# Holy Spirit Parish Family

**November 29, 2020 — First Sunday of Advent**

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to the Christmas and New Year's Holidays, here are the early bulletin deadlines...

DECEMBER 20 BULLETIN
DEADLINE NOON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

DECEMBER 27 BULLETIN
DEADLINE NOON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

JANUARY 3, 2021 BULLETIN
DEADLINE NOON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

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### OUR MISSION:

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

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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

### 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

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 November 9-15, 2020

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|---|---|
| Sunday Envelopes, 108 utilized | $ 12,326.55 |
| Loose Collection | $ 231.29 |
| Online Donations, 62 families | $ 3,692.00 |
| Holy Days | $ 400.00 |
| Total | $ 16,649.84 |
| Weekly Budget | $ 20,190.38 |
| Weekly Surplus (shortfall) | ($ 3,540.54) |

| HandS | Parish Improvements |
|---|---|
| $ 1,879.00 | $ 3,177.00 |

## What's Happening

**Sunday, November 29**
Sunday Mass Schedule—7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 2**
9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
7:00 pm—Listening Session via ZOOM
—RCIA, Parish Hall

**Thursday, December 3**
9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
6:00 pm—Bell Choir Rehearsal, Church

**Saturday, December 5**
4:00 pm—Confessions, Church
5:00 pm—Vigil Mass for Sunday

**Sunday, December 6 — Happy St. Nick's Day!**
Sunday Mass Schedule—7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
9:00 am—Rite of Acceptance, Mass, Church
—RCIA, Parish Hall
6:00 pm—Advent by Candlelight, Church, livestream

## Advent Books

The Advent Books (The Little "Blue" Books) are available by the doors of church or stop by the Parish Office to get yours.

Little Books can be ordered directly from the website at littlebooks.org. They are available in paper and e-book formats. You can also get all the seasonal books on the Little Books app available for iOS and Android devices. To learn more about the app, go to littlebooks.org/app

## Reverse Advent Calendar 2020

Here is a way to give back during the Advent Season...
We'll publish the week's list each Sunday, OR, You can visit the website for the entire list.

Each day add an item to a box.
Say a prayer for those in need.
Thank God for all your blessings too.

When you have completed this, donate the box to HandS at the Resource Center or in the HandS bins in the Gathering Space. Thank you!

You can begin on the first day of Advent (November 29 - Dec. 22 or Dec. 1-24)

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| Day 1 | box of cereal |
| Day 2 | jar of peanut butter (no glass) |
| Day 3 | box of stuffing mix |
| Day 4 | boxed potatoes |
| Day 5 | macaroni and cheese |
| Day 6 | canned fruit |
| Day 7 | canned tomatoes |

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Dear Friends,

The blessings of Advent to you and your family. First and foremost, please know that Father Jerry and I miss you, a lot!. We are grateful for your prayerful and sometimes virtual presence, but it is just not the same as seeing you in person and worshipping with you as a community of faith. You are in our daily prayers. Please pray for us.

We begin this wonderful season of Advent this weekend. This season of preparing to celebrate the birth of our Lord. This season is also a season of hope. Hope given to us by our Father in heaven through the Incarnation of his Son. Hope because his Son shows us the way. Jesus gives us hope because he is the Light of the World. This Advent may we take time to behold his light and hope in our lives.

The schedule below offers several opportunities for preparation to celebrate our Lord's birth. Please note that some Mass times for Christmas have changed and others have been added. We will have 6 Masses for Christmas, 3 on the eve and 3 on the day.

Considering the restrictions and concerns for COVID, we want everyone who wishes to attend Mass in person and receive Holy Communion at Christmas to have that opportunity. We are planning to stream the Mass to the Parish Hall and the Gym if necessary. Eucharistic Ministers will bring Holy Communion to both the Parish Hall and Gym. So that we can plan accordingly, we would like to hear from you if you are planning to attend in person for Christmas. Please send an email to Christmas@holyspiritstl.org with the Mass time and number of people who will be attending. If necessary, we will then have 3 places to gather, the Church, the Parish Hall and the Gymnasium. In addition, we will live-stream all our Masses to YouTube. Our YouTube Channel is https://youtube.com/channel/UC4yid2iigw4TuFYc6mD4kBw

May the peace of Christ be your as we prepare for the Lord's coming!

