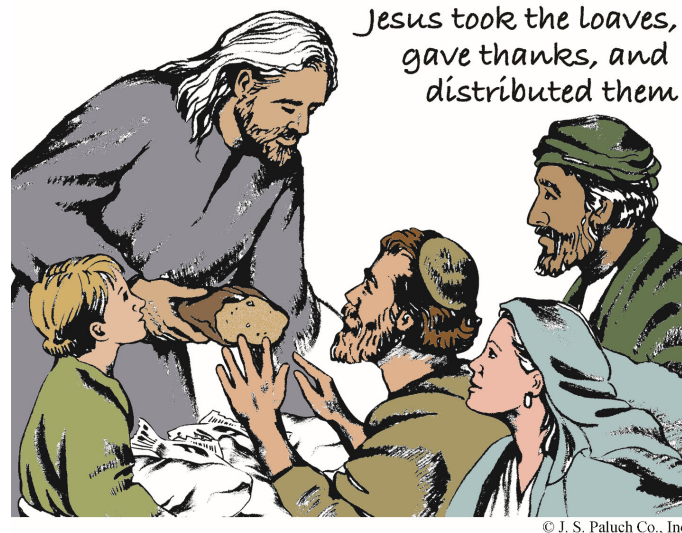


Holy Spirit Parish Family

July 25, 2021 — Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

PARISH OFFICE

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Maryland Heights, MO 63043
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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday to Friday
9:00am to 5:00pm

PARISH STAFF

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revans@holyspiritstl.org
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Faith in Action, (Call the Parish Office)
Prayer Chain —
prayerchain@holyspiritstl.org
HandS.....314-739-9796
Stephen Ministry
.....314-739-0230 ext. 130

SCHOOL

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

3120 Parkwood Lane
Maryland Heights, MO 63043
Phone: 314-739-1934
Fax: 314-739-7703
Kate Ayres, School Secretary,
kayres@holyspiritstl.org

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 July 5-11, 2021

Sunday Envelopes, 157 utilized	\$ 10,319.00
Loose Collection	\$ 408.50
Online Donations, 89 families	\$ 7,699.00
Total	\$ 18,426.50
Weekly Budget	\$ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	(\$ 1,763.88)

HandS	Parish Improvements
\$ 640.00	\$ 191.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, July 25

Sunday Mass Schedule—7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
7:00 am—Salad Sunday, Parish Hall
7:00 pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm.

Monday, July 26

6:00 pm—Quilting, Quilting Rm.

Tuesday, July 27

9:00 am—Quilting, Quilting Rm.
11:00 am—Lunch Bunch, Sports Café

Wednesday, July 28

7:00 pm—Contemporary Music Practice, Church

Thursday, July 29

6:00 pm—Bells, Church

Sunday, August 1

Sunday Mass Schedule—7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
7:00 pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm.

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



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is like the end of a summer holiday – it's full of freshness, new beginnings, hope, and the start of another season. We are excited to announce that our next **IN-PERSON** Encounter in the St. Louis, Missouri metropolitan area will be held the weekend of Sept. 24-26, at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in St. Peters. We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants. For more info or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm, 314-649-7317.

THE GARDEN OF FEEDEN IS BACK!

