**LITURGY OF THE WORD**
There will be **NO** Liturgy of the Word for Children **TODAY**, Sunday, December 29th.
Happy New Year!
We will resume **NEXT** Sunday, January 5th.

**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 HOURS**
Monday to Friday  
between 8:00am and 5:00pm

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…………...……..314-739-0230 ext. 132  
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Hands…………………..314-739-9796  
Stephen Ministry  
…………..……..314-739-0230 ext. 130

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Maryland Heights, MO 63043  
Phone: 314-739-1934  
Fax: 314-739-7703  
Kate Ayres, School Secretary,  
kayres@holyspiritstl.org

**PARISH ANNEX**
3111 Parkwood Lane,  
Maryland Heights, MO 63043,  
Pre-School, Pre-K………..314-739-5020
MASS SCHEDULE
Monday thru Wednesday........................................6:30am
Thursday and Friday............................................8:00am
Holy Days Consult bulletin
Saturday: .....................................................8:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

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

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
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 December 9-15, 2019
Sunday Envelopes, 231 utilized $ 10,390.01
Loose Collection $ 512.37
Online Donations, 56 families $ 3,575.33
Holy Days $ 268.00
Total $ 14,745.71
Weekly Budget $ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall) ($ 5,444.67)
Parish Improvements $ 321.00

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 29
9:00 am—RCIA, Rm. 111
1:00 pm—Basketball Tournament, Gym
7:00 pm—Al Anon, Community Rm.

Monday, December 30
11:30am—Basketball Tournament, Gym
1:00pm—Exposition/Benediction, Church
6:00pm—Quilting, Annex

Tuesday, December 31
9:00am—Quilting, Annex
5:00pm—Mass, New Year’s Eve, Church

Wednesday, January 1
7:30am—Mass, New Year’s Day, Church
9:00am—Mass, New Year’s Day, Church

Thursday, January 2
9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
7:00pm—Al Anon, Rm. 2
—Choir Rehearsal, Church

Friday, January 3
6:30pm—Basketball Practice, Gym

Saturday, January 4
8:00am—Basketball Games, Gym
6:30pm—Basketball Games, Gym

Sunday, January 5
9:00am—Liturgy of the Word for Children, Rm. 106
—RCIA, Rm. 111
12:00pm—Basketball Games, Gym
7:00pm—Al Anon, Community Rm.
A NOTE FROM FR. BOB

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family and come to the conclusion of 2019, Father Jerry and I would like to wish everyone a very blessed and happy New Year. May your year be filled with many of God’s blessings!

Thanks to everyone for your prayers and support. Thanks for making our parish a very special place. Thanks for showing the face of God each day.

May God bless and keep you today and always!

Peace,
Father Bob

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — JAN. 4-5

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HOLIDAY HOURS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE

Monday & Tuesday, December 30 & 31 — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday, January 1 — CLOSED
Thursday, January 2 — Normal office hours resume (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, December 29**
- 7:30am: Paul Dydo
- 9:00am: Cecelia & Frank Speidel
- 11:00am: For Our Parishioners

**Monday, December 30**
- 6:30 am: Faithful Departed

**Tuesday, December 31**
- 6:30am: Soledad Villadiego
- 5:00pm: Robert Davenport, Sr.

**Wednesday, January 1**
- 7:30am: August & Elizabeth Chrismer
- 9:00am: Faithful Departed

**Thursday, January 2**
- 8:00am: Mike Markham

**Friday, January 3**
- 8:00am: Mary Metzger

**Saturday, January 4**
- 8:00am: Bernetta Drury
- 5:00pm: Larry Ritter

**Sunday, January 5**
- 7:30am: For Our Parishioners
- 9:00am: Marlene Holt
- 11:00am: John Collins

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**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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**NEW—PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN—FOR EVERYONE!**

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are **REQUIRED and ASKED** to register in the new system as soon as possible. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God’s Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God’s Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers, and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct.

Please go to [www.preventandprotectstl.org](http://www.preventandprotectstl.org) to register, use the passcode *stlprotect*. Holy Spirit Parish will host a live training session Thursday, March 5, in the Parish Hall. We’ll begin at 6 PM. Please plan to arrive between 5:30 and 5:45 to complete the paperwork. Contact Mary Welsh, Child Safety Coordinator, at the Parish Office (739-0230) with any questions or for further assistance.
PSR NEWS

PSR’S DECEMBER CALENDAR

* No PSR Tues., Dec. 31st. Happy New Year!
* Don’t forget to email a photo of your Advent/Christmas Lesson at Home to Sharon, skaufman@holyspiritstl.org
* Tues., Jan. 7-6:30-8:00 pm—PLEASE NOTE - 6:30 PM Start time. There will be an Epiphany Event in the Parish Hall for students in grades 1-7; class for grade 8 and Parent–Teacher Conferences in the Gym. Please bring a cake mix or canned frosting to donate to HandS.
* PJ Night at PSR: Tues., Jan. 28th. Wear your PJs (mom approved), slippers or bring your favorite teddy bear and a donation to Bucks for Bears. Money collected will go towards heartbeat bears for families who have suffered the loss of an infant.

