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**
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.

### What’s Happening This Week

**Sunday, February 2**
9:00am—First Communion Enrollment, Church
11:00am—Children’s Liturgy of the Word, Rm. 106
—Boy Scout Mass, Church
7:00pm—Al Anon, Community Rm.

**Monday, February 3**
1:00pm—Exposition/Benediction, Church
6:00pm—Quilting, Annex
7:00pm—Infant Baptism Parent Mtg., Church

**Tuesday, February 4**
9:00am—Quilting, Annex
7:30pm—Fire in the Spirit, Community Rm.

**Wednesday, February 5**
9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
6:00pm—Children’s Choir Practice, Church
7:00pm—Food Addicts Anonymous, Rigali Rm.
7:30pm—Teen Choir Practice, Church

**Thursday, February 6**
9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
6:00pm—Bell Choir Practice, Church
7:00pm—Al Anon, Rm. 2
—Choir Rehearsal, Church

**Saturday, February 8**
6:00pm—Spaghetti Dinner, Gym

**Sunday, February 9**
8:00am—Donuts & Coffee, hosted by LAFFS & MAFFIA
9:00am—Children’s Liturgy of the Word, Rm. 106
—RCIA, Rm. 111
7:00pm—Al Anon, Community Rm.

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The choirs will begin working on the music for Holy Week and Easter very soon. If you are interested in participating, please do!

The rehearsal schedule is as follows:
**Children’s Choir, Wed., 6:00 to 6:45**
(will sing on Palm Sunday and First Communion)
**Hand Bells, Thurs., 6:00 to 6:45**
(beginners are welcome, but please attend practices ASAP)
**Adult Choir, Thurs., 7:00 to 8:30**
(open to anyone grade 8 or older)

Contact Marilyn for more information:
314-341-2622
moneill@holyspiritstl.org

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### Offertory Collections

Stewardship for January 13-19, 2020

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2 | Presentation of the Lord, February 2, 2020
MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 2
- 7:30am: Sue Bastean
- 9:00am: For Our Parishioners
- 11:00am: Cindy Lamorette

Monday, February 3
- 6:30am: Faithful Departed

Tuesday, February 4
- 6:30am: Bart Castelli

Wednesday, February 5
- 6:30am: Ted Dallavalle

Thursday, February 6
- 8:00am: Nick Laconte

Friday, February 7
- 8:00am: Deacon Chuck Georges

Saturday, February 8
- 8:00am: Carol Klump
- 5:00pm: Jean Villegas

Sunday, February 9
- 7:30am: John Collins
- 9:00am: Fred DeWitt
- 11:00am: For Our Parishioners

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — FEB. 8-9

Feb 8-9 5:00 PM 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM $ Counters

Hospitality
- D Hass
- J Riesmeyer
- N Suedmeyer
- M & JL Boenker
- M Webb
- G & M Boulicault
- M Schlenk

- J Berardino
- R Rath
- B Thomas
- J Greco
- P Gruszczynski
- M Kohl
- C VanDoren

- R Fetsch
- J Moran

Hearing Assist
- J Bamert
- N Bergen
- K Stickel
- P Abramczyk
- T Bath
- B Dufaux
- M Feltmann
- T Bath
- H Partl
- R Albers
- Sub Requested

Lectors
- V Vogt
- T Wilhelm
- F Davidson
- T Bath
- M Villadiego
- M Sicking

- D Kath
- M Sicking

Sub Requested
- J Sicking

Eucharistic Ministers
- D Hass
- J Riesmeyer
- N Suedmeyer
- M & JL Boenker
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- Early

- Late

Servers
- C Shelley
- T Shelley
- M Bergen
- J Cochran
- J Giovannini

- E Vasquez
- M Kielhofner
- W Kielhofner
- L Schmid
- B Jamrog

- C Shelley
- M Kielhofner
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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.

