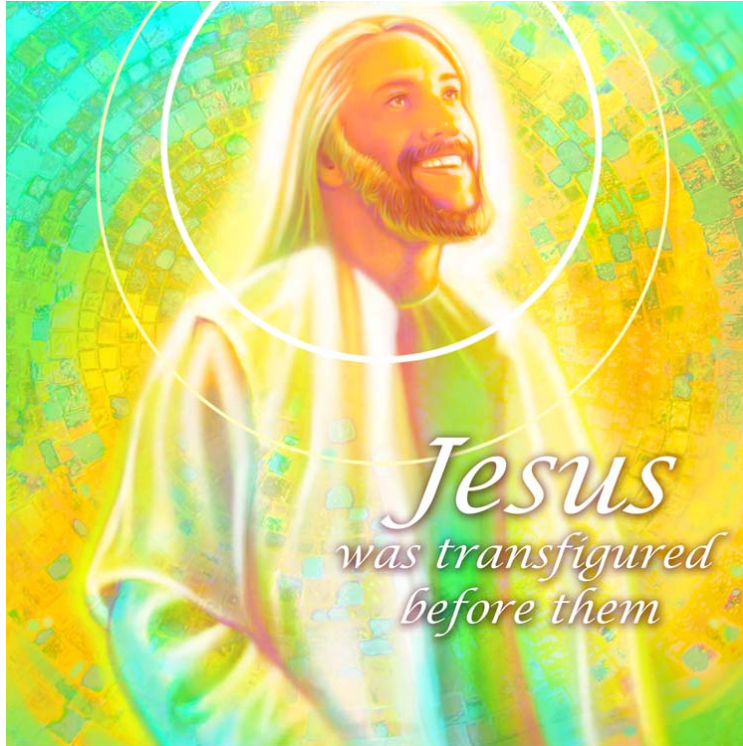


# Holy Spirit Parish Family

February 25, 2018 — Second Sunday of Lent



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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**

Wednesdays after 8 a.m. Mass until Noon (closing with Benediction). Confessions 1st Wednesday.

**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 February 5-11, 2018

Sunday Envelopes, 206 utilized	\$ 11,568.00
Loose Collection	\$ 734.08
Online Donations, 71 families	\$ 6,690.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,000.08</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 20,576.00
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	(\$ 1,575.92)
<b>HandS</b>	<b>Parish Improvements</b>
\$256.72	\$ 163.00

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK****Sunday, February 25**

8:00 a.m.—Girl Scout Cookie Booth, Outside Church  
 9 & 11 a.m.—Children's Liturgy of the Word, Rms. 105 & 110  
 —RCIA, Rm. 111  
 10:10 a.m.—Confirmation 2018 (Session 3), Annex  
 11:00 a.m.—Girl Scout Mass, Church  
 3:00 p.m.—Blue & Gold Banquet, Pack #575, Gym

**Monday, February 26**

8:30 a.m.—Journey Group, St. Blaise Rm.  
 6:00 p.m.—Quilting, Annex  
 6:30 p.m.—Basketball Practice, Gym  
 —Boy Scout Troop #954, Rigali Rm.  
 7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer, Church

**Tuesday, February 27**

9:00 a.m.—Quilting, Annex  
 —Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.  
 10:00 a.m.—Scripture Study, Parish Hall  
 7:30 p.m.—Fire in the Spirit, Community Rm.  
 8:15 p.m.—Basketball Practice, Gym

**Wednesday, February 28**

6:30 a.m.—St. Patrick's Casseroles, St. Blaise Rm.  
 9:00 a.m.—Exposition/Benediction, Church  
 —Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.  
 6:30 p.m.—Basketball Practice, Gym  
 7:00 p.m.—Food Addicts Anonymous, Rigali Rm.  
 —Men's Bible Study, St. Lawrence Rm.  
 —Teaching Mass, Church

**Thursday, March 1**

3:00 p.m.—Brownie Troop, Rm. 9  
 6:30 p.m.—Basketball Practice, Gym  
 —Men's ACTS Team, Rigali Rm.  
 7:00 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal, Church  
 —High School Gathering, Resource Ctr.  
 —M.A.F.F.I.A., Parish Hall