SCHOOL NEWS

Fri. Jan. 3: All School Christmas Mass
Prepared by Grade 8
Wish List—MakerSpace—8 ounce Solo Cups—Paper Towel Rolls—Craft Sticks Large Tongue Depressor Size—Plastic Wrap—Bags of Beans—Plastic Spoons—Cotton Balls
Art—Tin Foil—Plastic Shopping Bags—Pipe cleaners—Pom poms—Modge Podge—Tacky Glue—Black Sharpies

With God all things are possible!
Mrs. Hewitt

YOUTH MINISTRY

HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM www.facebook.com/hsyouth & HS_YOUTH_STL on Instagram

MARCH FOR LIFE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE
Mandatory meeting for pilgrims & parents on Jan. 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
Krispy Kreme sales will be Sun., Jan. 19, 2020 after all the Sunday Masses.

CONFIRMATION

7th Grade:
Session 1: Life is Choices will begin Jan. 15. This session is for parents and their child.

8th Grade:
Session 12: Holiness is Possible, Sun., Mar. 8. Mark your calendar for this important session in “Stirring it Up.”

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. Our next MSM will be in January on Fri., Jan. 31.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS & SENIORS – ALL ARE WELCOME:
Christmas slumber party at the Annex on Fri., Jan. 10. Wear your Christmas PJs or ugly Christmas sweater. We’ll have food decorating, reindeer games, movies and a time for reflection. You won’t want to miss the fun!

THURSDAY EVENINGS: Want to be a part of our retreat team? Plan to start coming to Thursday meetings in January. We will begin planning for our spring retreat starting with our Thursday meetings in January at the Resource Center from 7-9. Team meetings Begin February 13 and go until April 16. If you want to be part of the team, plan to be at all the team meetings. You should not miss more than two meetings in order to honor your other team members and the teaming process.

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.

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 (Called to Be) spring retreat.

CONFIRMATION: A new Confirmation cohort will begin in January. If you are interested in being a catechist, or helping with meetings, contact Donna E.

FOOD! 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 the March for Life Pilgrimage and/or spring retreat. Contact Donna Eisenbath if you are interested in helping.

PRO-LIFE GENERATION LIFE PILGRIMAGE: We have several high school & 8th grade teens attending the March for Life. Donations for meals, Metro Cards for getting around D.C. or to help us buy tee shirts are appreciated. We are doing fundraising to help with the cost. If you would like to donate to help families afford the trip, it would be much appreciated. We are grateful to have such a generous community.

Interested? Want to help our teens encounter Jesus through participation in our parish community? Contact Donna, 954-1326 or deisenbath@holyspiritstl.org
**PSR Advisory Board** is in need of 3 new members for their board - 2 current parents of PSR students and 1 parent of either a former or current PSR student to comply with the bylaws. Each member will serve a 3 year term.

The timeline and process for this discernment is:

- Nominations are to be submitted in writing or email to the Pastor, Fr. Bob Evans (revans@holyspiritstl.org) by Friday, January 10th. All parishioners of Holy Spirit parish are encouraged to submit names.

- Eligible nominees will be invited to a no obligation Informational Meeting with the Pastor where a presentation on the basics of PSR Board membership as well as logistics; time for faith-sharing; and a time for questions. This night ends by encouraging nominees to consider and pray over what they have heard. The date for this meeting will be determined at a later date.

- After a period of discernment (usually one to two weeks) by the nominees and the Board, selection of new Board members will take place by the current board at the February PSR Advisory Board meeting.

- New Members that are selected will be commissioned at the May Board Meeting.
Holy Spirit 7th Grade Class invites you to

MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT

A FUNDRAISER for the graduating class of 2021
Saturday, January 25, 2020
Holy Spirit Gym
Doors Open at 6:30pm – Trivia begins at 7:00pm
$160 per table (max 8 adults)

Cash prizes, raffles, refreshments and more!

