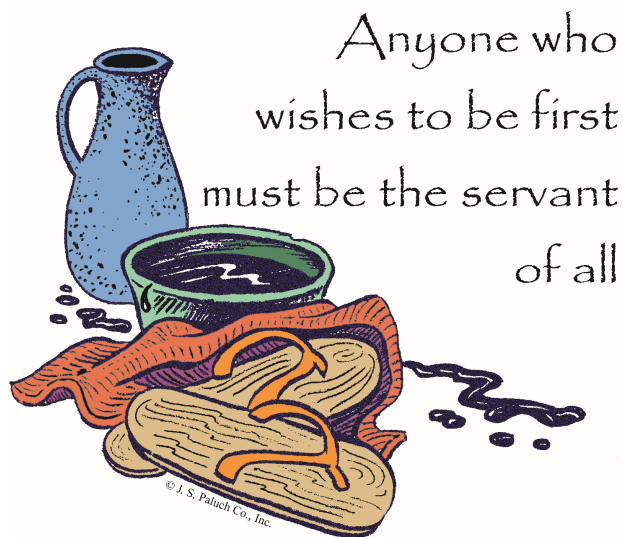


Holy Spirit Parish Family

September 19, 2021 — Twenty-fifth 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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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday to Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm

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Prayer Chain —
prayerchain@holyspiritstl.org
HandS.....314-739-9796
Stephen Ministry
.....314-739-0230 ext. 130

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(K-8 & PRESCHOOL & PREK INFORMATION)

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PARISH ANNEX

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

MASS SCHEDULE

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

CONFESSIONS

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

EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL HOURS

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

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Suspended until Further Notice

BAPTISMS

Baptism Class for parents/godparents is normally held on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Church. To register for the meeting and/or to arrange for a baptism, call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the Parish Office to request Communion if someone is unable to attend Church.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Please notify the Parish Office concerning hospitalization.

REGISTRATION

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

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Please submit information for the bulletin by Noon TWO Fridays before publication. Include name, daytime phone number of person submitting information, and group name. Items can be e-mailed to msaputo@holyspiritstl.org.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for August 30-September 5, 2021

Sunday Envelopes, 151 utilized	\$ 12,560.00
Loose Collection	\$ 311.10
Online Donations, 69 families	\$ 4,614.00
Holy Days	\$ 60.00
Total	\$ 17,545.10
Weekly Budget	\$ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	(\$ 2,645.28)

HandS	Parish Improvements
\$ 550.00	\$ 697.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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.

Monday, September 20

6:00 pm—Quilting, Annex

Tuesday, September 21

9:00 am—Quilting, Annex

Wednesday, September 22

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
7:00 pm—Prayer Shawl, St. Blaise Rm.
—RCIA Inquiry, Parish Hall

Thursday, September 23

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

Sunday, September 26

7:00 pm—Al Anon, Rigali, Rm

Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Prayer Service

Monday, September 27, 7 PM

- Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Promote Respect for Life

St. Ann Church
7530 Natural Bridge Rd.

The Silver Rose began its journey on Feb. 27 in Manitoba, on a pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico, where it is expected to arrive Dec. 12.

Each stop along the way allows for the local community to unite in praying the rosary.

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 all!

Carnival

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your support of our annual Parish Carnival! This year's Carnival was the most heavily attended carnival in the history of Holy Spirit Parish and possibly in the history of our community of Maryland Heights and Bridgeton. If you attended the Carnival, you saw a very large crowd on Friday evening and an even larger crowd on Saturday evening. The weather was perfect both evenings with moderate temperatures, lower humidity, and a nice breeze. On behalf of the parish, I want to extend our gratitude and congratulations to our Carnival Chairs, Bryan and Sue Hercules, and our Co-Chairs, Jay McFarling and Jeff and Shannon Purvis. Thank you for your leadership and dedication. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with the set-up, running all the booths, all the behind-the-scenes activities, like the bank, keeping the grounds clean, assisting people in need, ferrying people to and from their cars and the take-down and clean up afterwards. We estimate that about 200 people helped in some way during the entire event from start to finish. Amazing! Thank you to all our sponsors and all who came and enjoyed this great community gathering!