**Friday, March 2**

11:00 a.m.—Stations of the Cross, Church  
 4:30 p.m.—Seafood Dinner, Gym  
 6:30 p.m.—Girl Scout Bridging, Annex  
 7:00 p.m.—Stations of the Cross, Church

**Saturday, March 3**

12:30 p.m.—First Communion Parent/Child Day  
 6:30 p.m.—Basketball Games, Gym

**Sunday, March 4**

9 & 11 a.m.—Children's Liturgy of the Word, Rms. 105 & 110  
 9:00 a.m.—Mass—First Scrutiny, Church  
 —RCIA, Rm. 111  
 10:10 a.m.—Confirmation 2018, Session 4, Annex  
 12:00 p.m.—Basketball Games, Gym

**DON'T FORGET...****THE SEAFOOD DINNER THIS FRIDAY**

**STOP ON YOUR WAY HOME FROM  
 WORK...OR...MAKE IT A NIGHT OUT  
 WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS!**

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Betty Apprill	Marge Horton	Brian Ponder
Renee Armon	Al Katzler	Dee Powers
Jean Bauer	Sharon Kaufman	John Rizzello
Sandy Birrittier	Frank Kekeisen	Patrick Ryan
Becky Bonner	Marie Knox	Bill Schneider
Dorothy Briggs	Mary Ann	Linda Tarrant
Jim Brockmeyer	Koperski	Pat Tellmann
Ed Cody	Charles Kraemer	Nanci
Matthew Cody	Marie Mazzola	Van Amburgh
Paula Davidson	Mary McGuire	Jean & Joe
Lisa Delfert	Danny McNamee	Wangler
Linda DeNatale	Al Metzger	Gene Weckherlin
Dorothy Faerber	Margaret Metzger	Bill & Joan
Till Fehrenbacher	George Murphy	Weinzirl
Ed Flores	Gene Naumann	Earl Wieman
Janet Frayne	Matt Niedringhaus	Tom Zemblidge
Ray Garvels	Dotty Noblitt	

### Sick Relatives and Friends:

Leo Bachinski II	Irene Lee	Judy O'Hare
Florence Bamert	Pam Lewis	Mark Pearia
Tony Bedrosian	Kelsie Manna	Brianna Pfeiffer
Christopher Bolm	Blake Melton	Katrina Plunk
Jackie Craven	Louis Merritt	Anthony
Anita Geiger	Cameron Meyer	Pyzdrowski
Baby Finley Gerhardt	Christine Meyer	Antoinette "Babs"
Donna Hatfield	Luke Meyer	Sarmiento
Raymond Jaegers	Ron Meyer	David Schneider
Shane Katzler	Mike Mitra	Grace Solimando
Samantha Kerwin	Aloe Mossburger	Wanda Wade
Dennis King	Logan Nevlin	John Wamhoff
<b>Roger Lane</b>	Melinda Oeth	Tom Wangler

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, February 25—Third Sunday of Lent

7:30am	Glennon F. Audrain
9:00am	For Our Parishioners
11:00am	Nick Serra

### Monday, February 26

6:30 am	Faithful Departed
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### Tuesday, February 27

6:30am	Jane McNulty Dolan
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### Wednesday, February 28

6:30am	John Garvin
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### Thursday, March 1

8:00am	Louis Christopher Rath
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### Friday, March 2

8:00am	Marcelia Mente
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### Saturday, March 3

8:00am	Judy Ruffus
5:00pm	Danny Magparangalan

### Sunday, March 4

7:30am	Sarah Scott
9:00am	For Our Parishioners
11:00am	Robert Davenport, Sr.

### FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of

**Rosemarie Liese**, wife of Al.

May her soul rest in the Peace of Christ.



