Holy Spirit Parish Family
August 25, 2019 — Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Word for Children Resumes September 8th
Liturgy of the Word for Children during the 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sunday Masses for children 3 years old through third grade is resuming September 9th. After the Opening Prayer the children will be invited to join their catechist. After a blessing they will gather in a separate space to listen to the Word of God, sing, and pray. They will recite a Children’s Creed and share Prayers of the Faithful. They will rejoin the assembly for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
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 August 5-11, 2019
Sunday Envelopes, 241 utilized $ 10,003.00
Loose Collection $ 593.50
Online Donations, 75 families $ 5,759.00
Holy Days $ 52.00
Total $ 16,407.50
Weekly Budget $ 20,000.77
Weekly Surplus (shortfall) ($ 3,593.27)
HandS $ 35.00
Parish Improvements $ 201.00

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK
Sunday, August 25
St. Patrick Center Salad Sunday
7:00pm—Al Anon, Community Rm.

Monday, August 26
6:00 pm—Quilting, Annex

Tuesday, August 27
9:00 am—Quilting, Annex

Wednesday, August 28
6:30 am—St. Patrick Casseroles, St. Blaise Rm.
9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
7:00 pm—Ensemble/Teen Choir Practice, Church
—Home & School Mtg., Gym
—Prayer Shawl, St. Blaise Rm.

Thursday, August 29
9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
7:00 pm—Al Anon, Rm. 2
—Choir Rehearsal, Church

Sunday, September 1
7:00 pm—Al Anon, Community Rm.

MEN’S WHITE HOUSE RETREAT
Holy Spirit Men, our parish retreat is scheduled at the Jesuit White House Retreat Center from 5 PM Thursday, September 26, until Sunday afternoon, September 29. The fee for each man is whatever he can afford.
For more info, call Frank Kekeisen, 314-434-4117.

WE NEED YOU!
If you’ve ever considered singing in a church choir, NOW is the time to jump in!
The Holy Spirit Adult Choir sings at the 9:00 am Mass every week, with practices on Thursday evenings.
Our first rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday, August 29, beginning at 7:00 pm. If you think you might be interested, let me know.
Please note that this choir is not auditioned, and that I firmly believe everyone has a voice. Contact me and we’ll talk about it. I’d love to meet you!

Marilyn O’Neill
Director of Music – Holy Spirit Parish
314-739-0230, ext. 107
monell@holyspiritstl.org
**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, August 25**
- 7:30am: Glennon F. Audrain
- 9:00am: For Our Parishioners
- 11:00am: James Grumich

**Monday, August 26**
- 6:30am: Faithful Departed

**Tuesday, August 27**
- 6:30am: Larry Ritter

**Wednesday, August 28**
- 6:30am: Marie Garvin

**Thursday, August 29**
- 8:00am: Tom Kreitler, Special Intention

**Friday, August 30**
- 8:00am: Bill Pfefferkorn

**Saturday, August 31**
- 8:00am: Joe Brady
- 5:00pm: Leon Batas

**Sunday, September 1**
- 7:30am: Janice Easton
- 9:00am: Ed Telthorst
- 11:00am: Lou Difani

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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
Connie Buenemann
Nicole Chapman
Ed Cody
Matthew Cody
Peggy Cody
Charles Dent
Pat DeWitt
Dorothy Faerber
Till Fehrenbacher
Joe Greco
Gerald Grinstead

Jacob Null
Bob & Donna Pedrotti
Brian Ponder
John Rizzello
John Roberson
Mike Sampson
Bill Schneider
Rudy & Brenda Torrice
Nanci Van Amburgh
Joe & Jean Wanger
Syl Wayer
Gene Weckherlin
Bill & Joan Weinzirl
Tom Zemblidge

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**Sick Relatives and Friends:**

Leo Bachinski II
Judy Bauman
Jackie Craven
Colton Christian
Steve Ditch
Jim Eisenbath
Betty Halpin
Carter Hooker
Joe Hull
Shane Katzler
Al & Pearl King
George Kuhlmann
Irene Lee
Sharon Lewis
Cameron Meyer
Christine Meyer
Luke Meyer
Ron Meyer
Melinda Oeth
Rosalie Provost
Anthony Pyzdrowski
Paula & Dave Schneider
Charles Kraemer
Jacqueline Kriete
Mike Lemp
Jerry McGuire
Mary McGuire
Karen Newcomb
Matt Niedringhaus
Rick Searway
Grace Solimando
Steve Subracco
Bill Trautman
Wanda Wade
Sue Weckherlin
Maria Whelan
Michelle Wilson
Bonnie Wittman

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**Mass Stipends**

As of July 1, the Mass stipend has increased to $10 per Mass per Archdiocese Guidelines.
SCHOOL NEWS

Palmer Music will be here for grades 2-5 on Monday.
Our first Home and School meeting will be on Wednesday, August 28, at 7 PM in the school gym followed by Meet the Teacher.