Vegetables will be available each weekend at the Annex

Sat. 9-11 AM & Sun. 8:30-10:30

If you have a home garden, and would like to share any of your produce, we are delivering to the food pantries and would be glad to add your surplus.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Don Abramovitz	Karl Gill	John Rath
Renee Armon	Eric Hill	John Rizzello
Kathryn Arnold	Betty Hirschmugl	John Roberson
Greg Bamert	Suzanne Holzum	Pat Romano
Bert & Sarah Beckmann	Brenda Jaeger	Mike Sampson
Sonny & Donna Bolm	Diane Javaux	Jean Schepers
Nancy Brand	Kathy Johnson	Anita Schiermeyer
Jim Brockmeyer	Kenneth Jordan	Norma Schwaninger
Connie Buenemann	Sharon Knoppe	Jimmy Smith
Linda Buttry	Mike Lemp	Mary Taszarek
Nicole Chapman	Jerry McGuire	Jan Telthorst
Margaret Cima	Karen Newcomb	Rebecca Tobar
Ed Cody	Matt Niedringhaus	Rudy & Brenda Torricelli
Matthew Cody	Jacob Null	
Peggy Cody	Bob & Donna	Ron Unterreiner
Leon Deimeke	Pedrotti	Nanci Van Amburgh
Charles Dent	Rick Pemberton	Joe & Jean Wangler
Till Fehrenbacher	Maisy Grace Pina	Angeline Weber
Betty Fiske	Bob & Tootie	Gene Weckherlin
Ray & Betty Garvels	Ponder	Bill & Joan Weinzirl
	Brian Ponder	Tom Zemblidge
	Carolyn Putnam	Pam Zika

Sick Relatives and Friends:

Judy Bauman	Richard Hahl	Albert Schiermeyer
Kendell & Tina Bedell	Christian James	Robert Schneider
Jeri Burch	David Kasprzyk	Ruby Smith
Nancy Chik	Jenny Lemkemann	Alford Snowden
Beau Dempewolf	Trish Merklin	Grace Solimando
Margaret Dickinson	Betty Merritt	Jerry Sutterer
Debbie Ditch	Lou Merritt	Msgr. Jim Telthorst
Fran Ebers	Shirley Petrosky	Jim Wamhoff
Colleen Evans	Mike & Cindy Prinzi	John Wamhoff
Harold Feltmann	Dianne Rellergert	Michelle Wilson
Michael Gill	Sr. Pat Rodemann	Bonnie Wittman
Chris Gooch	Sheryl Sanfilippo	Joe Wolf

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 25

7:30am	Luke Boenker
9:00am	George Murphy
11:00am	Stephen & Mary Uelk

Monday, July 26

6:30 am	J. Elroy Witte
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Tuesday, July 27

6:30am	Faithful Departed
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Wednesday, July 28

6:30am	Barry Agrovino
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Thursday, July 29

8:00am	Marie Kendrick
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Friday, July 30

8:00am	John & Theresa Witte
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Saturday, July 31

8:00am	Alan Portwine
5:00pm	Joanne Hermann

Sunday, August 1

7:30am	Gertrude Schenk
9:00am	People of the Parish
11:00am	Bernice Fehrenbacher

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of **Mary Ann Lowery**; mother of Sharon (Joe) White, grandmother of Aidan. May her soul rest in the Peace of Christ.



PRO-LIFE NEWS

Happy First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly!



#IAMWITHYOUALWAYS

Dear Grandfather and Grandmother, at this crucial moment in history, you have a renewed vocation. You may wonder: How this can be possible? Isn't my solitude already a sufficiently heavy burden? It can happen, the Lord replies, if we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit!

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

BLOOD DRIVE

Each donation will generate a contribution benefitting Holy Spirit's Full-time School & PSR programs (for educational tools used by these students).

Holy Spirit Parish,
Rigali Room of the Annex
Sunday, July 18
8:00 am - 12:30 noon

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Be a Steward of Christ!
Appointment **REQUIRED**
NO Walk-in's.

To schedule an appointment, log on to
www.bloodcenter.org/donate
Use group sponsor code 10414

Mississippi Valley
Regional Blood Center

www.bloodcenter.org
Eat before donating • Bring photo ID

will you give?

PSR NEWS

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION-REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022

The Parish School of Religion has religion classes on Tues. evenings, from 6:45-8 p.m. for students in grades 1-8 who attend public schools. PSR sessions focus on the message of Jesus, experienced within a community of faith with opportunities to pray, worship & do service for others. The students are also prepared to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist. Confirmation is a parish wide program coordinated by our Youth Minister, Donna Eisenbath.

