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 May 30, 5 p.m. Vigil Mass
Live Streamed (link on our website: holyspiritstl.org)
Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.; Sunday 9 a.m.
Church is open after the daily “Private” Mass until 5 PM.

**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, May 24**
7:00pm—Al Anon, Community Rm., Rigali Rm., Rm. 9

**Thursday, May 28**
7:00pm—Al Anon, Rm. 2

**Saturday, May 30—Public Masses Begin**
5:00 pm—Vigil Mass for Sunday

**Sunday, May 31**
Sunday Mass Schedule—7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
7:00pm—Al Anon, Community Rm., Rigali Rm., Rm. 9

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**Social Justice**

**For Courage to Do Justice**

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others
Open my ears that I may hear their cries;
Open my heart so that they need not be without succor;
Let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong,
Nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.
Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,
And use me to bring them to those places.
And so open my eyes and my ears
That I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for thee.

Amen

~ Alan Paton

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**St. Louis Friends of Birthright Virtual Run for Life and Learning**

Looking for a fun and safe way to support Moms in need? The Friends of Birthright Run for Life and Learning has gone Virtual! To register or donate, visit run4lifeandlearning.eventbrite.com. Complete a Run/Walk distance of your choice (6K, 1 mile, 0.25 mile) individually or with your immediate family anytime between Monday, June 1 and Sunday, June 7. Post your time and/or photo to our Facebook page, or email us, and receive a race t-shirt. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education.

Please email us for sponsorship opportunities, run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com.

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**Offertory Collections**
Stewardship for May 4-10, 2020

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A NOTE FROM FR. BOB

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

Today we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven! In the reading from the Gospel of Matthew it is described like this,

“Then Jesus approached and said to the eleven, ‘All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.’”

All of us take the place of the eleven now in this day and age. During the pandemic I have seen extraordinary acts of love by so many as we live out his call. Let’s continue to rely on his grace!

In a week, we celebrate our Parish Feast Day, the Feast of Pentecost. While we all would have liked to be celebrating together all along during these times, it has not been possible. When we get back together again next weekend for our first public Masses, it will be better, but it still will be different. I hope that you all have had the opportunity to review our guidelines. Remember, if you have any concerns or reservations about attending Mass in person, or that you fall in the high-risk category, please, stay home. We will continue to live-stream Mass. We are the Body of Christ; we are together in spirit regardless of our location.

May we all know of God’s love and peace.

Let’s pray for and take care of each other.

Peace,

Father Bob
MASS INTENTIONS
(Please note these daily Masses are NOT public. They will be celebrated each day without worshipers.)

Sunday, May 24
9:00am   People of the Parish
11:00am  Jason Ramsey

Monday, May 25
8:00 am  Ninfa Biondo

Tuesday, May 26
8:00 am  Bob Hauser

Wednesday, May 27
8:00 am  Joann Allman

Thursday, May 28
8:00 am  Sis Tessmer

Friday, May 29
8:00 am  George & Anna Rudroff

Saturday, May 30
8:00 am  Richard Marshall
5:00 pm  Norbert Wibbenmeyer

Sunday, May 31
7:00 am  Corazon Magparangalan
9:00 am  James Bonner & Glennon Fuest
11:00 am Jason Ramsey

PRO-LIFE NEWS
Action Alert: Demand a COVID-19 Vaccine free from abortion! The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, along with 20 healthcare, bioethics, and pro-life organizations, sent a letter urging the Food and Drug Administration to ensure that any vaccine for COVID-19 be developed ethically and with no connection to abortion. Among the dozen vaccines being developed, some are being produced using old cell lines from the cells of aborted babies. As the bishops point out, no one should be forced to choose between being vaccinated against this virus and violating his or her conscience, especially as there are other cell lines that have no connection to abortion that can be used. https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/73486/
Respond

Coalition for Life St. Louis Community Response Fund: The Coalition has established the Community Response Fund to help those adversely impacted by COVID-19, especially pregnant and parenting moms, as well as families with children from conception through age 5. For details, contact 314-827-4039 or go online here: https://www.coalitionforlifestl.com/shop/

ST. PATRICK CENTER SALAD SUNDAY TODAY
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 between 8 and 11 AM TODAY, Sunday, May 24. The container will be outside where the Garden of Feeden sets up. For more information contact Ellen Staples, 422-2381.

ST. PATRICK'S CASSEROLES
Casseroles for St. Patrick Center will be collected this Wed., May 27, 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!

