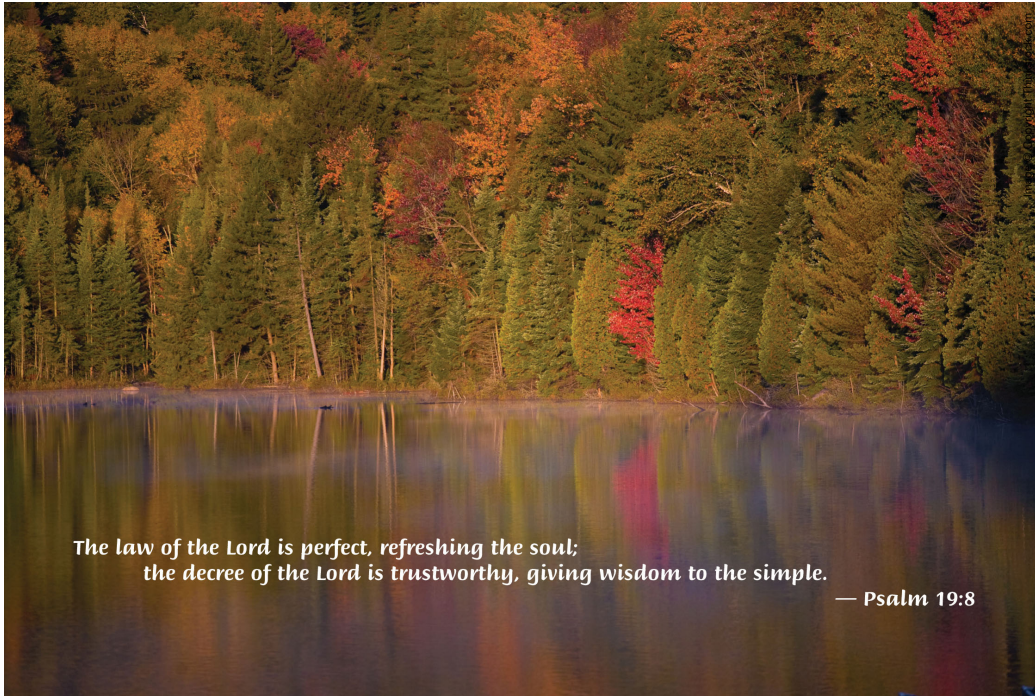


Holy Spirit Parish Family

September 26, 2021 — Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul;
the decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.
— Psalm 19:8

OUR MISSION:

We, the community of Holy Spirit Parish, centered in the Eucharist, and guided by the Holy Spirit, will use our shared wisdom to be a joyful, accepting and forgiving community. We encourage all to grow in the Catholic faith by teaching and proclaiming the Gospel, serving others and praising God.

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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

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

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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 xxx, 2021

Sunday Envelopes, 136 utilized	\$ 10,038.00
Loose Collection	\$ 268.00
Online Donations, 88 families	\$ 7,414.00
Total	\$ 17,720.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	(\$ 2,470.38)

HandS

\$ 190.00

Parish Improvements

\$ 211.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, September 26

7:00 pm—Al Anon, Rigali Rm.

Monday, September 27

6:00 pm—Quilting, Annex

Tuesday, September 28

9:00 am—Quilting, Annex

11:00 am—Lunch Bunch off site

Wednesday, September 29

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

7:00 pm—Contemporary Practice Church
RCIA—Parish Hall

Thursday, September 30

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

6:00 pm—Bells, Church

7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal, Church

Sunday, October 3

10:00 am—TJ's Pizza Pop Up, Parking Lot

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.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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

A Note From Fr. Bob

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

Recently, Archbishop Rozanski announced that the entire Archdiocese of St. Louis will be undertaking a strategic pastoral planning process. He has written about this in the St. Louis Review for the past two weekends. It is a process that will involve all of us in the next two years. The primary focus of the planning will be evangelization. Evangelization as an Archdioceses and how each of us evangelize. Evangelize, we hear that word used often and some try to complicate it while others try to oversimplify it.