All families will register & make payments for PSR thru our online program, www.holyspirit.psrenroll.com or PSR registration is one of the quick links on the parish website, www.holyspiritstl.org. Detailed information was also sent by email to each returning family.

WE NEED YOU! DO YOU LOVE CHILDREN? DO YOU LIKE TO SHARE YOUR FAITH?

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY?

PSR is looking for a 2nd grade assistant to lovingly share their faith & help the children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist. This is a wonderful way to witness to our young children while growing in your own faith as well as serve our parish community. No teaching experience necessary. The assistant will work with the catechist to help the classroom run smoothly & help with tasks as determined by the catechist. PSR is held on Tue. evenings from late August until early May, 6:45-8pm.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Linda Farhat 314-739-0230 ext. 108 or email lfarhat@holyspiritstl.org

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 & 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 electronic giving found on the parish website www.holyspiritstl.org. Go to the online giving tab & 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 (i.e. Sharon Kaufman's retirement) or memorial donation, please include information on the memo field or if mailing a check, please include a note. All donations are tax deductible.

YOUTH MINISTRY

FIND HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

www.facebook.com/hsyouth AND as [hs_youth_stl](https://www.instagram.com/hs_youth_stl)

(HS Youth STL) on Instagram

Check out our reflections from F3 and questions for you to ask your child.

HIGH SCHOOL:

Gatherings: JOIN EAT, PRAY, DISCUSS gatherings for high school every Thur. We have begun gathering in person. Join us in the Resource Center basement (Holy Spirit Room) from 7:30-9:00 p.m. every Thur.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

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

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION FORMATION

Parents, please watch your mail & check your Email for information about the summer, doing a service project & Session 6: Relationships with sponsors over the summer as well as other important information. You should have received both a mailing and an Email with everything you need. **Be sure to respond which day/time you prefer for your sessions in the fall by July 28.**

Next gathering will be **Aug. 15** for the Rite of Sending at 9:00 a.m. Mass.

WANTED:

- ~PGC Adults who are willing to chaperone &/or lead meetings for high school (Eat. Pray. Discuss.), &/or 7th & 8th grade (MSM-Middle School Madness).
- ~PGC Adults willing to chaperone large events like retreats or March for Life
- ~PGC Adults who are interested in working on occasional opportunities for younger youth (5th & 6th grade) during the school year.

CONVERSATION STARTERS FOR PARENTS AND TEENS:

- *What are you looking forward to right now?
- *What was the first thing you thought of when you woke up this morning? What were you thinking about when you were falling asleep last night?
- *If you could only take three things to a deserted island what would they be? Why?



SENIOR EXERCISE

We will NOT meet July 27 and 29.

We'll resume our normal schedule, Wednesdays and Thursdays, August 4



SOCIAL JUSTICE

In November 2018, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved a new pastoral letter against racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*. In the letter, the bishops invite all people of faith to conversion. We are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ's love for all people and to the experiences of those who have been harmed by the evil of racism... The process of praying through, reflecting upon, and acting upon the message of the pastoral letter is hard work, but it is work from which all will benefit. ...The bishops write, "Finally, too often racism comes in the form of the sin of omission, when individuals, communities, and even churches remain silent and fail to act against racial injustice when it is encountered."

Source: https://www.usccb.org/resources/study-guide-open-hearts-2019-09_0.pdf pg 1

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Catholic Engaged Encounter helps couples prepare for the many challenges they will face, and provides them with tools they can use to help them have a happy, loving, and long-lasting marriage. If you are engaged, consider attending our next Weekend, which will be held Sept. 24-26.

For more information go to:

<https://www.stlengagedencounter.org/>,

Email: engagedencounterstl@gmail.com or call Peggy & Richard Burton, 314-941-1371.

HOLY SPIRIT ACTS

The ACTS community at Holy Spirit, in prayer and thanksgiving, is so pleased to announce that formation is resuming 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

Anne Kinealy, Director

314-330-7752 or anne.kinealy@gmail.com

Questions? Want to help?

