

Holy Spirit Parish Family

May 17, 2020 — Sixth 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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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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PARISH ANNEX

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday thru Wednesday.....6:30am
Thursday and Friday.....8:00am
Holy Days Consult bulletin
Saturday: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 April 27-May 3, 2020

Sunday Envelopes, 86 utilized	\$ 11,422.00
Loose Collection	\$ 10.00
Online Donations, 71 families	\$ 4,974.00
Total	\$ 16,406.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	(\$ 3,784.38)

HandS	Parish Improvements
\$ 715.00	\$ 255.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 17

8:00am-12:30pm—Blood Drive, Annex, See Pg. 4
By appointment ONLY!

Thursday, May 21

7:00pm—Al Anon, Rm. 2

Saturday, May 23—Public Masses Resume

Vigil Mass Schedule—To be announced

Sunday, May 24

Sunday Mass Schedule—To be announced

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

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!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

OUR MORAL RESPONSIBILITY

“Unfortunately, politics in our country can often be a contest of powerful interests, partisan attacks, sound bites, and media hype. The Church calls for a different kind of political engagement: one shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and vulnerable.”

~ US Conference of Catholic Bishops

“It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good.”

~ The Catechism of the Catholic Church

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There are MULTIPLE virtual opportunities to future Jr. Bills & their parents to experience our brotherhood, our academics, & our robust athletics & co-curricular opportunities including Inside SLUH Visits, a Campus Tour, Office Hours, & Feature Zoom Events with SLUH Subject-Matter Experts. Visit our Virtual Admissions Office at <https://www.sluh.org/admissions> to learn more.

A NOTE FROM FR. BOB

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

"I am filled with the joy of this Easter season to be able to once again reunite our faithful in the celebration of public Masses, centered around the Eucharist given to us by our Lord Jesus Christ. I am grateful to our priests, deacons and all parish staffs for working closely with me and archdiocesan leadership to continue to guide parish communities in their faith journeys, while prudently following all protocols to keep God's people safe and healthy."

~ Archbishop Carlson

Recently, Archbishop Carlson gave permission to resume public Masses in parishes at the discretion of the pastor. As I write this note, we are awaiting the guidelines & restrictions that are being developed by the Archdiocese for our Masses. But first, the primary consideration of everything we will be doing as we resume Masses is for the safety of everyone involved. Your safety, the safety of volunteers, the safety of ministers, & the safety of Fr. Jerry & myself are of the utmost importance & guide all our actions & restrictions. The last thing we want is for someone to come to Mass & contract the virus because we did not take enough precautions. Our public Masses will begin with the Saturday Vigil on May 23rd. While waiting I can give you some idea of what to expect & present it here:

Holy Spirit Parish Guidelines (subject to revision)

- If one has a fever or any symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, they must stay home.
- Those who are in the high-risk category, over the age of 65 or with compromised immune systems should stay home. The dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been extended until further notice. If you have concerns about your own health and safety, please stay home.
- **Masks** – everyone attending Mass will be required to wear a mask to be admitted into church.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all entrances so that everyone may sanitize their hands upon entering and leaving church.
- Mass attendance will be limited to 180 people including volunteers. This is approximately one fourth of our rated occupancy.
- Every other pew will be blocked off. The entire rear section of church will be blocked off for weekday Masses.
- Pews will be sectioned in 6-foot increments to observe proper social distancing. If someone comes alone, then that person will sit in a section. The adjacent section(s) will remain vacant. Families may sit in a section. If the family is larger than one section, the adjacent section must remain vacant.
- There will be no offertory collection or procession. Baskets will be placed near the entrances for your donation. They will be collected at the conclusion of Mass.
- The communion procession will be regulated by hospitality ministers in order to maintain proper social distancing. There are squares on the floor at 6-foot intervals to assist with maintaining distance.
- Communion will be under the species of bread only and will only be distributed in the hand. If a minister touches your hand with their fingers both the minister and the communicant should stop and sanitize their hands. Sanitizer will be available.
- Dismissal will take place by pew in order to maintain social distancing. Please exit the building so that others may depart while maintaining social distancing.
- All available pews will be disinfected following each Mass.
- Church restrooms will be cleaned after each Mass.
- The Parish Hall will remain closed until further notice.
- The drinking fountain will be unavailable until further notice.
- All furniture has been removed from the Gathering Area. Please do not congregate there before or after Mass.
- Sunday Mass at 9 am and weekday Masses will be live streamed during the restricted public Masses. Once the restrictions are lifted, the 9 am Sunday Mass will be the only Mass live-streamed.

Mass times will be announced shortly. I ask for your patience and cooperation as we navigate the return to public Masses. I strongly encourage anyone in the high-risk group or anyone with concerns to remain at home until we can freely attend Mass without restrictions. Thank you.

Let's continue to pray for each other.

Peace,

Father Bob

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday, May 17

9:00am People of the Parish

Monday, May 18

8:00 am Cindy Lamorette

Tuesday, May 19

8:00am Gertrude Schenk

Wednesday, May 20

8:00am Carol Kersting

Thursday, May 21

8:00am Lloyd Burgett

Friday, May 22

8:00am Bill Donley

Saturday, May 23

8:00am Robert Osseck

Sunday, May 24

9:00am People of the Parish

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of **David Trosky**. May his soul rest in the Peace of Christ.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

May 2020 Intercession: May our Blessed Mother draw women facing unexpected or challenging pregnancies close to her heart.



