Holy Spirit Parish Family

April 7, 2019 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES
Upcoming EARLY Deadline is....

NOON, THURSDAY, APRIL 11, FOR APRIL 21 BULLETIN

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NOON, THURSDAY, APRIL 11, FOR APRIL 21 BULLETIN
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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 March 18-24, 2019
Sunday Envelopes, 219 utilized $ 9,977.00
Loose Collection $ 884.05
Online Donations, 81 families $ 6,877.00
Holy Days $ 20.00
Total $ 17,758.05
Weekly Budget $ 20,000.77
Weekly Surplus (shortfall) ($ 2,242.72)
HandS $ 240.00
Parish Improvements $ 170.00

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 7
8:00 am—Ted Drewes Sale, Parish Hall
9:00 am—Liturgy of the Word for Children, Rm. 105
—Mass, Third Scrutiny, Church
7:00 pm—Al Anon, Community Rm.

Monday, April 8
6:00 pm—Quilting, Annex
7:00 pm—Lenten Penance Service, Church

Tuesday, April 9
9:00 am—Quilting, Annex
—Taste & See, Parish Hall
6:30 pm—Ladies Club, Rigali RM.
7:30 pm—Fire in the Spirit, Community Rm.

Wednesday, April 10
9:00 am—Exposition/Benediction, Church
—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
7:00 pm—Food Addicts Anonymous, Rigali Rm.
7:30 pm—Teen/Ensemble Choir Practice, Church

Thursday, April 11
9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
7:00 pm—Al-Anon, Rm. 2
—Choir Rehearsal, Church

Friday, April 12
2:00 pm—Stations of the Cross, Church
4:30 pm—Seafood Dinner, Gym/Parish Hall
7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross/Lenten Speaker, Church

Saturday, April 13
5:00 pm—Palm Sunday Mass begins in Parish Hall

Sunday, April 14
Palm Sunday Masses begin in the Parish Hall
9:00 am—Liturgy of the Word for Children, Rm. 105
—RCIA Retreat, Rm. 106/Church/Parish Hall
7:00 pm—Al Anon, Community Rm.

ENCOUNTER ONA
We encounter Ona in Gaza, where, despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers?
Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

AND THE WINNERS ARE…
The April 5 Seafood Dinner
Raffle Winners Are...
Dinner for 8: Peggy Henderson
Buy One/Get One: Dan Tyndall
Front of the Line: Saundra White

CONGRATULATIONS!!!
**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, April 7—Fifth Sunday of Lent**
- 7:30am: Faustina Ostrowski, Special Intention
- 9:00am: Marlene Holt
- 11:00am: For Our Parishioners

**Monday, April 8**
- 6:30 am: Faithful Departed

**Tuesday, April 9**
- 6:30am: George Kulage

**Wednesday, April 10**
- 6:30am: Tom Fehrenbacher

**Thursday, April 11**
- 8:00am: Leon Batas

**Friday, April 12**
- 8:00am: Mary Metzger

**Saturday, April 13**
- 8:00am: Paul Meyer
- 5:00pm: For Our Parishioners

**Sunday, April 14—Palm Sunday**
- 7:30am: Carlo Cafferata
- 9:00am: Stan Mullins Family, Special Intention
- 11:00am: Demetrio Rabenitas

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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

Irene Biggins  
Becky Bonner  
Nancy Brand  
Jim Brockmeyer  
Phil Brusca  
Ed Cody  
Matthew Cody  
Lou Difani  
Dorothy Faerber  
Till Fehrenbacher  
Dee Graff  
Joe Greco  
Gerald Grinstead

Velda Gross  
Steve Hirschmugl  
Kenneth Jordan  
Al Katzler  
Frank Kekeisen  
Clyde Klump  
Marike Knox  
Audrey Konopka  
Mary Ann  
Tim Koperski  
Charles Kraemer  
Mike Lemp  
Jerry McGuire  
Karen Newcomb  
Matt Niedringhaus  
Brian Ponder  
Mary Ann Rieth  
John Rizzello  
Bill Schneider  
Nanci Van Amburgh  
Gene Weckherlin  
Bill & Joan Weinzirl  
Tom Zemblidge

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**MINISTRY SCHEDULE — APR. 13-14**

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J & K McFarling | L Cwiklowski  
M J Flynn  
L Gath  
D Bachmeister  
K Johnson  
M McCarthy  
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B Ball  
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M Feltmann  
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| Servers | S Shine  
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W Kielpnhofer  
M Young | A Basta  
R Cusumano  
Sub Requested | A Ball  
J Giovannini  
R Green |

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**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the families of **Russ Kelly**, brother-in-law of Joan Maher; and **Lawrence Gath**, father of Gary (Lyn).

