

Holy Spirit Parish Family

October 3, 2021 — Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let the children come to me; do not prevent them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

— Mark 10:14



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.

**Masses are LIVE-STREAMED at 8:00 am on Thursday & Fridays; 9:00 am on Sundays
(YOU TUBE Holy Spirit Church Maryland Heights)**

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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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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 September 13–19, 2021

Sunday Envelopes,	\$ 9,046.00
Loose Collection	\$ 406.25
Online Donations, __ families	\$ 3,035.33
Holy Days	\$ 30.00
Total	\$12,517.58
Weekly Budget	\$20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ (7,672.80)

HandS

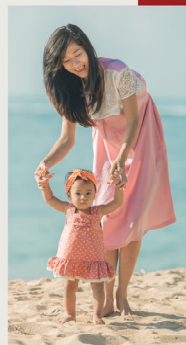
\$40.00

Parish Improvements

\$ 330.00



WALKING WITH MOMS IN MERCY & JOY



45TH ANNUAL

Respect Life Convention



SUNDAY OCTOBER 17, 2021, 9:00 AM
THE RITZ-CARLTON, ST. LOUIS

Join us for an inspirational day of Mass, dynamic speakers on the Gospel of Life, fellowship, prayer and respect life awards at The Ritz-Carlton St. Louis (in-person or virtually)! **Questions?**

Contact prolife@archstl.org or 314-792-7555

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, October 3

10:00 am—TJ's Pizza Pop Up, Parking Lot
7:00 pm—Al Anon, Rigali Rm.

Monday, October 4

5:00 pm—Contemplative Prayer, Resource Ctr.
6:00 pm—Quilting, Annex

Tuesday, October 5

9:00 am—Quilting, Annex

Wednesday, October 6

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

Thursday, October 7

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

Saturday, October 9

5:00-6:00 pm—K of C Tootsie Roll Drive, Church

Sunday, October 10

7:30-8:30 am—K of C Tootsie Roll Drive, Church
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.

A Note From Fr. Bob

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

As many have noticed, I have been having serious issues with my back for several months now. Thank you for all your prayers and words of encouragement. I am truly grateful. My back issues began 30 years ago when I first injured it. That injury required surgery to repair a disc in my lower back. All was good for over 20 years until I began to experience the effects of disc degeneration. Due to the difficulties from that, I had a second surgery to relieve the pain. At the time, my surgeon and I were hopeful that it would give me at least 10 years before considering another surgical intervention. Unfortunately, I have made it to just 7 years.

We have been trying physical therapy to provide some relief but as you may have noticed at Mass, it is not working. I met with the surgeon this week and we have decided that the best course of treatment is to have spinal fusion surgery. The exact date has not yet been set but it will be in either late November or early December.

You might ask, why are you sharing all this personal information with us? Well, with this surgery I will be out of commission for at least one month and slowed down for a couple of months after that. And I want you to know that I am addressing the problem. In the short term, this will affect how I can serve our parish. Father Jerry will be taking on many of my ministerial duties and there will be several priests helping with Sunday Masses. Hopefully, I will be able to resume celebrating Mass a month after surgery. Recovery will take time. Thank you again for your many prayers. I continue to pray for all of you.

Now, on a lighter note, Monday, October 4th, is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. In honor of the feast, we will offer a pet blessing on our parking lot near the end of the school day. Please see more information about parking and the process elsewhere in this bulletin.

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

Peace,
Father Bob



live the spirit

To support our efforts to be welcoming, unified, engaged, and future-focused, **the parish is forming a new Communications Committee** to shape the parish vision through marketing efforts and support parish ministries' ongoing communication.

We seek volunteers with professional experience in marketing, communications, digital media, web design/development and social media to prayerfully consider applying to serve on this committee.

Please email your resume to Mary at msaputo@holyspiritstl.org by Oct 15, 2021. As always, your generosity of time and talent is greatly appreciated.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 3

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

Monday, October 4

6:30 am Steven Cullum

Tuesday, October 5

6:30am Dennis Eise

Wednesday, October 6

6:30am Thomas McCarty

Thursday, October 7

8:00am Kristina Angele Osmack

Friday, October 8

8:00am Patricia Keating

Saturday, October 9

8:00am Mike Rolfes
5:00pm Clarence Hermann

Sunday, October 10

7:30am Helen Dallavalle
9:00am People of the Parish
11:00am Anna Dickherber



PRO-LIFE NEWS



Holy Spirit Parish Pro-Life Meeting:
Thursday, October 7th, 2021 7pm
Location: Room 110 in the school

Come for updates on the pro-life movement in St. Louis, including 40 Days for Life, Archdiocesan programs, and more.