Friday, August 30, is our first Spirit Day with a noon dismissal. Spirit wear is worn with uniform bottoms.
Spirit Zone will be available until 6 PM. Please turn in all necessary paperwork for Spirit Zone.
If you are interested in volunteering for OASIS please contact Mrs. Hewitt.

Thursday August 29 K-4 Mass Prepared by grade 4
Friday August 30 5-8 Mass Prepared by grade 8

Wish List
- Paper Towel Tubes
- Toilet Paper Tubes
- Packing Tape
- Fabric Scraps
- Plastic Gallons
- Clean Milk Gallons & ½ Gallons
- Plastic Water Bottles (empty)
- Knick Knacks

With God all things are possible!
Mrs. Hewitt

PSR NEWS

If you have not registered your child(ren) for Parish School of Religion for the 2019-2020 school, please contact Sharon Kaufman, Coordinator of Religious Education or Julie Spinner both at the Parish Office 314-739-0230 as soon as possible. PSR registration is completely online ONLY. If you do not have computer access and need assistance, please contact Sharon to set up an appointment to complete the registration process.
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 and 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.
For more information, please contact: Sharon Kaufman, 739-0230 or skaufman@holyspiritstl.org or Julie Spinner, 739-0230 orjspinner@holyspiritstl.org

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

IMPORTANT DATES

Thank you for your support of our Ted Drewes Sales this spring and summer! We are able to fund several scholarships for families in need and some special projects that will benefit all the PSR students. We are truly blessed by your generosity! Watch the bulletin for our sales beginning next Spring.

*Tuesday, August 27, PSR Opening Family Event 6:30-8:30 pm
Bring Your Own Family Picnic Dinner & Drink (in the Parish Hall) 6:30pm Open House (approx. 7:15-8:00pm) after Dinner – parents and students will stop by to see the classroom(s)
Stop by the Cool Times Ice Cream Truck 7:30 – 8:30 pm in the Parking Lot in front of Church– see Julie Spinner or Sharon Kaufman on the sidewalk outside Church for a ticket that entitles you to a $1 or $2 treat! Feel free to bring extra money if you’d like a more expensive treat.

*PSR Class and REQUIRED Parent Meeting – Tuesday, September 3rd. Drop children off at their classrooms and come to the Parish Hall for the Parent Meeting 6:45 – 8:00 p.m.

BLANKET & COAT DRIVE

Winter—it’s right around the corner. That means it’s time for HandS Blanket and Coat Drive. HandS accepts new and gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and blankets. Please begin to get your warm items ready to give to those who are less fortunate and in need of warm clothing.
We will be collecting on these two weekends:
October 19 & 20
October 26 & 27

MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY STUDY GROUP

Moms of young children, you are invited to a small group that gathers twice a month (Thurs. evenings, 7:45 pm) for a bible study focusing on the mysteries of the Rosary.
If interested, please reach out to Alli Coiro - call/text at 314-971-2584 or email to allisoncoiro@gmail.com.
We would love to have you! Also, feel free to invite others!
YOUTH MINISTRY

HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM
www.facebook.com/hsyouth & HS_YOUTH_STL on Instagram

CONFIRMATION

8th Grade: Aug. 26 is Session 7: The Eucharist from 6:45–9 PM in the Parish Hall for parents AND young people. Sponsors are welcome to attend as well. Session 9: The Church will be Sept. 22, the Annex, 10:10 to 12:15 PM. An information meeting will be held Oct. 21 in the Rigali room, 7 PM for all those who wish to join the Confirmation community to be Confirmed in Nov. 2020. Session will begin in January.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS & SENIORS – ALL ARE WELCOME:

THURSDAY EVENINGS BEGIN AGAIN IN AUGUST:
Eat, Pray, Discuss for high school teens meets every Thursday in the Resource Center (enter through the basement door), 7-9. All 2019-2020 freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors are welcome anytime. Drop in when you can. Bring a friend if you like.

