

Holy Spirit Parish Family

May 2, 2021 — Fifth Sunday of Easter



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

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PARISH ANNEX

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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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, May 2

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

Wednesday, May 5

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

Thursday, May 6

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

Sunday, May 9 — Happy Mother's Day!

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

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OLDER ADULT EVENTS:

Lunch Bunch will return on June 22.

More details will be coming.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, *ALIVE!*

THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

How do we know the way to God the Father? Only because Jesus has shown it to us by His life on earth, His Passion, death, and Resurrection. How do we know that Jesus is the Truth? Because all He said and prophesied came to pass. He is faithful to His promises. How is Jesus the Life? Because we can truly live only by obeying His commandments and walking with Him in humility. In the world today, in which philosophies, ideologies, and political agendas do everything but lead us to the truth and show us how to live, Jesus gives us the simple solution. How do we know what to do and how to live our lives in a fallen world? Because Jesus has shown us and told us that the one who trusts in Him shall not be put to shame (Isaiah 28:16, Romans 10:11).

archstl.org/dynamic

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for April 12-18, 2021

Sunday Envelopes, 141 utilized	\$ 9,764.00
Loose Collection	\$ 115.00
Online Donations, 65 families	\$ 4,059.33
Total	\$ 13,938.33
Weekly Budget	\$ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	(\$ 6,252.05)

HandS	Parish Improvements
\$ 135.00	\$ 595.00

A Note From Fr. Bob

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

First Communion

Today we are celebrating the major sacrament in the lives of our children, First Holy Communion. Our First Communion Class of 2021 will receive Our Lord in Holy Communion this afternoon in our church at 2:00 pm. May we pray for these 26 young members of our parish community and their families. As they receive our Lord for the first time may it also be a reminder to all of us of the great gift we have been given. A gift that nourishes us and builds us up so that we might have life in Him. Congratulations to all our children and their families as they continue to grow in their faith.

Mass Attendance

The past several weeks have been a joy as we have seen a dramatic increase in Mass attendance at all our Masses for Sunday. While it is so encouraging to see so many people at Mass, it does present a challenge during these days of restrictions. Currently, St. Louis County has increased the percentage permitted to 50%. That would mean that we could seat 355 people in our church. Unfortunately, with restriction of social distancing that is reduced. We can seat 230 people by using the seats in the windows, the choir area, additional seats in the baptistry. We will also set up additional seats in the Gathering Area to accommodate the two larger Masses of Saturday, 5:00 pm and Sunday at 9:00 am. Thanks for your patience when we try to find places for everyone.

Annual Catholic Appeal

On April 18th, the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) began in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. We kicked it off by welcoming Ms. Teresa Martinez of the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF). She highlighted that many families are helped through tuition assistance so that they might attend our school. We currently have 191 enrolled this year and we have 184 registered for next year. The ACA plays a large part in sustaining our enrollment.

We are happy to report that we have received \$53,322 in pledges as of this past Monday. Thank you! Our parish challenge goal for this year is \$160,420 which equals what our parish pledged last year. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Let's pray for each other this week.

Peace,

Father Bob

PARISH PASTORAL ASSOCIATE WANTED –

Following the recent retirement announcement by our beloved Pastoral Associate and Director of PSR, Sharon Kaufman, we are now looking for someone to fill this full-time position. This position is an administrator who assists the Pastor in his responsibilities in responding to the spiritual, pastoral, and educational needs of the parish. If you believe that you have the gifts, interest, and the calling to serve Holy Spirit Parish in this way, please look at the job posting on the Archdiocesan website (<https://www.archstl.org/job-opportunities/pastoral-associate-2256>) for further details.

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.



**We're
ready
when
you are.**

TAKE THE SURVEY

Did you see that on our marquee this week? Our mission statement proclaims that we, the people of Holy Spirit Parish, are centered in the Eucharist, and guided by the Holy Spirit, will use our shared wisdom to be a joyful, accepting and forgiving community. We live this out by teaching and proclaiming the Gospel, serving others, and praising God.

We are looking to the future to continue growing in our mission. To assist us in this, we are conducting a survey to help discover what makes the Holy Spirit Parish family unique. Your perspective will be invaluable as we work to set a marketing and communications plan to guide us into the future. Please scan the QR code or visit holyspiritstl.org and take a few minutes to complete this survey.

The survey will be live from Monday, May 3rd - Friday, May 14th. Please be sure to share your thoughts! Thank you and God bless!