May their souls rest in the Peace of Christ.
SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our April 1 Red & Blue winner of $100; Janet Dickerson
Thank you for supporting our school!

Check the FastDirect calendar for upcoming events. April 17th is the Pre School and Pre-K Grandparent’s Day. The K-4 Spring Concert is coming up on April 25th. We are looking for parent volunteers for Field Day. Send in the form from the April News and Notes.

We have three openings on our School Board for the 2019-2020 school year. All interested candidates should contact Mrs. Hewitt or Father Bob.

Fri. April 12: All School Mass prepared by grade 1
Fri. April 12: Living Stations of the Cross in the Parish Hall @ 2:00 prepared by grade 8

Wish List: Glue Sticks, Thin Tip Markers, Pipe Cleaners, Crayons, New or gently used Legos & Tinker Toys, Pink Erasers, Duct Tape, Craft Sticks, Cookie Trays.

Prayers go up blessings come down,
Mrs. Hewitt

PSR NEWS

FAMILY HOSPITALITY FOR APRIL

5th grade students from PSR & the Full Time School will be the Student Hospitality Ministers on Saturday, April 13, at the 5pm Mass.

FAMILY SERVICE NIGHT – TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH

On Tuesday, April 9, please go to the location you signed up for to participate in Family Service Night. This will take the place of our regularly scheduled classes.

LENTEN ACTIVITY NIGHT FOR GRADES 1-5 & THEIR PARENTS – TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH

Families of students in Grades 1-5 should come to PSR with your child for special Lenten activities.

*Please note, students in Grades 6-8 will have Lenten activities with their classes.

TED DREWES SALES ARE BACK!

Enjoy a St. Louis favorite - stop by the table in the Parish Hall TODAY Saturday, April 6 or Sunday April 7 after all Masses to pick up some Ted Drewes frozen custard. Strawberry, chocolate or vanilla flavored 9 oz mini’s are available while supplies last. They are $3 each. This sale benefits the PSR program. There will be monthly sales from April to August. Watch the bulletin or upcoming events! Thank you for your support.

PSR UPCOMING CALENDAR

Ongoing to May 31: EARLY REGISTRATION BEGINS, DISCOUNTED FEES
April 9: Family Service Night, attend the session you signed up for; counts as a class night, no regular classes held
April 16: class Gr. 6-8; Lenten Activity Night for Families Gr. 1-5
April 23: class
April 30: class; Community Prayer Grade 5
May 7: Last Night of PSR
May 31: Last day to get Early Registration Discount

FIAT WOMEN’S GROUP

All women are invited to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (5200 Glennon Dr, 63119) for prayer and a talk. The next meeting is April 25.* Dr. Sue Harvath, Director of Psychological & Counseling Services & Professor of Pastoral Counseling at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, will be the speaker. Dr. Harvath’s talk is entitled: “Gratitude.” The Rosary will be prayed at 8 a.m., & Dr. Harvath will speak from 8:15 a.m.-9 a.m. Coffee will be offered afterwards in the Fireside Lounge until 9:30 a.m. For more information or to watch videos from past Fiat talks, see:www.kenrick.edu/fiat.

*Please note: The April session will take place on the 4th Thursday of the month to avoid conflict with the Church’s celebration of Holy Thursday.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Invites 7th grade girls to shadow this Spring.
There are still dates available in April.
To schedule your visit, please go to www.ndhs.net/shadow.
If you have questions, contact Katie Mallette ’03, Director of Admissions, kmallette@ndhs.net or 314-544-1015 ext. 1104.

Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Concerning the woman caught in adultery, Jesus said, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to ...”

Answer: ...drew a close to him.

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MIDDL E SCH OOL MADNESS — for 6th – 8th grades

Next MSM is Friday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex. Bring a friend, and be there for the fun!

WE NEED YOU!

WE ARE PLANNING FOR SPRING/SUMMER GATHERINGS & EVENTS, AND WE NEED PGC ADULT VOLUNTEERS. 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.

Interested? Want to help our teens encounter Jesus through participation in our parish community? Contact Donna Eisenbath.

