

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

December 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY

of *Advent*

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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

Matthew 3:1

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

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

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PARISH ANNEX

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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!

This Monday, December 5th, children of our parish will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance for the first time. They will experience the love and forgiveness of the Lord in a special way through the Sacrament. My hope is that their joy will inspire us all to turn to the Lord frequently in the Sacrament. Thank you to their parents, teachers, and catechists for assisting them in their preparation.

Since First Reconciliation begins at 7:00 pm, we will end our weekly period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament early for this week only at 5:00 pm.

Just a reminder that Monday evenings during Advent we will offer Evening prayer at 7:00 pm followed by an extended period for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will also be offered at the regular time on Saturdays beginning at 4:00 pm. On Saturday, December 17th, confessions will be available from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm. You may also call either Father Jerry or me to set up an appointment if these times do not work for you.

This Thursday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be offered at 6:30 am, 8:00 am, and 7:00 pm.

Blessings of Advent to all and let's pray for each other this week.

Peace,

Father Bob

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 4

7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am Roy Allman
11:00am Sonny Bolm

Monday, December 5

6:30am Dr, Gaudencio Agasino

Tuesday, December 6

6:30am Jane Dixon

Wednesday, December 7

6:30am Marie Philpot

Thursday, Dec. 8-Feast of Immaculate Conception

6:30am Catherine Fitzpatrick
8:00am People of the Parish
7:00am Stephen Hercules

Friday, December 9

8:00am Evelyn Mareschal

Saturday, December 10

8:00am Ninfa Serra-Biondo
5:00pm Bonaventure Suares

Sunday, December 11

7:30am Paul Kuhl
9:00am People of the Parish
11:00am Hilary Dsouza

Holy Spirit ACTS

Help continue the 20th anniversary celebration of ACTS here at Holy Spirit Parish with our next men's retreat:

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men"

January 19th-22nd, 2023

Director: Joe Deckard
314-753-4525 or joe.deckard@sbcglobal.net

Co-Directors:
Kurt Kientzle, 314-322-8344
Paul Doering, 314-608-0046

Questions? Want to help?

Please contact Alli Kleitz or Jeanne Kielhofner, Core Team Communications.
Alli: 314-344-9034 (home), 314-239-3015 (cell), or kleitzfamily@gmail.com
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314-739-0230



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Your generosity has made our Giving Tree a **TREE-MENDOUS** success!

We couldn't do it without everyone's support.

Thank you so much!
The HandS Organization.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for Nov. 14 - Nov. 20, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 9,143.00
Loose Collection	\$ 530.00
Online Donations	\$ 7,912.00
Total	\$ 17,585.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 17,410.00
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ 175.00

HandS	Parish Improv.
\$775.00	\$350.00

Thank You to all the brave souls who came out Thanksgiving Morning, or supported the event, by sending in a donation on behalf of the **ThanksGIVING Day Walk/Run.**

The rains actually stopped by 7:30!

It was nice to have fellowship and take a walk by the beautiful Creve Coeur lake. A great morning of giving thanks for all our blessings, knowing that your support makes a difference for those in need.

Hope to see you next year!

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 Nov. 28 Red & Blue Raffle winner of \$25 ~ Linda Wynn
Thank you for supporting our school!

Mon., Dec. 5: 9:00am—Bookmobile will be visiting Holy Spirit School
7:00pm—Grade 2 will make their First Reconciliation
Tues., Dec. 6: Papa Johns Pizza Fundraiser—CODE SSH006 sponsored by our Home & School Association
Thurs., Dec. 8: **NO School**—Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Fri., Dec. 9: 8:00am—Grades 5 thru 8 Mass led by Grade 8
Sat., Dec. 10: Grade 5 Poinsettia Sale for Grade 6 Outdoor Education 2023 after 5:00pm Mass
Sun., Dec. 11: Grade 5 Poinsettia Sale for Grade 6 Outdoor Education 2023 after all Masses

Support Holy Spirit!—Get a head start on your holiday shopping with RaiseRight Gift Cards (formerly Scrip)
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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. We'll celebrate Advent this month. Join us for reindeer games and cookie baking. **8th grade is invited 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.

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS AND 8TH GRADE:

The Office of Youth Ministry for the Archdiocese of St. Louis is hosting a Generation Life event at the Chaifetz Arena from 8-3 on Friday, January 20th. The event is for 8th grade through high school youth and cost \$35. If you would like to attend with Holy Spirit YM, please contact Donna Eisenbath.

