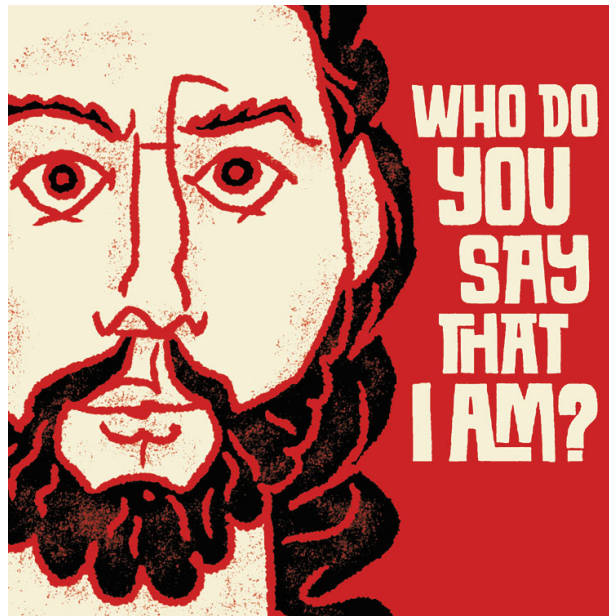


Holy Spirit Parish Family

September 12, 2021 — Twenty-fourth 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.

PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

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

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HandS.....314-739-9796
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(K-8 & PRESCHOOL & PREK INFORMATION)

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Maryland Heights, MO 63043
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PARISH ANNEX

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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 August 23-29, 2021

Sunday Envelopes, 162 utilized	\$	10,322.00
Loose Collection	\$	311.00
Online Donations, 70 families	\$	5,174.00
Holy Days	\$	79.00
Total	\$	15,886.00
Weekly Budget	\$	20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	(\$	4,304.38)
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\$4,052.50	\$ 290.00	\$ 785.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, September 12

9:00 am—Liturgy of the Word for Children
7:00 pm—Al Anon, Rigali Rm

Monday, September 13

6:00 pm—Quilting, Annex
7:00 pm—Baptism Prep Class, Gathering Area

Tuesday, September 14

9:00 am—Quilting, Annex
12:00 pm—Ladies Club, Rigali Rm.
7:00 pm—Ministry of Support, Community Rm.

Wednesday, September 15

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
7:00 pm—RCIA/Inquiry, Parish Hall

Thursday, September 16

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
1:00 pm—Prayer Shawl, Rigali Rm.
6:00 pm—Bells, Church
7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal, Church

Sunday, September 19

8:00 am—Blood Drive, Annex
9:00 am—Mums Sale, Parish Hall
11:00 am—Mass, Catechetical Sunday
7:00 pm—Al Anon, Rigali Rm.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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

LADIES CLUB—MONTHLY MEETING

We will meet at Noon, Sept. 12, in the Rigali Room.
Roberta Doeling will join us to discuss St. Joseph.
Please bring a drink and sandwich and join us!
Questions, call Karen, 291-1971.

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!

As I write this note, the final preparations for our Parish Carnival were just about complete. Reservations for chicken dinner have been made, food has been purchased, volunteers have been signing up, we have been awaiting the rides, and the weather forecast could not be better: Sunny with a high in the 80s. Thank you to everyone for your support of our largest community event of the year! Thanks to our Chairs, Bryan and Sue Hercules, our Co-Chairs, Jay McFarling, and Jeff and Shannon Purvis. The Carnival would not be possible without their leadership! We will have full results of the Carnival soon. Thanks again to all!

This week will be a bittersweet one as our beloved Parish Secretary, Mary Welsh, begins her retirement on September 15th. Mary begins her well-deserved retirement but we sure are going to miss her. I am grateful for all the support she has given me in the five-plus years that we have worked together. She has been a faithful and dedicated member of our staff for over 13 years! Sharing her many talents and tireless commitment to our parish. Prior to coming to Holy Spirit, Mary served as Executive Assistant to the Publisher at the Post-Dispatch for 35 years. Mary, thank you from all the parish for sharing your gifts with us. You have helped so many people over the years. We wish you well as you begin this new chapter of your life. May God bless you and your family with a happy and joy-filled retirement. Congratulations!

Let's continue to pray for each other this week!