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 Schwanker
Nicole Chapman  Mike Lemp        Rudy & Brenda
Ed Cody         Jerry McGuire    Nanci Van Amburg
Matthew Cody    Mary McGuire     Katie Van Stratton
Peggy Cody      Ron Murphy       Joe & Jean
Charles Dent    Karen Newcomb   Wangler
Dorothy Faerber Matt Niedringhaus
Till Fehrenbacher
Joe Greco
Steve Hirschmuigl
Betty Hirschmuigl
Suzanne Holzum  Brian Ponder
Diane Javaux    Carolyn Putnam

Sick Relatives and Friends:

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

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Thank you!
**Dynamic Catholic, Alive! — The Ascension—Evangelization**

All of the Christian faithful, by virtue of their Baptism, are called by God to spread the Good News. Evangelization is not some exclusive mission that God has entrusted to a select few. Today we celebrate Christ’s Ascension to the right hand of the Father; Christ has made captive our captivity (Ephesians 4:8). He calls us to walk in the freedom of the children of God, who joyfully announce to others the salvation He has won for us. Evangelization does not have to entail mission trips to foreign lands. It starts within our own minds and hearts. We can seek to learn more about our Catholic Faith and seek opportunities for catechesis and instruction. We can pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit each day. We can share the beautiful encounter we have had with the Lord with others through simple acts of charity and kindness. God is with us always!

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**Easter Schedule**

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**School News**

**Congratulations** to our May 18 $25 Red & Blue winner Cory Robic.

Thank you to all who supported our Red & Blue Raffle for the 2019-2020 School Year!

With God all things are possible!

Mrs. Hewitt

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**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.psrenroll.com](http://www.holyspirit.psrenroll.com) or PSR registration is one of the quick links on the parish website, [www.holyspiritstl.org](http://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!

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**Congratualtions!**

St. Louis University High extends heartfelt congratulations to our 8th grade graduates and invites us to join in recognizing Michael Bergen, a SLUH Sheahan Scholar from our parish family. The Sheahan Scholar Award is named for the transformative principal who oversaw a wide range of academic innovations to SLUH during his 1955-67 tenure, the Fr. Sheahan Scholars represent the school’s commitment to and recognition of academic leadership. Michael achieved one of the top scores on the Scholastic High School Placement Test (HSPT) to be named a Sheahan Scholar.

CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL!
Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47:2-3, 6-9
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

Monday May 25
Acts 19:1-7
Psalm 68:17-23
John 18:39-42

Tuesday May 26
St. Philip Nerli
Acts 20:17-27
Ps 88 (33a)10-11, 20-21
John 17:1-11 a

Wednesday May 27
Acts 20:28-38
Ps 88:29-30, 33-36 a
John 17:11 b-19

Thursday May 28
Psalm 14:1-2 a, 5-7-11
John 17:20-26

Friday May 29
Acts 25:13 b-21
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 ab
John 21:15-19

Saturday May 30
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Ps 11:4, 6, 7
John 21:20-25

In the Gospel reading, Jesus states the Great Commission. He still repeats it today and at the end of every Mass when, through the priest, he sends us on our way. “Go,” he says. “Go and make disciples wherever I send you.”

A disciple is a student. Think of people you know who are mere followers of Christ, people who claim to believe in Jesus but who are not learning how to imitate Christ, adult Catholics who stopped their religious education a long time ago. Their faith is not enough to change the world, because they live more like the world than like holy representatives of Christ. Or they live more miserably, less joyfully than those who know how much Jesus cares about them. Or they are unpleasant to be around, because they have not developed enough humility to exude Christ.

You are called to disciple them! Jesus has commissioned you to do it. And it’s not impossible to do. Take apart the word “commission” to see that you are “with” (“co”) Jesus on his “mission”. He says, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to Me” in the context of the Great Commission. This means that, when we share in Christ’s mission, we share in his power.

If we are more than mere followers and have been disciples learning how to be fully alive in the Holy Spirit of Christ, he will give us the words and the opportunities to teach others to observe and understand what he has commanded.

With Christ, we can change hearts by teaching the people around us what it means to be a follower of Christ who also learns from Christ. We teach first by our example, but unless this is backed up with explanations of why we follow Christ, those whom we hope to influence will make no new discoveries about God’s love, the benefits of God’s commandments, or the need for God’s merciful forgiveness.

“Behold!” he adds as an exclamation point on the Great Commission, “I am with you always. Together we will change the world, one disciple at a time.”

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Are you just a follower of Christ or are you also a student of his ways, his truths, and his commandments?
2. What can you do to learn more?
3. How does it feel to be a partner of Jesus in his mission of evangelization?
4. How have others evangelized you? What did they do that inspired you to become more active in your Christian faith?

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