PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
ASKING FOR HER INTERCESSION IN THIS TIME OF NEED

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and
deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to
be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to
our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

Amen.

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

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OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
Stewardship for March 23-29, 2020

Sunday Envelopes, 85 utilized   $ 8,892.00
Loose Collection                $ 5.00
Online Donations, 65 families    $ 6,425.00
Total                          $ 15,322.00
Weekly Budget                  $ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)     ($  4,868.38)

HandS                          $ 375.00
Parish Improvements           $ 280.00

What’s Happening This Week

Sunday, April 12
7:00pm—Al Anon, Community Rm., Rigali Rm., Rm. 9

Thursday, April 16
7:00pm—Al Anon, Rm. 2

Sunday, April 19
7:00pm—Al Anon, Community Rm., Rigali Rm., Rm. 9

Social Justice
“Blessed are the meek”
“They will inherit the earth.” This calls us to nonviolence in all aspects of our lives, creation and creatures. Creator God gave us the Garden of Eden. We were told to tend it. How are we tending this earth? How are we doing violence to this earth? These are daily questions we need to ask our conscience. How have we honored this God-given gift? When have we confessed this offense against God and our fellow mankind? ...This is how we can be nonviolent, peace makers.

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!

Pro-Life
The Project Rachel Day of Reflection scheduled for Saturday, April 23 is postponed, to be rescheduled this summer.
A NOTE FROM FR. BOB

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter!

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior is Risen from the dead!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

May the blessings of our Risen Lord be upon all of you and your families today and every day.

As we come together virtually this day, I am mindful of your presence in spirit as we are the Body of Christ. These past weeks have been unlike any we have ever experienced in over a century. As we have followed our Lord during these many weeks, we know that he picked up and carried his cross all the while we have carried our own crosses. Today, we have hope because he has won a great victory over the burden of the cross and has set it aside in the joy of his resurrection. He invites us all to set aside the burden of these days, the burden of this cross, and trust in the hope he gives us through eternal salvation.

I know that it is difficult to think that we can set our crosses aside today for we continue to live with the virus that plagues us all, but if we can just focus on Him for today, let his hope, let his gift of salvation fill our hearts for today, let his joy reign, oh what a difference it will make. When we wake up tomorrow, may our first thought be of this gift of eternal salvation so that no matter what we hear, no matter what we experience in our day, we may know that his salvation was won for us because of his great love for us. No matter what, his love for us is supreme and everlasting. Through his resurrection that gift endures forever. May the joy that fills our hearts be shared with everyone! May it give each one of us peace.

Please know that I continue to hold each one of you in my heart and daily prayers. Please pray for Father Jerry and me.

Peace,

Father Bob

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HE IS RISEN!!

Easter may feel a bit strange this year. It definitely gives us new opportunities to learn and reflect on our faith. This prayer seems appropriate.

Draw us forth, God of all creation. Draw us forward and away from limited certainty into the immense world of your love. Give us the capacity to even for a moment taste the richness of the feast you give us.
Give us the peace to live with uncertainty, with questions, with doubts.
Help us to experience the resurrection anew with open wonder and an increasing ability to see you in the people of Easter.

- Author Unknown

JOIN OUR VIRTUAL EAT, PRAY, DISCUSS GATHERINGS FOR HIGH SCHOOL – WE ARE STILL MEETING!

We will still meet on Thurs. at 7 p.m. Parents & teens - in person meetings are cancelled for the foreseeable future, we are going to experiment with Hangouts Meet and Zoom apps for meetings, and GroupMe app for group messages. If you want to participate, download the app, and contact Donna Eisenbath by email, deisenbath@holyspiritstl.org for information on how to participate.

Head over to the Holy Spirit Youth STL page on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/hsyouth/ for information and encouragement. You can find Holy Spirit Youth Ministry on Instagram as HS Youth STL (hs_youth_stl).

OUR SPRING RETREAT, C2B, HAS BEEN POSTPONED.
but the team is still working on it.
Stay tuned for a new date.

Join our young adult group chat for seniors and college students:
Contact Donna Eisenbath to join our group chat on GroupMe. We hope to “meet” once a week to discuss the Sunday readings.

CONFIRMATION

7th Grade:
The Rite of Enrollment that was to be Sunday, April 26 has been postponed.
MASS INTENTIONS
(Please note these are NOT public Masses. Fr. Bob will celebrate these Masses each day without worshipers.)

Sunday, April 12
9:00am People of the Parish

Monday, April 13
8:00 am Mike Markham

Tuesday, April 14
8:00am Mary Metzger

Wednesday, April 15
8:00am Larry Ritter

Thursday, April 16
8:00am Ed Taszarek

Friday, April 17
8:00am Carol Klump

Saturday, April 18
8:00am Paul Dydo

Sunday, April 19
9:00am People of the Parish

ROOM AT THE INN NEEDS YOUR HELP!
We at Room at the Inn want to give you a big thanks for helping us & update you on current changes to our program. In order to protect both our clients & our volunteers during this time of Covid-19, we feel it is best to limit access to our site (3415 Bridgeland Dr., Bridgeton 63044).

Changes:
1. Evening meal: Instead of asking our night sites to bring an evening meal, we are planning the evening meal from our Bridgeton site. Our clients will cook most meals. We may do carry out or delivery.
2. Instead of volunteers providing our innkeeping, we are providing the innkeepers from our paid staff.
3. Along with the expense of an evening meal & innkeeper, we also have the expense of extra cleaning.

