

Holy Spirit Parish Family

April 18, 2021 — Third Sunday of Easter



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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.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
between 8:00am and 5:00pm

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PARISH ANNEX

3111 Parkwood Lane,
Maryland Heights, MO 63043,
Pre-School, Pre-K.....314-739-5020

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday thru Wednesday.....6:30am
Thursday and Friday.....8:00am
Holy Days Consult bulletin
Saturday:8:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL HOURS

Weekdays: 12am to 6am and 9am to 12 midnight.
Saturdays: 12am to 7am
Chapel will close at 7am Saturday until 9am Monday.
Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Suspended until Further Notice

BAPTISMS

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.

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.

REGISTRATION

New parishioners may register at Parish Office or download a registration form, www.holyspiritstl.org. New information e.g. address, phone numbers or moving from the parish, please call Parish Office.

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 mwelsh@holyspiritstl.org.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for March 29-April 4, 2021

Sunday Envelopes, 147 utilized	\$ 15,007.00
Loose Collection	\$ 259.00
Online Donations, 74 families	\$ 4,814.00
Total	\$ 20,080.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	(\$ 110.38)

HandS	Parish Improvements
\$ 1,140.00	\$ 331.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, April 18

Sunday Mass Schedule—7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 21

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

Thursday, April 22

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

Sunday, April 25

Sunday Mass Schedule—7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Prayer in action is love, love in action is service. ~Mother Teresa

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER CHAIN

Praying for one another is one of the most powerful things we can do for each other. It can be done at any time & in any place. You can make prayer requests or pray for others or both. Presently we have over 125 people who receive prayer requests by phone or email. If you are already praying, you do NOT need to sign up. If you would like to join us or request prayers, please contact the parish office, 739-0230, leave a message for Sharon Kaufman or prayerchain@holyspiritstl.org

ST. PATRICK CENTER SALAD TODAY

Holy Spirit volunteers provide salads and/or components to help feed the homeless of St. Patrick Center, the 4th Sunday of each month. **Salad and/or components will be collected between 8 & 10 AM Sun., Apr. 25.** The container will be in the Gathering Area. For more information contact Ellen Staples, 422-2381.

FIRST COMMUNION PRAYERS

Please pray for all of our students who will receive Jesus for the first time at their First Holy Communion on May 2nd.

PARISH PRAYER PARTNERS –

Parishioners & Students, please continue to pray daily for your prayer partners. What a great way to show your love for others!

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, *ALIVE!* SPIRITUAL HEARTBURN AND TYPOLOGY

The disciples recounted how their hearts were burning within them when Jesus opened the Scriptures to them. One of the many beautiful elements of the Faith is Biblical typology, the fulfillment of elements of the Old Testament in the New Testament. Common examples are Noah's ark prefiguring the Church, the Flood prefiguring Baptism, and Moses prefiguring Jesus Christ. As we rejoice throughout this blessed Easter Season, let us pray with the Old Testament and see how Christ fulfills what is found in it. St. Augustine wrote, "In the Old Testament the New Testament is concealed; in the New Testament the Old Testament is revealed." Through typology we can experience spiritual heartburn, the best kind, and more fully appreciate God's plan in salvation history.

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A Note From Fr. Bob

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

Many know from the email and Facebook post, that last weekend there was a disturbance during the Saturday 8:00 am Mass and then a break-in at our church Gathering Area on Sunday afternoon. The individual involved in this is an Iraqi War Veteran who is suffering from PTSD due to his experiences in the war. He is receiving the help he needs but needs our support of prayers.

When I mentioned the Saturday morning incident in my homily, I stated, that as I considered the situation, he was likely Jesus in disguise. He truly is, and he presented himself as a person in need. How often do we encounter Jesus in our daily lives and just fail to recognize him? Do you remember the passage from Matthew 25:37-40?

"Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

There are many people among us who need our help. They are veterans; they are homeless; they are the unemployed and the under employed; they are the homebound; they are...people in need; they are the least among us. Many are anonymous or invisible because they are so many. How can each of us help them? PRAY. Pray daily for those in need. When we encounter someone in need, help. May all in need receive the help they need from people like you and me.

Annual Catholic Appeal

This weekend the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) begins in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. We begin the Appeal by welcoming a guest speaker, Ms. Teresa Martinez, Communications and Development Officer of the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF). She will highlight the assistance provided to families in our school. Currently 64 families receive \$127,500 in grants to assist with tuition. We have 129 families in our school.

As we did last year, we will mail pledge cards to families in the next two weeks. Our parish challenge goal for this year is \$160,420 which equals what our parish pledged last year. The TTEF is just one way that our support of the ACA helps so many people. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Let's pray for each other this week.

Peace,

Father Bob

PSR SCHOLARSHIP FUND



The PSR Scholarship Fund has been established to assist PSR families who need financial assistance with their PSR tuition. Parent(s) wishing to be considered for a scholarship must complete a PSR Financial Assistance Form for the current year and submit it to the CRE for approval. Donations to the PSR Scholarship Fund may be made in honor of or in memory of an individual as well as general contributions. This is a wonderful way to pay tribute to someone who has made a difference in helping your family grow in faith.

Donations may be made by check or cash or through the electronic giving site found on the parish website www.holyspiritstl.org. Go to the online giving tab and log in or create an account. When setting up a new donation, look for the "PSR Scholarship" choice in the designations for donations. To designate an honorarium or memorial donation, please include information on the memo field or if mailing a check, please include a note. All donations are tax deductible.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 18

7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am Thomas McCarty
11:00am Demetrio Rabenitas

Monday, April 19

6:30 am Marian Shaefer

Tuesday, April 20

6:30am Faithful Departed

Wednesday, April 21

6:30am Vicki Bass, Special Intention

Thursday, April 22

8:00am Denise Lipinski

Friday, April 23

8:00am George Murphy

Saturday, April 24

8:00am Special Intention
5:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, April 25

7:30am George Kulage
9:00am Tom DiMaria
11:00am Mary Jane Miller

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of **Vince Hood**, brother of Ruth (Gary) Szevery. May his soul rest in the Peace of Christ.



RCIA NEWS

We wish to welcome two new members into the Catholic Church: **Megan Gaglio** and **Linda Buttry**. Both of them made their profession of faith, were Confirmed, and made their First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil on April 3. We are certainly happy that they have answered the Lord's call to faith and are now part of our parish family. Congratulations Linda and Megan!

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Project Rachel Day of Reflection

Saturday, May 8 9am-5pm

Project Rachel, an Abortion Healing Ministry program of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, is holding a Day of Spiritual Reflection for

women wounded by abortion. The day includes Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a light lunch and will be held in a confidential, prayerful setting in the St. Louis area. Marisol Pfaff, Project Rachel coordinator and certified spiritual director, will help participants realize the hope, love, and mercy of Jesus Christ. Catholics and non-Catholics welcome! Contact 314-277-5057 or stlprojectrachel@archstl.org. To learn more visit <https://www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate/programs/pastoral-care/project-rachel>

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your prayers, please remember all the sick and home-bound parishioners and those who care for them.

Renee Armon	Diane Javaux	John Roberson
Greg Bamert	Kathy Johnson	Pat Romano
Sonny Bolm	Kenneth Jordan	Mike Sampson
Nancy Brand	Sharon Knoppe	Jean Schepers
Jim Brockmeyer	Charles Kraemer	Anita Schiermeyer
Connie Buenemann	Bill Kriete	Norma Schwaninger
Linda Buttry	Mike Lemp	Jan Telthorst
Nicole Chapman	Jerry McGuire	Rebecca Tobar
Gary Clark	Karen Newcomb	Rudy & Brenda
Ed Cody	Matt Niedringhaus	Torricelli
Matthew Cody	Jacob Null	Nanci Van Amburgh
Peggy Cody	Bob & Donna	Katy Van Stratton
Leon Deimeke	Pedrotti	Joe & Jean Wangler
Charles Dent	Rick Pemberton	Angeline Weber
Till Fehrenbacher	Bob & Tootie	Gene Weckherlin
Ray & Betty Garvels	Ponder	Bill & Joan Weinzirl
Rosemary Harty	Brian Ponder	Christine
Eric Hill	Carolyn Putnam	Woracheck
Betty Hirschmugl	John Rizzello	Tom Zemblidge
Suzanne Holzum		

