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.
A Note From Fr. Bob

Welcome to Holy Spirit Catholic Church and School.

Our fervent prayer is that everyone remains safe and healthy. To ensure your safety and well-being, we will continue to live-stream Mass during the time of social distancing for those who choose to stay home until restrictions are eased. As you will see in our updated guidelines, the dispensation from attending Sunday Mass for those who need to stay home to be safe will remain in place until further notice. Please take care of yourself, and those you love. Know that we are praying for and with you. Please see our updated Parish guidelines at the conclusion of this note.

Masses are live-streamed on Facebook, Holy Spirit Church, daily Monday-Wednesday at 6:30 a.m., Friday-Saturday at 8:00 a.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m. You may also find a link to the live-stream on our website, www.holyspiritstl.org. Our Public Sunday Mass schedule for the weekend is Saturday Vigil at 5:00pm, Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Confessions are on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Weekday Public Masses are Monday–Wednesday at 6:30 a.m., and Thursday–Saturday at 8:00 a.m. The church is open for Mass each day at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the first Mass of the day. Our adoration chapel is open 24 hours a day. Please call the Parish Office if you need the code.

As you read our guidelines please keep in mind that they have been developed with one goal, to keep you safe while you are at Mass or in some other area of the parish facility. The guiding principle has been to follow the guidance of the government, state and county health, and Archdiocesan officials.

We have also considered this approach to reduce transmission risk. It considers Time, Space, People, and Place. The more Time one spends and the closer in Space one is to any infected people, the higher one’s risk. Interacting with more People raises one’s risk, and indoor Places are riskier than outdoors. Always choose outdoors over indoor; always choose masking over not masking; and always choose more space for fewer people over a smaller space.

Thank you for your cooperation in signing up for the Sunday Masses and following our guidelines. Working together, we can keep each other safe.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at revans@holyspiritstl.org.

Let’s keep praying for each other and taking care of each other during these extraordinary times.

May God keep you safe and healthy,
Peace, Father Bob

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
Suspended until Fall.

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 the Parish Office.

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 June 29-July 5, 2020
Sunday Envelopes, 137 utilized $ 13,911.00
Loose Collection $ 109.00
Online Donations, 75 families $ 5,192.00
Holy Days $ 10.00
Total $ 19,222.00
Weekly Budget $ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall) ($ 968.38)

HandS Parish Improvements
$ 481.00 $ 333.00
Fr. Bob’s Guidelines

Holy Spirit Parish Guidelines
July 2020

General Guidelines

- Those who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to another with the COVID-19 virus within 14 days are not permitted to enter the church or any parish facility, in accordance with national, state, and local health directives. All those who enter our parish facilities are asked to take their temperature at home before coming to the parish.

- Those who are in the high-risk category, over the age of 60 or with compromised immune systems should stay home.

- Masks – It is mandated by the Archdiocese that all parishes within St. Louis City and St. Louis County require that face masks must always be worn on parish grounds. Outdoors, masks are required whenever six feet of separation is not possible. Children under the age of 2 are exempt.

- Parish Events: All parish events are rescheduled to a time later in the fall. Events may be further postponed pending continuing guidance from government and health officials. There will be no social gatherings or receptions on parish grounds. Meetings should not exceed more than ten people and should adhere to social distancing and mask guidelines. Please contact the parish office for further guidance.

Masses

- 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 is required to wear a mask to be admitted into church. Children under the age of 2 are exempt. Please put on your mask in your car and keep it on until you return to your car.

- Hand sanitizer is available at all entrances so that everyone may sanitize their hands upon entering and leaving church.

- Mass attendance is limited to 100 people including volunteers. While County guidelines permit 50% of our rated occupancy, the limit of 100 is being continued to maintain proper social distancing in the pews.

- Every other pew will be blocked off.

- Pews are marked for 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 is 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 Rite will take place in the pews. The priest/Eucharistic Minister will come to you.

Holy Communion may now be offered in the hand or on the tongue. Holy Communion distributed by extraordinary ministers will administered in the hand only. The Archdiocese, and I agree, strongly recommends that parishioners receive Holy Communion in the hand, however, as this is the celebration of God’s love for us and the most important part of our Mass, parishioners who still wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue should receive from the Mass celebrant only. Please contact the presider before Mass begins so that he can come to you. Communion via the chalice remains suspended.

Please maintain proper social distancing when leaving your pew. Please exit the building so that others may depart while maintaining social distancing.

All available pews will be disinfected following the last Mass of the day.

Church restrooms will be cleaned after the last Mass of the day.

The Parish Hall will remain closed until further notice.

The drinking fountain will be unavailable until further notice.

Please do not congregate in the Gathering Area before or after Mass.

