

Holy Spirit Parish Family

December 6, 2020 — Second 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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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

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 November 16-22, 2020

Sunday Envelopes, 127 utilized	\$ 9,877.00
Loose Collection	\$ 103.00
Online Donations, 96 families	\$ 7,175.33
Holy Days	\$ 74.00
Total	\$ 17,229.33
Weekly Budget	\$ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	(\$ 2,961.05)

HandS	Parish Improvements
\$ 1,290.00	\$ 330.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

Monday, December 7

7:00 pm—Evening Prayer & Reconciliation, Church

Tues., Dec. 8—Feast of the Immaculate Conception

6:30 am—Mass, Church

8:00 am—Mass, Church

7:00 pm—Mass, Church

Wednesday, December 9

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

7:00 pm—Listening Session—Zoom

Thursday, December 10

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

Sunday, December 13

Sunday Mass Schedule—7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
9:00 am—RCIA, Parish Hall

THANK YOU

A sincere thanks to all those who contributed to our Thanksgiving baskets. 20 families received all the fixings for a great meal for their families. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and you have truly touched others with your love.
Hand VolunteersS

THANKSGIVING DAY THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who showed up to the ThanksGIVING Day Walk/Run. Your generosity is overwhelming! Our 13th Annual Covid Style/Social Distancing event was a success. It was a beautiful, unusually warm morning at Creve Coeur Lake! Looking forward to next year as we help those in need, and support the HandS Ministry.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR 2020—WEEK 2

We'll publish the week's list each Sunday, OR, You can visit our 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!

Day 8	canned tuna or chicken
Day 9	dessert mix
Day 10	jar of applesauce (no glass please)
Day 11	canned sweet potatoes
Day 12	cranberry sauce
Day 13	canned beans
Day 14	box of crackers

A Note From Fr. Bob

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

In case you missed the note added to last week's bulletin, here is our Advent and Christmas Schedule.

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

We are making plans to open the Parish Hall and Gym during our Christmas celebrations to accommodate those who wish to attend in person and receive Holy Communion. The Mass will be streamed to those locations in addition to the live-stream on YouTube. We need to hear from you to determine if these spaces are needed. Please email Christmas@holyspiritstl.org with your name, the Mass time, and the number of people who will be attending. Thanks to those who have already responded. If you are uncomfortable attending Mass in person and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact me at the Parish Office or email me at revans@holyspiritstl.org and we'll make arrangements to bring the Eucharist to you.

Blessings of Advent to all!

Let's pray for each other this week! Stay safe!

Peace,

Father Bob



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH'S ANNUAL ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

TONIGHT, SUN., DEC. 6 — 6:30 PM IN HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH — DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

What is different about Advent by Candlelight in 2020?

We would still like to celebrate the Advent season & **HOPE** you can come. However, there are many changes. There will be no food, no tables, & no hostesses. We will gather in church for an evening of music, songs, inspiration, & **HOPE**. We will conduct seating as we do with Sunday Masses using social distancing & 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 begin, 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 HandS organization. Drop off your non-perishable items (NO GLASS, Please!) in the gathering area of church in the HandS bins.

Your donations will bring **HOPE** to those in need.

Contact information for this event:

Lisa Ahern, lisaahernathome@gmail.com, 605-4346

Ann Allman, anncallman@gmail.com, 724-2124

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 6

7:30am For Our Parishioners
9:00am The Fisk Family
11:00am Steve Larrigan

Monday, December 7

6:30 am Faithful Departed

Tuesday, December 8 – Immaculate Conception

6:30am Mike Rolfes
8:00am For Our Parishioners
7:00pm Ninfa Biondo

Wednesday, December 9

6:30am Larry Ritter

Thursday, December 10

8:00am Terry Gardin

Friday, December 11

8:00am Robert Wientge

Saturday, December 12

8:00am Mary Lane, Special Intention
5:00pm For Our Parishioners

Sunday, December 13

7:30am Gertrude Schenk
9:00am Leo Guempel
11:00am Linda Grothoff

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the families of **Nancy Caverly**, mother of Chuck (Kerry), grandmother of Austin and Isaac; **David Peters**; and **Pat Naumann**, sister-in-law of Gene (Jane).



May their souls rest in the Peace of Christ.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

GENLIFE ★ STL 365

★★ YOUNG CATHOLICS PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL OF LIFE ★★

The Respect Life Apostolate and Office of Youth Ministry are blessed to bring the Respect Life Convention Teen Track to the youth and young adults of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. These two dynamic presentations will equip the Pro-Life Generation on the Gospel of Life! To view the presentations go to: <https://genlifestl365.com/rla-2020/>

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Renee Armon	Rich Jennings	John Rizzello
Irene Biggins	Kenneth Jordan	John Roberson
Sonny Bolm	Al Katzler	Pat Romano
Nancy Brand	Deacon Scott	Mike Sampson
Jim Brockmeyer	Kaufman	Anita Schiermeyer
Connie Buenemann	Marie Knox	Bill Schneider
Nicole Chapman	Charles Kraemer	Norma Schwaninger
Ed Cody	Bill Kriete	Rita Slice
Matthew Cody	Mike Lemp	Rudy & Brenda
Peggy Cody	Jerry McGuire	Torricelli
Leon Deimeke	Mary McGuire	Nanci Van Amburgh
Charles Dent	Bill Miederhoff	Katy Van Stratton
Till Fehrenbacher	Karen Newcomb	Joe & Jean Wangler
Ray & Betty	Matt Niedringhaus	Angeline Weber
Garvels	Jacob Null	Gene Weckherlin
Rosemary Harty	Bob & Donna	Bill & Joan Weinzirl
Betty Hirschmugl	Pedrotti	Christine
Suzanne Holzum	Rick Pemberton	Woracheck
Diane Javaux	Carolyn Putnam	Tom Zemblidge

Sick Relatives and Friends:

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE

"If you're afraid to think critically about race, it's probably because you directly benefit from racism."