The Priests, Deacons, and Staff of Holy Spirit Parish

***Advent Schedule***
Evening Prayer and Reconciliation
Monday, November 30, December 7 and 21 at 7:00 pm
Reconciliation Day
Saturday, December 19, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

***Christmas Mass***
Christmas Eve, December 24, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, and 10:00 pm
Christmas Day, December 25, 7:30 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am

***Feast of Mary, Mother of God***
December 31, 5:00 pm
January 1, 9:00 am

## Prayers for the Sick

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

Renee Armon
Irene Biggins
Sonny Bolm
Nancy Brand
Jim Brockmeyer
Connie Buenemann
Nicole Chapman
Ed Cody
Matthew Cody
Peggy Cody
Leon Deimeke
Charles Dent
Till Fehrenbacher
Ray & Betty Garvels
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Betty Hirschmugl
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Diane Javaux
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Kenneth Jordan
Al Katzler
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Dave Peters
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Rick Pemberton
Carolyn Putnam
John Rizzello
John Roberson
Pat Romano
Mike Sampson
Anita Schiermeyer
Bill Schneider
Norma Schwaninger
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Rudy & Brenda Torricelli
Nanci Van Amburgh
Katy Van Stratton
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Gene Weckherlin
Bill & Joan Weinzirl
Christine Woracheck
Tom Zemblidge

### Sick Relatives and Friends:

Judy Bauman
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Debbie Ditch
Fran Ebers
Colleen Evans
Michael Gill
Trish Merklin
Richard Meyer
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Robin Phillips
Gary Schell
Albert Schiermeyer
Ruby Smith
Grace Solimando
Michelle Wilson
Bonnie Wittman

## Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank yu for your generous support for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! The funds we raised will go to support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

## Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry has specially selected & trained men & women to listen with care to all they serve, & to keep all that is shared with them in strict confidentiality. Whether your struggle with emotions is what you consider small, or even if it is larger, Stephen Ministry awaits your call for help. 739-0230, ext.130, leave a confidential message. Compassionate, caring listening!

## Social Justice

"Let's use our hearts, our love, and our intelligence to work together to show the rest of the world how humans are supposed to treat each other."

~ Julie Jackson, Jacob Blake's mother, speaking at a press conference after a Kenosha police officer shot her son multiple times.

# Mass Intentions

**Sunday, November 29**
7:30am — For Our Parishioners
9:00am — Fisk Family
11:00am — Marie Burke

**Monday, November 30**
6:30 am — Cindy Lamorette

**Tuesday, December 1**
6:30am — August & Elizabeth Chrismer

**Wednesday, December 2**
6:30am — Faithful Departed

**Thursday, December 3**
8:00am — Pat Romano, Special Intention

**Friday, December 4**
8:00am — Bernetta Drury

**Saturday, December 5**
8:00am — Marlene Holt
5:00pm — George Murphy

**Sunday, December 6**
7:30am — For Our Parishioners
9:00am — The Fisk Family
11:00am — Steve Larrigan

## HandS Giving Tree

All gifts for the Giving Tree must be returned no later than **Noon, Sunday November 29.**

## Marygrove Christmas cards available!

The artwork is created by talented Marygrove artists! Grab a few boxes to share with your family and friends. A box of 12 cards is $14. To purchase Christmas Cards, contact Eva Schuller, 830.6249 or eschuller@mgstl.org.

## Pro-Life News

*****40 Days for Life Update!:** Coalition for Life St. Louis shared that the fall campaign involved over 3,000 hours of prayer, saved the lives of 18 unborn children, and spared 36 parents the pain of abortion. Thank you to all who participated in this very vital effort!

