

Holy Spirit Parish Family

March 15, 2020 — Third Sunday of Lent

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to the upcoming Easter holiday, here are the early bulletin deadlines:

**NOON, THURSDAY, MARCH 26
FOR THE
APRIL 5 ISSUE**

**NOON THURSDAY, APRIL 2
FOR THE
APRIL 12 (EASTER) ISSUE**



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OUR MISSION:

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

PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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HandS.....314-739-9796
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(K-8 & PRE-SCHOOL & PREK INFORMATION)

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PARISH ANNEX

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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

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

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 February 24-March 1, 2020

Sunday Envelopes, 136 utilized	\$ 14,279.00
Loose Collection	\$ 568.41
Online Donations, 60 families	\$ 6,085.00
Total	\$ 20,932.41
Weekly Budget	\$ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ 742.03

HandS	Parish Improvements
\$ 1,295.00	\$ 641.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 15

9:00am—Liturgy of the Word for Children, Rm. 106
—Mass, First Scrutiny
7:00pm—AI Anon, Community Rm.

Monday, March 16

1:00pm—Exposition/Benediction, Church
6:00pm—Quilting, Annex
7:00pm—Evening Prayer, Church

Tuesday, March 17 — Happy St. Patrick's Day

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

Wednesday, March 18

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
6:00pm—Children's Choir Practice, Church
—Food Addicts Anonymous, Rigali Rm.
7:00pm—Ensemble Choir Practice, Church

Thursday, March 19 —Happy St. Joseph's Day

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
1:00pm—Prayer Shawl, Rigali Rm.
6:00pm—Bell Choir Practice, Church
7:00pm—AI Anon, Rm. 2
—Choir Rehearsal, Church

Friday, March 20

2:00pm—Stations of the Cross, Church
4:30pm—Seafood Dinner, Gym
7:00pm—Social Justice Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, March 21

2:00pm—CFC Assembly, Rigali Rm.

Sunday, March 22

7:00am—Salad Sunday, Parish Hall
8:00am—Donuts & Coffee, Parish Hall,
hosted by the Cub Scouts
9:00am—Liturgy of the Word for Children, Rm. 106
—Mass, Second Scrutiny
7:00pm—AI Anon, Community Rm.

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

The March 13 Seafood Dinner Raffle Winners Are...

Dinner for 8: Koenig Family

Buy One/Get One: Brian Ponder

Front of the Line: Dan & Lisa Carter

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Eugenia Bauer	Kenneth Jordan	John Roberson
Irene Biggins	Al Katzler	Mike Sampson
Becky Bonner	Marie Knox	Bill Schneider
Nancy Brand	Charles Kraemer	Norma Schwaninger
Jim Brockmeyer	Bill Kriete	Rudy & Brenda
Connie Buenemann	Doris Kulage	Torricelli
Nicole Chapman	Mike Lemp	Nanci Van Amburgh
Ed Cody	Jerry McGuire	Joe & Jean
Matthew Cody	Mary McGuire	Wangler
Peggy Cody	Karen Newcomb	Syl Wayer
Charles Dent	Matt Niedringhaus	Angeline Weber
Dorothy Faerber	Jacob Null	Gene Weckherlin
Till Fehrenbacher	Dave Peters	Bill & Joan Weinzirl
Joe Greco	Bob & Donna	Christine
Steve Hirschmugl	Pedrotti	Woracheck
Betty Hirschmugl	Brian Ponder	Tom Zemblidge
Diane Javaux	John Rizzello	

Sick Relatives and Friends:

Rosemarie Angevine	Michael Gill	Luke Meyer
Kendall & Tina Bedel	Betty Halpin	Ron Meyer
Janice Borgmann	Steve Hartnett	Melinda Oeth
Lauren Castellana	Bethany Henderson	Loretta Rath
Nancy & Larry Chik	Shane Katzler	David Rychlewski
Jackie Craven	Pearl King	Kate Schneider
Anne DeSchryver	Irene Lee	Grace Solimando
Paul Ecks	Sharon Lewis	Fynlee Schneider
Jim Eisenbath	Lisa Masek	Dave & Paula
Lee Engert	Jon Matson	Schneider
Colleen Evans	Trish Merklin	Ron Schonhoff Sr.
David Fehrenbacher	Cameron Meyer	Kurri Warren
Judy Gannon	Christine Meyer	Bonnie Wittman