Sick Relatives and Friends:

Judy Bauman	Richard Hahl	Bobby Schindler
Kendell & Tina Bedell	Christian James	Ruby Smith
Jeri Burch	Mary Lane	Sharon Sneed
Nancy Chik	Jenny Lemkemann	Grace Solimando
Beau Dempewolf	Trish Merklin	Jerry Sutterer
Debbie Ditch	Lou Merritt	Matthew VanStratton
Fran Ebers	Shirley Petrosky	John Wamhoff
Colleen Evans	Dianne Rellergert	Michelle Wilson
Michael Gill	Gary Schell	Bonnie Wittman
Chris Gooch	Albert Schiermeyer	Joe Wolf

SOCIAL JUSTICE

"In calling to mind the figure of St. Francis of Assisi, we come to realize that a healthy relationship with creation is one dimension of overall personal conversion, which entails recognition of our errors, faults and failures, and leads to heart felt repentance and desire to change. The importance of such conversion for achieving reconciliation with creation, we must examine & acknowledge the ways in which we have harmed God's creation through our actions & our failure to act."

~ Source: Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in 2002

STEPHEN MINISTERS, ARE CARE-GIVERS, GOD IS THE CURE-GIVER

The role of Stephen Ministers is to give care. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to hurting people for as long as the need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing. If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply stressed by everyday life, call the Stephen Ministry confidential Hotline today: (314) 739-0230 ext.130. Holy Spirit's Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

YOUTH MINISTRY

FIND HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

www.facebook.com/hsyouth AND as hs_youth_stl (HS Youth STL) on Instagram

Our Saint reports from the 8th grade who received their Confirmation in November are still getting lots of views. Head on over to our pages and check them out. The young people did an outstanding job.

HIGH SCHOOL:

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: JOIN EAT, PRAY, DISCUSS gatherings for high school every Thurs. We have begun gathering in person. YAY! Join us in the Parish Hall from 7-9 every Thurs. We'll be checking in, discussing our faith, and planning for a retreat.

7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION FORMATION

Parents, please watch your Email for information & reminders about Confirmation preparation. We will be discussing Session 2: What's Holding You Back this month. Upcoming small groups: Today – 3rd Sun., Apr. 18; 4th Thur., Apr. 22; 4th Sun., Apr. 25

WANTED:

~ PGC adults who would be willing to chaperone a hybrid retreat this summer. Some sessions will be in person—socially distanced & outside. Some will be virtual.
~ Teens & families willing to be called upon for the occasional parishioner who needs a service project tackled.

PRAYER STARTERS FOR PARENTS AND TEENS

- * Name 3 good things that happened today and thank God for them.
- * Find a novena you like and pray it together.
- * Talk about your favorite Saints. See if there are any prayers associated with them.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OLDER ADULT EVENTS:

Lunch Bunch will return on June 22.
More details will be coming.



Does springtime give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you and your spouse lovingly planted the seed of a lifelong relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will give you the tools you need to help your marriage grow and blossom more beautifully. The next encounter in the St. Louis area will be virtual (April 23-25). For more info or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm, 314-649-7317.

