

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

December 25, 2022 • Christmas

*Suddenly there was a multitude
of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying:*

*“Glory to
God
in the highest.”*

Luke 2:13-14

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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SCHOOL

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

3120 Parkwood Lane
Maryland Heights, MO 63043
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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 THURS/FRI; AND 9:00 AM ON SUNDAYS
(YOUTUBE: 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—Mondays

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!

“I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord...Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

With those words the angel announced the birth of Jesus to not only the shepherds, but to the whole world. And all of heaven rejoiced!

On behalf of Fr. Jerry and Deacons Jim and Scott and our entire staff, I ask that God pour out his blessings upon all of you as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. May you know the joy of his presence and the promise of his peace today and always. May you always share in the life of Jesus our Savior.

Peace,

Father Bob



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 25

7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am Jane Dixon
(no 11am Mass today)

Monday, December 26

6:30am Maisy Grace Pina

Tuesday, December 27

6:30am Mike Rolfes

Wednesday, December 28

6:30am Cory Fisk

Thursday, December 29

8:00am Kenneth Duchek

Friday, December 30

8:00am John Roberson

Saturday, December 31

8:00am Soledad/Arturo Villadiego
5:00pm Evelyn Mareschal

Sunday, January 1

7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am 'Special Intention'
11:00am Bonaventure Soares

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
Jeanne: 314-973-2769 or jeannekielhofner@yahoo.com

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



Thank you to all who supported the 5th grade poinsettia sale. We greatly appreciate your support!

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for Dec. 5 - Dec. 11, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 13,110.00
Loose Collection	\$ 525.00
Online Donations	\$ 7,602.00
Total	\$ 21,237.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 17,410.00
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ 3,827.00

Immaculate Conception	HandS
\$546.00	\$495.00



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

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

♦ **Bob Smith, brother-in-law of Mike (Dee) Graff.**

MAY HIS 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 Dec. 19 Red & Blue Raffle winner of \$25 ~ John & Joan Stephens
Thank you for your support of Holy Spirit Catholic School!**

Merry Christmas!

Christmas Break began on Wednesday, Dec. 21 and goes through Monday, January 2, 2023.

Happy New Year!

Tues., Jan 3: School resumes on regular schedule
7:30am-7:50am—C.R.A.S.H. Student Prayer Group for all students,
Kindergarten thru Grade 8 in the School Gym

Fri., Jan 6: Noon Dismissal—Faculty Meeting
8:00am—All School Christmas Mass led by Grade 6
9:15am—Grade 5 D.A.R.E. with Officer Bob
Spirit Day! Wearing of spirit Shirts with uniform bottoms, jeans or sweatpants
End of Second Quarter

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. Watch your email for an invitation and check with your child for a permission form coming home through school and PSR.

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 December 6th. You can email them to deisenbath@holyspiritstl.org, drop them off in the Parish Office, or at school or PSR.
- ◊ Our first gathering will be in January. Watch your mail, email and the bulletin for details.

WE NEED YOU!

- **We will need drivers and chaperones for Generation Life:** event takes place from 8-3 on Friday, Jan. 20th. Please contact Donna Eisenbath if you are PGC and willing to help.
- **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.*

CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

"God, thank You for this day and for the love shared by all gathered here. We remain eternally grateful for the gift of Jesus into our world, and we pray that our eyes be opened to the ways in which Jesus continues to be active in our lives, blessing us each and every day. Amen." from Hallow.com

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

Don Abramovitz	Sherry Holland	Pete Schwaninger
Stacey Armentrout	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	
Norma Gross	Jean Schepers	

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick Relatives and Friends:

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

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

- Merry Christmas!
- 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. 7th grade has the display for December.
- **No PSR on December 27 or January 3.**

We wish your family a blessed Christmas Season.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION-IMPORTANT DATES

- ***Tues., Dec. 27** – **NO PSR** – Christmas Break: Have a blessed Christmas!
- ***Tues., Jan. 3** – **NO PSR**/Catechist In-service
- ***Tues., Jan. 10** – Community Prayer 7:45, Church
- ***Tues., Jan. 24**– Parent/Teacher Conferences

PRAYER AT THE MANGER: WITH THE SHEPHERDS

Your Good News was sung by angels
to these lowly ones in the night.
Look on us in our lowliness.
Let us rejoice in the glad tidings of Christ,
now and forever. Amen.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Sunday, December 25—Christmas Day

MASS TIMES: 7:30 am & 9:00 am (no 11am)

8-10am—St. Patrick Salad Collection

7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom

Monday, December 26

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

6:00pm—Quilting, Annex

Tuesday, December 27

9:00am—Quilting, Annex

11:00am—Lunch Bunch—Sports Cafe

Wednesday, December 28

6:30am—St. Patrick Casserole Collection

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

7:00pm—Contemporary Music

7:00pm—Prayer Shawl, Resource Ctr.