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 15

7:30am	Mike Rolfes
9:00am	O'Connor Family
11:00am	For Our Parishioners

Monday, March 16

6:30 am	Faithful Departed
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Tuesday, March 17

6:30am	Mary Metzger
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Wednesday, March 18

6:30am	Larry Ritter
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Thursday, March 19

8:00am	Bequette Family
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Friday, March 20

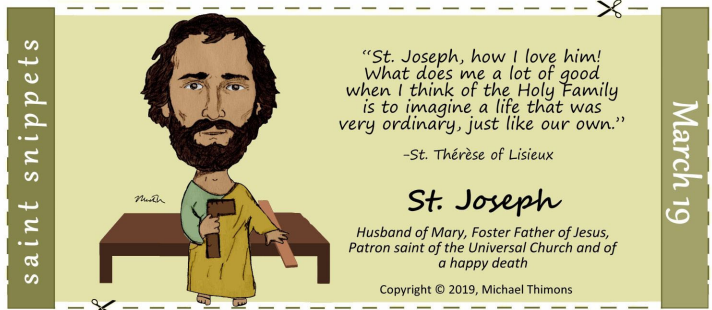
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Saturday, March 21

8:00am	Marlene Holt
5:00pm	Mike Markham

Sunday, March 22

7:30am	Sarah Scott
9:00am	George Murphy
11:00am	For Our Parishioners



Mar 21-22	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	\$ Counters	MINISTRY SCHEDULE — MAR. 21-22
Hospitality	D Casey J & K Whittemore D Klein C Milligan K Shamel	N Suedmeyer M & JL Boenker R Fetsch F Gallagher J Saputo	K Johnson G & S Silver K Flood W Schlenk	B Berardino R Rath B Thomas J Greco P Gruszczynski M Kohl C VanDoren	EARLY R Fetsch J Moran	
Hearing Assist	L Ostrowski	V Vogt	I Villadiego	J Sicking		
Lectors	M McCarthy P Cunningham	N Bergen A Breakfield	M Villadiego B Jamrog	M Sicking Sub Requested		
Eucharistic Ministers	D Casey G Cunningham A Merris J & J Chrismer J & K McFarling R & N Swantner	K Kenning R & MB Chik P & J Kielhofner	B Backowski MJ Flynn L Gath D Hachmeister A Kendrick P Krause S Silver J & L Frein	P Abramczyk M Domingo B Dufaux A Kleitz H Partl B Schell M Weber P & K Farrar	LATE P Albers R Slice	
Servers	C Brown S Hannebique Sub Requested	T Nelson E Vasquez M Young	P Appleton K Hill M Hill	C Grotnoff 2 Subs Requested		

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our Mar 9 \$25 Red & Blue winner;
Dave & Donna Holdmeyer.

Thank you for supporting our school!

Now is the time to register for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications are online or call the school office for a tour and registration packet. The Bookmobile arrives Tuesday and Key Store is on Thursday! Some of our families are in need of math or reading tutors. If you are available to tutor, please contact the school office for more information.

Thur., Mar. 19: K-4 Mass prepared by grade 3

Fri., Mar. 20: 5-8 Mass prepared by grade 5

Stations of the Cross, 2 PM prepared by grades 4 & 7

Wish List

Black, Broad Tip Markets

MakerSpace

8 oz. Solo Cups—Craft Sticks Large Tongue Depressor
Size—Cotton Balls

Art

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

With God all things are possible!

Mrs. Hewitt

VBS ADULT VOLUNTEER MEETING

Mon., Apr. 13, 7pm, Rectory Basement.

Please remember to register yourself online too.

Any questions? Contact:

Sharon Kaufman, 739-0230 x110,
skaufman@holyspiritstl.org

or the VBS directors:

Andrea Snowden, 488-0598
Ashley Caldwell, 749-9984.



VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Don't delay – you won't want to miss attending this fun,
faith filled week!

Check out registration information on Page 6.

PSR NEWS

March 17th

*will be movie night for Grade 8. 8th Grade **ONLY** will arrive at 6pm.

