

Holy Spirit Parish Family

August 29, 2021 — Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for August 9-15, 2021

Sunday Envelopes, 128 utilized	\$ 8,827.00
Loose Collection	\$ 405.35
Online Donations, 65 families	\$ 4,470.33
Holy Days	\$ 715.00
Total	\$ 14,417.68
Weekly Budget	\$ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	(\$ 5,772.70)

HandS
\$ 20.00

Parish Improvements
\$ 325.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, August 29

8:30 am—Rosary led by the Knights, Church
9:00 am—Mass, Knights of Columbus
7:00 pm—Al Anon, Rigali Rm.

Monday, August 30

6:00 pm—Quilting, Annex

Tuesday, August 31

9:00 am—Quilting, Annex

Wednesday, September 1

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
7:00 pm—"Meet the Teacher Night," School

Thursday, September 2

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
6:00 pm—Bells Rehearsal, Church
7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal, Church

Sunday, September 5

7:00 pm—Al Anon, Rigali Rm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be at the 9:00 AM Mass THIS Sunday, August 29. They will lead the Rosary at 8:30 a.m. prior to the Mass.



GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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



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.



A Note From Fr. Bob

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

HandS

This past Monday evening our HandS ministry celebrated the contributions of Jane Naumann as she retires from her role as Co-chair. Our parish has been blessed by Jane's service for the past 35 years. She has been the hands of Jesus helping so many people in need. Our HandS ministry provides assistance through our food pantry, answering calls from those in need, assisting with finances for utilities, housing, fuel for cars, furniture, and many other ways. This past year was additionally challenging because of the pandemic and the economy. Yet, through it all, HandS provided assistance totaling almost \$64,000.00! It would not be possible without your financial assistance and the help of the many volunteers. We thank Jane for her service, all the many volunteers, and you for your continued financial support. Blessings to Jane and all!

Carnival

The planning and preparation for our Holy Spirit Parish Carnival is well under way. Thanks to our Chairs, Bryan and Sue Hercules, and our co-chairs, Jay McFarling and Jeff and Shannon Purvis. Thanks also to all who have signed up to help by chairing the many booths and assisting in all the different ways to make the Carnival possible. There will be a few changes this year. In addition to the usual food available, we will offer Fish & Chips on Friday evening as we did not have our Seafood Dinner this past Lent. Also, the Saturday Chicken Dinner will be served outside under a large tent in adjustment to the concerns of keeping a safe environment. Thanks to all our many sponsors who are supporting the Carnival. Look for the names of our sponsors. We are grateful for their support and the support of all who are making this possible.

Gathering Area

Soon after the Carnival weekend we will be repainting the Gathering Area to freshen it. We will also be taking down all the photos. The photos have been a great reminder of our community and especially so when we were unable to celebrate together. And it was a great reminder that we are the Body of Christ. Now that we have been celebrating in person, our community is the Body of Christ made visible by your presence at Sunday Worship. Thank you for your daily witness!

Let's pray for each other this week.

Peace,

Father Bob

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 29

7:30am Melvin Duchek
9:00am Lolita Lacuanan
11:00am Robert Lane

Monday, August 30

6:30 am Emmanuel & Eric Aihie, Special Intention

Tuesday, August 31

6:30am Leon Batas

Wednesday, September 1

6:30am Faithful Departed

Thursday, September 2

8:00am John & Rita Roberson

Friday, September 3

8:00am Patricia Keating

Saturday, September 4

8:00am Tom & Clara McCarty
5:00pm Rich Jennings

Sunday, September 5

7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am George Murphy
11:00am Violeta Dickman

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the families of
Thomas Hart; nephew of Micki Melton;
Roger Huber, father of Travis (Jenny), grandfather of Elise & Caroline; and
John Bockerstett, husband of Carrie, father of Sean & Caitlyn.
May their souls rest in the Peace of Christ.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

What God requires of you:
Only this, to do justice and
To love tenderly, and
To walk humbly
With your God.
~ Micah 6:8

PRO-LIFE NEWS

On Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021, 12 noon, St. Peter's Parish in St. Charles is showing the **movie Roe v Wade** in the parish cafeteria. Packaged food and drinks will be available. All are invited. However, registration is necessary by signing up on genius at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E48ADAF2DA2F94-roevswade>

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

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

Sick Relatives and Friends:

Judy Bauman	Richard Hahl	Sheryl Sanfilippo
Kendell & Tina Bedell	Diane Hermann	Albert Schiermeyer
Jeri Burch	David Kasprzyk	Robert Schneider
Chris Burns	Jenny Lemkemann	Ken Schutz
Wayne Cates	Trish Merklin	Ruby Smith
Nancy Chik	Betty Merritt	Alford Snowden
Diane Chorzel	Lou Merritt	Grace Solimando
Beau Dempewolf	Mary Mudd	Jerry Sutterer
Margaret Dickinson	Melinda Oeth	Msgr. Jim Telthorst
Debbie Ditch	Bruce Payne	Jim Wamhoff
Fran Ebers	Shirley Petrosky	John Wamhoff
Chris Essner	Liz Prange	Paul Williams
Colleen Evans	Mike & Cindy Prinzi	Michelle Wilson
Harold Feltmann	Paul Provost	Bonnie Wittman
Michael Gill	Dianne Rellergert	Joe Wolf
Chris Gooch	Sr. Pat Rodemann	

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

581-8657 or mikeschnable@sbcglobal.net

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

330-7752 or anne.kinealy@gmail.com

Questions? Want to help?