~ Rev. Jacqui Lewis (@RevJacquiLewis) in a tweet following the Trump administration's September order for federal agencies to end racial sensitivity trainings

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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 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. One meeting will be on Thur. evenings at 7:15 and the other will be on Sun. at 11:30.

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

7th Grade: In person information meeting is cancelled. 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.

PSR NEWS

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. 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.

GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN

God sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord. John then performed baptisms of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in the Jordan River.

Is 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Pt 3:8-14

Ps 85:9-14
Mk 1:1-8

Directions: Find and circle these hidden words in the seek and find puzzle.

**BAPTISM
JOHN**

**FORGIVE
WATER**

**JORDAN
SINS**

F	B	S	I	N	S	Q	B
J	O	R	D	A	N	Z	A
S	P	R	E	Y	J	K	P
J	L	C	G	S	T	E	T
O	E	T	B	I	D	G	I
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N	I	W	V	A	B	E	M
Y	N	W	A	T	E	R	F

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE! –BAPTISM

We should be grateful that we have been baptized and claimed for Christ. The Holy Spirit has come into our hearts and Christ has washed away the stain of original sin. As a result, we are able to enter into heaven and attain union with God in eternal beatitude (ccc 1213-1216). The work is not done, though. We still suffer from concupiscence, our natural inclination to sin, and must face trials and temptations in our spiritual journey of life. Fortunately, the Holy Spirit guides us to repent and to turn away from our sins. He enables us to accept our adoption as sons and daughters of God who walk in the light of Christ. What is holding you back from fully embracing your status as a child of God? How can you more fully repent and experience the grace of God working in your life?

archstl.org/dynamic



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.

2nd Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Ps 85:9-14
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

Monday December 7

St. Ambrose

Isaiah 35:1-10
Ps 85:9-14
Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday December 8 Immaculate Conception

Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Ps 98:1-4
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12
Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday December 9

Isaiah 40:25-31
Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday December 10

Isaiah 41:13-20
Ps 145:1, 9-13ab
Matthew 11:11-15

Friday December 11

Isaiah 48:17-19
Ps 1:1-4, 6
Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zachariah 2:14-17 or
Rev. 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Judith (15:9d) 13:18-19
Luke 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

Prepare for the Lord! – for whatever he wants to give us, do for us, and ask of us. He has a plan for our lives, a divine purpose that will bring us to our full potential.

We can only do this by uniting ourselves to Christ, joining him on the straight path, the holy path. How do we know when we are on the right path? By the fruits of the journey.

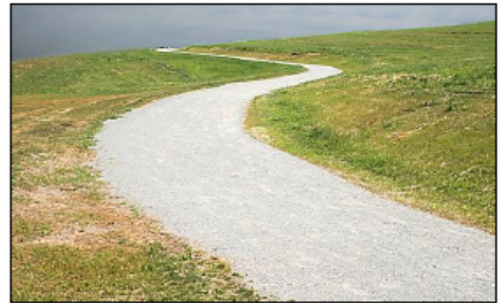
Isaiah says: A voice cries out in the desert! What is barren in your life, and dry, hot, or empty? Sins dry up our potential for fruitfulness.

Advent is a good preparation for Christmas – and meeting the Lord anew – if we use it to face our sins, reconcile with God, and follow Jesus back onto the holy path. If we neglect this opportunity, our lives will be barren of the strong faith we need during difficulties..

Prepare the way of the Lord! He has more love to give you, more healing, more joy! Make straight in the wasteland of your sins a highway for our

God. Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and create a wider road into your heart that's easy for Jesus to travel, a through-way upon which he can arrive in great speed and glory.

All humankind is as frail as grass, and all our glory is like the flower of the field that withers and wilts. Only the glory of God stands forever.



What are your troubles and struggles? Here is where Jesus wants to minister to you, and here is where you are most vulnerable to sin.

What in your life is going well? What activities are you doing that seem productive? Are any of them grassy glories that can wither away? A hundred years from now, will what you're doing today still have an impact – a beneficial impact?

God has given you talents and a calling, a special purpose that requires those talents. Yes, you! We are all called to have fruitful lives that make an eternal difference. Jesus wants to come straight to us to produce the fruits of his kingdom in our lives and in others.

Prepare for the Lord to make an eternal difference through you!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What are you going to do to straighten a crooked path?
2. What are you spending time on that will wither up and wilt away?
3. How does thinking about eternity straighten the path that you're walking on today? What changes because of this perspective?

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT — (DECEMBER 13, 2020)

Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 — Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 — 1 Thes 5:16-24 — Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



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