ADULTS WE NEED YOU!
The heat is on, but we’re already looking for PGC adults for our fall, winter and spring events. We need your help to make all these things possible. Young adults, parents and empty nesters are all welcome. Our young people benefit from your life, your faith and YOU! They truly appreciate your help.

FALL/WINTER/SPRING will be here before we know it.
We can always use overnight chaperones, drivers, and chaperones for our weekly and monthly meetings, March for Life, and C2B spring retreat. A new Confirmation cohort will begin in January. If you are interested in being a catechist, or helping with meetings, contact Donna Eisenbath.

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

MARCH FOR LIFE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE
Info meeting Sept. 16, 7 p.m., Parish Hall. 8 – 12 grade are eligible to attend.

POSITIVE THINGS TO SAY TO YOUNG PEOPLE
◊ You did that so well.
◊ You make my heart happy.
◊ Who you are is enough.

Parent Prayer for a New School Year, by Whitney Hetzel
God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body, and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LUNCH BUNCH IS THIS TUESDAY!
Older adult parishioners will gather at 11:00 am this Tuesday at Sport’s Café, 3579 Penridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044 for light-hearted conversation while enjoying lunch together.
No reservations are required so bring a friend or come alone because it’s just for fun!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!
Holy Communion for Homebound Parishioners and Nursing Homes Residents
Are you being called to serve God’s people in a new and different way? Consider serving homebound parishioners and/or residents at one of our local nursing homes. The commitment is minimal and the reward, immense! For more information, call Karen at the parish office, 314.739.0230, Ext. 108.

SPIRITED SENIORS AUGUST EVENT
We will visit the Black Madonna Shrine, Eureka Aug. 29. We’ll meet at the Annex at 9:30 am & plan to leave by 9:45 am. Directions will be available. We should arrive 10:30 am. We would caution anyone that has any difficulty getting around to carefully consider if you want to go. It is a difficult terrain & quite a few steps to the different grottos. There is the chapel to sit in if you can’t get around but it is outdoors & if the weather is warm it could be a problem. One hour should be plenty of time to see everything & browse the gift shop. We will then head to Joe Boccardi’s in Eureka for lunch. They have a variety of items on the menu including sandwiches, pasta & pizza. Please RSVP by August 26 so we can let the Shrine & Joe Boccardi’s know how many to expect.
Email SLRHOMBERG@hotmail or call 314 344-0471. Thanks, Butch & Sandy Rhomberg

SOCIAL JUSTICE

GIVING WITNESS

Issues of social concern emerge when peace and justice on earth is not happening. The social teachings of the Church and social programs that benefit society (the people) is not socialism. Catholic social teachings are based on the Gospel. Social programs provided by the government come from the people, the taxes that are supposed to be used for the needs of the people, such as health, education and general protection, (See our preamble to the Constitution.)

Issues facing us today; poverty, affordable housing, homelessness, unemployment, health care reform, ecology, prison reform, racism and prejudice.

Global issues that need our attention; immigration, human rights, war and peace, military spending and disarmament, world hunger.

The challenge is ours to take action where and when we can, we need to look to the causes so we can help be a part of the change. I just read a quote from St. Augustine, a good reflection for the above, “Charity is not a substitute for justice withheld.”

~ Sr. Carlene Welker, D.C.

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CARNIVAL NEWS

ADVANCE TICKET SALES

AUGUST 24 & 25
AUGUST 31 & SEPTEMBER 1
IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER ALL MASSES

Ride Tickets — 25 for $20
(Day of: 22 for $20 or $1.25 each)

Game Tickets — 3 for $1
(Day of 2 for $1)

Food & Drink Tickets — $1 each
Main Raffle Tickets — 6 for $25
OR $5 each

CHICKEN DINNER TICKETS
LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE

SO GET YOURS EARLY!

CHICKEN DINNER

Served Saturday evening,
4:30 to 7:00 PM

$9.00 per dinner
(catered by King Edwards)

Includes 3 pieces of chicken (limit 1 breast), dinner roll, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert & drink

Limited Number of Tickets Available!
So purchase them during Advance Ticket Sales

DESSERT DONATIONS NEEDED!
We are in need of dessert donations for the Chicken Dinner on Saturday evening.
Please deliver your dessert to the Parish Hall by 4 p.m.
Saturday, September 7.