*Grades 1-5 and their families will participate in the Lenten Activity Night. Please arrive at 6:45pm and meet in church for our Opening Prayer Service. Students in Grades 6-7 will have regular classes.

NO PSR

There will be **NO PSR** on **Tues., Mar. 24**, due to Pattonville's Spring Break. **PSR will resume Mar. 31.** Enjoy your Spring Break.

PRAYER PARTNERS WITH STUDENTS:

We have matched all the students in PSR – Grades 1-8 and all the students in the full time school Grades K-8. If you would like to participate, there are 34 students in the Preschool and Pre-K program to be matched. No special skills, just pray for your student daily and they will in turn pray for you!

Please contact Sharon Kaufman, 314-739-0230 x 110
or skaufman@holyspiritstl.org

LACROSSE PROGRAM

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 <http://stmonicasports.website.sportssignup.com/>. If interested in coaching or questions, contact Felix Ferise, stmonicalax@gmail.com. For questions about registration contact Joe Gibson, saintmonicasports@gmail.com.

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.

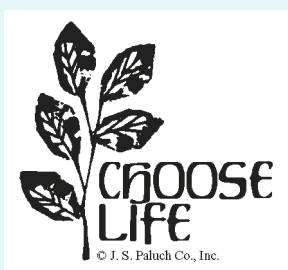
PRO-LIFE

Join us in praying a special novena March 16-24 in preparation for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on March 25. The Annunciation commemorates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of our Savior. After giving her consent to God's word, Mary becomes the mother of God. Let us follow the example of Mary and call upon her intercession to help us open our hearts to say "yes" to God! Go to

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/resources/upload/Annunciation-Novena.pdf>

for the Novena prayer.

Please join us every 3rd Monday of the month (March 16th) from 6-7pm for a Pro-Life Holy Hour in the church.



SOCIAL JUSTICE—LIVING JUSTLY

"Peace is not the producer of terror or fear.

Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.

Peace is not the result of violent repression...

Peace is generosity.

It is right and duty."

~ Archbishop Oscar A. Romero

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!

LADIES CLUB CRAFT SHOW

Our first craft sale was very successful...so, we are planning to have another in October on Donut Sunday.

Anyone wishing to donate, contact Norma, 739-3159.



NEW—PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE VOLUNTEERING AT HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, SCHOOL OR PSR!

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 register at www.preventandprotectstl.org, use the passcode **stlprotect**.

Contact Mary Welsh, Child Safety Coordinator,
Parish Office (739-0230) with any questions
or for further assistance.

ST. PATRICK CENTER SALAD SUNDAY MARCH 22

Holy Spirit volunteers provide salads and/or components to help feed the homeless of St. Patrick Center, the 4th Sunday of each month. Salad and/or components will be collected until the beginning of **11 AM Mass on Sun., Mar. 22**. The container will be inside the Parish Hall.



For more info, Ellen Staples, 422-2381.

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 everyone. We still have some new yarn available! We meet in the Rigali room of the Annex, **Mar. 19, 1pm**. If you already knit or crochet you are ready to make prayer shawls. If you're not sure where to start we have patterns, yarn needles & hooks that you can have to make a prayer shawl. There are no time limits or requirements of any sort. If you can't make this meeting, consider coming to our evening meetings on the 4th Wednesday at 7pm. Call Mary at 497-5048 to get a shawl or with any questions you might have.



Vacation Bible School/F3/Family Night

June 22-26, 2020

new!

Family Night

Monday, June 22

6:30 – 8:00 pm

(For VBS campers, F3 and their families)

VBS for Campers 3 years old—Grade 5

Tues. – Fri., June 23-26 9 am - noon

Registration for campers, youth helpers and adult volunteers is ONLINE ONLY, on the Parish Website

<https://holyspiritstl.org/Education/Vacation-Bible-School>

Cost is \$30 per camper, payable by check (made to Holy Spirit Church and put VBS 2020 in the memo line), or cash. Payments must be received by Monday of VBS.

F3 – Food, Faith & Friends Youth

Companion program for Grades 6-12

Tues.–Thur., June 23–25 6:30–8:30 PM

Registration for F3 is ONLINE ONLY, on the parish website

<https://holyspiritstl.org/Education/F3-Food-Faith-and-Friends>

Cost is \$10 per teen, payable by check (made to Holy Spirit Church & put F3-2020 in the memo line) or cash. Payments must be received by the first day of F3.