PSR NEWS

Upcoming PSR Happenings

PSR Closing Night on May 4th at 6:45pm – IN PERSON!! We can't wait to see everyone to celebrate finishing this most unusual year! We will pray the rosary to end the coronavirus pandemic, recognize our catechists (a couple are retiring) & celebrate the end of the year with an ice cream truck!

ONLINE PSR Registration for 2021-2022

has begun. Check your emails or the PSR Website for details. **Early registration discounts and deadline is May 31st.** Beginning June 1st, registration begins at full price.

F3 – FOOD, FAITH AND FRIENDS

for students going into Grades 6-12 in the Fall of 2021
ONLINE Registration began March 1st

Please use this link to register

<https://forms.gle/igCnMkGtqJDnRk6E7>

or go to the Parish website and under the Education tab, choose F3, Food, Faith and Friends.

\$10 per teen. Space is limited.

Deadline for registration is May 17.

For more information contact

Sharon Kaufman, skaufman@holyspiritstl.org
or Donna Eisenbath deisenbath@holyspiritstl.org

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Now being sold without preordering. Please come through the drive up in front of the Parish Hall from 10-11am on Sundays and we will sell cards on-site. We carry everything on our Scrip-to-go order form. We will also take Scheduled Orders for cards we don't carry on-hand. Please see the parish website to print out either form, or pick up a few forms when you come to Scrip Drive up. Cash or checks are accepted.

Thank you for supporting Holy Spirit.

HOLY SPIRIT ACTS

In gratitude and prayer, the ACTS community at Holy Spirit is so pleased to announce that formation is resuming soon in preparation for our next Men's and Women's retreats.

Mark your calendars now!

Upcoming Men's Retreat: October 28-31, 2021
Mike Schnable, Director

314-581-8657 or mikeschnable@sbcglobal.net

Upcoming Women's Retreat: January 20-23, 2022

Questions? Want to help?

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

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-9
1 John 2:1-5a
Luke 24:35-48

Monday April 19

Acts 6:8-15
Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30
John 6:22-29

Tuesday April 20

Acts 7:51 – 8:1a
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab
John 6:30-35

Wednesday April 21

Acts 8:1b-8
Ps 66:1-7a
John 6:35-40

Thursday April 22

Acts 8:26-40
Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20
John 6:44-51

Friday April 23

Acts 9:1-20
Ps 117:1bc, 2
John 6:52-59

Saturday April 24

Acts 9:31-42
Ps 116:12-17
John 6:60-69

Now that we're a renewed people – an Easter people – the scriptures at Mass remind us of the stark difference between living a redeemed life and living in sin. The first reading says: "Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away." The second reading says: "Those who say, 'I know him', but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them."

And the Gospel reading says: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name...."

We are all liars in some way every day, professing our faith with our lips but not al-

ways in our behaviors. Our actions often say that we don't truly believe what we say about Christ's love. Our worries might be saying that we don't truly believe that God cares about each and every situation.

Our decisions say that we don't truly believe that Jesus knew what he was talking about when he commanded us to love our enemies and do good to those who hurt us. Our moral relativism says that we don't truly believe he was smarter than us when he gave us his commandments.



How loudly do your actions preach the truth about Jesus?

Many of us undervalue what Jesus has done for us, thinking that his death and resurrection is enough to get us into heaven; we neglect the need to humble ourselves under the reality of the need for daily redemption.

God's not expecting perfection from us on this side of heaven's gate. What he does want, however, is our desire to become more and more like Christ every day. As long as we're continually examining our lives and

educating ourselves about how we can improve, and as long as we follow through by doing what is necessary to produce changes, God is very pleased with us.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What sinful tendencies still enslave you?
2. What will you do this week to turn these over to Christ and his redemptive power?
3. What do you do to stay in touch with your need for Christ and his redemptive power?
4. How do you rely on the resurrected life of Christ to overcome sinful tendencies and enter into victorious Christian living?

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — (APRIL 25, 2021)

Acts 4:8-12 – Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 – 1 Jn 3:1-2 – Jn 10:11-18

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