While the Carnival was the largest we have seen, we do not yet have the final income and expense amounts. The final totals will be reported in an upcoming bulletin. Thank you again for all you do to make our parish a great community! Blessings to all!

Catechetical Sunday

Today is Catechetical Sunday. On this day at the 11 am Mass we offer a blessing for our Catechists. Here is how we will begin this blessing. "For the pastoral activity of the Church, the cooperation of a great many people is needed, so that communities as well as individuals may advance to full maturity in faith and continually show forth their faith through the celebration of the liturgy, through study, and through their manner of life."

This cooperation is provided by those who devote themselves to catechesis. Enlightened by God's Word and the teaching of the Church, catechists impart to others an initiation or a deeper formation in those realities that they themselves have learned as truths to be followed in living and to be celebrated in liturgy."

In this celebration we will bless the name of the Lord for giving us such co-workers and pray that through the Holy Spirit they will receive the grace they need in their service to the Church."

Catechists serve in our School, Parish School of Religion, and our RCIA program. They are your friends and neighbors, people like you and me called to share the faith. Thank you to all our Catechists! May God bless you in your ministry.

Welcome to Mary Saputo

This week we welcomed to our Parish Staff, Mary Saputo, who has taken on the position of Parish Administrative Assistant. I invite you to stop in and say hello. Mary is a member of St. John Bosco Parish and is eager to get to know all of our parish family. Welcome, Mary!

Let's pray for each other this week.

Peace,

Father Bob

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 19

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

Monday, September 20

6:30 am Faithful Departed

Tuesday, September 21

6:30am Al Metzger

Wednesday, September 22

6:30am Kenneth Duchek

Thursday, September 23

8:00am Carla Gamez, Special Intention

Friday, September 24

8:00am Arturo Villadiego

Saturday, September 25

8:00am Catherine Sule
5:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, September 26

7:30am Gertrude Schenk
9:00am Luke Boenker
11:00am Cecelia Goebel

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance
of our prayers to the family of

Dennis Eise; husband of Jane; and
Bob Lindner, brother of Betty (John) Gittons.

May his soul rest in the Peace of Christ.



PRO-LIFE NEWS



Join the Respect Life Apostolate (RLA) on Sun., Oct.17 for an inspirational and educational day of fellowship, prayer, dynamic speakers on the Gospel of Life, Holy Mass, and respect life awards. There are both in-person and virtual registration options available.

Prayers & presentations: **Most Rev. Joseph Naumann**, Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS & USCCB Pro-Life Chairman; **Most Rev. Mitchell Rozanski**, Archbishop of St. Louis; **Mary McClusky**, Assistant Director, USCCB Project Rachel; **Catherine Glenn Foster**, CEO, Americans United for Life; Emcee **Deby Schlappizzi**, Splendor of You/EWTN. Sign-up online today! <https://prolifestl.regfox.com/2021-respect-life-convention>
For questions or online registration help, please contact the RLA at prolife@archstl.org or 314-792-7555.

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

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

Sick Relatives and Friends:

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

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.

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

Congratulations to our Sept. 13 Red & Blue winner of \$100; Elise Ambrose.

Thank you for supporting our school!

Bottle Booth WINNERS, for collecting the most bottles goes to...

Pre-Kindergarten & Grades 8C & 8D. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Thank you to ALL School Parents that donated bottles to the Parish Carnival Bottle Booth.