All attendees will receive a FREE link to virtually attend the 45th Annual Respect Life Convention!

Email holyspiritprolife@gmail.com for any questions.

Note: Annual Life Chain **2-3pm on Sunday, October 3rd:**
at Our Lady of the Presentation in Overland
(8860 Tudor, Overland, MO 63114)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

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

Sick Relatives and Friends:

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

Ann Brais

May her soul rest in the Peace of Christ.

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our Sept. 227 Red & Blue winner of \$25; Jessica Huber

Thank you for supporting our school!

Mon., Oct 4: 2:15 pm—Pet Blessing for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi; Upper Parking Lot by the Parish Office.
(Please park in front of Parish Hall— **see diagram**)

Wed., Oct 6: Student Photos

Thur., Oct 7: 8:00 am Mass Grades 1-4,
Prepared by Grade 2

Fri., Oct. 8: 8:00 am Mass Grades 5-8,
Prepared by Grade 5

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

Pet Blessing

We are celebrating the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi by hosting a pet blessing for the Holy Spirit Community. On **Monday, October 4th**, Father Bob will be blessing pets on the church parking lot. If you do not have a family pet, your child is welcome to bring a stuffed animal to be blessed.

Please follow the guidelines below:

- ◆ All pets **must** be on a leash or in a cage.
- ◆ Pets may **NOT** be taken off the leash or taken out of the cage.
- ◆ Parents with pets should arrive no later than 2:15p.m.
- ◆ Parishioners should park in front of the parish hall.
- ◆ Day school parents should get in line for dismissal as usual; however, the lines will be closer to Parkwood Ln.

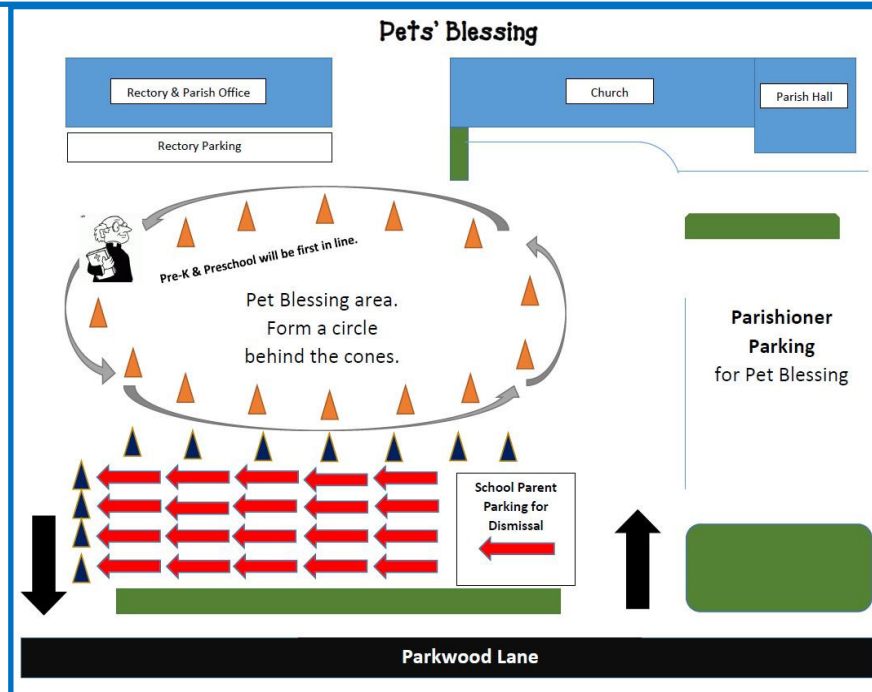
Please see diagram below.

- ◆ Pet owners should form a circle around the outside of the cones at the top of the parking lot with his/her pet.
- ◆ The Holy Spirit Day School students will be dismissed at 2:15p.m. and will join his/her parent(s) and pet in the circle. Students without parents will remain with his/her teacher to watch the blessing. He/she may choose to bring a stuffed animal if he/she would like.
- ◆ Father Bob will say a special prayer and then begin blessing each pet at 2:30p.m.
- ◆ You will walk/carry your pet by Fr. Bob in a counter-clockwise direction, and he will bless your pet.
- ◆ Once your pet has been blessed you may return to your cars and wait to be dismissed. Parishioners should return to their vehicles as well. **The Parishioners will be dismissed FIRST.**

PLEASE DO NOT MOVE YOUR VEHICLE UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN DISMISSED.