Mar. 3-4	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	\$\$ Counters	MINISTRY SCHEDULE — MAR. 3-4
<b>Hospitality</b>	M Lehmkuhl D & M Casey D Klein C Milligan G Murphy K Shamel	N Suedmeyer J & R Roberson T Canavan R Fetsch F Gallagher J Saputo	J Telthorst R & S Holland K Flood S Hirschmugl W Schlenk	J Neil E & B Flores H Free J Greco P Gruszczynski M Kohl C VanDoren	<b>EARLY</b> B Philipp B Schindler	
<b>Hearing Assist</b>	J Bamert	V Vogt	T & J Myslinski	L DeNatale		
<b>Lectors</b>	C Rallo	D Belken	J DeNatale	G King		
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	J Bamert D Hass A Kleitz A Merris C Notter P & G Cunningham D & M Schulte	K Kenning M McCarthy J Zemblidge W & G Prather	M DeWitt MJ Flynn K Johnson S Kaufman P Krause A Lange N Meyer R & K Dannegger	E Accardi B Ball J DeNatale B Flores B Jaeger M Sicking A Wehking C & K Caverly	<b>LATE</b> J Allan M Leib	
<b>Servers</b>	E Sarmiento T Shelley A Woodard	S Degenhardt JP Freygang G King	D Belken S Kaufman B Pattison	J DeNatale R Leick K Leick		



## SCHOOL NEWS

**Congratulations** to our Feb. 19 Red & Blue winner of \$50, **Mary Ann Landolt**.

Thank you for supporting our school!

### **2018-2019 TUITION ASSISTANCE/SCHOLARSHIPS!**

The online application for scholarships funded by the Catholic Education Office, the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri, and the Today & Tomorrow Educational Foundation **IS OPEN and the DEADLINE to apply is FEBRUARY 28!** Please visit the website for more information at [www.ttef-stl.org](http://www.ttef-stl.org). Do not delay when applying. The Alive! In Christ scholarship is on a first come first serve basis. Even if you are not sure if you qualify, **APPLY ANYWAY!!** It's free to apply and you never know when you might receive some assistance. It's that time of the year when we start making plans for the 2018-2019 school year. Do you know someone discerning about his/her child(ren)'s education? Let them know about Holy Spirit Catholic School! We would love to schedule a tour & show them what we have to offer!

### **CALENDAR**

**Tuesday, February 27**—8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Jefferson City - prayers for a safe trip!

**Tuesday, February 27**—Holy Spirit Papa Johns Pizza Restaurant Night

**Thursday, March 1**—K-4 attend Mass prepared by Grade 4

**Friday, March 2**—5-8 attend Mass prepared by Grade 8

**Friday, March 2**—Stations of the Cross – 11:00AM

**Friday, March 2**—NOON DISMISSAL – Faculty Meeting

**Friday, March 2**—5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Send in Desserts for Seafood dinner

### **THANK YOU!**

Thanks so much to the parishioners who have donated many items on our wish list! **Teacher Wish List**

**Mrs. Tiffin is wishing for:**

Ticonderoga brand #2 pencils  
Used tennis balls for chair legs  
Chess sets for indoor recess

**Mrs. Whetstone is wishing for:**

**ART CLASS:**

Glue Sticks; White Tempra or Acrylic Paint  
Erasers; Cotton Balls; Wallpaper Samples

**COMPUTER CLASS:**

Mouse pads (preferable black)

**Miss B is wishing for:**

American Girl Doll Books 2nd grade level  
(especially the stories of the girls) or a gift card to  
Amazon or Barnes & Noble to purchase the books

**Mrs. Spinner is wishing for:**

Expo Markers (Dry Erase markers)

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Gould

## FIRST COMMUNION

### PARENT & CHILD AFTERNOON

**Saturday, March 3, from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

All children preparing for First Communion this May and their parents will come together to pray and sing, make bread dough and banners, watch a video and go on a church tour.

Please pray for these children and their families.

## PSR NEWS

### PSR FAMILY SERVICE EVENT APRIL 10TH

Each family will have the opportunity to choose ONE service project to do together either in the afternoon or evening on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. These service projects will take the place of our regular classes so all families are EXPECTED to participate.

Here are the instructions for signing up for the PSR Family Service Event on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. (This is counted as a regular PSR night and participation is expected. We will not hold regular classes)

GO TO: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f49adad2ea6fd0-family>

Choose the location and time that your family wants to serve – sign up for **ONE SPOT**. Indicate how many people in your family will attend. **PLEASE NOTE:** only one sign up slot shows until it is full. A reminder will be sent to you 2 days before the event.

**Deadline to sign up is March 13<sup>th</sup>**

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



*We provide fully nutritious food to impoverished children and families around the world...and around the corner.*

For one of our projects during PSR Family Service Night, we will be packing meals for impoverished people through Kids Against Hunger.

