to shop, please purchase **WAL-MART gift cards from Holy Spirit Script program** and they will get them to us

PLEASE MAKE YOUR DONATIONS NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

GROCERY ITEMS NEEDED:

- TURKEYS or TURKEY BREASTS**
- MARGARINE/BUTTER – 1 LB PKGS**

****PLEASE CALL NORMA (739-3159) TO MAKE A DONATION OF TURKEYS (BEFORE PURCHASING AS WE ONLY NEED A LIMITED NUMBER OF THESE!), BUTTER OR ROLLS AND TO ARRANGE A TIME FOR DELIVERY TO THE PANTRY.**

- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- CANNED CHICKEN BROTH
- CANNED CHICKEN GRAVY OR GRAVY PACKETS-- **NO GLASS JARS PLEASE**
- CANNED FRUIT (peaches, pears, pineapple, applesauce, fruit cocktail)
- CANNED VEGETABLES (peas, corn, green beans, peas, mixed vegetables)
- JELLO – red or orange (we do like to have a small amount of sugar free jello too)

NO CANNED PUMPKIN OR PUMPKIN PIES, STUFFING, CRANBERRY SAUCE OR SWEET POTATOES PLEASE – WE ARE PURCHASING THE NUMBER NEEDED.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.

Norma Wibbenmeyer
Thanksgiving Dinner Chairperson

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sirach 35:12-14,16-18
Ps 34:2-3,17-19,23
2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Monday October 24

Ephesians 4:32 5:8
Ps 1:1-4,6
Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday October 25

Ephesians 5:21-33
Ps 128:1-5
Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday October 26

Ephesians 6:1-9
Ps 145:10-14
Luke 13:22-30

Thursday October 27

Ephesians 6:10-20
Ps 144:1b,2,9-10
Luke 13:31-35

Friday October 28 Sts. Simon and Jude

Ephesians 2:19-22
Ps 19:2-3,4-5
Luke 6:12-16

Saturday October 29

Philippians 1:18b-26
Ps 42:2,3,5cdef
Luke 14:1,7-11

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we see that "whoever exalts himself will be humbled." Sooner or later, self-exalting people get humbled, whether they realize it or not. They are brought down low by their own behaviors. People who encounter them in daily life do not think very highly of them. And certainly, God doesn't either.

The much better alternative is to let our love for others be what humbles us.

Without love as our motivation, we believe in our own so-called "righteousness," thinking we're okay when we're not. But when we do good deeds for others because we genuinely care about them, the pride of our self-righteousness is replaced by holy humility.

We are made righteous by our love for others. Self-righteousness is self-made – it motivates us to do good, but only for the selfish purpose of looking admirable, winning approval, or gaining some other personal benefit. Love, which is true righteousness, motivates us to do good for the sake of others.

Look at the Pharisee in Jesus' parable. We all behave like that from time to time. Think of someone who is inferior to you because you are holier, who doesn't go to church as often as you do, or who doesn't pray like you do. Think of someone who is not worthy of your time



and caregiving. Think of someone who is too difficult to love.

The cure for this kind of self-righteousness is to get in touch with God's concern for them. Once we unite our

hearts to God's love for them, we begin to care about them, too. And the most powerful, most successful way to accomplish such union with God is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which absolves us of self-righteousness and empowers us with divine grace to absorb Christ's own righteousness.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Think of those who are less spiritually active than you, who cause you to think: "Thank God I am not like them!" Do you grieve for them because of their sins and blindness? Do you do anything to help them grow closer to Christ? Do they experience Jesus when they encounter you?
2. What are some ways that you show love to those who are not as holy as you, or not as emotionally healthy as you, or not as intelligent as you?
3. Describe a time when you were more self-righteous than righteous. How did you (or how will you) let Jesus turn your pride into love-filled humility?

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —(OCTOBER 30, 2022)

Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14;

2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10



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Our donors mean the world to us and we very much value your loyalty and support. Without you our mission cannot be realized.

With that in mind, we wanted to share some exciting news. We are moving to a new donor and donation platform powered CDM+. Our previous provider, Stewardship, will still be processing your donation so there will be no change to recurring gifts. This change allows us to be more efficient and effective with our internal operations and with you, our donors.

You will see a change in our donation page, but everything behind the scenes, like your user name and password, are all still valid. You will still be able to choose what fund you would like to donate to, and choose a credit card or ACH donation, just like before. You will receive your immediate email donation receipt from us and your year-end tax receipt. No cons...just pros. In short, you don't need to do anything for this change—just enjoy an upgraded donation experience!

We of course pride ourselves on being good stewards of your donations and CDM+, along with Stewardship, has provided an economical solution to meets our needs. We even have room to grow into the future.

Thank you again for your continued support. Now, onward with CDM+!



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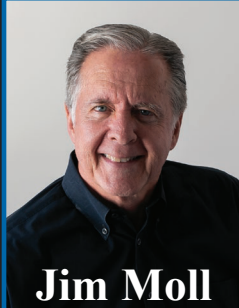


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