Send registration and payment (checks made to Holy Spirit Catholic School):

Holy Spirit Catholic School
Attn: John and Maria Weber
3120 Parkwood Lane
Maryland Heights, MO 63043

Registration forms/payment due by January 18, 2019
Registration not confirmed without advance payment
Questions? Call John & Maria Weber (298-9798)

Table Contact Name: __________________________________________

Phone Number: ___________________________________________ Number attending: ______

Register online at https://goo.gl/aC29wm
**Pro-Life**

Join young adults (19-39) throughout the archdiocese at the **2020 Young Adult Pro-Life Holy Hour**. This annual archdiocesan event, co-sponsored by the Office of Young Adult Ministry and Respect Life Apostolate, will be held on **Thurs., Jan. 23, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica** of St. Louis. Dinner and fellowship start in Boland Hall at 6 p.m. followed by Adoration, the Rosary, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Cathedral. Then return to Boland Hall to enjoy coffee and dessert while listening to a dynamic pro-life speaker!

**Annual Roe v. Wade Memorial Mass & Prayer Vigil:**
Sat., Jan. 18, 2020 - 10 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. January 22, 2020 marks 47 years since the Supreme Court decisions Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton legalized abortion in our country. Since then, over 60 million unborn children have lost their lives and countless women, men, and families have been harmed by legalized abortion in the U.S. Please join the archdiocesan Respect Life Apostolate and pro-life community in praying for an end to abortion, healing and forgiveness for those involved in abortion, and an increased respect for all human life.

**ACTS Retreat for Women**
**February 20-23, 2020**
**“We Are Called to Holiness”**
Contact: Jean Martin
(314) 210-7743
jeanfitzmartin@sbcglobal.net

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry**
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 & various items appropriate for all. **We will not have an evening meeting this month due to the Christmas holiday. Our next evening meeting will be January 22.**
Call Mary, 497-5048 to get a shawl or with any questions you might have.

**Taste & See**
There is NO Taste & See scheduled for January.
See you in February!

**Social Justice**
**Knowledge is Power**
“The sun can provide more energy in an hour than all humanity uses in a year! Solar energy is clean, safe, reliable energy, that people around the world can access to power their lives and economies.”
*Climate Reality*, Jonathan Scott
Learn more and share knowledge.

**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 for you!

**Dynamic Catholic, Alive!**
**Spiritual Leadership**
Joseph is a model of spiritual leadership. Humility & obedience are not things that are praised in our culture today. But, remember, our goal is not possessing more things on earth, rather our goal is eternal life with God! Spiritual warfare is real. Through silence, we are able to discern God’s will for us & our families. Studies show that when dad takes his faith seriously, so do his children. Men, the best thing we can do for our families is to be the men God is calling us to be, to be the spiritual leaders for our families. The best gift we can give our families is to teach them how to pray.
**AROUND TOWN**

**REMINDER**

**2020 MARCH FOR LIFE**

**IN WASHINGTON, DC**

with Missouri Life Caravan - Ages 7-107

Jan. 23-24-25, 2020 - Thurs., Fri., Sat., The cost is: $220

Buses depart from several areas throughout St. Louis.

Registration deadline in Jan. 2. Register online or download the form: [www.MissouriLifeCaravan.org](http://www.MissouriLifeCaravan.org)

314-434-4900/mrl.eastern@yahoo.com

**COME TO THE QUIET**

A Guided Silent Retreat led by Dawn Stringfield, Jan. 3-5

Mercy Conference & Retreat Center, 2039 N. Geyer Rd. 63131. Do you find yourself inundated by the never-ending barrage of noise in the world? Is it difficult to still your mind because of the constant internal chatter? What would it be like to have a weekend of silence to be present to the moment? How would it feel to unplug the cell phone, tablet, & laptop & allow yourself time & space to listen more deeply to the Spirit within & around you? If you see yourself in these questions, then “Come to the Quiet” of Mercy Conference & Retreat Center for a guided silent retreat. Mindfully walk the labyrinth & our beautiful grounds; soak up the sacred space of our main chapel & two smaller chapels; read, reflect, journal, pray; or simply rest. For more info, mercycenterstl.org.

**ST. PIUS V ANNUAL MIGRATION MASS**

January 5, 3310 South Grand Blvd. (Grand & Utah)

St. Pius V will celebrate the migrations of our own with the annual Migration Mass on Sun., Jan. 5, 10:00 am followed by a reception featuring dishes from five continents. All are invited & encouraged to wear the ethnic dress of their heritage & to bring a dish to share at the luncheon. So please join us in commemorating National Migration Week as an opportunity to contemplate the circumstances confronting today’s immigrants & refugees. Please contact Leslie Dao, 314-772-1525 x 204 for more information.