CONFIRMATION

- **7TH GRADE FAMILIES –**
 - ◊ Don't forget to turn in your choice for the time and day you would like to attend Confirmation sessions. **They are due TUES. Dec. 6.** You can email them to deisenbath@holyspiritstl.org, drop them off in the Parish Office, or at school or PSR.

7th AND 8th GRADE:

The next Middle School Madness is Friday, December 16 from 7-9 in the Annex. Join us for food, fun, friends! We'll celebrate Advent and Christmas with games and snack making.

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.
- **DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION:** Please pray for teens who are searching for light that they will be warmed by God's love, and find hope.

Advent Prayer of Light

Jesus, You are the light of the world.
Shine your light on all my choices this day.
Create in me the ability to let your light shine forth for others.
I ask this in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

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

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick Relatives and Friends:

Kate Allen	John Garvels	Liz Prange
Baby boy	Michael Gill	Mike Prinzi
Aubuchon	Greg/Jane Hefley	Jan Redden
Bailey Family	Diane Herman	Jessica Schulte
Paul Beckerle	Phil Hoffman	Danny Sieves
Kendell/Tina	Ray Jackson	Alford Snowden
Bedell	Suzanne Johnson	Grace Solimando
Ann/Bill Boewer	Karen Kohler	Caroline Van Scoyk
Teagan Bracken	Jenny Lemkemann	Barbie Schlenk
Colton Christian	Steve Mashmeyer	Jerry Sutterer
Brenda Joyce	Barb McDonald	Will Vonder Haar
Crouch	Alton Mercer	Joyce Watts
Debbie Bick	Lou /Betty Merritt	Chris Wells
Byron Difani	Colin Meyer	Paul Williams
Steve Essner	John Misauraca	Michelle Wilson
Harold Feltmann	Bill Nobles	Ruby Winschel
Kathy First	Melinda Oeth	

PLEASE NOTE:

As usual, the names on the Prayer Lists are scheduled to be removed by JAN 1st
if we do not hear from you.

Please call the Parish Office if you would like your loved one's name to remain or be removed.

Thank you so much!

PSR NEWS

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR ADVENT ACTIVITY NIGHT:

For Advent Activity, we would like to assemble
birthday bags using the following items: generic
birthday cards, balloons, birthday candles, napkins,
disposable tablecloth, cupcake liners, foil cake or
cupcake pans.

Donations can be dropped off by December 4th
in the Parish Hall in the boxed marked

FAMILIES

- Remember to attend all family events with your child. I know the children look forward to having their families join in, and your family will be entered into the drawing for free family fees for PSR.
- Be sure to check out our bulletin and display boards in the hallway. 3rd, 5th, and 7th grades have displays in November and December.

- Advent Activity Night is December 6 at 7pm.**
Families of 1-5 grades are invited to join us in the Parish Hall.
- Community Prayer is **December 13 at 7:45**, led by 3rd grade.
- Family Faith and Fun** for 7th grade is Dec. 13, and for 1st grade is Dec. 20th

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION-IMPORTANT DATES

- ***Mon., Dec. 5** – First Reconciliation
- ***Tues., Dec. 6** – Advent Activity Night. Families of grades 1-5 are invited to attend.
- ***Tues., Dec. 13** – Community Prayer led by 3rd grade.
- ***Family, Faith, and Fun nights** –
Dec. 13th for 7th grade; Dec. 20th for 1st grade

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, December 4

7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom

Monday, December 5

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

3:30pm—Contemplative Prayer. Resource Ctr

6:00pm—Quilting, Annex

Tuesday, December 6

9:00am—Quilting, Annex

Papa John Fundraiser Special, Dorsett Rd.

Wednesday, December 7

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

7:00pm—Contemporary Music

Thursday, Dec. 8—Feast of Immaculate Conception

Masses today; 6:30am, 8:00am & 7:00pm

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm—Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:15pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 10

4:00pm—Confessions

Poinsettias Sale after 5pm Mass

Sunday, December 11

Poinsettias Sale after All Masses

Advent by Candlelight—Call for more info.

7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom



Holy Spirit Ladies Club Annual Christmas Party

TUES. DEC. 13—1:30PM
PARISH HALL

*Enjoy a catered lunch and
Some Holiday Cheer!*

Please RSVP by Sun., Dec. 4th
Karen: 314-291-1971



Way of Lights Outdoor Light Display **Now thru Sat. Dec. 31** **5-9 pm nightly**

Check out Family Night Tuesdays, a fabulous night to visit the Way of Lights to avoid large crowds and enjoy discounts on activities such as camel and pony rides!