Please contact Alli Kleitz, Core Team Communications, 344-9034 (H), 239-3015 (C), or kleitzfamily@gmail.com.

RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church? Is a spouse, fiancé, neighbor, friend, or co-worker interested?

The RCIA process enables those who are interested in the Catholic faith to “come and see”-to explore Catholic teaching and to discover what it means to be a Catholic Christian.

Most people come because they are invited. **Be the voice of Christ & offer the first invitation.** RCIA is for anyone unbaptized or baptized in another Christian tradition, as well as Catholic who are baptized but have never celebrated Confirmation or received 1st Communion.

There is no commitment placed on any one who may be interested or who has questions.

Please contact Fr. Bob Evans, 314-739-0230, OR revans@holyspiritstl.org, or have them contact us so we can invite them to attend inquiry sessions beginning Sept. 15th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

SAVE THE DATE!

Please note: Place and Date has changed!

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



Mike Koch Memorial Tournament

Saturday October 16, 2021
Eagle Springs Golf Course
2575 Redman Road
St. Louis, Missouri 63136

4 Person Scramble

\$75.00 per golfer ~ \$300.00 per team

Any questions, call or text: Joe Deckard 314-753-4525
Email foursome names to: joe.deckard@sbcglobal.net

SCHOOL NEWS

Wed. Sept. 1, 7 PM Home & School Meeting, Parish Hall, “Meet the Teacher Night” will follow the meeting. Parents ONLY, please.

NEEDED:

- *Tennis balls for student’s desks & chairs.
- *Ticonderoga pencils
- *Gel pens, variety pack
- *8-1/2 x 11 sheet laminator

PSR NEWS

PSR Catechists - Important Dates

***Weekend of Aug. 28/29—Back to School Blessing:**
All Masses for Holy Spirit PSR & Full Time School Families & Staffs & all others who are beginning a new educational year.

***Sun. Sept. 19, 11 AM—Catechetical Sunday: Mass**

IMPORTANT DATES

***PSR Opening Family Event: Tue., Aug. 31, 6:30–8:30**

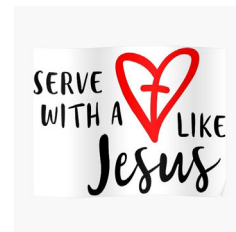
◇ **Open House 6:30-8:30pm**– parents and students will stop by to see the classroom(s)

◇ **Stop by the Cool Times Ice Cream Truck 7–8 pm in the Parking Lot in front of Church**– see Julie Spinner or Linda Farhat on the sidewalk outside Church for a ticket that entitles you to a \$1 or \$2 treat! Feel free to bring extra money if you’d like a more expensive treat.

***PSR Class and REQUIRED Parent Meeting –Tue., Sept. 7th.** Drop children off at their classrooms and come to the Parish Hall for the Parent Meeting 6:45–8:00 p.m.

SHOUT OUT TO TEENS

DO YOU NEED SERVICE HOURS??



PSR is looking for A FEW GOOD TEENS to serve as HELPERS to the catechists and students during PSR classes on Tuesday nights. Scheduling can be flexible - you do not have to commit to the entire year - We know how busy a teen's life can be. For more information or to volunteer, Please contact Linda Farhat 314-739-0230 ext. 108 or email lfarhat@holyspiritstl.org

CARNIVAL NEWS

ADVANCE TICKET SALES

AUGUST 28 & 29

SEPTEMBER 4 & 5

IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER ALL MASSES

Ride Tickets — 25 for \$20
(Day of: 22 for \$20 or \$1.25 each)

Game Tickets — 3 for \$1
(Day of: 2 for \$1)

Food & Drink Tickets — \$1 each

Main Raffle Tickets — 6 for \$25
OR \$5 each

CHICKEN DINNER TICKETS

LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE

SO GET YOURS EARLY!

