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.
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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION (BEGINNING OCTOBER 14)
Mondays, 1 to 7 p.m. (closing with Benediction at approximately 6:50 p.m.).

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 Karen Rychlewski.

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 see one of the priests after Mass. 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, Commission and group name. Items can be e-mailed to mwelsh@holyspiritstl.org.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
Stewardship for September 23-29, 2019

- Sunday Envelopes, 229 utilized: $10,180.00
- Loose Collection: $610.64
- Online Donations, 58 families: $5,813.00
- Holy Days: $40.00
- Total: $16,643.64
- Weekly Budget: $20,000.77
- Weekly Surplus (shortfall): ($3,357.13)

Dorian  HandS  Parish Improvements
$230.00  $395.00  $168.00

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 13
7:00 am—Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive
8:00 am—Krispy Kreme Sale
9:00 am—First Penance Enrollment, Church
11:00 am—Liturgy of the Word for Children, Rm. 106
7:00 pm—Al Anon, Community Rm.

Monday, October 14
1:00 pm—Exposition/Benediction, Church
6:00 pm—Quilting, Annex
7:00 pm—Infant Baptism Parent Mtg., Church

Tuesday, October 15
9:00 am—Quilting, Annex
7:30 pm—Fire in the Spirit, Community Rm.

Wednesday, October 16
9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
6:30 pm—Confirmation Mtg., Holy Spirit Rm.
7:00 pm—Ensemble/Teen Choir Practice, Church
—Food Addicts Anonymous, Rigali Rm.
—RCIA Inquiry, Parish Hall

Thursday, October 17
9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
1:00 pm—Prayer Shawl, Rigali Rm.
7:00 pm—Al Anon, Rm. 2
—Choir Rehearsal, Church

Saturday, October 19
2:00 pm—CFC Assembly, Rigali Rm.
4:30 pm—HandS Blanket & Coat Drive, Parish Hall

Sunday, October 20
8:00 am—Donuts & Coffee Ladies Club hosts
—Ladies Club Craft Table, Parish Hall
9:00 am—Children’s Liturgy of the Word, Rm 106
7:00 pm—Al Anon, Community Rm.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE
We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of Frank Hritz: husband of Judith.
May his soul rest in the Peace of Christ.

LADIES CLUB CRAFT TABLE
NEXT Sunday, Oct. 20, the Ladies Club will host a craft show in the Parish Hall. While you enjoy your coffee and donut, plan to shop the crafts.
Cash & checks ONLY.
Proceeds go to the Parish for necessities.
**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, October 13**
- 7:30am: John Harty
- 9:00am: Marcelia Mente
- 11:00am: Geneva Wayer

**Monday, October 14**
- 6:30am: August & Elizabeth Chrismer

**Tuesday, October 15**
- 6:30am: Linda DeClue

**Wednesday, October 16**
- 6:30am: Faithful Departed

**Thursday, October 17**
- 8:00am: Mike Markham

**Friday, October 18**
- 8:00am: Mary Metzger

**Saturday, October 19**
- 8:00am: Marlene Holt
- 5:00pm: Catherine Balke

**Sunday, October 20**
- 7:30am: For Our Parishioners
- 9:00am: George Murphy
- 11:00am: L Dolani

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**OUR SICK LIST NEEDS YOUR ATTENTION!**

Our Sick List is getting too long again! If you, your family member, or friend want to remain on the list, please contact the Parish Office (314-739-0230) no later than Monday, November 4. We will start fresh November 10.

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**MINISTRY SCHEDULE — OCT. 19-20**

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SCHOOL NEWS

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Fri. Oct. 18: 5-8 Mass Prepared by grade 6

Wish List
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Where? In Church
We’ll see you there!

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Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Open to all students grades 8-12

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Discuss the meaning of Virtue & how you live & embody the virtue of Charity.

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Deadline for submission: Monday, October 14th by 3pm.

Social Justice

Sierra magazine quotes Wendell Berry, former poet, there is a war between 2 ethics:

“The standard of the exploiter is efficiency; the standard of the nurturer is care. The exploiter’s goal is money, profit; the nurturer’s goal is health, his land’s health, his own, his family’s, his community, his country’s...The exploiter typically serves an institution or organization; the nurturer serves land, household, community, place.”