BINGO

This year Bingo will be played in the air-conditioned Parish Hall

Friday, September 6,
5 to 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 7,
1 to 3:30 p.m.
8 to 10:30 p.m.
CARNIVAL NEWS

The Holy Spirit Carnival Committee is looking for people to CHAIR BOOTHS during the annual parish Carnival being held Friday, September 6th, and Saturday, September 7th, this year.

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR COMMUNITY & BUILD RELATIONSHIPS.

WE HAVE SEVERAL VERY IMPORTANT BOOTHS THAT ARE STILL IN NEED OF CHAIRPERSONS, SO PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING OUR PARISH CARNIVAL.

Open Booths:
- Guest Relations- At the front of the parking lot
- Teddy Bear Toss

Once again we have the "Sign-up Genius" for volunteers to work in the booths:

Games: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4ba9af23a2f94-game2
Food Court: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4ba9af23a2f94-food3
Adult Games (need to be over 21): https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4ba9af23a2f94-adult2

Thank you so very much for your continued support of our amazing parish Carnival!

Jeff and Jean Painter, Chairs
Bryan and Sue Hercules, Co-Chairs
Mark and Kathy Johnson, Co-Chairs

Please contact Bryan Hercules, 956-7727, or bhercules1717@gmail.com to work together to help Holy Spirit continue to be one of the best parishes in the Archdiocese.

BASKET RAFFLE BOOTH

Please consider donating new items that can be used in gift baskets. Suggested themes: sports, dinner & a movie, baby boy or girl, card/board games, crafts, NASCAR, tailgate party, cat or dog, etc. We’d love to receive donations of game, theatre, or event tickets. Would your employer consider donating a set of their season tickets? We also need baskets/containers in good condition. Please place items in the Parish Hall marked “Basket Raffle.”

Monetary or gift card donations will be gladly accepted. Purchase your gift card donations from the SCRIP Table! Please put them in an envelope marked “Basket Raffle” and place them in the collection basket or drop them off at the Parish Office. Thanks for your help in making this year’s Carnival the best ever!

Shelly Barry, 707-6049

TEDDY BEAR BOOTH

The teddy bear booth is in need of many new or gently used stuffed animals. Please drop them in the Parish Hall marked ‘Teddy Bear Booth.’ If you would like to schedule a drop off/pick up of large donations OR have any questions please contact Jackie Decker at 852-7699.

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**PRO-LIFE**

All are welcome to the monthly
**Holy Hour for Life**
Join us every 3rd Monday of the month-Monday, August 19, from 8pm-9pm in the Eucharistic Chapel. Come spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament in prayer dedicated to pro-life intentions. Come for 5 minutes or the whole hour!

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**WOLF, WEBELO & ARROW OF LIGHT CUB SCOUTS**

The next two Catholic award sessions for Light of Christ (Wolf) and Parvuli Dei (Webelos & Arrow Of Light) are: Sept. 8th & Oct. 6th, from 1-3pm in the Annex. Makeup sessions, including the first session, are available. Please bring a parent to each session. Scouts not members of Holy Spirit Pack 954 are welcome to attend and will have a $5 fee for materials. Pack 954 scouts have no additional fee. Religious awards will be presented at Scout Mass in February. Questions: contact Dave Klaus or Mary Ann Malloy at Cubmaster954@gmail.com

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**SALAD SUNDAY—THIS WEEKEND!**

Holy Spirit Parish is responsible for the dinner salads served to the homeless once a month (the fourth Sunday) at St. Patrick’s Center. Just leave your donation in the big green bin in the Parish Hall as you come in for mass: before 5:00 Mass Saturday, Aug. 24, or until the beginning of 11 am Mass Sunday, Aug. 25.

We appreciate your help!
For more information
please contact
Ellen Staples, 422-2381.

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**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Our prayer shawl ministry makes shawls available to anyone who would like one with no expectation of return. In addition to shawls, we have lapghans (lap-sized afghans), scarves & various items appropriate for everyone. Prayers shawls are hand made items, blessed at mass, that provide comfort and peace to the recipient.

Our next meeting is in Parish Hall Wed., Aug. 28 at 7pm. If you already knit or crochet you are already ready to make prayer shawls. If you’re not sure where to start we have patterns, yarn needles and hooks that you can have to make a prayer shawl. There are no time limits or requirements of any sort.