**Our Lady's Inn: Miles for Moms in Need Virtual 5K, Now through Saturday, December 5**

Our Lady's Inn Maternity Home will be sponsoring a Miles for Moms in Need virtual 5K now through Dec. 5, to help raise awareness and funds for pregnant and parenting moms. Details on the virtual 5K, held in response to the national Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service initiative can be found here:

https://ourladysinn.org/virtual-5k-run-2020/

## PSR News

**PSR Thanksgiving Service Project**

Thank you to everyone who donated items for HandS. They are grateful for all the donations.

**December PSR Happenings**

***Check out the Advent/Christmas At Home Flipgrid Assignment for ALL Grades. One of the options begins on Nov. 17. Most options will be with Advent or in early Dec. This replaces our Dec. 15th class. One option per family.

**Dec. 1** * NO PSR Lesson this week for Gr. 2
Regular Flipgrid lessons for Gr. 1, 3-6;
Google Meet for Grades 7 & 8

**Dec. 8** **NO PSR** - Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Mass in person or livestream)

**Dec. 14-15** – First Reconciliation

**Dec. 15** Family Advent/Christmas At Home Lesson-all grades–see Flipgrid topic from 11/17

**Dec. 22 & 29 NO PSR**-Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**PSR WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 5TH.**

## St. Nick: A Virtual Celebration!

Calling all kids to a virtual celebration for the Feast of St. Nicholas! Join the Sisters at Pauline Books & Media on **Sat., Dec. 5, 10:30 am** as we virtually celebrate and prepare for Christmas!

Meet St. Nick and learn about the Saint who became Santa! Sing, pray and have fun!
To register, email stlouis@paulinemedia.com.
Call 314-965-3512 for more information.

## Dynamic Catholic, *Alive!* — The Gift of the Present

Our Lord once again reminds us of the necessity of being alert and watchful and serving Him even when He seems to be absent. We all experience those times of dryness and desolation in life. We experience the ups and downs, the joys and sorrows, the victories and defeats. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta wisely taught us that God does not ask us to be successful but just to be faithful to God. When we are grateful for the present moment and the gift here and now that the Lord has given us, our whole outlook on life can change. We can encounter the Lord anew in different places and in different ways. It is not always easy, but we must live in the present moment and cherish the gift of life that is before us. "Would that you might meet us doing right, that we might be mindful of you in our ways!" (Isaiah 64:4).
**archstl.org/dynamic**

## Youth Ministry

Head over to the Holy Spirit Youth STL page on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/hsyouth/ for information & encouragement. You can find Holy Spirit Youth Ministry on Instagram as HS Youth STL (hs_youth_stl).

**Our Saints Our Showing**

Join us in December on our Facebook pages and Instagram to see the Saint reports our Confirmation community has put together. It's so wonderful to learn about new Saints and/or something new about an old one.

**High School:**

**Service Opportunity: C2B Retreat Team begins team building in Nov. & Dec.** JOIN EAT, PRAY, DISCUSS gatherings for high school – new freshmen are invited and welcome. We will be doing the important work of team building as well as working on retreat plans. Please contact Donna Eisenbath for meeting details as things may change due to the pandemic and restrictions. We will be holding virtual meetings a couple days a week during December.

**Join our young adult group chat for seniors & college students:**

Contact Donna E. to join our group chat on GroupMe and Marco Polo. I'll post questions and reflections on the Sunday readings each Sunday. Watch and respond when you have a minute.

**Confirmation**

**8th Grade: Congratulations on your Confirmation!**

**7th Grade:** Stay tuned for information. You will receive it through both email and actual mail. I hope to be able to meet with you and go over plans for formation for Confirmation sometime in January.

## Thank You

A great heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone for your prayers and cards during my health issues the past several months and my recent heart surgery. I ask for your continued prayers for the next few months during my recovery. May God bless all of you.

Reneé Armon

Whether you're separated, going through the divorce process right now or have been divorced for many years, you CAN find hope and healing. Behold Ministry is hosting Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family which is a 12-week DVD program featuring Catholics experts and lay men and women on the journey to healing. St. Clare of Assisi parish is hosting the program beginning Sat., Jan. 9, 2021 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Contact Michelle Fuller, 623-9294 or mfuller1211@yahoo.com for more information.