We each need to decide who we are!

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Would you like to be a Prayer Partner with a student?

No special skills needed just say a prayer for your assigned student daily

Holy Spirit PSR & Full Time School invite you to become a prayer partner with one of our students.

Submit your name by completing this form and we will match you up with a student from either the PSR or Full Time School program. You will receive the student’s name and he/she will receive your name. Then please include “your student” in your prayers and “your student” will pray for you in return.

Questions? Please contact Sharon Kaufman 739-0230 x110 or skaufman@holyspiritstl.org

I, _____________________________ (please print)
would like to be a Prayer Partner with a student from Holy Spirit PSR or Full Time School. I will pledge to pray for the student who is chosen for me.

Email address ________________________________
Phone number ________________________________
Date ________________________

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KRISPY KREME SALES AFTER ALL MASSES TODAY!
Get yours before they’re all gone! We’re raising money for our pilgrimage to the March for Life.
We appreciate your generosity.

CONFIRMATION

8th Grade:
October 23 is an Adult Only meeting for parents. We will help you prepare for the retreat that your child will attend and go over information about the day of Confirmation. No young people, please.
Sunday, October 27 the young people will receive a blessing at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Our retreat will follow immediately. Retreat is for sponsors and young people. Each young person must have an adult with them for the entire day.

7th Grade:
An information meeting will be held Oct. 21 in the Rigali room, 7 PM for all those who wish to join the Confirmation community to be Confirmed in Nov. 2020. Session will begin in January.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS
All 6th-8th grade students are invited to attend a night just for you! We’ll pray & play from 7-9 in the Annex. Bring a friend & join the fun. See you Fri., Oct. 18.
November MSM will be Nov. 22.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS & SENIORS – ALL ARE WELCOME:
Eat, Pray, Discuss for high school teens meets every Thurs. in the Resource Center (enter through the basement door), 7-9. All 2019-2020 freshmen, sophomores, juniors & seniors are welcome anytime. Drop in when you can. Bring a friend if you like.

ADULTS WE NEED YOU!
Looking for PGC adults for our fall, winter and spring events. We need your help to make all these things possible. Young adults, parents & empty nesters are all welcome. Our young people benefit from your life, your faith & YOU! They truly appreciate your help.
FALL/WINTER/SPRING will be here before we know it. We can always use overnight chaperones, drivers, & chaperones for our weekly & monthly meetings, March for Life, & C2B spring retreat. A new Confirmation cohort will begin in January. If you are interested in being a catechist, or helping with meetings, contact Donna E.
WE CAN ALWAYS use snack and/or soda donations for high school meetings (every week), Middle School Madness (once a month), and/or meal and snack donations for our upcoming Confirmation Retreat (October 27). Contact Donna Eisenbath if you are interested in helping.

Interested? Want to help our teens encounter Jesus through participation in our parish community? Contact Donna, 954-1326 or deisenbath@holyspiritstl.org

WAYS TO FOSTER PRAYER WITH YOUR FAMILY
Adapted from Raising Faith-Filled Kids by Tome McGrath
Pray as a family and/or with each individual child at bedtime. Ask for blessings on your family & friends by name.
Say a prayer in the car before you start a long drive.
As a family create a jar of your favorite bible verses on scraps of paper or popsicle sticks. Pull one out and pray the verse together.

PARISHIONERS NEED OUR HELP!
SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Faith in Action is a parish wide program that gives us an opportunity to serve others in need. We are in need of more volunteers particularly in the areas of transportation (rides to doctor appointments during weekdays and Mass) and bereavement luncheons.
but we can use help in the other areas also.
You can choose the areas in which you would like to help and the time you can commit to this ministry.
For more information call Sharon Kaufman 739-0230 X110 or email skaufman@holyspiritstl.org

THE PRAYER SHawl MINISTRY
Prayers shawls are hand made items, blessed at mass, that provide comfort and peace to the recipient. Our prayer shawl ministry makes shawls available to anyone who would like one with no expectation of return. In addition to shawls, we have lapghans (lap-sized afghans), scarves and various items appropriate for everyone.
Our next meeting is in the Annex, Oct 17, 1pm. AND, our next EVENING meeting is in Resource Center, Oct 23, 7pm. If you already knit or crochet you are already ready to make prayer shawls. If you’re not sure where to start we have patterns, yarn needles and hooks that you can have to make a prayer shawl. There are no time limits or requirements of any sort.
If you don’t knit or crochet and would like to learn, we will teach you. We have needles and hooks as well as yarn to get you started.
Call Mary at 497-5048 to get a shawl or with any questions you might have.
Older Adult Excursion