If you don’t knit or crochet and would like to learn, we will teach you. We have needles and hooks as well as yarn to get you started.

Call Mary, 497-5048 to get a shawl or with any questions you might have.

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**HANDS FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP!**

Thank you to the families who faithfully fill the bins in the church gathering space every week! However, the requests for food have increased and our pantry shelves are getting pretty bare. Please help us continue to assist families in need in our parish community.

The food pantry is low on many items.

- We are in need of cereal,
- canned vegetables,
- canned peaches,
- applesauce in plastic containers,
- tuna,
- canned chicken,
- pasta sauce in cans or plastic,
- rice,
- canned potatoes,
- flavored boxed rice and noodle dishes.

If you wish, you may write a check and we will do the shopping. Put your check in an envelope marked Hands Food Pantry and include it in the Sunday collection basket.

The Food Pantry volunteers thank you!

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**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!

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**MEN’S ACTS RETREAT WEEKEND:**

**SEPTEMBER 19-22, 2019**

Have you thought about going on a retreat? Are you looking to further develop your ties with God, grow your faith, or further dive into the community that is Holy Spirit Church? Would you like some time to get away from the hustle and bustle of life? If you said yes to any of those, the Men’s ACTS retreat is for you.

Jesus said, “Follow Me”, this retreat, put on by laymen, does this through the themes of ACTS—Adoration, Community, Theology and Service.

The next men’s ACTS retreat will be Thurs. evening, Sept. 19, through 11 AM Mass on Sun., Sept. 22, at the Pallottine Renewal Center. Registration forms are in the Gathering Space. Please call Paul Farrar for more information, 314-606-3341.

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**Holy Hour for Life**
Join us every 3rd Monday of the month-Monday, August 19, from 8pm-9pm in the Eucharistic Chapel. Come spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament in prayer dedicated to pro-life intentions. Come for 5 minutes or the whole hour!
The Catholic University of America

The Catholic University of America is unique among universities in the United States—even among Catholic universities. Established by Pope Leo XIII and the U.S. bishops in 1887, it is the national university of the Catholic Church. In addition to alumni who live in our diocese, more than one third of the U.S. bishops and 12,000 priests and religious are Catholic University alumni, including five of the six American Cardinal Archbishops. Through its 12 schools and 23 research centers located in the nation’s capital, every year the University provides an education grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition to almost 7,000 students.

Next weekend, we will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University. Your investment will enable the University to continue to support the Church and to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation. Thank you for your generosity.

You can learn more at: collection.catholic.edu.

LADIES! WE NEED BOWLERS!


MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Summer is ending and that means children are going back to school, raking leaves, football season, etc. With all those responsibilities ahead, why not give your marriage some special time for just you as a couple, away from it all for a Weekend. Just pick up the phone to find out more about a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on Sep. 27-29, 2019 at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more info, https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php or 314.649.7317.

3RD ANNUAL CAREGIVERS CONFERENCE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Christian Hospital, Paul F. Detrick Building Atrium, 11133 Dunn Rd, St. Louis, 63136
Providing support & resources to those who assist with... transportation, shopping, personal needs, meal prep, housekeeping, paperwork, medication, companionship, safety supervision
Keynote Speaker - Marc Silver & wife, Marcia
Closing Speaker - Breeda Miller
healing/aroma touch demo, music therapy, exhibitors & much more! $10/caregiver/attendee includes registration, lunch & complimentary valet parking!
For info or sponsorship opportunities contact www.christianhospital.org/caregivers or 314-653-5162
A portion of the proceeds from this event will support a healing garden at Christian Hospital.

CYC LACROSSE PROGRAM

St. Monica is starting a CYC Girls & Boys Youth Lacrosse program for grades 6 thru 8 for the East area of West Country CYC. Lacrosse is a spring sport. St. Monica is hosting an information meeting for both parents and kids at St. Monica on Sept. 19 at 7:30 pm in the cafeteria. If you are interested in coaching or officiating, please also attend this meeting. For more info please contact Felix Ferrise 314-792-9296 or stmonicalax@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE ON TAP- SAINT LOUIS