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

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Scrip Gift Cards will now be available in the Parish Hall for summer sales from 8am-11am.

Please come by the Scrip table to purchase your gift cards or to let us know what retailers you shop so we can add them to our on-hand cards.

We are happy to announce that despite the pandemic, Holy Spirit Scrip wrote a check to the school for \$7000 to help with expenses.

Every online & gift card purchase adds up and we thank you all for your continued support.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY IS BACK!

We have Prayer Shawls available for women, men and children. They were all made and donated by parishioners and are available upon request at no cost - see my contact information below.



Our evening meeting will be Wednesday, July 28, at 7pm in the Resource Center upstairs meeting room.

If you have any questions, or want a shawl, don't hesitate to contact Mary, 497-5048. Feel free to call or text.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers Are There to Care

Are you going through a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally?

Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don't have to suffer alone. Holy Spirit's Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. To find out more, call the Stephen Ministry confidential Hotline today: (314) 739-0230 ext.130.

ST. PATRICK'S CASSEROLES

We will be collecting casseroles for St. Patrick Center this Wednesday, July 28, in the white bin at the curb outside the entrance to church, from 6:30 until 9:00 AM. In case of inclement weather, the bin will be in the small vestibule of the old church (now the parish hall). You can enter that from the outside door. Pans and lids will be available for you to pick up. As always, thank you to our current volunteers for your generosity. If you are not currently making a casserole, but would like to join us, please call or email Mary Beth Schulte at 314-229-8067 or SpecRelEdu@aol.com.

IT'S COMING...
SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 & 11



Mark your calendars for this year's Annual Carnival.
Plan to join us for all the family fun!
Watch the bulletin for more details.
Want to get involved?
Contact Bryan (see below).

This is a GREAT way to meet your fellow parishioners,
classmates, and other volunteers!

HOLY SPIRIT CARNIVAL NEEDS YOU!

The Holy Spirit Carnival has been enjoyed by many for over 40 years. We want to Thank You for being a part of the success of the carnival, whether you have enjoyed attending, working or helping out in any capacity. Thank You! You, the parishioners of Holy Spirit, are what have helped to make the carnival so successful! As you are well aware it is the largest fundraiser we have and is vital to continuing the over 30 ministries Holy Spirit provides to our community. In the past we have had great chair people and many friends work together to bring this great event to Northwest St. Louis County.

We are currently asking for your help. We are looking for a few more co-chairs and also for help with running the booths that the kids love to play at.

It is so much fun working with friends & making new friends on the weekend. The best part is seeing how everyone comes together to make Our Carnival a family friendly event for all ages to enjoy.

To work together to help Holy Spirit continue to be one of the best parishes in the Archdiocese, please contact

Bryan Hercules 956-7727
bhercules1717@gmail.com.

OR

Sue Hercules, 780-6866
suehercules@aol.com





Many volunteers are needed to have a successful carnival.
We need help with clean up, working booths, and many other things.
It is a great way to meet others in the parish and have fun too!
Please complete this form and return it to the parish office.

If you have questions contact:

Bryan or Sue Hercules

bhercules1717@gmail.com...OR...suehercules@aol.com

Name_____

Phone/Email_____

___ I would like to be contacted for clean up Saturday 10 p.m. until ?

___ I would like to be contacted to work a booth (2 hour shifts)

Friday: ___ 5-7 p.m. ___ 7-9 p.m. ___ 9-11 p.m.

Saturday: ___ 1-3 p.m. ___ 3-5 p.m. ___ 5-7 p.m.

 ___ 7-9 p.m. ___ 9-11 p.m.

___ I would like to be contacted to chair a booth

___ I would like to be contacted about joining the carnival committee.

Thank you in advance for your time!