Join us **Tuesday, October 29th** for a tour of the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Afterward enjoy a delicious buffet lunch at the American Legion Hall Perryville, MO

Complete the day with a stop at Missouri’s National Veteran’s Memorial

Motor coach will leave from the Annex **8 am** and return at **4 pm**

Cost is **$42** (includes Lunch)

Return the registration form, with payment, to the Parish Office by 10/22.

Moderate amount of walking, at casual pace, to see it all – benches along the way.

Questions? Contact Karen Rychlewski, 739-0230, Ext. 108, krychlewski@holyspiritstl.org

Older Adult Excursion: Miraculous Medal Shrine & Veteran’s Memorial $42 per person

Name ________________________________________

Address _____________________________________

Phone ________________________________________

Email ________________________________________

Make checks payable to Holy Spirit Parish

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HOLY SPIRIT’S ANNUAL QUILT BINGO
Sponsored by the Ladies Club

**WHEN:** November 10—Doors Open, 11:30AM, Games begin, 12:30PM

**WHERE:** Holy Spirit Gym, 3120 Parkwood Lane, 63043

**COST:** $20/9-pack, Add-ons, Specials, & Daubers available

There will be food available for purchase in a smoke free environment. While awaiting for play to begin, please feel free to shop our Craft Table for beautiful and unique items. If you would like to donate something to the craft table, please contact Norma Wibbenmeyer, 739-3159.

LADIES CLUB would also appreciate donations of deserts for this event. Please bring them to the Parish Hall on Sunday, November 10.

We would like to thank you in advance for making the Annual Quilt Bingo such a success.

PRO-LIFE

**Spiritual Adoption Program update:** **Month 6:** Your baby is now 12” long and weighs about 1.5 lbs. The skeleton has changed from cartilage to bone. He or she has a delicate fringe of eyelashes.

Keep praying for your baby!

**Adoption Grant Application:**

Every year, the Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Adoption Grant has awarded thousands of dollars to couples who have chosen to build their families through the loving choice of adoption. The funds help adoptive parents offset the growing costs of the adoption process and of adding a new child to their home. The annual application deadline is **November 1st**, and recipients will be notified in January 2020. For more information, call or email the Office of NFP. (314) 997.7576 stlnfp@archstl.org

BLANKET & COAT DRIVE

Winter—it’s right around the corner. That means it’s time for HandS Blanket and Coat Drive. HandS accepts new and gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and blankets. Please begin to get your warm items ready to give to those who are less fortunate and in need of warm clothing.

We will be collecting on these two weekends:

Questions, Lois, 314-739-6239

**October 19 & 20 AND October 26 & 27**
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year, October 20th marks a very special World Mission Sunday, our annual, worldwide Eucharistic celebration of our shared call to mission. It takes place during an Extraordinary Missionary Month, called for by Pope Francis in honor of the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV’s Apostolic Letter Maximum Illud, which emphasized the missionary call to proclaim the Gospel.

During this month of October, Pope Francis invites us – all baptized Christians – to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through prayer, meditation on the Word of God, and pilgrimage. We move beyond the typical “heroic vision” of missionaries and reinforce the transforming relationship between faith and the world to which we are all called. Pope Francis reminds us that we are each “Baptized and Sent”; we are all the “Church of Christ on Mission in the World.” I invite all in the Archdiocese of St. Louis to take this opportunity to revitalize our ardor, passion, and zeal for the faith with loving missionary hearts. We can respond to our missionary call through charity, giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday. Our gifts support and sustain priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor.

We can also respond to this call through mirroring the loving witness exemplified by great missionaries, like Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN. She is a model for missionary witness to our faith and the Gospel, as she was martyred for her passionate advocacy for care of our common home & outreach to indigenous communities.