Registration deadline for both
programs is
May 18, 2020

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

SPRING RETREAT: C2B PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR Registration Deadline is Friday, March 20

You may still register after the deadline, but you won't be assured of receiving a tee shirt.

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: Team meetings have started. The team forms every Thurs. from 7-9 until the retreat and has an evaluation after on Apr. 16. The retreat is Apr. 3-5 for the team.

CONFIRMATION 7th Grade: Session 4: The Prayer Process & Session 5: The Bible will be done in the classrooms in PSR and FTS.

Our next gathering will be Sun., Apr. 26. The Rite of Enrollment will be at 9 a.m. Mass followed by Session 6: Relationships. *Candidates are required to be at both Mass and the session, and are encouraged to invite their sponsors to this important session.*

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS for 7th & 8th grade only

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. Next MSM is **Fri. Mar. 20.** Apr. date is **Apr. 24.**

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.

We **NEED** overnight chaperones, drivers, & chaperones for C2B (Called to Be), our spring retreat. Please help us make this retreat possible by volunteering. ***We can't do it without chaperones.***

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 spring retreat. Contact Donna E if you are interested in helping.

Interested? Want to help our teens encounter Jesus through participation in our parish community?

Contact Donna, 954-1326
or

deisenbath@
holyspiritstl.org

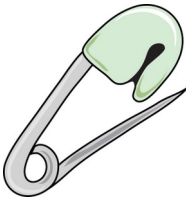
ANNUAL DEACON DIAPER DRIVE



Please mark your calendars!!! During the weekends of March 21-22 & 28-29, the Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in conjunction with the Respect Life office, will be collecting diapers for infants, toddlers and adults as part of our

FOURTH ANNUAL DIOCESAN-WIDE PRO-LIFE SERVICE PROJECT

to assist families in need. Last year we collected over 325,000 diapers for those in need and we'd like to exceed that total this year. We would ask that you please consider placing infant, toddler or adult diapers on your shopping list and drop them off in the Parish Hall. All diapers collected will be donated to assist families in our parish community through HandS and other organizations in our area. For more information, speak to Deacon Scott or Deacon Jim. We would like to stress the need for the larger size diapers, 3's, 4's and 5's. We ask you to pray for the success of this project and to please be as generous as possible.



God's Word for Children

Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus told the Samaritan woman about "living water."
Look in the well to find all the underlined words and circle them.
Look up, down, across, and diagonally.

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst." (John 4:13-14)

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FESTIVAL OF MINISTRIES

At Donut Sunday

Gather for donuts and check out the "Mini-Festival of Ministries" next Sunday, March 22. Take some time to ask questions and really get to know more about our parish and all of the wonderful ministries that help us to thrive.

Donut Sunday will be Hosted by:
The ACTS Community

The following ministries are also scheduled* to be featured in March

Fire of the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group
Living Your Strengths
Room at the Inn Nite Site
Holy Spirit Blood Drives
St. Patrick Casserole Program
Altar Society

* Schedule subject to change and modification

"The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit," writes Paul (Romans 5:5).
The pitchers below show ways we can pour out this wonderful gift for others! Read the word on each pitcher, then draw lines to match them to their shadows.

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LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross	Fridays — 2 and 7 PM Good Friday at 3:00 pm
Evening Prayer & Reconciliation	Every Monday at 7:00 pm except March 30 th
Sun, Mar. 15, 3 rd Sun. Lent	Regular Mass Schedule
Sun, Mar. 22, 4 th Sun. Lent	Regular Mass Schedule
Sun, Mar. 29, 5 th Sun. Lent	Regular Mass Schedule
Mon, Mar. 30	Parish Penance Service at 7:00 pm
Sat, Apr. 4	Confessions 9 am to 3 pm, No confessions at 4pm
Sat, Apr. 4–Sun, Apr. 5	C2B Retreat
Sun, Apr. 5, Passion Sun.	Regular Mass Schedule Begin in Parish Hall
Holy Thursday, Apr. 9	Morning Prayer, 8:00 am Mass, Lord's Supper, 7 pm
Good Friday, Apr. 10	Morning Prayer, 8:00 am Stations of the Cross, 3 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00 pm
Holy Saturday, Apr. 11	Morning Prayer, 8:00 am Easter Vigil 8:00 pm
Sun, Apr. 12, Easter Sun.	Masses, 7:30, 9 and 11am
Sun, Apr. 19, Divine Mercy	Regular Mass Schedule
Sun, Apr. 26, 3 rd Sun. Easter	Regular Mass Schedule
Sun, May 3, 4 th Sun. Easter	Regular Mass Schedule First Communion 2:00 pm
Sun, May 10, 5 th Sun. Easter	Regular Mass Schedule
Sun, May 17, 6 th Sun. Easter	Regular Mass Schedule
Sun, May 24, Feast of the Ascension	Regular Mass Schedule
Sun, May 31, Pentecost	Regular Mass Schedule