FAITH IN ACTION UPDATE

Thank you to all the volunteers who have participated in Faith in Action since 2006 - over the past 15 years! Over 200 volunteers have been involved and many parishioners have been supported through rides to Mass; rides to dr. appointments; minor home repairs; visits or phone calls; yardwork; light housekeeping; non-medical assistance; meals after surgery or new babies or other health crises; or prayers sent out on the prayer chain. You have truly been the hands and feet of Christ.

As we look to the future (and as I retire), we are making some changes to this ministry. In order to meet those requests that seem to be the highest needs, we are focusing on the following ways we assist parishioners:

Prayer requests
Yard Work
Minor Home Repair
Emergency Meals
Rides to Mass or Rides to Dr. Appointments

Beginning on July 1st, we are streamlining the procedures. Please contact the Parish Office 314-739-0230 or email parish@holyspiritstl.org to make requests for assistance or to volunteer to help. We can always use more help! A volunteer coordinator will be in contact with the appropriate group of volunteers to fill requests or to contact new volunteers. Please remember that it takes about a week or so to fill requests, we need time to contact volunteers and get responses. Additionally, the office is not open on the weekend so there is no one available to take requests. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Thanks again for all that you do to be Christ to one another!

Sharon Kaufman

LAST CHANCE!!

UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY INFORMATION!

Does our Parish Office have **YOUR** current family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update **YOUR** record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record?

Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know **NOW** so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct.

The Parish Office number is 314-739-0230.

Thank you for your help!

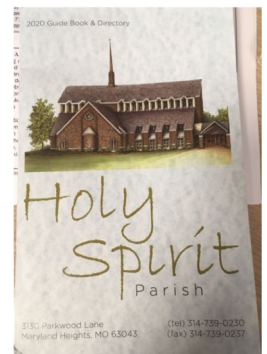
ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, function and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Parish Office by July 23.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of

families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser.

It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.



GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

Gluten allergy? Would you like a gluten-free host? Please contact the Parish Office, 739-0230.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, *ALIVE!*— UNITY IN THE BODY

In St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians we are called to live in "humility, gentleness, patience, love and unity with each other." Difficult to do in today's "cancel culture." We need to remember that all lives matter to God. God allows the good and the evil to live side by side because He respects the free will that He bestowed on all human beings. All individuals will have the chance to choose to serve God or Satan, and God will judge each of us at death accordingly, but not until that time. We should refrain from casting judgment upon our neighbors, for we too have neglected to serve God at times. Instead of judging others, let us seek to do the will of God and to transform division into unity. Let us share the Joy of Jesus with others and accompany them on their path to holiness.

archstl.org/dynamic

ZECHARIAH MEN'S PRAYER MORNING OR PRAYER BREAKFAST

is about sharing the story of an encounter with Christ one man at a time. It involves fellowship, a great talk, and prayer. Recordings of prior Zechariah events are now routinely available with other great Catholic Renewal Center events on YouTube at <http://stlrenewal.org/yt> and on Facebook at <http://stlrenewal.org/fb>. But our NEW Encore Zoom Zechariah is more than a recording of a prior event. It features enhanced online participation in faith-sharing, second only to live attendance. Your gifts and opinions are sought out and the interactive experience of Catholic community is made deeper. Register for free at gary.whitlock@att.net or 636-215-0973, or the online form at stlrenewal.org/zpb to receive a Zoom invitation to the Aug. 1, 2pm Archbishop Rozanski Encore Zoom Zechariah or the Aug. 8, 2pm Dr. Ed Hogan Encore Zoom Zechariah.

BRIDGES SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Are you looking for a deeper prayer life and a closer relationship with God? If so, please consider the "Bridges Retreat in Everyday Life," based on the 450+ year-old Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. This nine-month retreat is designed and adapted for persons in all walks of life. The retreat consists of daily prayer and journaling (experiencing discernment, contemplation, meditation), in addition to weekly or monthly small group meetings and weekly time with a prayer companion who listens to your experiences and provides oral and written guidance through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The retreat runs Sept. into May and coincides with the Church's liturgical calendar.