Prayers: Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

Reflection: In the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are given the model of motherhood. When the angel Gabriel appeared to her, Mary accepted the invitation to be the mother of Jesus, who is “the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6). Her unexpected pregnancy presented many challenges. Yet while the path laid before her was not easy, Mary chose to give of herself in sacrificial love. Mothers with unexpected or challenging pregnancies can likely relate to the experience of our Blessed Mother, as they, too, often face difficulties in answering God’s call to welcome new life. Now, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, even more challenges arise. In bravely living out their vocation, mothers reflect the sacrificial love of Christ on a daily basis.

Acts of Reparation: (Choose 1) Pray the “Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life” for all expectant mothers facing difficulties or challenges. Fast from television or social media for the day. Instead, spend time reflecting on how God is asking you to support pregnant women in difficult circumstances. Offer some other sacrifice, prayer, or act of penance that you feel called to do for this month’s intention.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

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

Sick Relatives and Friends:

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

BLOOD DRIVE

Holy Spirit Parish
In the **Rigali Room**
of the Annex

Sunday, May 17
8:00 am – 12:30 noon

Be a Steward of Christ!

Appointment **REQUIRED**
NO Walk-in's.

To schedule an appointment, log on to
www.bloodcenterimpact.org

Use group sponsor
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Each donation will generate a contribution benefitting Holy Spirit's Full-time School and PSR programs (for educational tools used by these students).

TODAY!



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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, & contact Donna E., deisenbath@holyspiritstl.org for info 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 when we can get together in person again. In the meantime, hang in there!

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:

Do your best with Confirmation prep and sessions. We'll all catch up together when we gather again. Take care of yourselves and your families.

EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERS FOR HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, SCHOOL OR PSR! IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER ON THE ARCHDIOCESE'S NEW SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE SITE

PREVENT AND PROTECT STL!

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, May 17, 6th Sun. Easter Mass 9 AM Live-Streamed
Sat/Sun, May 23/24, Public Masses Resume
Feast of the Ascension
Sun, May 31, Pentecost Regular Mass Schedule

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our May 11 \$25 Red & Blue winner
Walter Schlenk.

Thank you for supporting our school!

With God all things are possible!
Mrs. Hewitt

PSR NEWS

PSR Registration 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.psenroll.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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL/F3/FAMILY NIGHT

June 22-26, 2020



Has Been **CANCELLED** due to the
Coronavirus situation.
Watch for our return Summer 2021!

ST. PATRICK CENTER SALAD SUNDAY MAY 24

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 Sunday, May 24.** The container will be outside where the Garden of Feeden sets up. For more information contact Ellen Staples, 422-2381.



6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

Monday May 18

Acts 16:11-15
Ps 148:1b-6a,9b
John 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday May 19

Acts 16:22-34
Ps 138:1-3,7c-8
John 16:5-11

Wednesday May 20

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
Ps 148:1-2,11-14
John 16:12-15

Thursday May 21

Acts 18:1-8
Ps 98:1-4
John 16:16-20
or **The Ascension**
Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47:2-3, 6-9
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

Friday May 22

Acts 18:9-18
Ps 47:2-8a
John 16:20-23

Saturday May 23

Acts 18:23-28
Ps 47:2-3, 8-10
John 16:23b-28

this is why we worry so much about how others are judging us. If we honestly examine our consciences, seek reconciliation with God for our sins during the Penance Rite at Mass or in the Sacrament of Confession, and strive to improve, then Jesus says to us what he said to other sinners: "I do not condemn you; go and sin no more."

In John 14:15-21, Jesus tells us that the Holy Spirit is our "Advocate". Some scholars translate the word to "Counselor". In the original Greek, it means "called alongside". It's closely related to the verb "parakaleo" ("to call" or "summon") from which we get "Paraclete" as a name for the Holy Spirit. It referred to a legal assistant, a courtroom advocate.

Jesus is telling us that the Holy Spirit is our legal assistant when we're falsely accused, misjudged, or wrongly condemned.

Notice that Jesus refers to our Advocate as the "Spirit of Truth". No matter what other people think about us, no matter what wrong things they say about us, no matter what opinions they have of us, God always knows the truth. And the truth that sets us free from their bad attitudes is this: It's only God's opinion that really matters. And his opinion of us is better than we think it is!

We judge ourselves more harshly than we should, and



Don't you sometimes wish Jesus would come physically to your rescue when you're misjudged? He said that he will not leave us orphaned – his Holy Spirit will always be with us when we need to be defended, telling us the truth about our goodness.

Even when we sin, the Spirit of Truth defends us to our heavenly Judge: "Look, this precious child really does want to be holy." To us, the Spirit says, "Let me teach you how to grow in holiness and avoid this sin." And to others, the Spirit says: "If you love me, love this good friend of mine."

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How have you been unjustly accused and unfairly judged? Imagine what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Father about that. And to those who condemned you. And what is he saying to you about you?
2. Describe a time when God defended you. How did the Advocate manifest his help?
3. Who learned more from it: you or your accusers?

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ASCENSION OF THE LORD— (MAY 24, 2020)

Acts 1:1-11— Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 — Eph 1:17-23 — Mt 28:16-20



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