Parents not attending the pet blessing please pull behind the rows of cars at the bottom of the parking lot.

Questions? Please call the school office. 314-739-1934 ~Thank you!





Love One Another as I Have Loved You

In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Loving and caring for one another is not just the clergy's job—it's something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring and helping can put those gifts to use, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it.

If you know someone who is going through a difficult time, call the **Stephen Ministry** confidential Hot-line today: **(314) 739-0230 ext.130**.

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help that person experience the healing power of Christ's love.



To All Our SOCK ANGELS!

The Knights and Ladies Auxiliary of St. Peter Claver and Holy Spirit Parish thank you for your incredible generosity by participating in this year's Sock Angels donations. It was, by far, an incredible success!

"And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' (Mathew 25:40)

HOLY SPIRIT ACTS

The ACTS community, in prayer & thanksgiving, is so pleased to announce that formation has resumed in preparation for our next Men's & Women's retreats.

Upcoming **Men's Retreat: October 28-31, 2021**

Mike Schnable, Director: 581-8657 or

mikeschnable@sbcglobal.net

PLEASE NOTE NEW DATES FOR OUR 2022 WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT!

Upcoming **Women's Retreat: January 6-9, 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.



Vitae Foundation is hosting their Annual Pro-life Event on Thursday, **October 28, 2021**, at the St. Charles Convention Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, in St. Charles, Missouri. The featured speaker is Jason Chaffetz, a Fox News Contributor and former Congressman! Dinner and Program begin at 7 PM.

Reservations are \$75 per person (\$45 is tax-deductible) and may be made online at vitaefoundation.org or by calling 573-634-4316.

For questions, or to become a sponsor, please contact Nick Johnson by calling 314-660-8872 or emailing him at Nick.Johnson@vitaefoundation.org.

Consider tuning in to **KHOJ AM 1460** Catholic Radio for Adam Wright's morning show, **Highway to Heaven**. The daily programming schedule features Catholic teaching, Church history, lives of the Saints, weather with Mike Roberts, music, Holy Mass, the Rosary and so much more.



"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it:

~Robert Swan, polar explorer

Fall Programs

COAT AND BLANKET DRIVE

Winter is right around the corner. That means it's time for the HandS Blanket and Coat Drive. We accept new and gently used hats, coats, scarves, gloves and

blankets.

Please begin to collect your warm items to give to those less fortunate and in need of warm clothing.

We will be collecting on the following two weekends. **October 16/17 and October 23/24.**

For more information please contact
Lois Frein at 314-739-6239.



ENJOY Fresh FOOD & RAISE Funds

Join your friends and family at Freddy's

**947 Northwest Plaza Dr
Saint Ann, MO 63074**

**Tuesday, Oct. 12
5pm - 9pm**

Be sure to tell the cashier you're part of this group!

Holy Spirit Catholic School

will receive a percentage of the sales from this event!



FreddysUSA.com | [Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#)

BIRTHRIGHT CARD and GAME PARTY

The **Friends of Birthright** will be hosting their annual Fall Card and Game Party on **Wednesday, October 27th** at Missouri Athletic Club-West. Play bridge, mah-jongg, a game of your choice, or just come for lunch. Enjoy a fun day with friends and help save a baby's life. You may even win one of the fabulous raffle prizes! The cost for the event is \$50. Reservations requested by October 13th. Contact Wendy Boveri @ 314.706.5210 for ticket information or to make a donation.

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



SAVE THE DATE!

ARCHDIOCESAN EMPLOYEE ON-SITE EVENT

OCTOBER 18th

WELLNESS SCREENING & FLU SHOT EVENT

**Holy Spirit Parish
3PM-5PM
Parish Hall**

Participants are encouraged to wear a mask.

WELLNESS SCREENING REGISTRATION

Wellness Screenings available at all on-site events & approved clinics.



Wellness.HHHealthAssociates.com

NEW USERS, enter company code:

ARCHDIOCESE

Existing Users, enter username/password

*Participants are encouraged to wear a mask.

For assistance or to register by phone, call **800.832.8302**.
(Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm CST)

FLU SHOTS DO NOT REQUIRE APPOINTMENTS

2021-22 ARCHDIOCESAN FALL WELLNESS EVENTS

WELLNESS SCREENING

Screenings for all benefit eligible employees who work a minimum of 1,000 hours annually, or teachers with a half-time contract or more. You do not have to be a participant of the Archdiocesan medical plan to receive the employer paid H&H wellness screening. Pre-registration recommended. Screenings are available at all on-site events & select clinics (1,600 nationally). All test results are held 100% confidential and are only shared with the participant.