Sat. & Sun., Sep. 18 & 19 — Grade 6 Mum Sale & Mum

Pre-orders can be picked up after all Masses

Mon., Sept. 20, thru Fri., Sept. 24—ITBS Testing, Grades 1 thru 8

Thur., Sept. 23—8:00 AM Grades 1—4 Mass prepared by Gr. 1

Fri., Sept. 24—8:00 AM Grades 5—8 Mass prepared by Gr. 6

Mon., Sept. 27—9:00 AM-2:45 PM Bookmobile

Thur., Sept. 30—8:00 AM All School Mass prepared by Gr. 4

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

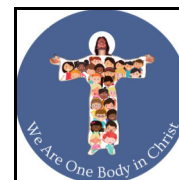


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PSR NEWS

PSR Catechists - Important Dates

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



****Adults! Holy Spirit PSR Needs You ***
Be a PSR Hall Monitor
~ Live the Spirit ~

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, 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



Mississippi Valley
Regional Blood Center

www.bloodcenter.org

Eat before donating • Bring photo ID

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops National Immigration Week begins September 20 and goes through September 26. St. Margaret of Scotland Living Justice Immigration Team invites you to a free virtual presentation 9/20/21 from 7-8:30pm.

The theme is "Living the Gospel by Welcoming the Stranger. How can I become involved?" Representatives from 4 organizations serving immigrants will share about their work followed by a Q&A and opportunities to get involved in St. Louis and beyond. Information on how to register for the event is available in the Gathering Area.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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.

We won't have a daytime meeting this month. Our evening meeting will be Wed. Sept. 22, at 7pm in the Resource Center upstairs meeting room. If you have any questions, or want a shawl, don't hesitate to contact Mary, 314-497-5048. Feel free to call or text.

ST. PATRICK CENTER SALAD TODAY

Holy Spirit volunteers provide salads and/or components to help feed the homeless of St. Patrick Center, the 4th Sunday of each month. **Salad and/or components will be collected between 8 & 10 AM Sun., Sept. 26.** The container will be in the Gathering Area. For more information contact Ellen Staples, 422-2381.

ST. PATRICK CENTER CASSEROLE

We will be collecting casseroles for St. Patrick Center this Wed., Sept. 22, 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

Lunch Bunch!

On September 28, our ***older adult*** parishioners are invited to gather at ***11 am*** for light-hearted conversation while enjoying lunch together.



SPORTS CAFÉ, 3579 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044
(Next to Bob Evans and Olive Garden)

****Note that lunchtime is 11 am and the restaurant opens at 11 am****

Directions: West on St. Charles Rock Rd. Pass under Hwy 270 and then make a left at the stoplight onto Pennridge Dr. Make another immediate left to stay on Pennridge Dr. Sports Café will be on the right.

NEW (AND WILL CONTINUE MONTHLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE): Please RSVP to the Parish Office 314-739-0230 by Friday, September 24 as they need to know staffing needs. Due to COVID, they have had employee shortages.

Invite a friend or come alone because it's just for fun!



The carnival committee would
like to thank

EVERYONE

(our sponsors, booth chairs,
volunteers and attendees)
for supporting this year's Carnival!

AND, the winners are:

MAIN RAFFLE:

1st Prize	Karen Clarke
2nd Prize	Carl & Mary Nelson
3rd Prize	Tina Sullenger

BARREL OF BOOZE:	Jennifer Tucker
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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 9/23, & 9/30** from 7-9 in the Holy Spirit Room of the Resource Center (come to the basement door).

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION FORMATION

Session 7: The Eucharist – upcoming small group sessions are: 3rd Sun. groups **TODAY**, Sept. 19; 4th Wed. group on Sept. 22; 4th Sun. group on Sept. 26.

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.

PRAYER STARTERS FOR PARENTS AND TEENS:

Say the "Prayer for Teachers" below. Use the names of your child's teachers.

Prayer for Teachers

Almighty God, We come to you today and give thanks for all our teachers (name your teachers here). Thank you for the way in which they give of themselves each day in the classroom. Fill their hearts with courage now by your mighty Spirit. Fill them with your strength, so they may rise to every challenge and not grow weary. Fill them with your wisdom, so that they may be able to make good judgement when guiding and helping others. Fill them with your peace, so that when stress and anxiety comes it would not overwhelm them. Fill them with your joy, so that the passion they have for their subject may become an infectious passion that spreads. We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus. Amen.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Do You Know Someone Going through a Difficult Time?

Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, single parenthood, stress, and anxiety related to COVID or any of countless other life challenges?

Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with the focused care, encouragement, and the support they need to make it through the crisis.