Each meal costs 30 cents and our goal is to fill 1,700 – 2,000 meals in one hour on April 10<sup>th</sup> which will cost \$500-\$600.

We are collecting donations to meet our goal.

If you would like to make a donation (cash or checks made payable to Holy Spirit), please drop off your envelope at the Parish Office marked:

**Attention: Sharon Kaufman,  
Kids Against Hunger, PSR Meal Packing Project**

## YOUTH MINISTRY

FIND US ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM!  
[www.facebook.com/hsyouth](http://www.facebook.com/hsyouth) & Instagram HS\_YOUTH\_STL

### TEACHING MASS FEBRUARY 28:

*An opportunity to grow in understanding and appreciation for our celebration of Eucharist.*

Every wonder why we Catholics do what we do? Here's an chance to experience the Mass in a different way. You and your family are invited to join us on Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in church.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**PGC Adult Volunteers NEEDED:** Ministry is a community effort. Opportunities include Luke 18 team chaperones, Luke 18 chaperones, summer service experience chaperones and leaders, Middle School and High School meeting chaperones. Please contact Donna Eisenbath. We need your help to make all these things possible to our young people. Young adults, parents and empty nesters are all welcome. Our young people benefit from your life of faith and appreciate your help.

**Luke 18 is April 14-15** – ALL 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend. This is a wonderful retreat presented by a team of our high school students. Young people are invited to grow in faith and relationship through skits, small group discussions, and talks from the high school teens.

### **Summer Opportunities:**

#### **Young Neighbors in Action Service Retreat**

While the cold of winter is just beginning, deadlines are approaching. The opportunity to build community and learn more about Catholic Social Teaching through YNIA is a wonderful one. Please contact Donna Eisenbath if you are interested in attending this service retreat for high school students who have completed their freshman through senior year. You can earn up to 25 hours for service.

### CONFIRMATION

**2018 (7<sup>th</sup> grade): Session 3 is TODAY, Feb. 25** in the Rigali Rm. All young people preparing for Confirmation should plan to attend. Parents are encouraged to stay for the first 15 minutes to pray with us & for a brief meeting. All Sessions are important for Confirmation preparation. **Session 4—Mar. 4 & Session 5—Mar. 18.**

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

Calling all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to join us one Friday a month to pray and play. Our next gathering is **Friday, March 16**, from 7-9 in the Annex. Parents must come in and sign you in and out.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors – ALL ARE WELCOME:

**Eat, Pray, Discuss 2.0** – EVERY Thursday evening from 7-9 in the Resource Center. Come join us! Drop in for games, good food and discussions on your burning questions about your faith. We are currently working to plan the Luke 18 retreat from now until April.

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Archdiocesan policy mandates that all who work with children (and/or vulnerable adults) be in full compliance with the Safe Environment Program. Compliance involves: 1) attending a Protecting God's Children workshop; 2) reading and signing a Code of Ethical Conduct; 3) completion of a FCSR background check before a person begins their ministry which gets updated each even year.

**We, at Holy Spirit Parish, are in the process of updating all necessary background checks for 2018. If you are no longer active in your ministry, please call the parish's Child Safety Coordinator, Mary, 314-739-0230.**

If you are interested in getting involved in a ministry, please let me know, too! Thank you so much for your ministry at Holy Spirit Parish.

### UPCOMING WORKSHOP

If you are planning to get involved, Holy Spirit Parish is hosting a Protecting God's Children Workshop on **TUESDAY, MARCH 6, FROM 6:30 TO 8:30 P.M. IN THE PARISH HALL.**

To register, please visit [www.archstl.org](http://www.archstl.org), click on the Protecting God's Children section on the left hand side and follow the directions for registration.

Please plan to arrive between 6 and 6:15 to complete the paperwork prior to the workshop beginning. Also, please bring your Social Security card (or a copy) for background check purposes.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mary at the Parish Office (314-739-0230).

## HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMS

**JUNE 25-29, 2018**

### **Totus Tuus (for students going into Gr. 1-6)**

A NEW program for students going into Gr. 1-6 to bring kids closer to Christ through prayer, fun & sacraments.

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**\$30 per child**

### **Totus Tuus (for students going into Gr. 7-12)**

A NEW program for students going into Gr. 7-12 to bring kids closer to Christ through prayer, fellowship, fun & faith sharing.