Thursday, Dec. 29

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

6:00pm—Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:15pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 31

4:00pm—Confessions

Sunday, January 1—Mary, the Holy Mother of God

MASS TIMES AS USUAL

7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom

Monday, January 2

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

6:00pm—Quilting, Annex



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 NOTE*******

Please leave a message to RSVP on

Mon. Dec. 26: 314-739-0230

(because the Parish is Closed Dec. 26th)

***(The Sports Café needs an exact count since moving the
group from the Game Room to the Dining Room)***

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

ST. PATRICK CENTER SALADS

SUN. DEC. 25

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

ST. PATRICK CENTER CASSEROLES

WED. DEC. 28

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.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry Pocket Prayer Shawls are available again in the gathering area!

We have Prayer Shawls available for women, men
and children. We have all shapes and colors and can
find an item that will work for anyone. They were
all hand made by parishioners and are available
upon request at no cost.

We are still collecting yarn for the Potosi State
Prison. Making items for charity is a great activity
for these men. It is powerful for them to be able to
give back to the community with their handiwork
and helps them to pass their time in a positive way.

Next meeting: Wed., Dec. 28 at 7pm,
Parish Resource Center.

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.



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/>

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,
scalloped 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



World Marriage Day ~ Save the Date! Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 2:30 pm

Auxiliary Bishop Mark S. Rivituso will celebrate a Mass for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis. A reception will follow in Boland Hall.

All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. It emphasizes the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life. World Marriage Day started in Baton Rouge, LA in 1981 and was later adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter who now is sponsoring this event .

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AND
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2039 North Geyer Road
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www.mercycenterstl.org
314-966-4686

Come to the Quiet: A Silent Guided Retreat

Mercy Conference and Retreat Center, January 6-8, 2023. Registration is due Jan. 2. Cost is \$165 and includes all meals and a private room with private bath. Retreat begins at 5:30pm Fri. and ends at 11:00am Sun. For details see www.mercycenterstl.org or call 314-909-4656.

This retreat offers optional guided sessions to help retreatants connect with the silence within them. Participants are welcome to meet with the retreat director, Dawn Stringfield, for informal spiritual companioning. All faith traditions welcome.

LOVE

*Let those who never loved before, love now:
Let those who always loved, love the more.*

~ Anonymous

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Saturday, February 11, 2023

Doors open @ 6:30 pm - Trivia starts @ 7:00 pm

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3120 Parkwood Ln.
Maryland Heights, MO. 63043

PAYMENT Check payable to "Holy Spirit Catholic School"
Checks & Cash Sent to address above
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For questions or registration confirmation Contact
Chris Klaus @ 314-518-2010 or ceklaus@gmail.com

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Phone Number: _____

Email : _____

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The Nativity of the Lord

Vigil Mass

Isaiah 62:1-5
Acts 13:16-17,22-25
Matthew 1:1-25

Midnight Mass

Isaiah 9:1-6
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14

Daytime Mass

Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18

Monday December 26

St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59
Ps 31:3-4,6,8ab,16bc,17
Matthew 10:17-22

Tuesday December 27

St. John

1 John 1:1-4
Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12
John 20:1a,2-8

Wednesday December 28

Holy Innocents

1 John 1:5-2:2
Ps 124:2-5,7b-8
Matthew 2:13-18

Thursday December 29

1 John 2:3-11
Ps 96:1-3,5b-6
Luke 2:22-35

Friday December 30

Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14
or Colossians 3:12-21
Ps 128:1-5
Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Saturday December 31

1 John 2:18-21
Ps 96:1-2,11-13
John 1:1-18

Joy to the world! This is our song. This is what we should always be proclaiming as a people of faith.

Don't focus on what destroys your joy, for nothing can destroy the coming of the Lord. The absence of joy is merely a blank area in your view of what God is doing.

Look at the love that Jesus has for you! Jesus was born not only to save you from the darkness of sin; he was born because he loves you -- he loves YOU! Even if you had never sinned, he would have come into the world so that he could love *you* on your level, human-to-human.

Sometimes, great things come in surprising packages that do not seem to be great at all. The Eucharist -- in the form of a little wafer of bread -- does not look like it contains the full presence of Jesus with all of his humanity and his divinity. The baby Jesus -- a tiny, helpless child -- does not look like the conqueror of evil. But he is! And so is Jesus in the Eucharist; he is here for you.

And you! You might not seem to be a great person, but you contain Jesus. You contain greatness beyond imagining! This greatness does not dwell only in you; it comes out from



you in every good thing that you do. This is a life of faith!

To be a follower of Jesus means we learn to imitate him. In doing good, evil is defeated. In this goodness, the greatness of Jesus extends outward from us. In this goodness, there is cause for great joy.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How much do you *really* believe that Jesus loves you? What are some examples of Jesus taking good care of you?
2. How do you reveal the love of Jesus to others?
3. When was the first time you can remember experiencing the love of Jesus and realized that it was a gift from God?
4. What does the Eucharist mean to you? How can it change you so that you leave church ready to give the love of Christ to others?

Merry Christmas! Be very blessed this Christmas season -- because Jesus is delightedly in love with you! You are invited to experience the extravagant love of Jesus all year.

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MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD —(JANUARY 1, 2023)

NM 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; GAL 4:4-7;

LK 2:16-21

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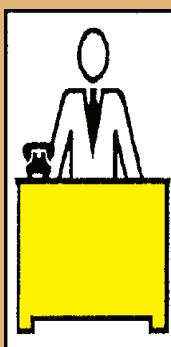
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