CALLED (formerly Luke 18) April 13-14: We will need 6-8 adults depending on the number of retreatants. At least two are needed to stay Friday-Sunday. The rest are needed Saturday-Sunday. No cost. Male chaperones are always in short supply, so pray about it and join us.

Summer service events in July: Wanted – drivers & chaperones. Must be willing to help with service & spend time in discussion afterwards.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SPRING RETREATANTS AND TEAM WHO ARE MAKING THEIR RETREAT NEXT WEEKEND, APRIL 13-14

Our retreat is called CALLED: C2B. Our focus this year is on relationships – ones that we have in our life & how those can be grounded in friendship with Jesus. Our focus is on building, & our scripture foundation is 1 Thes. 5:11 “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

KILLING THE PAIN, NOT THE PATIENT:
PALLIATIVE CARE VS. ASSISTED SUICIDE

Read the full version at usccb.org/killing-the-pain.

Assisted suicide is in the news & on lawmakers’ agendas. Supporters call it “aid in dying” & claim it’s just another option for end-of-life care. But it’s radically different from the practice of palliative care, the healing art of relieving pain & other distressing symptoms for patients who are seriously ill.

Palliative care intends to comfort a patient, addressing physical, psychological, emotional, & spiritual needs. Assisted suicide, by contrast, directly intends the patient’s death. It ignores any underlying problems, & instead abandons & eliminates the patient who has the problems.

As a society and as individuals, we must dedicate ourselves to providing genuinely compassionate care that protects God’s gift of life.

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Did You Know?

Medical organizations like the American Medical Association oppose assisted suicide.
LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross
Every Friday at 2 pm & 7 pm
Good Friday at 3:00 pm

Speaker Series
After 7 pm Stations

Evening Prayer/Reconciliation
Mons, 7 pm except April 8th

Sun, Apr 7, 5th Sun Lent
Regular Sun Mass Schedule

Mon, Apr 8
Parish Penance Service-7 pm

Sat, Apr 13
Confessions 9 am to 3 pm, No
confessions at 4pm

Sat, Apr 13/Sun Apr 14
Luke 18 Retreat

Sun, Apr 14, Passion Sunday
Regular Sun Mass Schedule
Masses begin in Parish Hall

Holy Thursday, Apr 18
Morning Prayer at 8 am
Mass, the Lord’s Supper 7 pm

Good Friday, Apr 19
Morning Prayer, 8 am
Stations of the Cross, 3 pm
The Lord’s Passion, 7 pm

Holy Saturday, Apr 20
Morning Prayer, 8 am
Easter Vigil, 8 pm

Sun, Apr 21, Easter Sunday
Masses, 7:30, 9 and 11 am

Sun, Apr 28, Octave of Easter
Regular Sun Mass Schedule

Sun, May 5, 3rd Sun Easter
Regular Sun Mass Schedule
First Communion 2 pm

Sun, May 12, 4th Sun Easter
Regular Sun Mass Schedule

Sun, May 19, 5th Sun Easter
Regular Sun Mass Schedule

Sun, May 26, 6th Sun Easter
Regular Sun Mass Schedule

Sun, June 2, Ascension
Regular Sun Mass Schedule

Sun, June 9, Pentecost
Regular Sun Mass Schedule

Holy Spirit Vacation Bible School
June 24-28, 2019 9-noon daily
Life is wild. God is good!

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Pro, kids explore
God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through
this wild life!

Registration forms for campers, teen helpers
and adult volunteers are available ONLINE only – on the parish
website

https://holyspiritasl.org/Education/Vacation-Bible-School

Cost is $30 per camper, payable by check (made to Holy Spirit
Church and put VBS 2019 in the memo line) or cash.
Payments must be received by the first day of VBS.

Registration deadline is May 20, 2019

For more information, contact Sharon Kaufman,
314-734-0230 or shkaufman@holyspiritasl.org

Holy Spirit F3 - Food, Faith & Friends
Sunday - Thursday
June 23-27, 2019
7-9 pm
For Grades 6-12

This companion program to VBS is for YOUTH only!

Come see how God is Good in all situations!

Registration form is available ONLINE only – on the parish
website

https://holyspiritasl.org/Education/F3-Food-Faith-and-Friends

Cost is $20 per teen, payable by check (made to Holy Spirit Church and
put F3 2019 in the memo line) or cash.
Payments must be received by the first day of F3.

Registration deadline is May 20, 2019

For more information, contact Sharon Kaufman,
314-734-0230 or shkaufman@holyspiritasl.org
Holy Spirit Day at Busch Stadium
Friday, May 24, 2019

Come join the fun of baseball at Busch Stadium.

