What you hear whispered, proclaim on the rooftops

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.
WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 21
Sunday Mass Schedule—7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
7:00pm—Al Anon, Community Rm., Rigali Rm., Rm. 9

Thursday, June 25
7:00pm—Al Anon, Rm. 2

Saturday, June 27
5:00 pm—Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday, June 28
Sunday Mass Schedule—7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
7:00pm—Al Anon, Community Rm., Rigali Rm., Rm. 9

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS
Stewardship for June 1-7, 2020

Sunday Envelopes, 137 utilized $ 16,310.00
Loose Collection $ 94.00
Online Donations, 94 families $ 7,836.00
Total $ 24,240.00
Weekly Budget $ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall) $ 4,049.62

HandS $ 635.00
Parish Improvements $ 455.00

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!

SOCIAL JUSTICE
June 21st has been designated World Refugee Day. During this time of corona virus pandemic we might get “down,” fearful, hopeless, cynical, downright tired. Let us open our eyes and ears to see and hear the day of a refugee. Where can I go? Does any one want me? How will my family be safe? Can I find a place to live? To work? To feed my family? Where can I find a church? Let’s thank God for what we do have and be generous in prayer and kindnesses. Love without boundaries

GARDEN OF FEEDEN VEGETABLE SALES
The vegetables in the Garden of Feeden are ready to harvest. Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, we have changed how parishioners can get fresh produce. Vegetables will be available at a drive-thru-pick-up in the Annex Parking Lot on Saturday mornings from 10-11 and Sundays after the 7 and 9 AM Masses.

Donations for the vegetables are given to HandS to help those requiring financial assistance and/or food from our food pantry.

VEGETABLES available this week include:
zucchini, kale, beets
yellow squash, onions
cucumbers, cabbage, collards
A Note From Fr. Bob

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

Happy Father’s Day to all our fathers! I would like to share the blessing which we will give at all our Masses this weekend. It is especially important that we share it this year since so many are continuing to stay at home due to COVID-19. Please stay safe.

“God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Blessings to all our First Communicants! Today our children receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist for the very first time. What joy for all of them! As they receive the Eucharist today, may we recall the awe and wonder that we felt when we first received. May God continue to feed and protect our children and each one of us.

In case you missed the announcement last week, we have decided to cancel our annual Parish Carnival this year due to our concerns with the COVID-19 virus. The safety and health of our parish family and all those who would participate in the carnival are of utmost importance to us. Thanks for your understanding. Thanks also for your past support. Watch for news about a virtual Carnival that is being planned.

Let’s keep each other in our prayers this week. Stay safe and healthy!

Peace,
Father Bob
**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, June 20
7:00pm   Julia Garrett

Sunday, June 21
7:00am   Bill Hake
9:00am   Mike Rolfes
11:00am  Kim & Cory Fisk
1:00pm   Betty Biffignani

Monday, June 22
6:30 am  Rich & Sue Dallavalle, Special Intention

Tuesday, June 23
6:30am   Jack Gamel

Wednesday, June 24
6:30am   Dr. James

Thursday, June 25
8:00am   Faithful Departed

Friday, June 26
8:00am   Mary Corcoran

Saturday, June 27
8:00am   Sr. Mary Philip Patin
5:00pm   J. Elroy Witte

Sunday, June 28
7:00am   Glennon F. Audrain
9:00am   Fred DeWitt
11:00am  For Our Parishioners

**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of Cecilia Goebel, mother of Lisa Ahern, grandmother of Alex & Tyler; and Timothy Koperski, husband of Mary Ann. May their souls rest in the Peace of Christ.

**UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven’t already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know NOW so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct.

The Parish Office number is 314-739-0230.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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

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**PRO-LIFE NEWS**

Happy Father’s Day!