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

9:00 am – 12:00pm daily

For children ages 3\* - going into Kindergarten in Fall 2018  
(\*3 by January 1, 2018)

**\$30 per child**



**REGISTRATION FORMS & MORE DETAILS COMING SOON**

**FOR ALL 3 PROGRAMS**

## 2018 LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNERS SCHEDULES FOR DESSERT DONATIONS

The families of the Full-Time School (FTS) and the Parish School of Religion (PSR) have been asked to contribute desserts for the Parish Seafood Dinners, which take place in the gym each Friday during Lent. Your dessert may be made in your own kitchen or store-bought. It is best to try to provide them in a disposable pan or container.

Please bring the dessert to the gym or cafeteria kitchen on the day you are assigned.

Thank you in advance for your help!



Friday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	FTS grades 5 & 6 and PSR grade 2
Friday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>	FTS grade K and PSR grades 3 & 7
Friday, March 16 <sup>th</sup>	FTS grade 1 and PSR grades 4 & 5
Friday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	FTS grades 3 & 7 and PSR grade 6



### ENCOUNTER CESIA

We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

#### RICE BOWL



### ATTENTION ALL VIDEO ENTHUSIASTS!

Do you like putting video together to share experiences with others?

Would you like to use your video talents to help others? Why not volunteer to record masses for the elderly and homebound? You will learn the 3-camera video system in church to share Mass with those who might not be able to worship with our community in any other way.

If you are interested call

Mary Dale-Bannister 314-497-5048.

### YOUNG ADULT EVENTS WITH THE WAY STL

Check us out online for more information!

E-mail: [thewaystlouis@gmail.com](mailto:thewaystlouis@gmail.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thewaystl/>

Website: [www.thewaystl.org](http://www.thewaystl.org)

#### First Friday Holy Hour

7 PM, St. Richard's Parish

#### Women's Emmaus Study Group\*

7-8:30pm 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

#### Men's Emmaus Study Group\*

7-8:30pm 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

E-mail us for more information

\*Emmaus study group is a small faith sharing group. Topics covered are determined by the group and range from weekly readings, study of specific books of the Bible, & video series.



### TEACHING MASS –

### ENRICHMENT FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

At the heart of Catholic life is the celebration of Eucharist; the Mass. Like the air we breathe, the Mass is vital, the “source and summit” of what Catholics do. It is constant and commonplace, yet also rich and complex. Every word and gesture has a history, significance, and meaning. But, like the familiarity and comfort of breathing, we can take it for granted.

Would you like to renew or deepen your understanding and appreciation of Mass?

All are invited to our

**Teaching Mass**  
**Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**7 pm in Church**

We hope to see you there!

### ST. PATRICK'S CASSEROLE GROUP NEEDS YOU!

We have been providing chicken-rice casseroles on the fourth Wednesday of every month (as part of St. Patrick Center's parish-based program to provide a noon meal for those in need) for many years now. We have had a few longtime casserole makers who have had to step down, and we would like to be able to provide the needed 28 casseroles (or more) instead of the 20-22 we now provide. The time commitment is about 1½ hours a month—about an hour (or less—it's an easy recipe) to make the casserole, and about ½ hour round-trip (depending on where you live) to bring it (frozen) to the Parish Resource Center on the morning of the fourth Wednesday of the month. We will give you the disposable pan for the casserole, and the recipe, which is easy for anyone to follow. We also have volunteers who transport the casseroles to St. Patrick Center at 9:00 AM on the fourth Wednesday of the month. For more information on making or transporting casseroles, please call or e-mail Mary Beth Schulte, 229-8067 or [SpecRelEdu@aol.com](mailto:SpecRelEdu@aol.com). Help feed the hungry people in our area. Thanks to all our dedicated casserole-makers who already volunteer their time and talent!!

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married couples: **Start a new love affair with your spouse that is beyond your best wishes.** We did! It happened on our Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You too can renew your love for one another. The next weekends are Apr. 20-22 in St. Peters, MO; and Mar. 23-25 at the Chiara Center in Springfield, IL. You can find out more by clicking on [www.stl-wwme.org](http://www.stl-wwme.org) or calling at 314.649.7317.



## DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE! – AMAZING LOVE

The readings today are so powerful and show the amazing love that God has for His Son Jesus as well as all of His people. God often tests our love to see if it is true and genuine. He tested Abraham in an extraordinarily startling manner, and He tests us in our lives to help us assess if we are truly loving Him with all that we are. God chastises those whom he loves (Hebrews 12:6) and purifies us so that we are able to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. In our work of evangelization, we should constantly pray for the grace to love God and others radically as the saints have. [archstl.org/dynamic](http://archstl.org/dynamic)

### SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

“The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all...Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.”  
~ Pope Francis, *Laudato Si’*

### Take the St. Francis Pledge

I pledge to pray, act, and advocate to solve climate change.

- ◇ **PRAY** and reflect on the duty to protect the poor and vulnerable by caring for God’s Creation.
- ◇ **ACT** to reduce my contribution to climate change.
- ◇ **ADVOCATE** for Catholic principles in climate change decisions, especially as they affect those who are poor and vulnerable.

Register your pledge at:

[CatholicClimateCovenant.org/Pledge](http://CatholicClimateCovenant.org/Pledge)

As a Lenten outreach the Social Justice Team at Holy Spirit invites you to join many other Christian churches in an Offering of Letters to Congress in support of our nations investments in programs that help people move out of poverty and feed their families, both in the US and abroad. To make a more just society, we need to ask, why are there so many people, even in America who struggle to put food on the table? *Bread for the World* is the sponsoring organization for the letter writing campaign. Make an effort to voice your concern. Join us for post card signing in the Parish Hall later in March. Watch the bulletin for more details.

### CAN’T STOP EATING?

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous

We welcome all who want to stop eating addictively. Please join us Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. in Room 2 of the Annex. Drop ins are Welcome!

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The Niedringhaus Family wants to thank everyone for their prayers and meals while they deal with medical issues.

## THANK YOU

to our parish family for all the prayers, thoughts, and cards during my recent surgery. We appreciate the continued prayers during recovery from surgery and radiation treatments. We are truly blessed by this community of faith!  
Sharon Kaufman and family

### HANDS LENTEN PROJECT

HandS will not be collecting Lenten casseroles this year. Instead, please consider making the following recipe?

#### St. Patrick’s Center Chicken Rice Casserole

- 2 cups uncooked rice
- 1 cup chopped onion
- ½ cup (1 stick) margarine or butter, melted
- 4 ½ cups chicken broth
- 1 cup chopped green vegetable (peas, green beans, green pepper, etc.)
- 1 cup diced celery
- 3 cups boned, cooked chicken (white or dark meat)
- 2 3-oz. cans sliced mushrooms
- 4 or 5 slices American cheese

In a medium skillet, brown the rice and onion in the margarine or butter. Add the chicken broth; cover and cook 10 minutes. Add the celery and other vegetable; cover and cook for 10 to 15 minutes longer until the rice is tender, stirring occasionally. Add the chicken and sliced mushrooms. Layer half of the rice mixture in aluminum pan. Place the slices of American cheese on top, and then add the rest of the chicken/rice mixture. Freeze immediately.

These casseroles are taken to St. Patrick’s Center as part of a wholesome meal for the homeless. At the Center, the casseroles are combined so it is important that all casseroles follow this recipe.

Please bring your casserole to the Parish Resource Center on **Feb. 28 or Mar. 28** between **6:30-9 a.m.** Contact Mary Beth Schulte at 314-229-8067 for an alternate date if you are unable to deliver the casserole in this time frame.

Thank you for your support and for feeding the hungry.

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

"I kept my faith, even when I said, 'I am greatly afflicted.'  
~ Psalm 116:10

As you face your problems, do you think about 'having faith'? Do you turn away from your prayers, feeling , perhaps, that 'it doesn't matter'? Perhaps a gentle shoulder to lean on, during those 'weak' times is the answer to your search for a strengthening of your emotions and your faith. The caring, listening Stephen Ministry is made of specially selected and trained men and women who have answered the call to those in need of emotional support. Consider calling Stephen Ministry, 739-0230, ext.130, and leave a confidential message. The call may lead you to the help you seek. Share this message!

## LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross	Every Friday at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm Good Friday at 3:00 pm
Evening Prayer and Reconciliation	Every Monday at 7:00 pm except March 19 <sup>th</sup>
Sunday, February 25, Second Sunday of Lent	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
Wednesday, February 28, <b>Teaching Mass</b>	Mass at 7:00 pm
Sunday, March 4, Third Sunday of Lent	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
Sunday, March 11, Fourth Sunday of Lent	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
Sunday, March 18, Fifth Sunday of Lent	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
Monday, March 19	Parish Penance Service at 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 24	Confessions 9 am to 3 pm, No confessions at 4pm
Sunday, March 25, Passion Sunday	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule Masses begin in Parish Hall
Holy Thursday, March 29	Morning Prayer at 8:00 am Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm
Good Friday, March 30	Morning Prayer at 8:00 am Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00 pm
Holy Saturday, March 31	Morning Prayer at 8:00 am Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm
Sunday, April 1, Easter Sunday	Masses at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am
Sunday, April 8, Octave of Easter	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday, April 14 - Sunday April 15	Luke 18 Retreat
Sunday, April 15, Third Sunday of Easter	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
Sunday, April 22, Fourth Sunday of Easter	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
Sunday, April 29, Fifth Sunday of Easter	Confirmation Enrollment at 9:00 am Mass
Sunday, May 6, Sixth Sunday of Easter	First Communion 2:00 pm
Sunday, May 13, Feast of the Ascension	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
Sunday, May 20, Feast of Pentecost	Regular Sunday Mass Schedule



## PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE

Pat & Dick Gill – 434-8323

**“Don’t forget that He whom the whole universe cannot contain, was "hidden" in the womb of the Holy Virgin for nine months. Once you realize this, you will be awe-filled for the double mystery that God has confided to you: to conceive a human being made to God’s image and likeness, and to give birth to him...”**

*~ Alice von Hildebrand, Philosopher, “Letter to a Young Girl*

### **Missouri Right to Life “Show Me Life” Pro-Life Action Day**

**Missouri State Capitol:** Plan now to come to Jefferson City on Tuesday, March 13, for Pro-Life Action Day to encourage your legislators to pass pro-life legislation. Lobby your legislators and join the noon rally featuring Guest Speaker Carol Tobias, National Right to Life Committee President. Registration begins in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Rotunda at 10:00 a.m. Contact the Missouri Right to Life Office (573) 635-5110 or visit [www.missourilife.org](http://www.missourilife.org) for additional information and transportation.

**On Tuesday, February 14, the City of St. Louis Public Safety Committee passed out of committee Board Bill 34, a so-called "Buffer Zone" that would effectively eliminate sidewalk counseling at Planned Parenthood and also limit prayer efforts there.** The bill moves on to the Full Board where it will go through a series of readings and votes over the next few weeks. If it passes it would likely be on March 2nd.

**Participate in the worship and witness of HELPERS OF GOD’S PRECIOUS INFANTS on Saturday, March 17, (and every 3rd Saturday) beginning with 8:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica on Lindell Blvd.** Following Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and people of all ages make a peaceful Rosary procession to the local Planned Parenthood abortion facility to pray for an end to abortion and a respect for all human life. Those who cannot walk remain in the Cathedral praying the rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament concludes the morning.

**From February 14 to March 25 our community is one of many cities from coast to coast joining together for the 40 Days for Life campaign.** 40 Days for Life is an intensive effort designed to raise awareness, save lives, bring healing, and lead our nation to repentance for the sin of abortion through three components: 40 days of prayer and fasting, 40 days of peaceful vigil, 40 days of community outreach. **Holy Spirit parishioners will pray at Planned Parenthood – call Pat/Dick Gill 434-8323 if you would like to participate.**

**Friends of Birthright's Run for Life & Learning– Saturday, March 31.** Support this annual fundraiser which benefits the education, scholarship, and housing needs of Birthright St. Louis clients. Registration starts at 7 a.m. at

Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park followed by the 6K run/walk at 8:30. Register by calling 314-962-5300.

**Spiritual Healing After Abortion:** Women often suffer physically, emotionally and spiritually after abortion and men can experience profound grief and loss as well. One of the core messages of the New Testament is that of mercy, healing, and reconciliation. That is still the good news of our faith. Jesus has paid for our sins; he wants us to be whole and holy again. Project Rachel and Project Joseph offer free professional counseling, monthly spiritual support groups, and retreats which provide the tools needed to accept the hope and healing that are our birthright as adopted sons and daughters of God.