The Holy Spirit Choirs will be singing Take Me Out to the Ballgame during the 7th Inning Stretch. Come cheer on your parish choirs as well as the St. Louis Cardinals when they play the Atlanta Braves! We have 300 left field pavilion seats available. Tickets sold on a first come, first served basis. As a bonus, this is a promotion night at the stadium. All children will receive a free ticket to Six Flags. Fans 16 and older will receive a Marcell Ozuna Bobblehead!

Order early so you don’t miss out on the fun! Tickets are $17.00 each (printed price on the ticket is $58). Use the order form below and return to any choir member or Joan Maher at the Parish Office.

All orders need to be received by Friday, May 3rd.

Return this form to any choir member or Joan Maher at the Parish Office.

Name: ____________________________

Phone Number: ____________________________

Make checks payable to Holy Spirit Parish.

Number of Tickets__________@ $17.00 each =

Total______________________________________

Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 7, 2019 | 7
Taste & See for Older Adults
Bite sized food, faith, and fellowship!

Tuesday, April 9, 2019
9 am, in the Parish Hall

Choosing Between Home and Facility Based Care Options: Which is Best?
Presented by: VOYCE Ombudsman Corp.

*To arrange non-medical care for a loved one so that you may attend, call Karen Rychlewski, 739-0230, Ext. 108 by April 5th.

LADIES CLUB MEETING
Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m. in the Rigali Room. We will have a potluck, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will provide the meat and drinks. We welcome new members, if you have questions, please call Karen, 291-1971.

SOCIAL JUSTICE
You are Not Forgotten!
“Divide your bread with the hungry,
Bring the homeless into the house,
When you see the naked, cover him,
And do not divert your eyes
From your own flesh.”
~ Isaiah 58.7

SPRING CLEANING!
Collection of wholesome magazines for prison ministry.
Put in box in Parish Hall in April.
Contact Clare, 291-2144

STEPHEN MINISTRY
Do you want someone to listen to you talk about issues that are bothering you, let you say what you want to say, meet with you once a week, AND keep everything you say confidential?! It is the specially selected and trained men and women of the Stephen Ministry who deliver exactly that. Their mission is Christ-centered; yet don’t insist that you pray! Consider calling Stephen Ministry, 739-0230, ext. 130, & leave a confidential message, it may be the answer to the wholeness you seek.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Celebrate as an Easter couple this year, & find more for your relationship than you ever dreamt was possible from just one weekend together. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend as a celebration of your couple relationship. Next weekends are Apr. 12-14, St. Peters, & Jun. 21-23, Chiara Center, Springfield, IL. If you would like to apply or get more info, go to https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php or call 314.649.7317.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE! —
The Lord is Gracious and Merciful
In today’s Gospel Jesus said to the scribes, Pharisees, and the crowd gathered around the woman caught in adultery, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” With this one statement Jesus reminds us, as well as all of those at the scene, of God’s mercy. In addition, He calls all of us to be merciful as well. Then he told the woman to go and sin no more. God has done so many wonderful things for us and He forgives us whenever we ask, if we are truly sorry. Today’s readings remind us that God wants us to forgive as well. This week we can ponder these questions: “Do we judge people by their looks or actions?” “Do we forgive those who have wronged us?” “Are we gracious and merciful to those in our lives?”
www.archstl.org/live-the-faith
**AROUND TOWN**

**ART SALE**
Good Shepherd Arts Center, 252 S. Florissant Rd., is hosting a fund-raiser for United People Community Organization. The fundraiser in the form of an art sale will run from **Mar 30-Apr 27**. United People Community Organization addresses the food desert in North County. The event is free; a $5 donation at the door is greatly appreciated. The Center's hours are Wed.—Fri. 10 a.m.—5 p.m. & Sat. 11 a.m.—5 p.m. Call 522-1155 for info.

**ANNUAL GALA**
Our Lady's Inn Maternity Homes is holding its Annual Gala, Sunday, April 14, Old Warson Country Club. The event is hosted by Darryl & Ellen Ross & honors the Thomas More Society. Cocktail reception, 5:30 p.m. Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Tickets, $200 per person. For more information or to register, visit www.ourladysinn.org or call Katrina, 314.736.1544.