Our Father, you entrusted your Son, Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience. We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance. We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. St. Joseph, Pray for all of our Fathers. Amen
Dynamic Catholic, Alive! — Trust in the Lord

Three times in the Gospel today, our Lord tells the disciples that they should not be afraid. This phrase and related variants occur in Scripture more than any other phrase. We all struggle with worrying and being fearful about many aspects of our lives, but Christ reminds us to trust in Him and His abundant love for us. We have been adopted as sons and daughters of God by the death and Resurrection of Christ. We can live a new life in hopeful confidence that God will provide for our needs and care for us as the loving Father who desires “all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; ...Let the Lord feed and support your marriage by going on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekends are Aug. 7-9 & Sept. 25-27, Courtyard Marriot, St. Peters. https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php or call or text 314.649.7317.

Zechariah Men’s Prayer Breakfast

Is about sharing the story of an encounter with Christ one man at a time. It involves good fellowship, a great talk, and grateful prayer. Due to COVID precautions, this time there is no breakfast but also no charge for a ZOOM online community meeting invitation. For Zoom details and directions email gary.whitlock@att.net, phone 636-296-2903, or fill out the form at StlRenewal.Org/ZPB. Details are at the CRC website, ArchStl.org/Renewal. Our speaker for Sam Sat. June 27 is Dr. F. Javier Orozco.

Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions & events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided & direct mailed to each family at no cost to our church, & it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business & would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Parish Office, 314-739-0230.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser.

It “will pay” to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

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 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.

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.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 21, 2020 | 5
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—(JUNE 28, 2020)

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

 Jeremiah 20:10-13
 Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
 Romans 5:12-15
 Matthew 10:26-33

 **Monday June 22**
 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18
 Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13
 Matthew 7:1-5

 **Tuesday June 23**
 2 Kings 18:6b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 38
 Ps 48:2-4, 10-11
 Matthew 7:6, 12-14

 **Wednesday June 24**
 Birth of John the Baptist
 Isaiah 49:1-5
 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15
 Acts 13:22-26
 Luke 1:57-66, 80

 **Thursday June 25**
 2 Kings 24:3-17
 Ps 73:1b-8, 8, 9
 Matthew 7:21-29

 **Friday June 26**
 2 Kings 26:1-12
 Ps 137:1-3
 Matthew 8:1-4

 **Saturday June 27**
 Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19
 Ps 74:15b-7, 20-21
 Matthew 6:5-17

Think of a time when you were in darkness: a sin, for example, or when you felt abandoned by God or your prayers seemed dry and your spiritual gifts seemed covered over. What did Jesus say to you at that time (perhaps through scripture or friends or a homily at Mass)? What did his whisperings tell you? His words and his guidance were good news for you.

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus says: “What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light.”

He’s calling you and commissioning you and empowering you, through his Holy Spirit, to share your good news with others, so that they may hear from him in their darkness. Proclaim it boldly and visibly so that those who want to hear it will stop and listen. Do not be afraid to openly share how Jesus has been working in your life and how he’s helped you grow or heal or turn away from sin.

Yes, when we’re this bold, some people ridicule us and reject us, like how Jeremiah was treated in the first reading. But the Lord is with you, too, as “a mighty champion,” and your persecutors will eventually stumble and fall. Jesus tells us to “fear no one.” God takes good care of us.

Jesus acknowledges those who acknowledge him. In other words, when we’re insulted or persecuted for our faith, God holds us and comforts us. It’s his opinion of us that matters anyway, and no one else’s. Listen to him. In the whispers of the sanctuary of your heart, he’s telling you all the good that he sees in you. He’s telling you that he appreciates the good you have done. He’s giving you good news worth sharing.

**Reflect & Discuss:**

1. What is your testimony? What did Jesus teach you when you were in sin or handling a recent difficulty? Write it down; this exercise will help you feel more confident when you try to share your story with others.

2. Practice sharing the testimony you realized during the above personal reflection. Proclaim it first to your community of friends who understand.

3. As you listen to the testimonies of others, encourage them. Tell them how their story helps you.

4. Make a commitment to go forth and spread the good news. What does this commitment look like? What will you do first to fulfill your commitment?

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