Irene Biggins
Becky Bonner
Nancy Brand
Jim Brockmeyer
Connie Buenemann
Nicole Chapman
Ed Cody
Matthew Cody
Peggy Cody
Charles Dent
Dorothy Faerber
Till Fehrenbacher
Joe Greco
Diane Javaux
Kenneth Jordan
Al Katzler

Marie Knox
Charles Kraemer
Doris Kulage
Mike Lemp
Jerry McGuire
Mary McGuire
Karen Newcomb
Matt Niedringshaus
Jacob Null
Dave Peters
Bob & Donna
Pedrotti
Brian Ponder
John Rizzello
John Roberson
Mike Sampson

Walter Schlenk
Bill Schneider
Norma Schwaninger
Rudy & Brenda
Torricelli
Nanci Van Amburgh
Katy VanStratton
Joe & Jean
Wangler
Syl Wayer
Angeline Weber
Gene Weckherlin
Bill & Joan Weinzierl
Christine
Woracheck
Tom Zembrzuski

Sick Relatives and Friends:
Rosemarie
Angeline
Janice Borgman
Lauren Castellana
Nancy & Larry Chik
Jackie Craven
Anne DeSchryver
Paul Ecks
Jim Eisenbath
Lee Engert
Colleen Evans
Judy Gannon
Michael Gill

Betty Halpin
Steve Hartnett
Bethany Henderson
Shane Katzer
Pearl King
Sharon Lewis
Lisa Masek
Trish Merklin
Cameron Meyer
Christine Meyer
Luke Meyer

Melinda Oeth
Loretta Rath
David Rychlewski
Grace Solimando
Fynlee Schneider
Dave & Paula
Baby John Szery
Bill Trautman
Kurri Warren
Bonnie Wittman
Emme Womble

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE
We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of David Taszarek, brother of Mary and Donna. May his soul rest in the Peace of Christ.
SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our Jan. 27 $25 Red & Blue winner; Bill Miederhoff. Thank you for supporting our school!

Friday is a Spirit Day and noon dismissal. Keep sending the children with coats, gloves, scarves, etc. It is better to have them and not need them. If they are running a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher they must stay home until they are fever free without the help of medication for 24 hours.

Thurs. Feb. 6: K-4 Mass prepared by grade 3
Fri. Feb. 7: 5-8 Mass prepared by grade 7

Wish List—MakerSpace
8 oz. Solo Cups—Craft Sticks Large Tongue Depressor Size—Bags of Beans—Cotton Balls—Plastic 1 lb empty Coffee Containers—Metal 3 lb Coffee Container—Empty 6 oz Gatorade plastic bottles

Art
Black Sharpies—Clear Plastic Plates & Cups—#2 Pencils—Pink erasers

With God all things are possible!

Mrs. Hewitt

PSR NEWS

Family Faith and Fun for February
Feb. 4: Grade 3
Feb. 11: Grades 6 & 8
Feb. 18: Grade 2

Parents, you are encouraged to come join your child in participating in their PSR lesson for the night. Come find out what your child is learning and share this experience with them as together we help our children grow closer to Jesus and learn more about their faith.

Community Prayer and Baptismal Anniversaries will be held on Tues., Feb. 18, at 7:45pm.

NO PSR on Tues., Feb. 25. Come to Ashmake instead!

Advance registration is needed. Details, Page ___.

PSR Family Service Event – Tues., Apr. 7
Please sign your family up for one of the service opportunities using https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F49ADAD2EA6FD0-psrfamily
Details were sent home in a flyer and by email. Deadline for sign up is Mar. 3. This counts as a class night.

Additionally, we will be collecting cash & item donations during Feb. for the some of the Service Projects, deadline: Tues. Mar. 3. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0445A5A92CAAFF2-service1

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Sharon Kaufman.

PSR WISH LIST FOR TWO PROJECTS

PSR will hold its 5th annual Family Service Event April 7. One of our projects is to make clay heart keepsakes for hospice patients’ families. We have the people-power but need help with cash donations to purchase the needed supplies for this project. Any amount will be appreciated. Please put your donation in an envelope, labeled “PSR Service Project Attn.: Sharon Kaufman” and drop it in the collection basket on Sunday, mail it to or drop it off at the Parish Office by Tues., Mar. 3. We will do the shopping.