As I thank you for your continuous commitment to mission, I share my personal gratitude for your generous response on this day, and throughout the Extraordinary Missionary Month, as you are able. Let us join our hearts in the prayer of our Holy Father for this special moment for the Missions: “May the love for the Church’s Mission, which is a passion for Jesus and a passion for His people, ‘grow ever stronger!’”

Invoking every blessing upon you, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis

For more about World Mission Sunday & Extraordinary Missionary Month, please visit missio.org/resources for additional materials.
Holy Spirit Cub Scout Pack 954 invites you to

Trunk or Treat

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2019
Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm, cars may begin arriving at 6:30pm
Place: Holy Spirit Parking Lot, if rain we will be in the Parish Hall
Cost: $10.00 per vehicle + BRING CANDY for all trick-or-treaters
Registration Due By: Friday, October 18, 2019

No alcohol allowed at this event

Prize Categories
Enter and win! Vote for your favorites!
Best Dressed Family    Best Decorated Trunk
Best Carved/Decorated Pumpkin

Mail payment and reservation form below by October 18, 2019 to:
Mary Ann Malloy, 4225 Millers Ridge Dr., St. Charles, MO 63304,
or send to school office in an envelope addressed to “Trunk or Treat - Mary Ann Malloy”
Please make checks payable to: Holy Spirit Cub Scout Pack 954

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND – no walk-ins, no late arrivals
ALL TRICK-OR-TREATERS MUST ARRIVE IN THEIR REGISTERED CAR

For any questions, please contact Mary Ann Malloy (314) 630-3514 / trpltsmam@sbcglobal.net
REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION will be emailed by October 23, 2019

Trunk or Treat Reservation Form

Family Name:___________________________________________
Email Address:_________________________________________
Phone Number:_________________________________________
Number of trick-or-treaters:______ Decorating Car: YES / NO

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY, as confirmation email will be sent there
AROUND TOWN

ST. JOHN BOSCO QUILT BINGO
Sun., Oct. 13, 12934 Marine Ave., 63146
Daubers available for $1. Handmade Quilts, Special Quilt Raffle, Attendance Prizes, Refreshments Available
No smoking allowed. For info, Doris, 434-3627

GO GENTLY INTO THAT GOOD NIGHT
Sun., Oct. 13, 1:30-3:30pm
Mercy Conference & Retreat Ctr, 2039 N. Geyer Rd. 63131
Guardians of deep feeling, great poets have provided us a bridge of light at the most inarticulate of moments: grief. Not morbid, nor shy about the topic, great poets grapple with grief, death & dying. Join facilitator Noeli Lytton & other eager poetry lovers in an appreciation of great poets such as Frost, Kooser, Dylan Thomas, Dickinson, Stafford, & others who reveal the nuances of feeling around death, dying, loss & grief. Be gently uplifted during this season of letting go. For info, mercycenterstl.org.

FIAT WOMEN'S GROUP
All women are invited to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (5200 Glennon Dr, 63119) on the third Thursday of each month for prayer & a talk. Next meeting is Oct. 17. The speaker will be Fr. James Mason, President-Rector at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. The Rosary will be prayed at 8 a.m., & Father Mason will speak from 8:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. Coffee will be offered afterwards in the Fireside Lounge until 9:30 a.m. For more information or to watch videos from past Fiat talks, see: www.kenrick.edu/fiat.

BINGO
The Knights of Columbus will host Bingo Sat. Oct. 19, 7PM, O'Brien Hall at St Richard's.
Cost: $20 in advance/$25 at the door. Includes a packet of bingo cards, snacks & drinks.
Proceeds to go towards roof repair at St Richard.
Reservations/information, contract Troy: 314-469-1132

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP
Sunday, October 20, 2-4 PM, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Meeting Rm 4, 1220 Paddock Dr, Florissant
Enter the parking lot from Parker Rd., elementary school Why: — How & when — Tips for Budgeting — Discuss benefits & consequences — Basic Coupon Tips 314-623-3562, Veronica

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
HOW ABOUT COUPLE TIME TOGETHER? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth, and new beginnings for many couples. All married couples deserve a rich, full life together. You will never forget this Weekend together. The next weekend is Dec 6-8, Courtyard Marriot, St. Peters. If you would like to apply or more information, go to https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php or call 314.649.7317.

