

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 11, 2022

“Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear, the dead are raised,
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

MATTHEW 11:4-5

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 weekend we have a lot happening in our parish; a wedding, a baptism, the Annual HSAA Bonfire on Saturday evening, the Annual Poinsettia Sale to help send our 6th Grade to camp, Seminarian Xavier Schmidt, from the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, speaks at all the Masses about the annual Christmas Collection for the Seminary, our regular Sunday Masses, and we welcome Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski to our Annual Advent by Candlelight! Whew! Thanks to everyone for your care for our parish. You make Holy Spirit Parish the great parish that it is.

In this weekend's bulletin you'll find the First Quarter Financial Report. It is always a judgment call as to how much information should be reported in the Quarterly Reports. My preference is to report all the numbers and highlight major points. If you are like me, I prefer to look at the bottom line first and then check the details that may have shown significant changes.

Just a few points for you to consider. First, our Net Ordinary Income through September is \$68,534. This up over last year at the same time. Sunday offerings are down 2.53% over last year but when we look at it through October, offerings are up 2.3% over last year. Thank you for your support. If you look at our Statement of Financial Position, you will notice that our Parish Savings is up slightly over last year and that we remain debt-free. Please take a look at the report and if you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our parish and our parish ministries. I am grateful for your continued and faithful support.

It is hard to believe but we are celebrating the Third Sunday of Advent this weekend. Time is flying! This coming weekend, we offer the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, December 17th from 9 am until 4:30 pm. Father Jerry and I will be taking turns in the confessional. If this time is not convenient for you, please contact either one of us for an appointment. Advent is our time of preparation to welcome our Lord in our hearts. May this time be a holy time for all.

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

Peace,

Father Bob

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 11

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

Monday, December 12

6:30am Lynn Feltmann

Tuesday, December 13

6:30am Cory Fisk

Wednesday, December 14

6:30am Helen Mente

Thursday, December 15

6:30am Evelyn Mareschal

Friday, December 16

8:00am Ediberta Garcia

Saturday, December 17

8:00am Anna Ochs
 5:00pm Clarita Batas

Sunday, December 18

7:30am Judy Burch
 9:00am People of the Parish
 11:00am Evelyn Mareschal

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
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Questions? Want to help?

Please contact Alli Kleitz or Jeanne Kielhofner, Core Team Communications.
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 Jeanne: 314-973-2769 or jeannekielhofner@yahoo.com

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. 19

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

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 Nov. 21 - Nov. 27, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 9,063.00
Loose Collection	\$ 418.50
Online Donations	\$ 5,405.00
Total	\$ 14,886.50
Weekly Budget	\$ 17,410.00
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ (2,523.50)

HandS	Parish Improv.
\$1,280.00	\$170.00



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

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

- ♦ **Garry Blandford, father of Marla (Jeff) Weiss**
- ♦ **Bob Smith, brother-in-law of Mike (Dee) Graff**

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 Nov. 28 Red & Blue Raffle winner of \$100 ~ Ann & Dave Stock

Sat., Dec. 10 & Sun., Dec. 11: Grade 5 Poinsettia Sale for Grade 6 Outdoor Education 2023 after all Masses

Mon., Dec. 12: 7:50am—Living Advent Wreath School Gym

8:00am—Living Advent Wreath Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten Rigali Room

Wed., Dec. 14: 7:10-7:30am— C.R.A.S.H. (Christ Reaches All Students Here) Prayer Group, School Gym

7:00pm— Kindergarten thru Grade 5 Christmas Program School Gym

Thurs., Dec. 15: 8:00am—Kindergarten thru Grade 4 Mass led by Grade 1

Fri., Dec. 16: 8:00am— Grades 5 thru 8 Mass led by Grade 7

9:15am— Grade 5 D.A.R.E with Officer Bob

Hot Cocoa and Cookie Bar for all students during their lunch session.

(Thank you Home & School Association!)

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](https://www.instagram.com/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 were due 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 7-9pm** 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 for Exams

Come, Lord Jesus.

You bring joy and salvation into the world.

Give us the strength to find joy amidst the stress of semester tests

And the wisdom to find truth in our studies.

We 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 Sievers
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

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 3rd and 7th grade bulletin and display boards in the hallway.

Community Prayer will be **Dec.13 at 7:45** led by 3rd grade.

No PSR on December 27 or January 3. We wish your family a blessed Christmas Season.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION-IMPORTANT DATES

***Tues., Dec. 13** – Community Prayer led by 3rd grade.

***Upcoming Family, Faith, and Fun nights** –
Dec. 13 for 7th grade; Dec. 20th for 1st grade

***Tues., Dec. 27** – NO PSR – Christmas Break

***Tues., Jan 3** – NO PSR



Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing;
God only is changeless.

Patience gains all things. Who has God wants nothing.
God alone suffices.

~ *Saint Teresa of Ávila*

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, December 11

Poinsettia Sale after All Masses

7:00pm—**Advent by Candlelight Speaker**
(Archbishop Rozanski), Church

7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom

Monday, December 12

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

7:00pm—**Evening Prayer/Reconciliation**

3:30pm—Contemplative Prayer. Resource Ctr

6:00pm—Quilting, Annex

Tuesday, December 13

9:00am—Quilting, Annex

1:30pm—Ladies Club Luncheon, Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 14

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

7:00pm—Contemporary Music

Thursday, Dec. 15

6:00pm—Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:15pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 17

4:00pm—Confessions

Sunday, December 18

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!