The other project will be to collect shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste, & deodorant. There will be bins in the Parish Hall labeled PSR HandS Donations for these items. These will be collected during the month of Feb. Our last weekend for collections will be Mar. 1. We will make personal care bags for those who visit the HandS food pantry. Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE!
The school will be having a restaurant fundraiser at Chipotle on St. Charles Rock Road Tuesday, February 11th. A portion of the proceeds for each order will be given back to the school that evening so enjoy a night off in the kitchen and support our full time school students. Thank you in advance for your support!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & F3 REGISTRATION
Will open the weekend of February 8-9th. See the information in next weekend’s bulletin for details.

CAMP CARDS
Cub Scout Pack 954 will be selling Camp Cards for $5 each in February & March after weekend Masses. 50% of sales stay here in our Pack to help scouts go to camp this summer. Your support covered more than half of camp fees to day camps and overnight camps in 2019! Thank you!

There are snap off coupons attached to the discount card for one time use like a free Schnucks ice cream again this year. The discount card is good throughout 2020 to be used multiple times! Cash and checks to Holy Spirit Pack 954 will be accepted. Contact Dave Klaus at Cubmaster954@gmail.com or 314.486.6309 if you want to buy camp cards and will not be at Holy Spirit Masses. Thank you for your support.
## SPRING RETREAT: C2B – PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

Our spring retreat for 7th & 8th graders will be Apr. 4-5 at Camp Trinity in New Haven, MO. Our focus this year is “Called 2 Be in Community.” All 7th & 8th grade students are invited to attend. This is a wonderful retreat experience of fun, friendship building, discussion & prayer led by our high school young people. If you are in high school & wish to be on the team, see below.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS & SENIORS – ALL ARE WELCOME:

**THURSDAY EVENINGS:** Want to be a part of our retreat team? Plan to start coming to Thursday meetings at the Resource Center from 7-9. **Team meetings begin Feb. 13 & go until Apr. 16.** If you want to be part of the team, contact Donna E for a team application and 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. You can earn service hours while having a great experience, too.

### CONFIRMATION

**7th Grade:** Session 2: What’s Holding You Back is NEXT Sun., Feb. 9, 6:45-9 p.m., Rigali room of the Annex. This session is **mandatory** for all Confirmation candidates.

**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 is Fri. Feb. 28.

## 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 E if you are interested in helping.

## TRIVIA NIGHT—S AT. APRIL 25

**HOSTED BY MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL HOME JFK Center, 315 Howdershell Rd, Florissant.**

The theme is Guys and Dolls Then & Now. The cost is $200 for a table of 8, which includes free beer, soda & popcorn. In addition to trivia, silent auction baskets & raffle baskets, 50/50’s & other games. Mail your payment to: MOGCH, 6825 Natural Bridge Rd, 63121, Attn: Dave; email Dave Barnhart: barnharts2000@msn.com. Come & join us, it will be a lot of fun!

## ST. PATRICK CENTER NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Help local families move from homelessness to housing with needed cleaning supplies. St. Patrick Center is seeking donations of the following items for clients moving into apartments & homes: mops, buckets, brooms, all-purpose cleaner, bathroom cleaner, dish soap, paper towels & toilet paper.

For more information, contact Katie Joseph, kjoseph@stpatrickcenter.org or 314-802-1976.

## DOES YOUR FAITH INFLUENCE THE WAY YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE?

The year 2020 is a great time to focus on the purpose of your life. Resolve to listen to Catholic radio in the New Year to be reminded of the importance of faith in your daily journey. Listen to the Holy Mass, the Divine Mercy Chaplet & the Rosary daily. Participate in live call-in shows such as Called to Communion, Open Line & Catholic Answers Live. Tune in to AM1460 KHOJ, download the free Covenant Network App, or listen on OurCatholicRadio.org.

## CYC LACROSSE

St. Monica is starting a CYC Girls & Boys Youth Lacrosse program for grades 5 thru 8. CYC Lacrosse is a spring sport. Now is registration time, to register go to [http://stmonicasports.website.sportssignup.com/](http://stmonicasports.website.sportssignup.com/). If you are interested in coaching or have questions about lacrosse please contact Felix Ferrise at stmonicalax@gmail.com. For questions concerning registration contact Joe Gibson, saintmonicasports@gmail.com.