Married couples are invited to a fun date night! Be with other couples who care about a good marriage growing better, and want to enrich themselves. Tues., Sept. 17, the Pasta House Company (Party Room), 8213 Delmar Blvd, U City, 63130 (just East of I-170), 6 PM buffet dinner, $25/person (includes tax & tip). 7 PM dynamic talk: Living Our Faith as a Family by Vince & Marianne Burkemer. Vince & Marianne have been married for 33 years & have three grown children. They are parishioners at St. Joseph—Manchester. Their son, Fr. Andrew Burkemer was ordained to the Priesthood in 2014, their daughter, Madeline teaches 3rd grade in Raytown, MO & their youngest, Claire recently returned from Pohnpei, Micronesia after serving 2 years with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Vince & Marianne’s love for each other, their family & their faith shine through in all that they do.
RSVP required before Sept. 13: marriageontap-stl@gmail.com

ST. LOUIS ROSARY RUN: DEVOTION IN MOTION

5k Run/Walk and St. Stephen’s Divine Mercy Mile Fun Run— 8am Sat., Oct. 12, Start/Finish: St. Mary of Victories Catholic Church, 744 S. 3rd St., St. Louis 63102
Includes: Custom Marian Medal, T-shirt, Blessed Rosary Rings, Icon Awards, Holy Water Station, Mystery Markers, Music, Marian Procession, Relic Veneration and more...
Register at RosaryRun.com. Check us out on Facebook.
More info: 314-293-8344 Email: stlrosaryrun@gmail.com

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE!

TRUTH AND CONSCIENCE
Do we strive to enter through the “narrow gate” of Truth when forming our consciences? Christ calls us not merely to “follow” our consciences, but to actually form them, in accord with the moral law and with the reaching of the Church. Only consciences properly formed and rooted in truth can be trusted to bring us real peace and fulfillment. Our obligation to follow our consciences makes sense only if we’ve don the work of formation.
(CCC 1783-1785, 2039).

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Isaiah 66:18-21
(Mark 16:15) Ps 117:1-2
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Monday August 26
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10
Ps 143:1-6, 6a, 9b
Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday August 27
St. Monica
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Ps 139:1-3, 4-6
Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday August 28
St. Augustine
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Ps 139:7-12ab
Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday August 29
Passion of John the Baptist
1 Thessalonians 3:7-13
Ps 60:3-5a, 12-14, 17b
Mark 5:17-29

Friday August 30
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Ps 97:1, 2a, 5b, 6, 10-12
Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday August 31
1 Thessalonians 4:9-11
Ps 98:1, 7-9
Matthew 25:14-30

This Sunday's scripture readings are signposts on the road to the narrow gate into heaven. Isaiah says that God knows our works and our thoughts. To help us sanctify our works and purify our thoughts, so that we can see the fullness of the glory of God when we die, he sets a sign among us. It is Jesus. His life — how he lived and how he died — are a sign of how to enter heaven.

He says in the Gospel reading that many will attempt to enter salvation who are not strong enough. Strong enough for what?

Throughout the Gospel, Jesus gives us the answer to that. We must be perfect in love. That does not mean that mistakes and other imperfections will lock us out of heaven. The key that opens the gate to heaven is love, and if we throw love away, we throw that key away.

It's very unlikely, however, that we will ever completely throw love away, even though we sin. But how can we be perfect in love? Perfect love means we love fully. Always. Unconditionally. Sacrificially. Radically.

To be perfect in love, we need to have the Lord's own love. We need Jesus to dwell in us and reach others through us. On our own, we cannot love fully, but when we rely on God to give us his love for others, we have perfect love. To rely on God’s love and feel confident in it, we have to get rid of anything that blocks his love: unfor-given-ness, vengeful atti-tudes, linger-ing re-sent-ments and cynicism, and the apathetic ignoring of the needs of others.

The reading from Hebrews tells us not to disdain the discipline of the Lord. No matter what causes our hardships and trials or who’s to blame, God uses them to perfect us in love. If we recognize these as opportunities to grow in love — if we seek God in them and let him stretch our ability to love — we become more like Jesus. We make the path toward heaven straight, and what is lame and disjointed in our spirituality is healed.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Who in your life is difficult to love? (Don't forget to consider the unloving behaviors you have toward yourself.)
2. How might God be using these hard-to-love people to strengthen your ability to love more perfectly?
3. People who are difficult to love are saint-makers, because they give us opportunities to identify and overcome (with God's help of course) the imperfections in our ability to love. What happens if we give God permission to change us when we wish someone else would change? Is this a key to heaven?

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