How can you continue to support?
We would ask each congregation to consider giving a gift of $150 for April to help offset these costs. We understand this may not be possible for some congregations, & others may be able to give more. We appreciate any gift that you can give to help us at this time.

We have been so grateful for your outpouring of support & prayers. We realize these are challenging days for many. We have been so grateful for your outpouring of support & prayers. We understand this may not be possible for some congregations, & others may be able to give more. We appreciate any gift that you can give to help us at this time.

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

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FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE
We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of Dolores Mangogna, mother of Julie (Ted) Fanter & Kay (Steve) Hawkins, grandmother of Justin Fanter, Angela & Chelsea Hawkins. May her soul rest in the Peace of Christ.

RCIA UPDATE
The Elect and Candidates (Allison, Christine, Tiffany, Amanda, Caleb, Morgan) are joining our live-stream Sunday Mass and then video conferencing together afterward. They are well, but miss the support of our Holy Spirit community. Tentatively, they will be received into the Catholic faith at Pentecost. Please consider sending an email to let them know you are thinking about and praying for them during this uncertain, yet joyful time of preparation. Send your message to krychlewski@holyspiritstl.org. Karen will share your email with them.

Thanks for your continued prayerful support!

4  l  Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020
Please watch the bulletin for updates as we work our way through the current health situation!

**EASTER SCHEDULE**

Sun, Apr. 12, Easter Sun. | Mass, 9am- Live-Streamed
Sun, Apr. 19, Divine Mercy | Mass, 9am- Live-Streamed
Sun, Apr. 26, 3rd Sun. Easter | Regular Mass Schedule
Sun, May 3, 4th Sun. Easter | First Communion 2:00 pm
Sun, May 10, 5th Sun. Easter | Regular Mass Schedule
Sun, May 17, 6th Sun. Easter | Regular Mass Schedule
Sun, May 24, Feast of the Ascension | Regular Mass Schedule
Sun, May 31, Pentecost | Regular Mass Schedule

**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](http://www.preventandprotectstl.org), use the passcode stlprotect.

Contact Mary Welsh, Child Safety Coordinator, Parish Office (mwelsh@holyspiritstl.org) with any questions or for further assistance.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

There will be **NO School** before Mon., Apr. 27.

**Congratulations** to our Mar 30 $25 Red & Blue winner; **Bob Anthon**.

Thank you for supporting our school!

With God all things are possible!

Mrs. Hewitt

**PSR NEWS**

There will be **NO PSR** before Tues., Apr. 28.

Keep an eye on your e-mail for further updates!

**PSR Registration 2020-2021**

PSR registration for 2020-2021 will open on April 1st. Rates are **DISCOUNTED** from April 1st – May 31st.

See information below.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL/F3/FAMILY NIGHT**

June 22-26, 2020

Has Been **CANCELLED** due to the Coronavirus situation.

Watch for our return Summer 2021!

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**REGULAR SCHEDULE**

First Communion 2:00 pm

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Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43  Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8  John 20:1-9

Monday April 13
Acts 2:14, 22-33  Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11  Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday April 14
Acts 2:38-41  Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22  John 20:11-18

Wednesday April 15

Thursday April 16
Acts 3:11-26  Ps 8:2; ab 5:8  Luke 24:36-48

Friday April 17

Saturday April 18
Acts 4:13-21  Ps 118:1, 14-21  Mark 16:9-15

Are you ready to proclaim the Good News about how Jesus has helped you? What holds you back? Do you hesitate because you don’t yet understand how the deaths in your life (the sacrifices, the lost hope, the broken relationships, etc.) have been resurrected into new life?

Such hesitation was the mental state of the disciples on the first Easter morning, as depicted in the Gospel of John.

The attitude of Peter in the reading from Acts is quite a contrast! The disciples now know their calling. They were empowered and commissioned to testify that Jesus is the Savior, and they fully embraced this vocation.

Do you understand how Jesus is turning your tragedies and other difficulties into triumphs and great blessings?

To “testify” means to share the truth based on your own experiences. Peter specifically proclaimed that everyone who believes in Jesus receives forgiveness of sins. Of course he did! Peter knew first-hand what it’s like to need and then receive Christ’s forgiveness.

We will not understand much about how our sufferings have led us to a new and blessed life until we start talking about it. The first inklings of insight awaken when we discuss it within our close, holy friendships, like Mary of Magdala did when she ran to Peter and John after discovering the empty tomb. They, in turn, told the other disciples.

It was while they were together—in community—that Jesus appeared and revealed his resurrection to them. Later, after having lots of time to talk about it with friends, the Holy Spirit empowered them to go out and evangelize the world by sharing their experiences with anyone willing to listen.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. The empty tomb doesn’t immediately make sense. What has been confusing to you during your faith journey? What has caused you to feel empty and frightened? Where might Jesus be in this?

2. How have your own experiences of being forgiven enabled you to feel more compassionate toward others? Does that change the way you talk to them about God and church and other spiritual or moral issues?

3. What is the biggest change that Jesus has brought into your life? What were you like before this change? How did God intervene? What were the results? This is your testimony. Practice sharing it by telling the story to your community of friends.
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