# Holy Spirit Parish

## Annual Advent by Candlelight

### Sunday, December 6, 2020

### 6:30pm in the Holy Spirit Church

**Doors open at 6:00 pm**

## Contact information for this event:

Lisa Ahern – lisaahernathome@gmail.com – (314) 605-4346-cell phone
Ann Allman – anncallman@gmail.com – (314) 724-2124-cell phone

## What is different about Advent by Candlelight in 2020?

We would still like to celebrate the Advent season and **HOPE** you can come.
However, there are many changes.
There will be no food, no tables, and no hostesses.
We will gather in church for an evening of music, songs, inspiration, and **HOPE**.
We will conduct seating as we do with Sunday Masses using social distancing and wearing masks.
Masks are required for the whole evening.

## Who is invited?

This event is for the ladies of our parish. We **HOPE** you will join us during this much-needed time of preparing

## How do I sign up?

Guests are limited to **100** people. Sign up is via the Holy Spirit website like we did for Masses over the summer.
**Sign-ups began, November 22, 2020.**
To sign-up visit our website (www.holyspiritstl.org) or type in this link:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F49ADAD2EA6FD0-holy

## Live-Streaming will also be available

If you're unable to attend in person but would still like to share in this **HOPEFUL** evening, you can find the link on the Holy Spirit website.

## Donations to Charity

Our charity this year is our very own HandS organization.
Check the bulletin for a list of what HandS needs but remember…NO GLASS CONTAINERS.
Drop off is in the gathering area of church in the HandS bins.
Your donations will bring **HOPE** to so many that need assistance.

Good News
INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

# 1st Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

Is 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7
Ps 80:(4)2-3,15-16,18-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

**Monday November 30**
**St. Andrew**
Romans 10:9-18
Ps 19:8-11
Matthew 4:18-22

**Tuesday December 1**
Isaiah 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17
Luke 10:21-24

**Wednesday December 2**
Isaiah 25:6-10a
Ps 23:1-6
Matthew 15:29-37

**Thursday December 3**
**St. Francis Xavier**
Isaiah 26:1-6
Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a
Matthew 7:21,24-27

**Friday December 4**
Isaiah 29:17-24
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Matthew 9:27-31

**Saturday December 5**
Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26
Ps 147:1-6
Matthew 9:35--10:1,5-8

As we prepare for Christmas, of course we're thinking about how to show fondness and appreciation to the special people in our lives by choosing gifts that will be meaningful to them. And yet, assuming that we can actually find (or make) something that will be appreciated, will the gift really make a difference in the long run?

Since Christmas is the celebration of the birthday of Jesus, let's give him a gift, too – a long-lasting gift. But what can we give to someone who already has everything?

Or does he?

What gift can you give to Jesus that will have an eternal impact, a gift that no one else can give him, a gift he doesn't already have? Here's the answer: What have you been withholding from him?

Today's first reading reminds us that God is our Father. The responsorial Psalm asks the Father to help us turn to him. The second reading gives thanks to God for all that he has done for us. So – what gift can you give to God to express your appreciation for what he has given to you?

In the Gospel reading, we're reminded of the need to prepare – to actually do something that makes a difference – for the coming of Christ. This not only refers to his Second Coming; it's also about the day when he comes for us as we breathe our last earthly breaths. And it's about the way he wants to come to you this

Christmas. And it's about the way he is coming to you right now, today.

There's something new that he wants to give you. When he offers it, will he find you doing what's right (as in the first reading)? Will he find you using your spiritual gifts (as in the second reading)? Will he find you alert and ready to do his bidding (as in the Gospel reading)?

Advent is an opportunity to take notice of the gifts he gives us and become aware of the gifts we can give to him that he doesn't already have. It should make an eternal difference – for him *and* for us.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. List the gifts that God has given to you. Then think about how much appreciation you have given to God for the gifts on that list. Do you know how much he appreciates your appreciation?
2. Name ways that Jesus comes to us today.
3. What will you do this Advent to become more aware of Jesus coming to you?
4. How will this make you more ready for Christmas?

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**Second Sunday of Advent — (December 6, 2020)**
Is 40:1-5, 9-11 — Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 — 2 Pt 3:8-14 — Mk 1:1-8

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