Pope Francis recently tweeted about it. Yes, I do follow Twitter. On Monday, September 20th, he used the term, witness, to explain evangelization. He tweeted, “Witnesses do not lose themselves in words, but rather they bear fruit. They do not complain about others and the world but start with themselves. They remind us that God is not to be proven but shown; not announced with proclamations but witnessed by example.”

Monday’s Gospel story from Luke 8:16-18 saw Jesus telling the crowd to let their light shine rather than be hidden. As we embark on this planning process in the Archdiocese, more information will soon be published, and I am sure that there will be more discussions in parishes involving all of us. But in the meantime, perhaps this is a time for all of us to consider how we witness to the faith; how we let our light shine before others. Now is the time to share our faith by our lives. How do each of us witness?

Last week I wrote about our Carnival and that it was a wonderful expression of our community here at Holy Spirit. As I look back at it now, I can see how all the many volunteers were already following Pope Francis’ description of witness. Each volunteer, in their own way, was announcing the presence of God in our community by the example of their lives, as people who give generously of themselves for the benefit of others. We estimate that there were about 200 volunteers involved in the various aspects of the Carnival. Thank you all for your witness.

We are waiting on one more bill to finalize the results of the Carnival. Currently, we are reporting that the Gross Revenue was \$160,116 and the estimated net income was \$66,954. That’s amazing! Thank you to our community of Maryland Heights-Bridgeton and all of you in our parish for your support! We believe that both the gross revenue and net income from the Carnival is the greatest in the history of Holy Spirit Parish and possibly St. Blaise Parish. Amazing!

Let’s pray for each other this week.

Peace,

Father Bob

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 26

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

Monday, September 27

6:30 am Leonard Pemberton

Tuesday, September 28

6:30am Sam Aihie

Wednesday, September 29

6:30am Daniel O'Connor

Thursday, September 30

8:00am Marcelleno Gamez

Friday, October 1

8:00am Greg Mitchell

Saturday, October 2

8:00am August & Elizabeth Chrismer
5:00pm Marjorie Crow

Sunday, October 3

7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am Bernetta Drury
11:00am Dorothy Fehrenbacher

PRO-LIFE NEWS

*** Mark your calendars! ***

Holy Spirit Parish Pro-Life Meeting:

Thursday, October 7th, 2021 7pm

Location: Check next week's bulletin



The Pro-Life Committee strives to foster awareness and appreciation of the sanctity and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death.

Email holyspiritprolife@gmail.com for any questions.

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.

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	Susie Meyer	Rudy & Brenda
Margaret Cima	Karen Newcomb	Torricelli
Ed Cody	Matt Niedringhaus	Ron Unterreiner
Matthew Cody	Jacob Null	Nanci Van Amburgh
Peggy Cody	Bob & Donna	Joe & Jean Wangler
Leon Deimeke	Pedrotti	Angeline Weber
Charles Dent	Maisy Grace Pina	Gene Weckherlin
Tom DuBois	Bob & Tootie	Bill & Joan Weinzirl
Till Fehrenbacher	Ponder	Tom Zemblidge
Ray & Betty Garvels	Brian Ponder	
Karl Gill		

Sick Relatives and Friends:

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

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

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

Barbara Baldas; mother of Cindy Cantrell;
Emma Jean Wangler, wife of Joseph Wangler;
Bill Patty, long-time parishioner of St. Lawrence

May his soul rest in the Peace of Christ.





FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Friends in Christ,

The call to be deacon is to serve.

On Sunday, October 3, 2021, there will be a special collection for the formation of permanent deacons in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. This collection relieves some of their financial burden for studies to become a deacon.

Since 1977, 487 men have been ordained as permanent deacons in the Archdiocese. There are 211 active deacons ordained for the Archdiocese and 102 retired deacons. There are 44 men in formation at this time.

When the permanent diaconate program was initiated in the Archdiocese in January 1977, men went through a two-year formation program, with a third year of post-ordination formation. Since then, the program has gradually expanded to five years of formation, plus five more years of post-ordination formation.

Deacons serve in parishes, hospitals, archdiocesan agencies, and other organizations. They offer their time, talent and energy to strengthen our church in St. Louis and do not receive compensation for their work. Their service extends into many areas of parish life, including the proclamation of the Gospel, liturgical functions, administration, and charitable works. Many active deacons continue to be employed full-time, requiring them to balance family lives and professions with their ministry as a deacon.