**The Project Rachel Spiritual Support Group** for women meets monthly on the fourth Thursday at 7 p.m. and there will be a one day retreat Saturday, May 12. For more information, call Marisol Pfaff, (314) 792-7451 or [ihnpfaff@swbell.net](mailto:ihnpfaff@swbell.net).

**The Project Joseph Spiritual Support Group** for men meets monthly on the first Monday at 7 p.m. For more information, please contact Chuck Raymond, (314) 974-8767 or [craymjr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:craymjr@sbcglobal.net).

**If you or someone you know is in need of pregnancy help, there is a help center in Holy Spirit Parish.** Thrive, 11977 St. Charles Rock Rd. Ste. 132, (314) 785-0211. They are always in need of prayers, donations (especially diapers, wipes, onesies and money), and sometimes more volunteers. We should all be as generous as we are able to this amazing apostolate.

**“Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift of God that guarantees the future of humanity.”**

*~ Pope Francis, Letter to Brazilian families for National Family Week, August 6, 2013*



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18  
Ps 116:10,15-19  
Romans 8:31b-34  
Mark 9:2-10

### Monday February 26

Daniel 9:4b-10  
Ps 79:8,9,11,13  
Luke 6:36-38

### Tuesday February 27

Isaiah 1:10,16-20  
Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23  
Matthew 23:1-12

### Wednesday February 28

Jeremiah 18:18-20  
Ps 31:5-6,14-16  
Matthew 20:17-28

### Thursday March 1

Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Ps 1:1-4,6  
Luke 16:19-31

### Friday March 2

Genesis 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a  
Ps 105:16-21  
Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

### Saturday March 3

Micah 7:14-15,18-20  
Ps 103:1-4,9-12  
Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Think of a "mountaintop experience" you've had. What generated it? Did it change your life forever or was it just a momentary high?

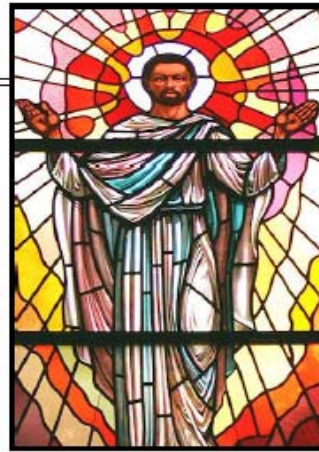
In Biblical symbolism, a mountain represents getting close to God. Did your mountaintop experience bring you closer to God?

It was at the top of Mount Tabor where Jesus revealed the glory of his Godliness to his closest friends. Called a "high mountain" in scripture, Mount Tabor is, in reality, not huge. What was huge is the event that took place there – and why.

The three disciples who witnessed Christ's transfiguration greatly benefited from seeing his glory revealed, because someday they would be commissioned to take over his earthly ministry.

The Father told them, "This is my beloved Son; *listen to him.*" As we listen to Jesus, it is we who are now transfigured.

Lent is meant to be a mountaintop experience for each of us. If we follow Jesus up the mountain, his light will consume any darkness within us. The more we listen to his teachings and apply them to our daily lives and ministries, the more we become like him. And the more we become like Jesus, the more our lives are transfigured by his light, and the more our lives then transfigure the world around us.



As the first reading tells us, Abraham did not withhold his son from the Lord; God the Father did not withhold *his* Son from us.

Likewise, we must not withhold the Son from the people we encounter. Whether it's by an evangelizing word or a helping hand,

or a compassionate and attentive ear, or the generous giving of mercy and forgiveness or money or time, we are Christ's hands and feet and voice in the world today. We are his earthly body. We are the answers to people's prayers.

We have been empowered through our baptisms to shine with the glory of Christ's love. We have all been commissioned to continue his earthly ministry. May the experience of Lent take us to new heights of union with Christ and his mission!

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. Identify one area of your life that you would like Jesus to transfigure. What do you need to do to repent of it? How do you need to change (with God's help) so that others see more of Jesus?
2. Share the story of a time when you let Jesus change you. How difficult was it to be transfigured? Why did you want to make the change?
3. How did it impact others?

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