**INVITATION TO SURVIVING DIVORCE**

The holidays can be difficult for divorced & separated families. Make your healing a priority in the new year by attending *Surviving Divorce*. The 12-week program follows lay men & women on the journey to true healing, along with Catholic experts who address denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the kids, the ex-spouse, spirituality, annulment & much more. Immaculate Conception Parish – Dardenne is hosting the program beginning Jan. 8, 2020. There is a $25 fee which will cover all materials needed. (Scholarships are available for anyone). Contact Debi at debijo@att.net

**OUR LADY’S INN TRIVIA NIGHT**

Annual Trivia Night. Sat., Jan. 18, Chaminade College Prep School (425 S. Lindbergh). Doors open 6 p.m. & trivia begins 7 p.m. Cost $25 per person & $200 for a table of 8. More info or to register, Katrina, 736-1544 or [www.ourladysinn.org](http://www.ourladysinn.org). Guided by our Mission, Our Lady’s Inn provides pregnant women & their children shelter & hope for a new life through humble acts of love.

**POKER TOURNAMENT**

Feb 15, hosted by The Knights of Columbus! Tourney will be held at Assumption (Mattese). Cost is $25 with gift cards for the winners. Interested? Contact Steve at valksr@yahoo.com or [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kofc-poker-tournament-tickets-8227381311](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kofc-poker-tournament-tickets-8227381311)

**MARRIAGE ON TAP STL**

Invites you to enjoy an evening of marriage enrichment:

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Featuring Father John Vogler

Fr. John Vogler was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of St. Louis in 1965. He has served at various parishes in the inner-city and is now retired. Together with others, Father John was instrumental in starting a jail and prison ministry for the Archdiocese of St. Louis in 1979. Before retirement, he served on the staff for that ministry and is now visiting the St. Louis County jail in Clayton and the prison in Pacific as a volunteer. He has also been deeply involved in the Cursillo Movement, Marriage Encounter Movement and the Charismatic Renewal. He has served on various commissions of the Archdiocese over the years, including the Evangelization Commission and the Human Rights Commission. Father John is now working on a unique use of the Blessed Trinity as a philosophy for understanding everything. He is deeply convinced that verbal intimacy is the key to all healthy relationships.

**Tues., Jan. 21, 2020, 6:00 p.m., Pasta House, 8213 Delmar Blvd, University City, 63130 (just east of I-170)**

$25.00 per person/$50.00 per couple includes buffet dinner, tax and tip. Cash bar available.

This evening is open to all married couples. Visit us on Facebook: Marriage on Tap STL

RSVP required by 1-17-20: marriageontapstl@gmail.com

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Solemnity of the Holy Family

This Sunday the scriptures instruct us on how to have holy families. The first reading tells children (young and old) to "honor" and "revere" their parents, to be considerate of them when they get old and feeble and to be kind to them even if they fail to love us well. It does not say that we have to obey our parents all the time. This scripture never uses the word "obey".

We are to only obey God, and if a parent instructs us to do what God wants us to do (as in the responsorial Psalm), then by obeying Mom or Dad, we're obeying God, but if a parent disobeys God, we are not to follow him or her into sin. We can honor and revere our parents by respecting their personhood even while refusing to cooperate with their sins.

The second reading instructs us to "put on love, the bond of perfection", and to make sure that the peace of Christ controls our hearts. How? Saint Francis de Sales put it this way: "Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset."

Verse 18 is not saying that wives should do this by obeying their husbands as if in a child-father relationship. To understand this scripture, replace the word "subordinate" or "submit" with "accept his loving protection". God has put the husband in charge of providing protection for the family (which is why in the Gospel reading it's Joseph, not Mary, who was given the dream). This includes spiritual protection, teaching holiness and leading the family to heaven. In other words: The husband is in charge of providing God's radical love to the family.

Notice that the husband is commanded to love his wife. Why isn't the wife told to love her husband? Because by nature she's a nurturer and a care-giver. But the man, created to protect, is by nature a warrior. To be holy, the husband overcomes his innate urge to protect himself so that he can make loving sacrifices to protect his family — just like Jesus.

When a wife submits herself to the protection of her husband, if he is being the man whom God created him to be, she is placing herself into God's protection. And the husband is giving her Christ's radical love.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Which of your family relationships needs to become holier?
2. How does the husband's protective nature imitate Christ?
3. How does submission to this protection nurture the marriage?
4. How is this similarly played out in a priest's relationship with his parish?

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