The retreat begins in Sept., and information sessions (like the retreat) will be offered at five Greater St. Louis-area sites on various days and times this summer, as well as a virtual "Zoom" session. For more details about the retreat and information session schedules, visit www.bridgesfoundation.org.

For questions, contact Holy Spirit parishioner, Denny Klosterman, dgklos@gmail.com or 314-341-6924 OR Steve Givens, executive director, executive.director@bridgesfoundation.org, 314-401-2072

Knights of Columbus Bishop John Wurm Assembly #2012 - St. Ann Council #3977



Mike Koch Memorial Tournament

Saturday October 2, 2021

Normandie Park Golf Club
7605 St Charles Rock Road Normandy,
Missouri

4 Person Scramble

\$75.00 per golfer ~ \$300.00 per team

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

On a Catholic Engaged Encounter you and your fiancé will have an opportunity to deepen and enrich your relationship as you prepare for a sacramental marriage. Our next Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held in the St. Louis area Sept. 24-26.

For more information go to:

<https://www.stlengagedencounter.org/>,

Email: engagedencounterstl@gmail.com or
call Peggy & Richard Burton, 314-941-1371.

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:42-44
Ps 145:10-11,15-18
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15

Monday, July 26
Sts. Joachim & Anne
Exodus 32:15-24,30-34
Ps 106:19-23
Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 27
Exodus 33:7-11,34:5b-9,28
Ps 103:6-13
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 28
Exodus 34:29-35
Ps 99:5-7,9
Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday, July 29
St. Martha
Exodus 40:16-21,34-38
Ps 84:3-6a,8a,11
John 11:19-27
or Luke 10:38-42

Friday, July 30
Leviticus 23:1,4-11,
15-16,27,34b-37
Ps 81:3-6,10-11ab
Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday, July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola
Leviticus 25:1,8-17
Ps 67:2-3,5,7-8
Matthew 14:1-12

Sometimes people de-supernaturalize John 6:1-15 with explanations such as: "The real miracle is that Jesus got the people to share the food they had brought with them", and even this: "There wasn't enough food for everyone to have their fill, but what they had was offered to everyone, and the people were just so appreciative and willing to make sacrifices that they ate very little and thus there was food left over."

Yeah, r-i-i-ight. As if God can't multiply food miraculously.

The multiplication of the loaves and fish into a meal that not only satisfied everyone but was more than what they needed is an important foreshadowing of the Eucharistic banquet we celebrate today. If we pay close attention to what's going on in Mass, and if we take it to heart, Jesus satisfies our hungers and gives us more than we need. What did you

need from him before you arrived at church? He's trying to give it to you or lead you to it -- in abundance!

Receiving all that he wants to miraculously give us requires that we trust him to provide for us. We have to expect the unexpected. We have to wait on his perfect timing. But rest assured that he wants to give us more than we need.

Maybe some of the folks on that ancient hillside wanted steak instead of fish, but what they received was a Messiah who filled their hearts with more than enough faith to grow spiritually, more than enough hope to be-

come stronger in their trials, and more than enough love to share as they went forth to reveal Christ to others.

In our Liturgies of the Eucharist, there's a lot more abundance to receive from Jesus than just a little wafer of his Body and a sip of his Blood. What do you really need from

Jesus? More faith? More hope? More love? It's a good idea to think about this on the way to Mass so that you can participate in Mass more expectantly.



Reflect & Discuss:

1. Why do you go to Mass? Was there ever a time when you didn't go, and if so, why didn't you? What motivated you to start attending Mass again?
2. How satisfied are you now? What's missing? How might God provide for those needs?
3. What is available from Jesus during Mass other than his real presence in the Host and Precious Blood of the Eucharist?
4. How are the various elements of Mass gifts from God that can help satisfy our spiritual, emotional, and even physical needs?

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