FAITH SHARING FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES—SEEKING PARTICIPANTS AND VOLUNTEERS
Come join us for faith-sharing and Bible study on the first and third Saturday mornings of October through May. We meet from 9:00 AM until 10:30 PM in Sacred Heart School in Florissant. This is a Catholic group, but all are welcome. For more information, please contact Mary Beth Schulte, SpecRelEdu@aol.com or 229-8067. We’d love to have you join us!

MASS MOB
We Are A Mission Parish With A Mission
Founded 1908/2005 Established
Holy Name of Jesus Parish invites all Catholics who once belonged to the parishes of the communities of Spanish Lake, Bellefontaine Neighbors, Jennings, Surrounding Municipalities & Areas to come together on
Sunday, October 20th for the
10:00 am Celebration of Mass
11:00 am Fellowship & Hospitality
11:30 am Open House at
Holy Name of Jesus Parish Church
10235 Ashbrook Dr, 63137
We encourage you to join us in thanking God for the heritage of our faith including the faithful witness & generous sacrifice of 14 different parish communities, which are now the foundation of our future as our Parish and our Catholic Church in Northeast St. Louis County.

The Knights of Columbus Duchesne Council 2951
MEAT SHOOTS
All Proceeds to go toward Charity Food Baskets
October 20, October 27, November 3, November 10
Where: Duchesne Home Association Grounds (Formerly known as Knights of Columbus Grounds), 50 Rue St. Francois St., 63031
Shoots Start at Noon Each Sunday
Free Beans Soup plus
Food and Drinks are Available for purchase

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE!
GRATITUDE
Sometimes life actually does get better! And when it does, we may feel great relief—for just a while. Then the “better” becomes the “new normal” and we actually forget to express our gratitude to God for our blessings. It’s so easy to forget, but we have many ways to remember—we can take time for adoration of God, for talking to God through prayer, and for intentional self-sacrifice that expresses our thankfulness and praise. Forget not all God’s blessings! (CCC 2095-2100)

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14-17
Psalm 98:1-4
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

Monday October 14
Romans 1:1-7
Ps 98:1-4
Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday October 15
St. Teresa of Avila
Romans 1:16-25
Ps 19:2-5
Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday October 16
Romans 2:1-11
Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9
Luke 11:42-46

Thursday October 17
St. Ignatius of Antioch
Romans 3:21-30
Ps 130:1b-6ab
Luke 11:47-54

Friday October 18
St. Luke
2 Timothy 4:10-17b
Ps 145:10-13, 17-18

Saturday October 19
St. Isaac Jogues,
John de Brébeuf & co.
Romans 4:13, 16-18
Ps 105:6-9, 42-43
Luke 12:8-12

In the Gospel reading, why do nine out of ten healed lepers not return to Jesus to thank him?

Maybe they had run off to tell their families and friends about the miracle. Perhaps they were busy trying to convince their families and friends that they really had been healed and were now safe to be around. Or maybe they were preoccupied with getting jobs to support themselves, now that they could no longer live in the charity-funded leper colony.

All good and valid reasons!

What was different about the Samaritan leper, the one who did return? The difference was in his spirit. His faith in Jesus saved not only his body but also his spirit. He appreciated the healer, not just the healing. He didn’t seek help from the Lord only for his own sake; he went to him for God’s sake. He had something he could give to Jesus – his appreciation, his praise, his worship – and he wanted to give it.

Are we like that?

When we go to Mass, do we go only for our own sake? Or do we also go for God’s sake? The best experiences in church happen with it’s both. Do you give Jesus your appreciation when he comes to you in the Eucharist? Do you delight him with the way you worship? Does it look like you’re glad to be there?

When we pray for our needs, do we make our requests only for our own sake? Or do we want our prayers answered for God’s sake, too? Think about what you’re seeking from him: How helpful could that be to God’s kingdom?

When we accomplish a goal, does God benefit from it? When he helps us through a trial, what is his reward?

We all have something that God cannot give to himself; our praise and our worship. Please don’t ever underestimate the value of these important gifts!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What was the most recent prayer that God answered for you? Have you been too busy to kneel at the feet of Jesus and thank him?

2. When was the last time you praised him while still waiting for his help?

3. Describe your favorite method of thanking Jesus. What are other ways that people show their gratitude for the Lord’s help? What’s the evidence that God truly appreciates this type of worship?