Please promote the special collection for the Formation of Permanent Deacons on Sunday, October 3, 2021.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our Sept. 20 Red & Blue winner of \$25; Amanda Perez

Thank you for supporting our school!

Mon., Sept. 27-thru Thur., Sept 30: Grade 7 students leave for Camp DuBois Outdoor Education

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

Please Note: Student Photo Day scheduled for this date has been rescheduled for Wed. Oct 6

Fri., Oct 1— NO SCHOOL—Faculty Professional Development Day at Vianney High School

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR QUALIFIED TEACHER & SPIRITZONE SUBSTITUTES. PLEASE SEND YOUR RESUME TO [KKOBERLEIN@HOLYSPIRITSTL.ORG](mailto:kkoerberlein@holyspiritstl.org).

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!

- 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!

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Our Stephen Ministers Are Ready to Care for You!

We all go through times in our life when we could benefit from a little extra care and attention. That's what Stephen Ministers are for. Stephen Ministers are members of Holy Spirit Church who have been trained to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are going through a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists.

Christ Caring for People through People

That's the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis.

If someone you know is facing a crisis—large or small—and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, call the Stephen Ministry confidential Hotline today: (314) 739-0230 ext.130. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!



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.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office 314-739-0230 by
Monday, Sept 27 by NOON

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



Marian (*adj.*): relating to the Virgin Mary

Pilgrimage (*noun*): a journey, especially a long one, made to some sacred place as an act of religious devotion

An Open Invitation to the Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage:

Join us on our 5th annual Marian Pilgrimage – led by Father Foy of St. John the Baptist parish, October 4th through October 8th!

Whether you come for a day, or stay for the week, you will certainly feel the rejuvenating effects of a Marian Pilgrimage as you unplug, unwind & re-energize with other faithful followers.

As we walk along the magnificent Katy Trail, you will find each day to be filled with personal reflection, daily Mass, an

abundance of prayer, and genuine fellowship.

Come along with us as we embark on this sacred journey – let a renewed zest for faith bloom and a closer connection to Our Lady of the Rosary flourish!

For a detailed itinerary, and/or registration, please send an email request to:

MarianPilgrimage77@gmail.com

Alternatively, for more information and/or registration, please visit: www.katytrailpilgrimage.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 in the Parish Hall.

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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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

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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 October we'll be focusing on "Relationships" – 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 Oct. meeting dates are 10/7 & 10/14 from 7-9 in the Holy Spirit Room of the Resource Center (come to the basement door).

7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION FORMATION

MON OCT 18 ,7:00PM: REGALI ROOM-ANNEX -

An evening of reflection and information for 7th grade parents who wish to join the next cohort of formation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION FORMATION

Session 7: The Eucharist – 4th Sun. group TODAY, Sept. 26;

Session 8: The Holy Spirit – will be done in the schools

Session 9: The Church – will be 3rd & 4th Wednesdays and Sundays in October. Check your calendar & watch for email reminders.

Don't forget: Send in Confirmation Record Form **ASAP.**

Projects Due: Service reflection—Oct./Saint report—Nov 7 (at retreat)

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. (Upcoming projects: Nov—Leaf Raking; Dec—Christmas Party)

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



Ecumenical Prayer & Volunteer Clean Up

Join Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski and Bishop Nelson Watts of the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) in prayer and service for our communities on the grounds of New Jerusalem Cathedral (COGIC). New Jerusalem Cathedral was the former Catholic parish, Most Holy Name of Jesus. This building has been vandalized, robbed and stripped of its infrastructure. A volunteer clean-up will follow the prayer service. Volunteers will stack chairs, clean up the grounds and clean up the inside of the sanctuary.

If you plan to volunteer, please register at the link or by calling the number below. Look forward to seeing you there!

Please note that we will follow local COVID-19 guidelines and regulations to insure the safety of all.