CHICKEN DINNER

(catered by Schnucks)
(SERVED OUTSIDE)

Served Saturday evening,
4:30 to 7:00 PM

\$9.00 per dinner

Breast & thigh (includes mashed potatoes
& gravy, green beans, slaw, roll & butter)

\$6.00 per dinner

Leg & wing (includes mashed potatoes &
gravy, green beans, slaw, roll & butter)

Limited Number of Tickets Available!
So purchase them during
Advance Ticket Sales

TEDDY BEAR BOOTH

The teddy bear booth is in need of many new or gently used stuffed animals. Please drop them in the Parish Hall marked 'Teddy Bear Booth.' If you would like to schedule a drop off/pick up of large donations OR have any questions please contact Dawn Womack at 803-7341 .



BASKET RAFFLE BOOTH

Please consider donating new items that can be used in gift baskets. Suggested themes: sports, dinner & a movie, baby boy or girl, card/board games, crafts, NASCAR, tailgate party, cat or dog, etc. We'd love to receive donations of game, theatre, or event tickets. Would your employer consider donating a set of their season tickets? We also need baskets/containers in good condition. Please place items in the Parish Hall marked "Basket Raffle."

Monetary or gift card donations will be gladly accepted. Purchase your gift card donations from the SCRIP Table! Please put them in an envelope marked "Basket Raffle" and place them in the collection basket or drop them off at the Parish Office.

Thanks for your help in making this year's Carnival the best ever!

Shelly Barry, 707-6049



This year Bingo will be played in
the air-conditioned Parish Hall
Masks required!

Friday, September 10,
5 to 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 11,
1 to 3:30 p.m.
8 to 10:00 p.m.



Many volunteers are needed to have a successful carnival.

We need **BOOTH CHAIRS (SHOOTING GALLERY) & nurses/qualified for the First Aid Station**, as well as 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 (956-7727) or Sue (780-6866) 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!

BENEFITS OF WORKING AT A CARNIVAL BOOTH

- ✚ Your children will know where to find you.
- ✚ While you're working, you're not spending money.
- ✚ An opportunity to meet other people in the parish.
- ✚ Give the booth chairman a break.
- ✚ An easy way for high school students to earn their service hours.
- ✚ You'll feel good for being a part of it and knowing you had a part in making it happen.



BE A SOCK ANGEL

DROP NEW SOCKS IN THE BOX

Located in the Gathering Area

Campaign will run August 1st – September 7th, 2021

The number one item requested from homeless shelters, low income families, & seniors in need of warmth from the cold are **SOCKS**. Please donate **NEW** socks for infants, children & adults & be a **2021 SOCK ANGEL**. The **NEW** socks will be distributed to various catholic agencies, i.e. St. Patrick's Center & others serving less fortunate individuals in St. Louis. City & County. Last year we collected & distributed 14,000 pairs of socks from several parishes. The need is so great, our goal is 28,000 pairs for 2021. Each participating parish will be listed with the number of donated socks on our website & shared with all. Won't you be part of the top 10 by giving generously? Tell your friends & collect **NEW** socks in your neighborhood to add to **SOCKS IN THE BOX!** Get the kids involved—a fantastic community service project for them.

Dollar Tree, Walmart, Target are wonderful sources of quality warm socks at reasonable prices, some as low as 2 or 3 for \$1. Please buy as many as possible & **DROP NEW SOCKS IN THE BOX!** God's Blessing!

Find More Information on our Website:

www.sockangel.org. and www.kofpc.org.



YOUTH MINISTRY

FIND HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

www.facebook.com/hsyouth AND as [hs_youth_stl](#)

(HS Youth STL) on Instagram

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

A Student's Prayer for a New School Year: Lord Jesus, I ask for your help as I begin this school year. Allow me to experience your presence in the many blessings you put before me, to see you in new places that I go and new people that I meet. Open my eyes to the challenges to grow, and to exciting opportunities to learn. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit towards others. Help me to be enthusiastic with my studies. Give me fortitude to work hard, and the grace to observe times of rest. Guide me to be attentive to my teachers, my studies and my work. Send me the Holy Spirit to inspire me to do my best in all things this year. Amen

HIGH SCHOOL:

Gatherings: JOIN EAT, PRAY, DISCUSS. As we begin a new school year with new friends, new classes, new challenges & new hope, why not join us for high school every Thur.? We'll discuss the issues you are facing, & find ways to see how God is active within those times. Be there in the Resource Center basement (Holy Spirit Room) from 7-9 p.m. every Thur. for food, fun & discussions. Bring a friend. **Note:** There will be not meeting on Sept. 9 because the Carnival is being set up.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION FORMATION

Session 6: Relationships should be done with your sponsor. Please make sure you have watched and discussed the whole session by Sept. 15.

Session 7: The Eucharist small group sessions will begin in Sept.

Don't forget to send in your Confirmation Record Form. It was due at the end of last school year.

WANTED:

~PGC Adults who are willing to chaperone 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, or service projects/retreats.

~Someone with knowledge of the area to help organize leaf raking project

~PGC Adults who are interested in working on occasional opportunities for younger youth (5th & 6th grade) during the school year.

