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.
**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

**Eucharistic Chapel Hours**
Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for now.

**Eucharistic 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.

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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!
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 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 worshipers.)

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

Monday, April 20
8:00 am  Carol Kersting

Tuesday, April 21
8:00 am  Sarah Scott

Wednesday, April 22
8:00am  Cindy Lamorette

Thursday, April 23
8:00 am  Ginny Vescovo

Friday, April 24
8:00 am  Daniel M. Sullivan

Saturday, April 25
8:00 am  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 Schierrmeyer
Nancy Brand  Bill Kriete  Bill Schneider
Jim Brockmeyer  Doris Kulage  Norma Schwanning
Connie Buenemann  Mike Lemp  Rudy & Brenda
Nicole Chapman  Jerry McGuire  Torricelli
Ed Cody  Mary McGuire  Nanci Van Amburgh
Matthew Cody  Ron Murphy  Katly Van Stratton
Peggy Cody  Karen Newcomb  Joe & Jean
Charles Dent  Matt Niedringshaus  Wangler
Dorothy Faebner  Jacob Null  Syl Wayer
Till Fehrenbacher  Dave Peters  Angeline Weber
Joe Greco  Bob & Donna  Gene Weckherlin
Steve Hirschmugl  Brian Ponder  Bill & Joan Weinzirl
Betty Hirschmugl  Pedrotti  Christine
Diane Javas  Carolyn Putnam  Woracheck
Kenneth Jordan  John Rizzello  Tom Zembidge

Sick Relatives and Friends:

Rosemarie Angeline  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 Schierrmeyer
Jackie Craven  Shane Katzier  Kate Schneider
Anne DeSchryver  Pearl King  Fynlee Schneider
Paul Eck  Sharon Lewis  Dave & Paula
Jim Eisenbath  Lisa Masek  Schneider
Lee Engert  Jon Matson  Ron Schonhoff Sr.
Colleen Evans  Trish Merkin  Grace Solimando
David Fehrenbacher  Cameron Meyer  Josephine Sterling
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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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!

SCHOOL NEWS
There will be NO School before Mon., Apr. 27.

Congratulations to our April 6 $100 Red & Blue winner; Marianne Boulcault 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.

EASTER SCHEDULE
Sun, Apr. 19, Divine Mercy Mass, 9am-Live-Streamed
Sun, Apr. 26, 3rd Sun. Easter Mass, 9am-Live-Streamed
Sun, May 3, 4th Sun. Easter Regular Mass Schedule 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

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!
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 83:1-2, 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 6:1-15

Saturday April 25
St. Mark
1 Peter 5:5b-14
Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 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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