Blessings,

Father Bob



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 12

7:30am August & Elizabeth Chrismer
9:00am People of the Parish
11:00am Leonard Pemberton

Monday, September 13

6:30 am Mike & Joan Rooney

Tuesday, September 14

6:30am Bill Fetsch

Wednesday, September 15

6:30am Faithful Departed

Thursday, September 16

8:00am Regina & Leonard Suedmeyer

Friday, September 17

8:00am Leonard Pemberton

Saturday, September 18

8:00am Pat DeWitt
5:00pm Marjorie Crow

Sunday, September 19

7:30am Ronulfo Batas
9:00am Fisk Family
11:00am People of the Parish

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

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

Sick Relatives and Friends:

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

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of **Steve Johnson**; brother-in-law of Pat (Gail) Cunningham; and **Bob Lindner**, brother of Betty (John) Gittons.



May his soul rest in the Peace of Christ.

PRO-LIFE NEWS



SEPTEMBER 22 – OCTOBER 31

40 Days for Life is an intensive effort designed to raise awareness, save lives, bring healing, & lead our nation to repentance for the sin of abortion through three components:

40 days of prayer and fasting
40 days of peaceful vigil
40 days of community outreach

Go to: <https://www.coalitionforlifestl.com/40-days-for-life/> to get involved.

*** Keep an eye on the bulletin for an upcoming parish pro-life meeting!

HOLY SPIRIT ACTS

The ACTS community, in prayer & thanksgiving, is so pleased to announce that formation is resuming 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

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Mon., Sep. 13 — First Red & Blue Raffle winner will be drawn

Golden Ticket Dress Out Day

Tue., Sep. 14 — **PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER**

Thu. Sept 16 — 8:00 AM Grades 1-4 Mass prepared by Grade 2

Fri., Sep. 17 — 8:00 AM Grades 5-8 Mass prepared by Grade 7

Noon Dismissal

Faculty Meeting

Sat. & Sun., Sep. 18 & 19 — Grade 6 Mum Sale & Mum Pre-orders can be picked up after all Masses

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR QUALIFIED TEACHER SUBSTITUTES. PLEASE SEND YOUR RESUME TO KKOBERLEIN@HOLYSPIRITSTL.ORG.

NEEDED:

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

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

PSR NEWS

PSR Catechists - Important Dates

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

IMPORTANT DATES

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

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH MINISTRY OF SUPPORT

We are pleased to announce the formation of the Holy Spirit Parish Ministry of Support to assist those with family members suffering from mental illness. This ministry will meet monthly and provide an opportunity for family members to come together with other parishioners with similar needs to pray for each other. The monthly meetings will have a theme based on scripture, an opportunity of intercessory prayer, and a period of discussion based on the monthly theme. This group's mission is to assist each member's faith and reliance on God. It is not a counseling session but an opportunity for the prayerful support of others. This month's meeting is Tue., Sept. 14th at 7:00 pm in the Community Room of the Parish Annex. For more information, please contact Michelle and Rick Keating, 314-739-1768 or michellekeatingrn@gmail.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE A PRAYER FOR DETACHMENT

Lord of Power,
you call me to build
your Kingdom.
You entrust me with the work
of feeding the hungry
protecting the vulnerable,
and promoting justice.
Give me the strength and vision
to work as if all these efforts
depend upon me.
But help me remember
That their true success
Depends upon you.
Amen.

BLOOD DRIVE

Holy Spirit Parish,
Rigali Room of the Annex
Sunday, Sept. 19
8:00 am – 12:30 noon

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

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



Mississippi Valley
Regional Blood Center

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY

IT'S OKAY TO BE HUMAN . . .

We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it's a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. Holy Spirit has a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. Men are matched with men, and women with women. (It's completely confidential too!) To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, call the Stephen Ministry confidential Hotline today: (314) 739-0230 ext.130.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

FIND HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM www.facebook.com/hsyouth

AND as hs_youth_stl (HS Youth STL) on Instagram

GOT COLLEGE STUDENTS?

If you have a child who has graduated high school, and is away at college, I'd like to send them some mail from time to time. Email deisenbath@holyspiritstl.org with their address, and I'll add them to the list. If you have a graduated, young adult who is not away but would enjoy an occasional piece of mail, please send me their address and I will include them as well.

HIGH SCHOOL:

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 Thurs.? 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 PM every Thurs. for food, fun & discussions. Bring a friend.

In September we'll be focusing on "Getting To Know You" – learning new things about old friends, & getting to know new ones as well as diving a little into who you are & where faith meets all of that. **Upcoming Sept. meeting dates are 9/16, 9/23, & 9/30** from 7-9 in the Holy Spirit Room of the Resource Center (come to the basement door).