AROUND TOWN

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst." Let Jesus fill your thirst for a blessed marriage. Participate in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The dates are Apr. 24-26 & Aug. 7-9, Courtyard Marriot, St. Peters. <https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php> or call/text 314.649.7317.

BRIDGETON DAY CAMP REGISTRATION

Bridgeton Day Camp registration closes the Mon. prior to the beginning of each session or when the session is filled. Registration must be done in person at the Bridgeton Recreation Center. If your child is new to the Bridgeton Summer Camp please be sure to bring a copy of his/her birth certificate at the time of registration. More info, 739-5599 or www.bridgetonmo.com
We are also looking for day camp counselors, contact Tara, 739-5599 or TBaker@bridgetonmo.com.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CONVENT

sits across the street from the Planned Parenthood facility on Forest Park Blvd. in mid-town St. Louis. The Convent provides a place of prayer & hospitality to visitors and to those who respect life especially the life of the unborn. Adoration and Mass is offered every second and fourth Friday of each month beginning at 11:00 a.m. During the 40 Days for Life campaign, on each Monday (March 16, 23, 30, April 6), the Convent will have Mass at 7:00 a.m. followed by Adoration until 11:00 a.m. All are welcome! For more information, please call 314-792-7555 or visit prolife@archstl.org or <https://www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate/programs/spiritual-support/our-lady-of-guadalupe-convent>

GOOD SHEPHERD ARTS CENTER PRESENTS

"Who Is My Neighbor?" art that breaks barriers & builds bridges, by local high school & undergraduate students. The exhibit runs through Apr. 7. Hours are Wed., Thur., Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sat., noon-5:00 p.m. Call 522-1155 or email info@goodshepherdarts.org for info.

SPIRITUALITY FOR THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE

Join us for a new book study series that will explore spirituality for the second half of life. Using the book *Falling Upward* by Fr. Richard Rohr, Fr. Mark Wedig, O.P., president of Aquinas Institute, will explore the questions, spiritual tasks, and gifts that God gives us as we move into the second half of life. **Starting March 12**, we will meet for four consecutive Thur. evenings. We will start with a celebration of mass at 5:30 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner and book discussion. There will be an opportunity for sharing, community building, and prayer. Space is limited. Cost is complimentary. More info or to register, Angie Doerr, doerr@ai.edu.

MEAT SHOOTS

All Proceeds to go toward Charity Food Baskets

When: Mar. 15, 22, & 29, Shoots Start at Noon

Where: Duchesne Home Association Grounds

(Formerly Knights of Columbus Grounds)

50 Rue St. Francois St., Florissant, Mo 63031

Shoots Start at Noon Each Sunday

Free Bean Soup plus Food and Drinks are Available

FIAT WOMEN'S GROUP

All women are invited to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (5200 Glennon Dr, 63119) the 3rd Thur. of the month for prayer and a talk. The next meeting is **Mar. 19**. The speaker is **Fr. Mirco Sosio, A.V.I., Spiritual Director, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary**. The Rosary will be prayed at 8 a.m., & Fr. Sosio will speak 8:15- 9 a.m. Coffee is available in the Fireside Lounge until 9:30 a.m. More info or to see videos from past Fiat talks: www.kenrick.edu/fiat.