FLU SHOT

Employer paid for all active Archdiocesan parish, school, & agency employees, their spouses & dependents (ages 9-25). *Employees & their immediate family members do not have to be benefit eligible, nor participants on the Archdiocesan medical plan to receive a flu shot at an on-site event. Prior flu vaccination recommended for minors (18), with parental/guardian attendance & consent required.

***Flu Shots are only available at the Fall On-Site Events.**

\$\$\$\$ INCENTIVE \$\$\$\$

Eligible employees* who complete their Wellness Screening may receive a \$125 Wellness Incentive Retirement Contribution to their Archdiocesan-sponsored retirement plan.*

QUESTIONS

*For full details on eligibility, deadlines, and incentives, go to archstl.org/hrbenefits

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:

EAT.PRAY.DISCUSS. Join us in October as we talk about the issues you are facing, and find ways to see how God is active within those times. We are there in the Resource Center basement (Holy Spirit Room) from 7-9 p.m. every Thurs. for food, fun and discussions. Bring a friend. All are welcome!

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. Watch your mail for details.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION FORMATION

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; Jan—Christmas Party; April—Retreat)

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

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 email revans@holyspiritstl.org. Or have them contact us so we can invite them to attend inquiry sessions in the Parish Hall.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

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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 5 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!



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

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Trust

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that “whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.” Just as children trust their parents to take care of them and provide for them, we too, as children of God should trust in God's divine providence – that God will provide all that we need. Trust is critical in any relationship if it is to grow and nourish. This is the same for our relationship with God. Unfortunately, too many of us rely on our own self-sufficiency and spend countless hours planning our future rather than trusting in God's plan.

Remember, we are the “created”, not the “creator.” Do you want more peace, joy and freedom like that of a child? Spend more time discerning God's will for your life and trust He will provide what you need. archstl.org/dynamic

ENCOURAGEMENT

As vital as oxygen is to the body, so is encouragement to the soul.

—Anonymous

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:18-24
Ps 128:1-6
Hebrews 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16

Monday October 4
St. Francis of Assisi
Jonah 1:1 -- 2:1-2,11
Jon 2:3-5,8
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday October 5
Jonah 3:1-10
Ps 130:1b-4,7-8
Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday October 6
Jonah 4:1-11
Ps 86:3-6,9-10
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Malachi 3:13-20b
Ps 1:1-4,6
Luke 11:5-13

Friday October 8
Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2
Ps 9:2-3,6,16,8-9
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday October 9
Joel 4:12-21
Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12
Luke 11:27-28

Do you love someone who isn't loving you back? Have you experienced God's supernatural love helping you love those who are difficult to love?

Those of us who are married expect to be loved by our spouses as much as we need to be loved. And we assume that it's always going to be mutual. We will always be loved with the same passion as we love them.

However, most marriages enter difficulties that require supernatural love as well as supernatural persistence. That's why we need the Sacrament of Matrimony instead of just a civil ceremony at the courthouse or beach. Marriages need divine grace to endure with the permanence that God provides.

Jesus explained that the law of Moses permitted divorce because of the hardness of people's hearts. This is not an approval of divorce. He wants us to have hearts like his

own, which never stops loving anyone.

In the days of Moses, when a marriage became difficult or unsatisfying, many men abandoned their wives. Although marriage was, from the beginning (Genesis Chapter 1) supposed to be a permanent covenant that united one man with one woman, a bill of divorce would allow an abandoned or rejected woman to remarry for her protection. It was never intended to be an approval of divorce.



Marriage is a reflection of God's faithful union with us. Permanence in marriage is a divine gift from God so that we can reflect him well. If

we don't believe in the permanence of love within marriage, how can we believe that God is always in love with us – including when we don't deserve it? And how can children who watch us believe?

Remember, sometimes the lover goes to the Cross for the beloved. The vocation of marriage ordains the spouses to be a reflection of Christ's passion for all.

God never forces us to stay "married" to him. He loves us even when we turn away from him. Likewise, an unloved spouse is called by God to continue loving the one who abandons the marriage, even if only from afar. This is also true in any God-ordained friendships, and between priests and the laity they serve, and parents with their children.

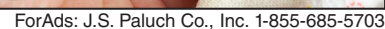
Reflect & Discuss:

1. Have you ever quit a relationship because it was too hard? Did you really stop loving that person?
2. How is the way you handled it like or unlike the heart of Christ?
3. How has God helped you love someone who quit loving you? How did you open yourself to receive his divine help?
4. Describe how this reveals to others what God's love is really like.

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