

Holy Spirit Parish Family

April 19, 2020 — Second Sunday of Easter

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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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 19

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

Thursday, April 23

7:00pm—Al Anon, Rm. 2

Sunday, April 26

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE

LENT IS TO BE FOLLOWED BY EASTER

Recently I participated in an afternoon of reflection. How do I treat others? Do I have bias? An opinion, feeling or influence that strongly favors one side in an argument or one item in a group. Prejudice—an unreasoning opinion or like or dislike of some thing or people. Why do we have these feelings, thoughts and or actions? They fall into the category of uncharitable and unjust. Now that I am confronted with these failings, what must I do? Take this to the foot of the cross...so Easter will be a celebration of joy and freedom.

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!

ST. PATRICK CENTER SALAD SUNDAY APRIL 26

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., Apr. 26**. The container will be inside the Parish Hall. For more info, Ellen Staples, 422-2381.

ST. PATRICK'S CASSEROLES

Casseroles for St. Patrick Center will be collected this **Wed., Apr. 22**, between 6:30 & 9 AM. Please bring your casserole to the white bin in front of church, and pick up a new pan. In case of inclement weather, the white bin will be in the vestibule of the parish hall. If you have any questions, please call or email Mary Beth Schulte, 314-229-8067 or SpecRelEdu@aol.com. Thank you!

MASS SCHEDULE

Suspended until Further Notice

Live Streamed (link on our website: holyspiritstl.org)

Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.; Sunday 9 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

By appointment

EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL HOURS

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for now.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Suspended until Further Notice

BAPTISMS

Baptism Class for parents/godparents is normally held on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Church. To register for the meeting and/or to arrange for a baptism, call 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 March 30-April 5, 2020

Sunday Envelopes, 93 utilized	\$ 11,081.00
Loose Collection	\$ 1.00
Online Donations, 64 families	<u>\$ 5,779.00</u>
Total	\$ 16,861.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	(\$ 3,329.38)

HandS	Parish Improvements
\$ 565.00	\$ 380.00

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the families of **Sr. Louise Roseman**

Joseph Licavoli, Sr., father of Joseph, Jr. & Pam (Gary) Cossarini, grandfather of Melissa & Tony;

Alda Arroyo, sister of Socorro Cadiz; and

Jim "Rhino" Silver, brother of Greg (Sharon), uncle of Andrew, Amy, Kristine & Katie

May their souls rest in the Peace of Christ.



YOUTH MINISTRY

HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

www.facebook.com/hsyouth & HS_YOUTH_STL on Instagram

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 E., 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. the team is still working. Stay tuned for a new date.

Join our young adult group chat for seniors & college students:

Contact Donna E. to join the 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.**

PRO-LIFE

This weekend we celebrate the Sunday of Divine Mercy. God's greatest desire is to forgive us, pouring out His infinite mercy upon us. Women and men alike who have been involved in an abortion may feel deep grief, guilt, anxiety, depression, broken relationships and a sense of alienation from God and Church. They may experience anniversary reactions to the date of the abortion or what would have been the baby's due date. For anyone struggling with this, the Church cares. It is never too late to seek the Lord's mercy and healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Consider confidential, compassionate help from our diocesan abortion healing ministry. It is open to those of any faith or no faith, offering hope and healing to women and men hurting from past abortions. Email prolife@archstl.org

A NOTE FROM FR. BOB

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

"Rivers do not drink their own water;
trees do not eat their own fruit;
the sun does not shine on itself;
and flowers do not spread their own
fragrance for themselves.

Living for others is a rule of nature.
We are all born to help each other.

No matter how difficult it ...
life is good when you are happy;
but much better when others are
happy because of you." ~ Pope Francis

A beautiful quote from the Holy Father to begin this day, the eighth day of the Octave of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Lord has given us so much and most importantly, he has given us his divine mercy.

As I reflect on these times and his mercy, I recall my favorite quote from Helen Keller. I have carried this quote for many, many years.

"So much has been given to me,
I have no time to ponder over
that which has been denied."

Some lament what we are not able to do during these stay-at-home times. Others lament what we cannot do. Perhaps as we all reflect on our Lord's mercy during this Easter Season, we might see all that he has given us. And as we recall all the many gifts which really flow from his love and mercy, we might go back to our Holy Father's quote and see our own happiness, happiness which flows from God's love. If we can see our own happiness, then we can reflect on how we might help others to see theirs.

In these difficult times God calls us each to be instruments of his love and mercy. Each of us is on our own unique journey but each of us share our journeys as the Body of Christ. How might we help each other during these times? A question for all of us, a question that we can ponder. The opportunities are limitless.

May we all pray for each other this week. May we help each other this week to see God's love and mercy.

Peace,

Father Bob



MASS INTENTIONS

(Please note these are NOT public Masses. Fr. Bob will celebrate these Masses each day without worshippers.)

Sunday, April 19

9:00am People of the Parish

Monday, April 20

8:00 am Carol Kersting

Tuesday, April 21

8:00am Sarah Scott

Wednesday, April 22

8:00am Cindy Lamorette

Thursday, April 23

8:00am Ginny Vescovo

Friday, April 24

8:00am Daniel M. Sullivan

Saturday, April 25

8:00am Winifred Atkinson

Sunday, April 26

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 congregations as well as for us. Together we have, we are, & we will make a difference. This song by Jack Johnson comes to mind—"Better Together".