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

St. Ambrose on the Hill, Sun., Mar. 22. After an Italian Mass there will be a short procession to the school, where the altars will be blessed & feasting begins. The celebration will take place in the cafeteria & gym. Many local restaurants & businesses donate food for the buffet, & for sale on the altars. In addition, Italian specialties are prepared by St. Joseph Altar committee members. This is an ancient Italian tradition that is authentically celebrated on the Hill. All are welcome. Admission to the altars is free. A thoughtful donation is requested for the buffet. The feast & sale of special items will be from 12:30- 3:30ish p.m. All money raised goes to St. Ambrose School Tuition Assistance Program.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE!

THIRSTING FOR GOD

Perhaps there is no better example for the universal human thirst for God than the Samaritan woman at the well. The Samaritan woman has been living a sinful life & has struggled to live the virtue of chastity. Her reaction is typical & resembles most individuals' reactions to the truth of Christianity today, namely, rejection & anger. Over time, though, she realizes that Jesus is genuinely seeking her salvation & He longs to satisfy the desires of her heart. Just as Jesus sought the eternal salvation of the Samaritan woman, he seeks us out as well. He continually reaches out to us & desires our eternal salvation. Paragraph 27 of the Catechism provides us with a beautiful summary of the Gospel today: "The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God & for God; & God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth & happiness he never stops searching for." Will we allow God to draw us to Him?
www.archstl.org/live-the-faith

3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

Monday March 16

2 Kings 5:1-15b
Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4
Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday March 17

Daniel 3:25, 34-43
Ps 25:4-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday March 18

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday March 19

St. Joseph
2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Luke 2:41-51a

Friday March 20

Hosea 14:2-10
Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17
Mark 12:28-34

Saturday March 21

Hosea 6:1-6
Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab
Luke 18:9-14

What do you thirst for? Thirst happens when we lack something vital. Water is essential for survival, and our bodies signal us when it's time to drink fluids to stay healthy.

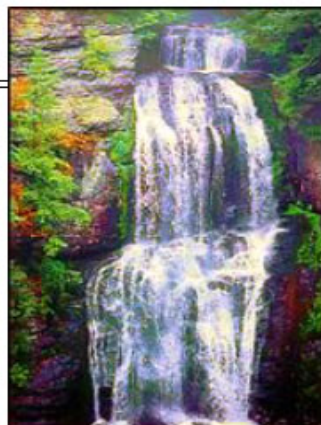
Likewise, water is necessary for our spiritual survival, albeit a different sort of water – the living water, which we first received from the baptismal water that purifies us for eternal life.

The Holy Spirit is the Giver of Life. One of the biblical symbols that represents the presence of God's Spirit is life-giving water. Therefore, we can surmise that Jesus wanted to give the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Samaritan woman. Why? It would still be a while before the Holy Spirit descended upon everyone at Pentecost.

She needed the truth; the Holy Spirit is Truth, and Jesus

wanted to give her what she needed for salvation and then share this new life with the people around her.

We only get thirsty when we haven't had enough to drink. Spiritual thirst shows itself in many forms: addictions, loneliness, despair, frustration, self-indulgence, or any other feeling or behavior that's triggered when we lack something that we need or want. And why would we lack anything spiritually? Because, like the



woman at the well, we sometimes fail to realize that Christ is with us. We need to receive a spiritual healing.

How does God give us this healing? He pours his love into us with all sufficiency, but to drink of it, we have to listen openly, like that woman, ready to be changed by the truth.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. In the first reading, why did a physical thirst turn into a sin? How does this happen today?
2. In Romans 5, grace and hope are mentioned as gifts we receive when we have been "justified by faith" (i.e., when we've repented of our sins and sought forgiveness). How do grace and hope quench our thirsts? How do they help us resist sin?
3. The woman at the well eagerly received what Jesus said. Even though he confronted her about her sins, she drank it all in and then, without shame, excitedly told others about her encounter with the Messiah. What need was filled by the truth? What does this teach about how we can help others hear the truth?

Lenten Activity:

What sin or unhealthy habit do you need to overcome so that Jesus is free to quench your thirsts? What will you do this week to hand it over to Christ?

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT— (MARCH 22, 2020)

1 Sm 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A — Ps 23:1-3A, 3B, 4, 5, 6 — Eph 5:8-14 — Jn 9:1-41

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