WHEN: Saturday, October 2, 2021 Ecumenical Prayer 9 – 10am Volunteer Clean Up 10 – 12pm

WHERE: New Jerusalem Cathedral COGIC, 2047 E. Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63107

PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER <https://forms.gle/sRuGiniYKoDoQFcu8>

Or Call James Fowlkes-Comninellis 314-792-7177

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!

Dynamic Catholic, *Alive!* – Generosity

God, our Creator, is infinitely generous. We’ve all heard the statement that no one can “out-give” God. In one parable, Jesus rebukes the servants who are unsatisfied with receiving the same amount of pay as those who worked significantly less. We should not be envious because the Lord is generous. Rather, we should embrace His generosity and the bounty He has bestowed on us and rejoice in the blessings that others have. The world today suffers much from the sin of envy, and many people cannot rejoice when others receive blessings. “Envy is a capital sin. It refers to the sadness at the sight of another’s goods and the immoderate desire to acquire them for oneself, even unjustly. When it wishes grave harm to a neighbor it is a mortal sin” (CCC 2539). We must be careful with jealousy and reject it. Instead be grateful for all the gifts you and your family and friends have received. Respond by being generous with your God-given gifts. archstl.org/dynamic

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29
Ps 19:8,10,12-14
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Monday September 27
St. Vincent de Paul
Zechariah 8:1-8
Ps 102:16-23,29
Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday September 28
Zechariah 8:20-23
Ps 87:1b-7
Luke 9:51-56

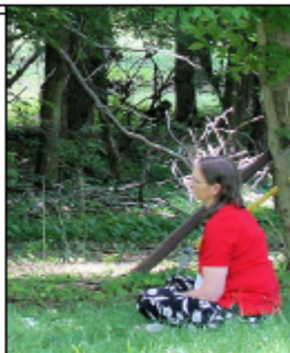
Wednesday September 29
Michael, Gabriel, Raphael
Daniel 7:9-10,13-14
or Revelation 12:7-12a
Ps 138:1-5
John 1:47-51

Thursday September 30
St. Jerome
Nehemiah 8:1-12
Ps 19:8-11
Luke 10:1-12

Friday October 1
St. Therese of Lisieux
Baruch 1:15-22
Ps 79:1b-5,8,9
Luke 10:13-16

Saturday October 2
Guardian Angels
Baruch 4:5-12,27-29
Ps 69:33-37
Matthew 18:1-5,10

Jesus said that whoever is not against us is for us. The reality of this often takes us by surprise in unexpected partners.



On the one hand, it can seem like someone is against us when really they are not. For example, when someone speaks a truth that we don't want to hear, that person seems to be our enemy while in fact they are God's chosen prophet. At other times, people side with us but only for their own agenda; they're not interested in assisting the purposes that God has for our lives.

And sometimes we encounter people who are doing the Lord's work but not in the way that we expect them to, and so we assume that they are not doing what God wants them to do. Have you ever asked someone to pray for a certain intention and he/she prayed the opposite of what you intended?

Years ago, when my husband's company was laying off most of its employees, I asked a friend to pray for him so that he could find a new job, but she prayed instead for the company so that he wouldn't have to leave it. My expectations were for him to find a healthier company in which to work. I didn't like her prayer, but in the end,

I realized that she was the only friend who had prayed exactly what the Lord wanted!

To figure out whether someone is truly against us or is, in fact, God's instrument for us, we have to separate ourselves from the heat and frustrations of the experience and sit quietly with Jesus. After we vent to him our fears and anger and then forgive those who seem to be against us, we will be open to hearing a more divine assessment of the situation.

Even when someone truly is acting against us, when we sit quietly in prayer, seeking a word of knowledge or wisdom from the Holy Spirit, we can discover that God is for us and that's what matters most. He gives us encouragement and strength to endure any troubles.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Who is telling you something that you don't like hearing? Is it possible that the Lord is speaking through this person?
2. Whom have you trusted that turned out to be a false friend or a bad influence?
3. Who has been an unexpected instrument of the Lord on your spiritual journey?
4. When have you been startled to discover that someone who did not seem to be "of the Lord" was really doing the Lord's work? What did the Lord accomplish through this unexpected source? What did you learn from it?

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Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]



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