## 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, & C2B (Called to Be) spring retreat.

### CONFIRMATION:

A new Confirmation cohort has begun. If you are interested in sharing your gifts as a catechist, or helping with meetings, contact Donna E.

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Holy Spirit  
Sat., Feb. 8th 2020  
6:00-8:30 pm in the school gym

Please save the date and join us for a pasta dinner sponsored by Holy Spirit’s 5th grade class. All proceeds to benefit fundraising efforts for next year’s camp.

$10 per Adult / $7 for children 11 years to 3 years (2 and under are free)

Dinner includes choice of pasta entrees, as well as salad, bread, drinks, and dessert!

Come for food, fun, and fellowship!

PLEASE REMIT ORDER FORM ALONG WITH PAYMENT & RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE or PARISH OFFICE MARKED PASTA DINNER NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 5TH 2020.

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*HOLY SPIRIT PASTA DINNER
SAT., FEB. 8, 2020—6:00-8:00pm,
held in the school gym.

Cash or check payment accepted: checks payable to Holy Spirit Catholic School

Family Name________________________________
Phone number_______________________________

_______Number of Adult dinners ($10/each)
_______Number of Child dinners ($7/each)
_______Total order enclosed

The Holy Spirit 5th grade class thanks you in advance for all your support!

ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY
Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life is a 10-part series that is anchored in the life of Christ as presented in the Gospels. This study explores the entirety of Jesus’ life—who he is, the nature of his saving mission, & what this means for us as Catholics today.

The study is divided into 5-week sessions: Winter 2020, Fall 2020. The cost of materials is $18 for the entire 10-part series.

Join us for one of two sessions this Winter: Mon. evenings, beginning Feb. 24, 7-8:30 pm, School Room #110, or Fri. mornings, beginning Feb. 28, 10-11:30 am in the Parish Hall. To register, complete the form below & either mail or drop it off at the parish office by Feb. 14. Questions, contact Karen Rychlewski, 739-0230, Ext. 108 or krychlewski@holyspiritstl.org.

Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life
Name _________________________________________
Address________________________________________
Phone_______________  Email ____________________

Indicate Session
Monday Evening ____          Friday Morning_____

Checks payable to Holy Spirit Parish ($18). Please mail or drop off this registration at Holy Spirit’s parish office, 3130 Parkwood Ln., Maryland Heights, MO 63043
"AshMake"

Join us for a burning of the palms and a potluck dinner,
Tuesday, February 25, (Mardi Gras)
6:30 p.m. in the Gym.
Holy Spirit Parish will provide meat and drinks.
YOU provide, sides & desserts.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office (314) 739-0230
Or parish@holyspiritstl.org
Let us know how many people and what you plan to bring.

WE ARE CALLED TO HOLINESS!

February 20-23, 2020
Holy Spirit Women’s ACTS Retreat
At Pulteown Renewal Center

Holy Spirit Parish will be accepting registrations for the 2020 ACTS weekend retreat for women. This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality and prayer life, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to build lasting friendships among members of the parish community. It is presented by Catholic Laywomen of the parish.

The retreat begins Thursday evening, February 20th, with a 6:00 p.m. check-in at the Holy Spirit Annex, 3111 Parkwood Lane, Maryland Heights, Mo. 63043 and ends Sunday, February 23rd with the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit Church. Round trip transportation to and from the retreat center will be provided for all retreatants.

Cost for each retreatant is $250.00. A registration fee of $50.00 must be submitted with this form in order to reserve your place. The remaining $200.00 is due at the Thursday evening check-in.

PLEASE NOTE: Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. If you are unable to pay all or part of the fee or need further information regarding the retreat, please contact:

Joan Martin
(314) 210-7743

Debbie Deffin
(314) 393-5448

Sue Henderson
(314) 708-5666

Roughly 7 days prior to the retreat, you will receive a letter describing what to bring with you on the retreat. Please call any of the above names if you have questions or need additional information. Return the registration form and deposit to the address below and make check payable to Holy Spirit Parish by February 14, 2020.