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 2

7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am Kristen & Peyton Stickel, Special Intention
11:00am Corazon Pante

Monday, May 3

6:30 am Faithful Departed

Tuesday, May 4

6:30am Bill Fetsch

Wednesday, May 5

6:30am Msgr. Nicholas A. Schneider

Thursday, May 6

8:00am Jerry Lawler

Friday, May 7

8:00am George Murphy

Saturday, May 8

8:00am Bob Wientge
5:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, May 9

7:30am Gertrude Schenk
9:00am Kim & Cory Fisk
11:00am Cecelia Goebel

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of **Patricia Keating**, mother of Rick (Michelle) Keating. May her soul rest in the Peace of Christ.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

LOVE FOR HUMANITY

"Each person we meet is Jesus in disguise." (p.20)

"To smile at someone who is sad; to visit, even for little while, someone who is lonely; to give someone shelter from the rain with our umbrella; to read something for someone who is blind; these and others can be small things, very small things, but they are appropriate to give our love of God concrete expression."(p.15)

Source: Do Something Beautiful for God, The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

The Hyde Amendment and other similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion since 1976. Now, some lawmakers and others in Washington want to take away these laws, which have had broad public and bi-partisan support for nearly 50 years. Without the Hyde Amendment, healthcare funding paid for with taxpayer dollars could go to abortion. To respond to the push to eliminate Hyde, the USCCB is asking parishes and dioceses across the country to take part in the "No Taxpayer Abortion" campaign. Let us urge Congress to keep the Hyde Amendment.

<https://www.votervoice.net/MOCATHOLIC/Campaigns/83883/Respond>

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

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

Sick Relatives and Friends:

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY

WHEN "PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER" DOESN'T WORK

You've heard it time and time again: "Pull yourself together. . . . Cheer up. . . . Tough it out. . . . It's not that bad." Perhaps people have said it to you. Or perhaps you keep saying it to yourself. But it hasn't helped. You're still hurting. Things are coming apart. Here's the good news: You don't have to go through your struggles alone. Help is available. Holy Spirit's Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will walk with you, listen to you, and provide confidential, one-to-one care as you search through the pieces and find what is truly in your heart. To learn more about what Stephen Ministry can do for you, call the Stephen Ministry confidential Hotline today: (314) 739-0230 ext.130.

Our 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

HIGH SCHOOL:

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: If you need service hours, JOIN EAT, PRAY, DISCUSS gatherings for high school every Thur. We have begun gathering in person, and planning for a retreat for the 7th & 8th grade. Join us in the Parish Hall from 7:30-9:00 p.m. every Thur. If you want to be on the team, be there in May.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

If you're home this summer & would like to join us, please stop by the Parish Hall Thur. nights. We'd love see you, & if interested, we'd welcome your input & leadership with our C2B retreat, & F³ this summer.

7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION FORMATION

Parents, please watch your Email for information & reminders about Confirmation preparation. In May we will be discussing Session 4: The Prayer Process. Upcoming small groups: 1st Wed. – May 5; 2nd Wed., May 12

F³ – FOOD, FAITH, FRIENDS (AND FUN) – IT'S EXPONENTIAL!
(see what I did there?) Our theme this year is Prayer: Who, What, When, Where, and How? Signups are open until May 17 for young people who will be going into 6-12 grades in the fall. It will take place in the evening from June 13-17. Cost is \$10. Use this link to register <https://forms.gle/igCnMkGtqJDnRk6E7>

WANTED:

~ PGC adults who would be willing to chaperone a retreat this summer. Sessions will be in person—socially distanced and outside—at the Annex.
~ Young Adults to help with F³
~ Teens & families willing to be called upon for a parishioner who needs a service project tackled.

PRAYER STARTERS FOR PARENTS AND TEENS

- Sit outside and name all the miracles of nature that you see.
- Talk about how God has answered prayers in your life—maybe in unexpected ways.
- Pause and pray a morning prayer like the one below together before you leave the house.

*Morning Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi
Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily; to lean
on your great strength, trustfully, restfully;
to wait for the unfolding of your will patiently,
serenely; to meet others peacefully, joyfully;
to face tomorrow (today) confidently, courageously.*

Amen

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Today, children in our parish are receiving Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion.
May God continue to bless them
in abundance.

Natalie B.
Odalys B.
Ofelia B.
Gracie B.
Cooper B.
Ashlynn B.
Margaret E.
Paige G.
Aixa G.
Nolan H.
Julianna H.
Hunter H.
Catherine H.