For more information,
go to <https://snows.org/wayoflights/>



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Proceeds will be used to send the Holy Spirit 5th Grade class to 6th Grade Camp
Thank You! Your Support is Appreciated

Holy Spirit Contemplative Prayer Group

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

NEXT MEETING ~ Mon., Dec. 5

Contemplative prayer, such as Centering Prayer, can lead one to discover the meaning of Psalm 46:

"Be still and know that I am God".

If you have an interest, please contact

Karlye Keleher at 314-291-5209



SAVE THE DATE!

**DONUT SUNDAY along with The
Festival of Ministries and Spirit Brew
December 18, 2022**

The Immaculate Conception (December 8)

*In this Advent time, we are called, as Mary was, to make room for Christ in our hearts.
Let us be open to the intercession of Mary on our behalf,
that we may become more and more like her beloved Son.*

Holy Spirit Parish
Advent by Candlelight
Sunday, December 11, 2022

Contact information for this event:

Lisa Ahern – lisaahernathome@gmail.com – (314) 605-4346-cell phone

Ann Allman – anncallman@gmail.com – (314) 724-2124-cell phone

**Please join us for Advent By Candlelight this year
in the third week of Advent celebrating **JOY**.**

5pm – Doors open.

5:30pm – We are providing a catered meal in the Parish Hall.
Must have a reservation for the meal. **Reservation deadline is December 5.**
If you have not already been contacted by a hostess,
please contact Lisa Ahern or Ann Allman for reservations.

7pm – Move into the church for music and a
speaker. No reservations are required to attend
at 7pm in the church. Our guest speaker is
Archbishop Rozanski focusing on:

The **JOY of Finding Jesus
In the Eucharist.**

Donations to Charity

Our charity this year is: **Catholic Charities**

Your table hostess will be contacting you with
the list of items needed for donations. If you would like a list
sent to you via email, please contact Lisa Ahern.



Hands Food Pantry
DECEMBER REQUESTS

chili - with beans
chili - no beans
Canned chili beans
regular coffee (can-not pods)
decaf coffee (can-not pods)
beef soups
potato side dishes (au gratin,
scaloped etc)
spaghetti sauce without meat
spaghetti sauce with meat

crackers
cookies
peaches
applesauce
cereal (please no plain cheerios or
corn flakes)
bathroom cleaner
sugar
flour

vegetable oil
pancake or baking mix
cake mixes and icing
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canned ham
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Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2,
7-8,12-13,17
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

Monday December 5

Isaiah 35:1-10
Ps 85:9a-14
Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday December 6

Isaiah 40:1-11
Ps 96:1-3,10-13
Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday December 7

St. Ambrose

Isaiah 40:25-31
Ps 103:1-4,8,10
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday December 8 Immaculate Conception

Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Ps 98:1-4
Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Friday December 9

Isaiah 48:17-19
Ps 1:1-4,6
Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday December 10

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11
Ps 80:2ac,3b,15-16,18-19
Matthew 17:9a,10-13

Peace is the theme of the Second Sunday of Advent. The first reading describes Christ the Messiah, who came from the line of Jesse, the father of King David. It also describes how to obtain peace – a peace that sustains us even in the midst of troubles: "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him." Can you feel the Holy Spirit "resting" on you?

We experience true peace when we're in a restful relationship with God, i.e., when we're not struggling against him and his ways and his plans for us. Peace does not depend on bringing to an end the struggles we have with people or the problems we have with financial shortages or addictions or health, etc. We can work hard to accomplish peace in any trial, win the war, and still not be at peace.

Peace comes to us in the wisdom and understanding that we get from the Holy Spirit. Peace comes from following the Spirit's counsel. Peace comes from gaining

knowledge of the truth, in total submission, obediently acting upon the truth.

In the Gospel reading, John the Baptist reminds us to "prepare the way of the Lord and make straight his paths." To receive the Spirit of God and his peace, we must prepare ourselves to meet Jesus in the Eucharist and in all the other ways that he comes to us. What kind



of preparation produces peace? It's the work of honestly identifying our sins, happy that God is merciful, and straightening our crooked paths, because we realize that God's ways are really what's best for us.

Whatever separates us from God's peace, we must get rid of it. To do this, we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Penitential Rite at the beginning of every Mass. Christ equips us for the journey into true peace!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What turmoil is going on in your life? What has stolen your peace?
2. Where is Jesus? What obstacles (e.g., unforgiveness or resentment) do you need to repent of to see him and feel his peace?
3. What methods do you use to settle down and rest in the Spirit of Jesus when turmoil is spinning around you? What kind of prayer helps? Do you go on retreat or confide in a spiritual director? What are some other ideas?

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—(DECEMBER 11, 2022)

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;
Mt 11:2-11

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