Please detach and return with registration fee to the parish office at 3130 Parkwood Lane, Maryland Heights, Mo. 63043

Name: ___________________________  Emergency Contact Information
Address: ________________________
City: ___________________ State: ________ Relationship: ________________________
Zip: ___________________________ Home Phone: ____________________________
Email: ________________________ Work Phone: ____________________________
Home Phone: ___________________ Cell Phone: ____________________________
Cell Phone: ____________________  2nd Emergency Contact
I would like my name tag to read: ____________________________
Name: ________________________ Relationship: ____________________________
If you have any specific dietary needs, please specify: ____________________________
Home Phone: ___________________ Work Phone: ____________________________
Cell Phone: ____________________
If you have any specific physical needs, please specify: (No stairs, elevator, or allergic conditions such as scents, mold, or has respiratory condition, etc.)

I am a member of ___________________________ Parish.
Taste & See for Older Adults

Bite sized food, faith, and fellowship!

**Get Thinking!!**

Learn about brain basics and why its important to do brain exercises regularly. Different cognitive impairments and ways to keep your mind strong will be addressed!

*Presented by: Jill Day, The Sheridan Senior Living*

*To arrange non-medical care for a loved one so that you may attend, call Karen Rychlewski, 739-0230, Ext. 108 by February 7th.*

Spirited Seniors February Event

**Lemp Mansion Sunday Brunch, Sun. Feb. 9**

An all-inclusive meal including fried chicken, baked ham, roast beef, & numerous sides with coffee, tea or soda, tax & tip for $29.15 per person. Does not include alcohol. Contact the Rhomberg’s, 314-344-0471, to make your reservation.

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!

Social Justice

To live justly ~ “if we stand by, we share the blame.”
Sara Thomsen

The Gospel shows the Way. O God forgive our closed hands, our closed minds, our closed eyes and ears. Open our hearts so we may walk humbly with God.

Feb. 8 is the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, a victim of human sex trafficking.

A Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking

“God of liberation, we pray for all Your children who are enslaved by human trafficking. Free them from their bondage, heal them of their wounds, protect them from further harm, turn the hearts of their oppressors, and sustain them with hope for a new beginning in safety and peace.”

Fiat Women’s Group

All women are invited to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (5200 Glennon Dr, 63119) the third Thursday of each month for prayer & a talk. The next meeting will be **Feb. 20.** The speaker will be **Fr. Paul Hoesing, Vice Rector for Formation at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.** The Rosary will be prayed at 8 a.m., and Fr. Hoesing will speak from 8:15 until 9 a.m. Coffee will be offered afterwards in the Fireside Lounge until 9:30 a.m. For more info or to watch videos from past Fiat talks, see: [www.kenrick.edu/fiat](http://www.kenrick.edu/fiat).
AROUND TOWN

POKER TOURNAMENT
Feb 15, hosted by The Knights of Columbus! Tourney will be held at Assumption (Matteese). 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-82227381311

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Just as Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, present your marriage to the Lord. Strengthen, renew, & rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekends are Feb. 7-9, & Apr. 24-26, Courtyard Marriot, St. Peters. https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php or call or text 314.649.7317.

CELEBRATING WORLD MARRIAGE DAY!
FEBRUARY 9
"Father, as we prepare for World Marriage Day, we thank you for your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Help us to witness to its glory by a life of growing intimacy. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more and more One in Heart, Mind and Body. Strengthen our relationship and help us become living signs of your love. Make us grow more in love with the church so we may renew the Body of Christ. Make us a sign of unity in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Brother. Amen"
~Fr. Bill Dilgen, S.M.M.

TRIVIA PARTY
Help end homelessness at St. Patrick Center Trivia Party on Fri., Feb. 7, St. Louis Union Station. Gather your team of eight & register your table for $500. Price includes food, beer, wine, soda & parking. Visit stpatrickcenter.org/triviaparty

MARRIAGE CHALLENGES?
Retrouvaille (a French word meaning rediscovery) is a program to help couples heal & renew their marriages that offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. It has helped thousands of couples with marital problems & crises, even couples who are separated & divorced. The next program begins Feb. 7-9. Contact: Kerry, 753.2022 or Tom, 409.4199. To register: 800.470.2230 or visit helpourmarriage.org.