**PERFORMING ARTS YOUTH RETREAT**
Current high school students are invited to apply by April 15 for Youth Sing Praise. YSP is a unique musical theatre & retreat camp for teens, where acting, singing, dancing, performing, praying & community building thrive. In just nine days & nights, students audition, learn, & perform a faith-based musical. This year, we are proud to present Andrew Lloyd Webber & Tim Rice's *Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Dates for the camp are June 15-23. The performance will take place Saturday, June 22, the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, IL. Online application & instructions, & more details at [www.youthsingpraise.com](http://www.youthsingpraise.com) or call 314.NOW.4YSP.

**IVC – EXPERIENCE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**
The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a program that invites faith-motivated volunteers to serve the poor & marginalized. Volunteers are age 50 & better, retired or semi-retired. Volunteers reflect & pray in the Ignatian tradition on their service, meet monthly with other IVC Volunteers & with a spiritual reflector. For more information: [www.ivcusa.org](http://www.ivcusa.org), find St. Louis under the locations tab.

If service, prayer, & reflection interest you, contact Sr. Amy Diesen, OFS for more info 758-7147 or IVC-STL@jesuits.org. Or come to an info session with current volunteers, 10am, April 11, Il Monastero Banquet Center (3050 Olive St, 63103). Please RSVP to Sr. Amy.

**HOW IS LENT GOING FOR YOU?**
Still following your intentional game plan? Oh, you hit an impediment, or just petered out. Here’s an idea, tune to Catholic radio (AM 1460.) Our Catholic programing will help you focus on Jesus & your faith life. You can listen on the radio; mobile device using our Covenant Network app.; or on your computer, [ourcatholicradio.org](http://ourcatholicradio.org).

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**Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton**

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**Pancake Breakfast & Basket Raffle**

**Sunday, April 14, 2019**

**Bridgeton Recreation Center**
4201 Fee Fee Road

7:30am to 12:30pm

$5.00/children under 12
$8.00/adults
Free for children 4 & under

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**TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND**
KPLR channel 11 (CW), 8:30 a.m. & KTVI channel 2.2 (antenna TV), 9:00 a.m.

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Lent and Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at www.HeartoftheNation.org. (For those who can get to church, the TV or online does NOT fulfill the Mass obligation.)

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5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21
Ps 128:1-6
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11

Monday April 8
Daniel 13:1-6,15-17, 18-30,33-62
Psalm 23:1-6
John 8:12-20

Tuesday April 9
Numbers 21:4-9
Ps 102:2-3,16-21
John 8:21-30

Wednesday April 10
Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95
Dan 3:52-56
John 8:31-42

Thursday April 11
Genesis 17:3-8
Ps 105:4-8
John 8:51-59

Friday April 12
Jeremiah 20:10-13
Ps 18:2-7
John 10:31-42

Saturday April 13
Ezekiel 37:21-28
Jeremiah 31:10-13
John 11:45-56

This Sunday's Gospel reading shows us a good example of how to treat someone who is, as Jesus says elsewhere in scripture (Matthew 25) "the least of these.

The recipient of Christ's compassion in this story was considered to be unworthy of life itself. She was first of all a woman, which in her society meant she was inferior to man. She was a sinner and deserved punishment. She was one single person facing a condemning crowd alone.

How much more of a "least" one could anyone be?

When have you felt alone and insignificant? Perhaps you've faced a condemning crowd. Then again, have you ever treated others as if they're not important? Yes, none of us can cast the first stone.

There are many in the Church who feel forgotten and neglected. We all know some of them. Their loneliness is usually hidden from us, and if we're busy with many important responsibilities, seeking them out and giving them attention feels too overwhelming. Their needs become too insignificant to warrant the expense of our time, the development of parish resources, and the sacrifice of our personal comfort.

Divorced Catholics often feel condemned, and many who could be receiving Communion stay away because they've been misinformed about the Church's rules, and no one is reaching out to lead them back.

And although the Church has been focusing on stopping the abuse of children, the sin of sexual activities between "consenting" adults and the lustful or abusive grooming of easily influenced adults is ignored, because they are dismissed as "less vulnerable"—they are of least concern.

Identifying the least among us and reaching out to them is a good Lenten exercise—but only if the intention is to make it a year-round habit.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Which persons are you neglecting because their situation makes you feel uncomfortable or inadequate?

2. Which members of your family or parish do you avoid because you like them "least" of all?

3. Begin to give them compassionate attention by praying for them, then discern if the Lord is inspiring you to do anything more.

4. Share the story of a time when you encountered—or were—one of "the least of these." Did anyone show compassion? How?

5. Where was Jesus? How was he helping?
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