DISCUSSION STARTERS FOR PARENTS AND TEENS:

- ◇ If you could make up a new holiday, what would it be? What would it celebrate? What foods, decorations, etc. would there be?
- ◇ What makes you so awesome?
- ◇ If a friend asked you to keep a secret that you didn't feel comfortable keeping, what would you do?

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Are you engaged? Consider attending a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend, a time of discovery and love for you and your fiancé. Spend a focused weekend together to prepare for your lifetime commitment. Our next weekend will be held Sept. 24-26 at the Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka.

You can learn more and register at:

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

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY

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.

Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

BRIDGETON KIWANIS CLUB

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton will have their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sun., Sept. 19, at the Bridgeton Community Center - 4201 Fee Fee Road from 7:30am to 12:30pm.



All you can eat pancakes & sausage will be served. Tickets are \$5.00 for children under 12 and \$8.00 for adults. Tickets

can be purchased from a member of the Kiwanis Club or Jeff Painter, (636) 949-8800 or email, jeff.painter@edwardjones.com or Dick Wilhelm at 314-640-8247 or dcwilhelm2016@att.net

The pancake breakfast is one of several fundraisers the Kiwanis use to raise funds to donate to area charities. The Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton actively supports Community Helping Ministries, Pattonville School District through Parents as Teachers, Early Childhood and the Kiwanis Leadership Programs held in the elementary and Middle Schools. They also fund Holy Spirit and their leadership programs as well as Room at the Inn, Kiwanis Camp Wyman, Ranken Technical School, Scholarships for High School Seniors and Ranken Jordan a Pediatric Bridge Hospital.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, *ALIVE!* THE “WHAT” VERSUS THE “WHY”

In Mark's Gospel reading Jesus says, “This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.” Think of your parish community, how many things happen because “that's the way we've always done things.” This is a universal statement in most parishes. Because we are creatures of habit, unintentionally, certain parish customs, activities and events have become engrained in the parish culture. We get more focused on “what” we do instead of “why” we do it. All these “what's” eventually lead to a lukewarm parish culture and parishioner burn-out, leading people away from God instead of closer to Him (the “why”). Quite frankly, many parishes have become centers of activities and events (what) at the expense of encountering the Lord (why). Of all the gifts that God has given us, the one He wants the most is our heart. Do you want to encourage people back to the parish? Maybe it's time to rethink your parish mission and emphasize the “why” instead of the “what.”

archstl.org/dynamic

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

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
 Psalm 15:2-5
 James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday August 30

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13
 Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday August 31

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11
 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
 Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday September 1

Colossians 1:1-8
 Ps 52:10, 11
 Luke 4:38-44

Thursday September 2

Colossians 1:9-14
 Ps 98:2-6
 Luke 5:1-11

Friday September 3

St. Gregory the Great

Colossians 1:15-20
 Ps 100:1b-5
 Luke 5:33-39

Saturday September 4

Colossians 1:21-23
 Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8
 Luke 6:1-5

In the Gospel reading, Jesus chastises the Pharisees for honoring God only with their lips, not their hearts; love was missing when they judged that Jesus and his disciples sinned by disobeying a Jewish rule about cleanliness.

The rule was more important to them than the person. They had the self-righteous attitude of: "I know better than you, and I am better than you, proven by the fact that I obey the laws that you're breaking."

Obedience, when motivated by a self-righteous adherence to rules, is hypocrisy. It uses the law to feel superior to others. A modern example might be when someone tells a priest that he is sinning because he isn't adhering exactly to the norms for Mass as prescribed in the General Instruction of the Roman Mis-

sal. If he or she doesn't stop to understand why the priest believes the adaptations are allowable and pastoral, who really is the sinner?

When this happens, "in vain do they worship me," Jesus says. The meaning of the Mass has been lost.

There is a hierarchy of rules and laws. Some rules change with the needs of the times. Of greatest importance are the Commandments of God, the Moral Laws, which never change.



It is right to speak up when we witness disobedience, and we *should* do it, but only because we care about the sinner's spiritual growth and only when we can handle it without ignoring the reasons behind the disobedience. We are

most successful in guiding others into greater holiness when we take the time to first understand the roots of their disobedience and then address those concerns with love.

This is how we become, as the second reading says, "doers of the word and not hearers only", because, as James adds, "pure" religion is caring for others. The Pharisees in the Gospel story didn't care about the hunger of the disciples.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How do you know when you're being hypocritical in your faith?
2. How do you handle the discovery that you've done something uncaring?
3. Give an example of a Moral Law and an example of a regulation that was instituted by the Church to address a specific need for a specific time. How do they differ in importance?
4. Name one of the 10 Commandments or a teaching of the Church and explain how it became an opportunity for you to become more like Christ.

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