Sunday Mass at 9 am and weekday (except Thursday) Masses will be live streamed during the restricted public Masses.

Please stay safe and healthy.

July 9, 2020
GARDEN OF FEEDEN VEGETABLE SALES

We will continue the drive-thru vegetable sales behind the Annex on Sat. from 10-11 & Sun. from 8-1030.

Vegetables this week include: Beets, onions, kale, collards, zucchini, yellow squash, cucumbers, turnips, okra, blackberries and there will be some tomatoes!

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

PRO-LIFE NEWS

JULY 19-25 IS NATIONAL NFP (NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING) AWARENESS WEEK!

Virtually attend interviews with local experts on various aspects of NFP at: facebook.com/stlnfp nightly from July 20-24 at 7PM

Mon, 7/20: “A Doctor’s Story,” with Dr. Patrick Yeung
Tues, 7/21: “Teen Tuesday- The Wonder of Eve”
Wed, 7/22: “Enkindle Wednesday and Infertility”
Thur, 7/23: “Answer the Seminarians”
Fri, 7/24: “NFP and the Priesthood”

ST. PATRICK’S CASSEROLES

Casseroles for St. Patrick Center will be collected this Wed., July 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!

ST. PATRICK CENTER SALAD SUNDAY, JUNE 28

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 & 10 AM Sun., July 26. The container will be in the Gathering Area. For more information contact Ellen Staples, 422-2381.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of Stephen Cox, father of Jennifer Shine; grandfather of Sammy.

May his soul rest in the Peace of Christ.

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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, & GroupMe app for group messages, I f y o u w a n t t o p a r t i c i p a t e, d o w n l o a d t h e a p p, & 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
All practicing Catholic men 18 & older are invited to join St. Ann Council 3977 of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Organization dedicated to family, fraternal & community service which is based on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism. If interested please contact Don Benz, 428-7403 or any current member of Council 3977.

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE
“The Church is a family of families.” Each home is to be a “domestic church.” Living our faith first in our homes. We need the foundation and stability of developing simple rituals, devotions, habits of prayer. If you aren’t ready, then start small — share a meal prayer, or share a decade of the rosary, or a short prayer in the car; what fits for your family? We must always Thank God, pray for others and then ourselves.

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 & vulnerable adults (clergy, employees & volunteers) in the Archdiocese are REQUIRED and ASKED to register in the new system as soon as possible. This includes those new to service & 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, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God’s Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers, & employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting & the Code of Ethical Conduct, & 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.

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16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Ps 88:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Monday July 20
Micah 6:1-4, 6-8
Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16b-17, 21-23
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday July 21
Micah 7:14-16, 18-20
Ps 89:2-4, 5-8
Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday July 22
St. Mary Magdalene
Jeremiah 1:14-19
Ps 71:1-8b, 15, 17
John 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday July 23
Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13
Ps 36:6-11
Matthew 13:10-17

Friday July 24
Jeremiah 3:14-17
Jer 31:10-13
Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday July 25
St. James
2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Ps 126:1bc-6
Matthew 20:20-28

Go and Make Disciples, published by the US Bishops in 1992, names three important layers of evangelization: (1) Nurture your own faith-growth, (2) invite others to conversion, and (3) transform society through true Christian living. Jesus teaches us these same three strategies, using parables.

(1) Nurture your own faith-growth: In the kingdom of God, we are like good wheat growing amidst weeds. This takes effort; the weeds will take over if we’re not working daily at growing in holiness. What have you been doing to prevent the weeds around you from taking over and strangling your holiness? How is your faith life benefiting from living in the midst of non-believers and evil? Your Father-Creator is empowering you to grow.

(2) Invite others to conversion: In the kingdom of God, we are like the finest of seeds that grow into a bush so large that others benefit from our growth. Who is benefiting from your faith? How is your spiritual growth inviting them into a closer relationship with Jesus? The Holy Spirit is empowering you to evangelize others if you’re willing to minister to them using what you’ve learned from your experiences.

(3) Transform society: In the kingdom of God, we are like yeast that helps the whole batch swell up and mature into the bread of life that nourishes others. What are you involved in, as a Christian, that improves the world? Is your faith making a difference in your workplace, your community, and your parish? During Mass, as you receive the nourishment of the Eucharist, you are empowered to become Eucharist for the world. Mass ends with Christ commissioning you, through the presider, to be the yeast of goodness that affects those around you.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Maybe you never saw yourself as an “evangelist”, but you are! This is your calling as a baptized Christian. Which of the above three areas of evangelization are you most actively doing?

2. Which needs more of your attention?

3. Give an example from your own life (or from the life of someone you know or have heard about) that illustrates one of the three goals above.

4. What about the other goals? Make sure that, in your discussion as a family or faith sharing group, examples are given for all three goals of evangelization.
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