Love is the answer, at least for most of
the questions in my heart
Like why are we here? And where do we go?
And how come it's so hard?
It's not always easy and
Sometimes life can be deceiving
I'll tell you one thing, it's always better
when we're together (6-11)

Thank you for your "Better Together" partnership.
Cindy Warren, Vol. Coord., Room Staff, Board of Directors

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

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

Sick Relatives and Friends:

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

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE! – MERCY

In the Gospel, Jesus institutes the Sacrament of Reconciliation, authorizing the Apostles to forgive sins in the name of Jesus. It is no coincidence that Jesus says, "Peace be with you" more than one time to them as he greets them. When was the last time you went to the Sacrament of Reconciliation? What beautiful peace in our hearts is found in this sacrament! Through the priest, Jesus forgives us of our sins when we are truly contrite. We receive sanctifying grace and actual graces that will help us to overcome sin in the future. Although sometimes we may still be restless and doubt God's forgiveness, we must remember the words of Christ to St. Faustina: *"I am love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it."* God's mercy is always greater than our sins. Let us approach the throne of grace and mercy, trusting in the goodness of the Lord.

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EASTER SCHEDULE

Sun, Apr. 19, Divine Mercy	Mass, 9am-Live-Streamed
Sun, Apr. 26, 3 rd Sun. Easter	Mass, 9am-Live-Streamed
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

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!

PSR REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION-REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021

The Parish School of Religion has religion classes on Tuesday evenings, from 6:45-8 p.m. for students in grades 1-8 who attend public schools. PSR sessions focus on the message of Jesus, experienced within a community of faith with opportunities to pray, worship and do service for others. The students are also prepared to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Confirmation is a parish wide program coordinated by our Youth Minister, Donna Eisenbath.

All families will register & make payments for PSR through our online program, www.holyspirit.psrenroll.com or PSR registration is one of the quick links on the parish website, www.holyspiritstl.org. Detailed information was also sent by email to each returning family.

Families registering from now until May 31st will receive discounted pricing. Additionally, all returning families that register between these times will be entered into a drawing to win one of three free family registrations (value \$30). Don't delay!

SCHOOL NEWS

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

Congratulations to our April 6 \$100 Red & Blue winner; **Marianne Boulicault** and our April 13 \$25 Red & Blue winner is **John Brand.**

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!



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 (mwelsh@holyspiritstl.org) with any questions or for further assistance.

2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47
Ps 118:1-4,13-15,22-24
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Monday April 20

Acts 4:23-31
Ps 2:1-9
John 3:1-8

Tuesday April 21

Acts 4:32-37
Ps 93:1-2,5
John 3:7b-15

Wednesday April 22

Acts 5:17-26
Ps 34:2-9
John 3:16-21

Thursday April 23

Acts 5:27-33
Ps 34:2,9,17-20
John 3:31-36

Friday April 24

Acts 5:34-42
Ps 27:1,4,13-14
John 8:1-15

Saturday April 25

St. Mark
1 Peter 5:5b-14
Ps 89:2-3,8-7,16-17
Mark 16:15-20

We are an Easter people, because we know and celebrate that Jesus has risen from the dead. And yet, we don't always feel like celebrating.

It's hard to feel like the Good Friday experience of carrying our crosses has really ended.

Today's second reading describes what the Easter experience is supposed to feel like: an indescribable and glorious joy. But how does that happen?

The attitude of joy does not come from reaching the end of our cross-like burdens. Rather, it comes from knowing that Christ's death and resurrection have overcome our crosses, and by uniting ourselves to his life, we are victorious even before we see the battle end.

Furthermore, it comes from knowing that we have the ultimate victory – eternal life in God's abundant love – and we know that this gift is "imperishable, undefiled, and unfading" and that it's being safeguarded by the power of God because, by choosing to have faith in Christ, we have accepted the gift in advance.

This joy-from-knowing is the definition of "hope". Hope isn't wishful thinking. Hope means celebrating what is certainly going to happen *before* it happens.



Some Catholics say that they're afraid they might lose their salvation because they're afraid that something will tempt them to turn away from Jesus between now and the hour of death. If you worry about this, let me ask you: During times of suffering, do you reject God or run to him?

Even when we get angry at God, we're actually very close to him. We're angry because we believe in him and trust him and he seems to be disappointing us. This is normal: Our faith is purified by our trials.

To embrace life as an Easter people, we must learn to remember that our sufferings are temporary and that someday we will enter into eternal joy. This is what we celebrate even while carrying our crosses.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. In what ways has God apparently disappointed you? What is he doing (or not doing) that's upsetting you? How is this increasing your closeness to him, even if it feels like he's silent and distant?
2. Give an example of wishful thinking: What have you wished for in prayer? What have you been begging God to do? How is this different than hoping (joy-from-knowing)? Even if your wish never comes true, what's your reason for a higher hope?

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER— (APRIL 26, 2020)

Acts 2:42-47 14, 22-33 — Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 — 1 Pt 1:17-21 — Jn 20:19-Lk 24:13-35

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