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 – upcoming small group sessions are: 3rd Wed. group on Sept. 15; 3rd Sunday groups on Sept. 19; 4th Wednesday group on Sept. 22; 4th Sunday group on Sept. 26. **You should have received** your session times and calendar.

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.

CONVERSATION STARTERS FOR PARENTS AND TEENS:

- If you won the lottery, what charities or causes would you give money to?
- If you could have one do-over from this week, what would it be? Using that idea, how can you do better going forward?
- How would you describe your favorite color to someone who can't see, or your song to someone who can't hear?

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE! GENUINE LOVE

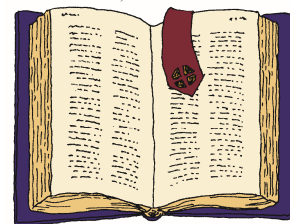
When was the last time you corrected another person in charity? Did you recently pass up an opportunity to teach the truth to someone who was in error? We are called to be a witness to Christ and to love each and every person whom we encounter. We are called to be missionary disciples. We have a duty and responsibility to share our faith with others and to lead people from their sins back to God. Of course we are not perfect ourselves, but that does not mean that we should let our friends and enemies wallow in their sins. Let us bring others back into the light of Christ and allow others to lead us back to the light when we stray.

archstl.org/dynamic

BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Lauren and Nick Trautner will be leading a Bible Study for young adult engaged and married couples beginning in the next few weeks. Lauren and Nick are newlyweds who recently moved to St. Louis from Madison, WI, and are excited to cultivate a community of prayer and fellowship with other married and engaged young adults. Meetings will be on a bi-weekly or monthly basis, depending on group preference, and will meet in the Maryland Heights area. If interested, please contact Lauren at lotrautner@gmail.com.

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BIBLE STUDY

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, 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

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!

DISCERNMENT 101 WITH THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL

Are you a young woman (age 16-33) wondering about God's will for your life? Join the Daughters of St. Paul on Saturday mornings (Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11) for Discernment 101: a series of talks, guided prayer, and reflections to help you grow in your relationship with God and discern how God is inviting you to live out the gift of who you are in the world. This event is offered in person at the Daughters of St. Paul convent (9804 Watson Road, Saint Louis, Missouri 63126) and virtually via Zoom. For more information or to register, please visit connect.pauline.org/discernment-101 or email Sr. Amanda Marie at stlouisvocations@paulinemediacom. (Please note: If you are under age 18, you will need permission from a parent or guardian to attend; please contact us for details).

GRILL & CHILL WITH THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL

Are you a young woman (age 16-33) curious about religious life? The Daughters of St. Paul invite you to a BBQ at the convent (9804 Watson Road, Saint Louis, Missouri 63126) on Sunday, September 12 from 4:00-7:00 PM. Includes food, games, fellowship, and evening prayer at our outdoor Marian grotto. Bring a friend! For more information or to RSVP, email Sr. Amanda Marie at stlouisvocations@paulinemediacom. (Please note: If you are under age 18, you will need permission from a parent or guardian to attend; please contact us for details).

WE SAVED YOU A SEAT FOR A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT!



Nov. 7-11, **Mary, Mother of the Church** (5901 Kerth Rd.) will sponsor a parish mission called **"Change Our Hearts!"** The mission will be led by Redemptorist Priest Fr. Peter Schavitz, C.Ss.R., a former Mary, Mother of the Church pastor.

Over five nights, Fr. Pete will proclaim the Gospel through his own life, learning & experience. Each night explores faith topics such as the Bible, Crucifix, Ashes, Bread, & the Altar. The parish mission will be introduced at all weekend Masses on Nov. 6 & 7 and each evening session will begin at 6:30pm in the church. For more information, 314-894-1373.

All are invited. Invite a family member, friend, or neighbor to join us! Kids are welcome (childcare will be provided). Light refreshments served afterwards. We look forward to seeing you!

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.

TEXAS HOLD'EM IS BACK!!!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MEN'S CLUB
Please join us for fun and games!!