For more info, call
Karen: 314-291-1971



Lunch Bunch!

TUES., DECEMBER 27

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

*Please leave a message to **RSVP on***

Mon. Dec. 26: 314-739-0230

(because the Parish is Closed Dec. 26th)

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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
canned salmon
canned ham
canned pears

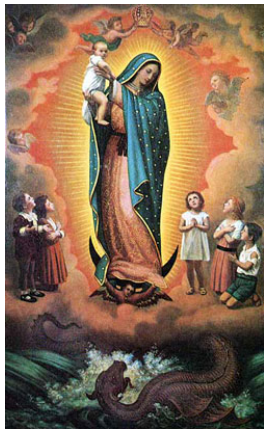
NO peanut butter or canned pasta like Chef Boyardee ravioli

GIVING TREE GIFTS!

Again, Thank You!



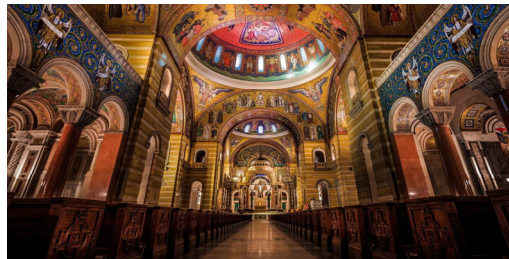
Not to go to Communion is like someone dying of thirst beside a spring
~ *St. John Vianney*



OUR FASCINATING FAITH ***Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12)***

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, first appeared to Cuauhtlitzin (Juan Diego) on December 9, 1531 while he was on his way to a Eucharistic celebration in Tlatelolco, Mexico. The Virgin addressed him by his indigenous name, asking him to go to the palace of Archbishop Zumárraga to request that a shrine be erected there at the site of the apparition, in Tepeyac, so as to share her love and compassion for all believers. Juan Diego did so, but the Archbishop did not believe him, demanding proof of his story and of the Lady's identity. He returned to Our Lady daily, and on December 12, he conveyed to her the Archbishop's request for proof. She showed him Castilian roses blooming there through the stony ground despite the winter's cold. He picked the flowers and carried them in his tilma (mantle) to the Archbishop. **When he unfolded his tilma to present the roses, Mary's image was imprinted on the mantle.** Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a mestiza, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

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Did You Know?

The Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis offers tours!

The museum and tours of the Cathedral Basilica offer any visitor a guided overview of just how much there is to see and learn about the historic site. The Basilica is open from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Self-guided tours do not require reservations, however, visitors are urged to call and ensure the church is available, especially on the weekends, due to weddings, funerals, Archdiocesan events, and other weekend activities.

Guided tours are slowly returning and are available by appointment only. These tours are typically available during weekdays between 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m., pending other scheduled events.

Please contact the tour office at 314-373-8241 for availability.

(They also host a tour on most Sundays following the completion of the noon Mass.)



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Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a,10
Ps 146:6-10 (Is 35:4)
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Monday December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rev
11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab
Deut 13:18-19
Luke 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

Tuesday December 13 St. Lucy

Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13
Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-19,23
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday December 14 St. John of the Cross

Isaiah 45:6c-8,18,21c-25
Ps 85:9-14
Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday December 15

Isaiah 54:1-10
Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b
Luke 7:24-30

Friday December 16

Isaiah 56:1-3a,6-8
Ps 67:2-3,5,7-8
John 5:33-36

Saturday December 17

Genesis 49:2,8-10
Ps 72:1-4ab,7-8,17
Matthew 1:1-17

Joy is the theme of the Third Sunday of Advent. As it says in the first reading, "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication to rescue you!" This is the reason for our joy. We have been ransomed from sin and its destruction. This is why Jesus came to earth to be born as one of us: to rescue us from the horrors of an eternal separation from God and his love.

Compared to eternity, our current problems are little, very little indeed.

Joy comes from realizing that, because of Jesus, no sins against us and no destructive forces can do us permanent harm. In fact, God will make good use of everything for our benefit! He defeats evil by making blessings come from it.

Even the worst of times become huge blessings if we let them unite us to Jesus. With

Christ and in imitation of how he suffered for the sake of others, we offer to others what our hardships have taught us, and thus our sufferings become ministries. Our sorrows find valuable meaning, which produces a joy that gets multiplied beyond measure.

In Christ we are crowned with everlasting joy. We feel his joy and gladness because of the good that will come and is already starting. Sorrow and mourning will flee



away as we rise above our pain to rejoice in the goodness of joining in the ministry of Christ. And we are lifted up by a faithful and compassionate God.

As the second reading points out, we must be patient while

we wait for the Lord to convert our trials into triumphs. To maintain an attitude of joy, we must remain firm in our faith, not doubting that the Lord is concerned about us. And we must not complain, because complaints mean that we think we know better than God does about how our problems should be resolved and how long it should take.

Joy comes from rejoicing in the good news that God really does care and is of course working on our behalf to produce many wonderful blessings from our sufferings, just like Jesus says in the Gospel: "Blessed is the one who takes no offense in me."

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What are you unhappy about?
2. Can you find joy in the trial? – because God will make good come out of the suffering if you want to use it for the benefit of others. Talk to Jesus about that today. What is he telling you? What hug is he giving you?
3. Describe a time when you saw blessings come from your sufferings. If you could do it all over again, with the option of avoiding those particular troubles, would you? Why or why not?

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Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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