REUNION
The Catholic Newman Center at the UMSL is having an alumni reunion Fri., Feb 21, (On St. John Newman's birthday). Mass at 6pm in the living room of the Newman House like the old days, followed by drinks & hors d'oeuvres. Come for a casual evening with old friends. This event is free. RSVP Kay@cncumsl.org by Feb 18 or call Kay, 385-3455. Hope to see you at the Newman House. 8200 Natural Bridge 63121

EMBRACING THE FEMININE GENIUS
March 7, 2020 — Touhill Performing Arts Center
To register visit catholicwomenforchrist.org OR Call the Touhill box office, 314-516-4949
Enjoy speakers, Reconciliation, Adoration, merchant & ministry vendors, Vigil Mass, Healing Prayer, Relics, & more! Ticket prices increase as the event gets closer.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE!
OUR FIRST AND BEST TO THE LORD
How do you present yourself to God when you attend Mass? Do you make Sunday Mass a priority or just try to fit it in when it is convenient? Do you prepare for Mass ahead of time? Do you read the Scripture readings & think about what the Lord may be saying to you? What is your disposition when you attend Mass? Are you looking to be entertained? How often do you complain about the homily or the music? Or, do you come to worship & adore God? Do you ask God what He is going to do for you like He is a genie in bottle granting wishes? Or, do you ask God what you can do for Him to help build His kingdom on earth? How do you dress for Mass? Do you take time in silence before and/or after Mass to talk to God personally? Do you make an offering to the Lord or just let the collection plate go by thinking that’s someone else’s burden. Think of it this way, when you go to a friend or family member’s house, you typically prepare ahead of time. You shower, put on nice clothes, think about the other people who may be attending & usually you don’t come empty-handed, you bring a bottle of wine or an appetizer. Why wouldn’t you do the same before you go to God’s house? Remember, God is the Creator of the Universe, He ranks higher than family & friends. Why do you go to great lengths to prepare to meet family & friends, yet for God, you do the bare minimum? Worse, yet, do you just go to Mass out of obligation & not out of love for God? As we start the new year, let’s make God the priority & give Him our first & best every day.

The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1-4
Ps 24:7-10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Monday February 3
2 Sam 15:13-14,30,16-5-13
Ps 3:8a,2-7
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday February 4
2 Samuel 18:9-10,14b,
24-26a,30-19.3
Ps 86:1-8
Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday February 5
St. Agatha
2 Samuel 24:2,3-17
Ps 32:1,2-5-7
Mark 6:1-8

Thursday February 6
Sts. Paul Miki & Companions
1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12
1 Chronicles 29:10-12
Mark 6:7-13

Friday February 7
Sirach 47:2-11
Ps 18:31,47,50,51
Mark 8:14-29

Saturday February 8
1 Kings 3:4-13
Ps 118:8-14
Mark 8:30-34

Today we recall the consecration of the baby Jesus by Joseph and Mary. Because the infant was consecrated to God, his whole life and even his death were consecrated to God – for our sake.

Have you consecrated your life to God?

What about consecrating your death to God, too? Even your dying breath can serve God if you ask him to give you the opportunity. What kind of testimony will your passage from earth to heaven be for those you leave behind?

At your baptism, you were born into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, but have you consciously consecrated your life to him? This is a daily decision, even a moment-by-moment renewal of the decision, not just a one-time baptismal ceremony.

This means being in a constant state of prayer, no matter how busy we are.

It means turning to God and acting on faith instead of reacting to circumstances.

It means getting in touch with God in our hearts and not letting our heads fool us into thinking we’re living on the heart-level while we’re not.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. A prayer: “Lord Jesus, help me to live the consecrated life. Holy Spirit, make me aware of the times I fail to do this and show me how to re-consecrate my life to You. Loving Father, accept my desire to be consecrated to You, and help me to immerse myself more fully into Your generous love for me.”

2. Have you consecrated your life to God? Describe what that decision was like. Why did you do it? What changed?

3. How does consecrating our lives to God help us grow spiritually? What are some of the struggles we face in trying to live out our consecration?
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