When: Saturday, October 2

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Immaculate Conception (Arnold)
Parish Center Rooms A1-3

Questions: Contact Steve at (314) 413-1098

We play the first Sat. evening of the month. Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr 2, & May 7



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ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

Invites all 8th grade boys to come for **Shadow@SLUH**. Spend ½ school day with a Jr. Billiken host beginning in late September. Visit admissions.sluh.org to create your SLUH Admissions Account and register.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY HIGH SCHOOL

WE INVITE THE CLASS OF 2026 TO SCHEDULE A VISIT

On Mon., Wed., & Fri., we invite up to 10 eighth graders each day to visit our campus for a shadow day. Seventh graders are invited to visit in the spring. Beginning at 7:45 am in the Admissions Center, future Griffins will experience:

- ◆ X2 Vianney Classes with your Griffin Guide
- ◆ STEM session with Vianney teachers
- ◆ Men of Character & Accomplishment Workshop
- ◆ Free lunch in the Legendary Griffins' Café & Ted Drewes frozen custard provided by Vianney

Register at [Vianney.com](https://vianney.com) under the Admissions tab and Schedule a Visit. See you soon!

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH IN BONNE TERRE

Invites You to Our Fried Chicken & Kettle Beef
Dinner with our Famous Liver Dumplings
Rolls, Homemade Desserts & Drinks
Raffle & Country Store

Sun., Sept. 19, 11 am – 4 pm

All Meals are Carryout Containers

We Invite You to Eat in the Church Hall,
Outside in the Pavilion or Take Home.

Adults: \$12 – Children: 11 & under: \$5

Serving Time: 11 am – 4 pm

Raffle Prizes

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| 1 st Place | \$700 Cash |
| 2 nd Place | \$300 + Misc. Gift Cards |
| 3 rd Place | \$150 Lottery Scratcher Tickets |
| 4 th Place | \$100 Gas Money from Chuck & BJ's |
| 5 th Place | \$100 Save-A-Lot Gift Card |



24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:5-9a
Ps 116:1-6,8-9
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

Monday September 13 St. John Chrysostom

1 Timothy 2:1-8
Ps 28:2,7-9
Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday September 14 Exaltation of the Cross

Numbers 21:4b-9
Ps 78:1bc-2,34-38
Phil 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Wednesday September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Timothy 3:14-16
Ps 111:1-6
John 19:25-27
or Luke 2:33-35

Thursday September 16 Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

1 Timothy 4:12-16
Ps 111:7-10
Luke 7:36-50

Friday September 17

1 Timothy 6:2c-12
Ps 49:6-10,17-20
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday September 18

1 Timothy 6:13-16
Ps 100:1b-5
Luke 8:4-15



This Sunday's second reading defines the Catholic doctrine of faith and works.

Works without faith, no matter how good the works are, don't get us into heaven. Some of us try to earn our way into God's heart by serving in church activities, saying all the "right" prayers, and so on.

This idea comes from our childhood when we learned: "If I'm good enough, Mom and Dad will reward me" and "If I do well in school, the teacher will give me a gold star" or smiley face or whatever it is they paste on homework today.

The problem is, we can never be good enough for heaven. This is why Jesus came to earth and took our sins to the cross. Faith without works isn't going to get us into heaven, either. Here's why:

Faith in Jesus starts with believing that, in his love for us, he died for us and rose again so that we'll have eternal life. This is what opens the door to heaven. However, to walk through that door, we have to follow Jesus. This requires doing more than believing in his death and resurrection; we also believe in his life – *how* he lived

his life. Following Jesus affects our lifestyles and our day-to-day behavior. How Christ-like is it?

The proof that we truly do have faith is evidenced in the good works we do. Faith in Jesus means we love him so much that we love all those whom he loves, which is *everyone* regardless of whether they deserve it or not.

And faith in Jesus means we trust him so much that we do whatever he tells us – imitating him in all of our activities, adopting his attitudes, and responding to his calling to serve as priests, religious, and lay ministers.

Thus, when Jesus says to us in the Gospel reading, "Who do you say that I am?" we answer that he is our Savior who takes us to heaven, and he is our Lord who teaches us how to live, and he is our Lover who empowers us to love others even when it becomes a cross to bear.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Is Jesus Christ truly your Lord and Savior? Do you believe that he suffered and died on your behalf so that you could reach heaven?
2. Are you doing good works because you adore him so much that you want to go where he goes and do what he does and serve as his hands and feet and voice wherever he leads you?
3. How does your life convey to others that Jesus is your Lord and Savior?
4. If you wore no Christian jewelry and spoke no words, how would you tell others who Jesus is?

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — (SEPTEMBER 19, 2021)

Wis 2:12, 17-20 — Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 — Jas 3:16-4:3 — Mk 9:30-37





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