Kinley K.
Mallory K.
Madison K.
Aubrey M.
Sawyer M.
Milo P.
Lindsay Q.
Mateo R.
Parker R.
Ximena R.
Gabriel S.
Ella S.
Lily S.



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! Bring a blanket or chairs to sit socially distant from others on the back parking lot near the gym – park out front. **Masks are required. **Report cards will be mailed in mid-May this year.**

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.

HOLY SPIRIT ACTS

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

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31
Ps 22:26-27,28,30-32
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

Monday May 3 Sts. Philip and James

1 Corinthians 15:1-8
Ps 19:2-5
John 14:6-14

Tuesday May 4
Acts 14:19-28
Ps 145:10-11,12-13ab,21
John 14:27-31a

Wednesday May 5
Acts 15:1-6
Ps 122:1-2,3-4ab,4cd-5
John 15:1-8

Thursday May 6
Acts 15:7-21
Ps 96:1-3,10
John 15:9-11

Friday May 7
Acts 15:22-31
Ps 57:8-9,10,12
John 15:12-17

Saturday May 8
Acts 16:1-10
Ps 100:1b-2,3,5
John 15:18-21

raise his almighty hand against war, against corruption in government, against the greed of high-salaried managers who lay off their employees while giving themselves huge bonuses, against the perpetrators of physical and emotional abuse, against legislation that discriminates against Christian faith, against rising crime rates, or against any evil that's corrupting our world?

Why doesn't God do something?

Actually, *he does!* However, he does it the same way

The Gospel reading tells us that all who belong to Christ are fruit-bearing branches of one vine. Jesus is the vine, and because we are all attached to him, we share the same calling: to bear good fruit. And not just any fruit that seems good, but the same fruit that Jesus produced.

However, most of us underestimate how important this is! You are more valuable than you know. God wants you to produce Christ's fruit – and more of it.

Today too many Christians are settling for mediocrity. As long as we get some personal satisfaction from being Christian, we feel all too easily satisfied. As long as we're helping some people with our kindness or generosity or love, we think God is satisfied with the good fruits we're producing.

Have you ever asked why there's so much evil in the world? Why doesn't God



he grows grapes. The life force of the vine (Jesus) travels through the vine to the little twigs (you and me and all Christians) that hold the grapes. The more open we are to receiving nourishment from Christ, the more fruit Jesus produces through us. But the grapes are not supposed to stay there!

We're nourished by Christ in order to take his fruits abundantly out into the world. We must grow strong and healthy, branch out, and use everything we've received from Christ for the sake of others.

Evil is stopped to the extent that we Christians continue Christ's earthly ministry. Victory over evil comes from Christ, that is, *through* us from Christ. Holiness in the world comes from Christ's Holy Spirit actively transforming it through our holiness.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Are you doing enough to grow the best fruit on your branch of Christ's vine? How healthy is your connection to Christ?
2. What in your life needs to be pruned off because it's not producing full, abundant fruit?
3. Name some of the things we do that fertilize the vineyard. What has helped your branch grow stronger and bear more fruit?
4. How does ignoring the need to prune ourselves hinder the growth of good fruit – fruit that defeats evil?

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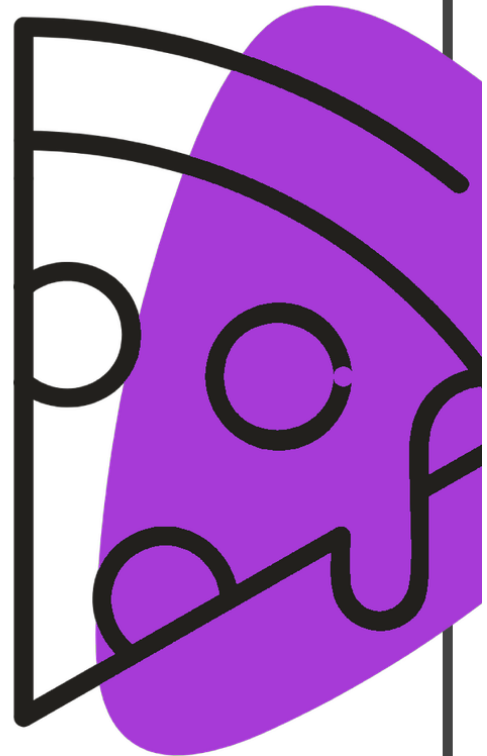
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