If you know of someone who is hurting, talk with one of our Stephen Ministers.

Call the Stephen Ministry confidential Hotline today: (314) 739-0230 ext.130. We can help connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!

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

**DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, *ALIVE!*—
SERVANT LEADERSHIP**

Jesus said to the Twelve Apostles, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Jesus was the perfect example of servant leadership – putting other’s needs before His own. As servant leaders, we are called to “wash one another’s feet” just like Jesus did on Holy Thursday night. Unfortunately today, when we hear the word “leadership” we tend to think of someone with privilege and unlimited power. One characteristic of servant leadership is good listening skills – being able to discern the will of God and how that intersects with the will of the ministry. Good listening skills helps shape other good characteristics such as empathy for others, commitment to the spiritual growth of people and ultimately building the kingdom of God and your own local parish community.

archstl.org/dynamic

TEXAS HOLDEM 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

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 under the Admissions tab and Schedule a Visit. See you soon!

**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., 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.

**- YOU’RE INVITED TO AN IN-PERSON HIGH
SCHOOL NIGHT AT COR JESU ACADEMY ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30!**

Register: corjesu.org/admissions/visit/high-school-nights

We invite you to meet Cor Jesu students and learn, from their perspectives, how they shine at CJA through faith, spirituality, academics, fine arts, co-curriculars, athletics and more.

Registration is open to girls in grades 5-8 and their families. Session 1 will be held from 6:00-6:30 p.m. and session 2 will be held from 7:15-7:45 p.m.

Please note that only Cor Jesu will be presenting at this event.

We hope to see you there!

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Ps 54:3-6, 8
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37

Monday September 20
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön,
Paul Chông Ha-sang, & Co

Ezra 1:1-6
Ps 126:1b-6
Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday September 21
St. Matthew

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13
Ps 19:2-5
Matthew 9:9-13

Wednesday September 22

Ezra 9:5-9
Tobit 13:2-4, 7-8
Luke 9:1-6

Thursday September 23
St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Haggai 1:1-8
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b
Luke 9:7-9

Friday September 24

Haggai 2:1-9
Ps 43:1-4
Luke 9:18-22

Saturday September 25

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a
Jer 31:10-13
Luke 9:43b-45

In this Sunday's readings, we face wickedness: jealousy destroying what's good, selfishness causing harm to others, and pride squashing those who get in the way.

The first scripture covers the evil doings of outsiders who oppressed the Israelite nation. In the Gospel reading, Jesus predicts the evil doings of spiritual outsiders who were fighting against his ministry. The letter of James addresses the worst wickedness of all: the battle within the Church — Christians against Christians.

Jealousy and selfishness are usually the root beneath every scandal in the Church, every division on the parish staff, every discord among ministries, every disappointed volunteer who feels pushed out, every broken relationship in Christian families, and every attitude that chases weaker Catholics away from the faith — it's all wicked!

To get at the root of any divisive problem, look for self-centered ambition. Honestly and objectively identify even the most subtle forms of it so that you can also identify God's antidote. When you see divisiveness in others, do you feel sorrow for them? If not, why not? The answer to that usually lies in our own self-centered pride.

Jesus provided the cure for this: "If anyone wishes to be first" (motivated by selfish ambition) "you must become the servant of all."



Selfish ambition is sinful because it tries to grab success away from others. James pointed out that whatever we're ambitious for, if it's

good, we can have it simply by asking God for it and working in collaboration with the Holy Spirit to achieve our goals — but not if we want it only to satisfy our personal, selfish passions.

When we desire something for the sake of how it will help others (rather than just for our own benefit), this desire is pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, and full of mercy and will produce good fruits.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. When have you suffered from the jealousies and selfish ambitions of others in the Church?
2. How did this affect your faith?
3. Did it motivate you to avoid committing the same sin?
4. Identify how jealousy and selfish ambition have been the underlying cause behind one problem you've witnessed or experienced. What does your story teach about how to deal with such scandals with a pure heart, a peaceful response, gentleness, mercy, and good fruits that turn a tragedy into a triumph?

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