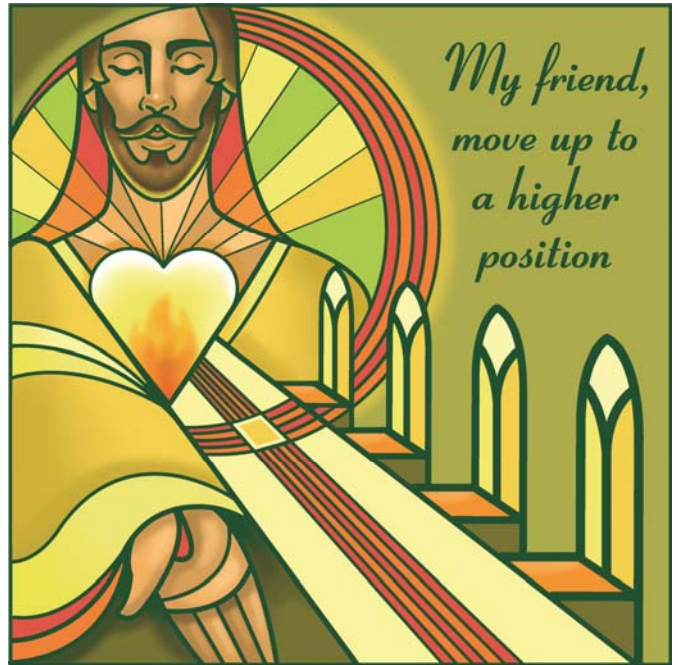


Holy Spirit Parish Family

September 1, 2019 — Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN RESUMES SEPT. 8TH—NEXT WEEKEND!

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.



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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:8:00am and 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

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 12-18, 2019

Sunday Envelopes, 243 utilized	\$ 13,571.00
Loose Collection	\$ 634.36
Online Donations, 52 families	\$ 3,457.33
Holy Days	\$ 1,137.00
Total	\$ 18,799.69
Weekly Budget	\$ 20,000.77
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	(\$ 1,201.08)

HandS	Parish Improvements
\$ 10.00	\$ 481.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 1

7:00 pm—Al Anon, Community Rm.

Monday, September 2

9:00 am—Mass, Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3

9:00 am—Quilting, Annex

7:30 pm—Fire in the Spirit, Community Rm.

Wednesday, September 4

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

6:00 pm—Carnival Set-up

7:00 pm—Ensemble/Teen Choir Practice, Church
—Food Addicts Anonymous, Rigali Rm.

Thursday, September 5

9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

3:00 pm—Carnival Set-up

7:00 pm—Al Anon, Rm. 2

Friday, September 6

5:00 pm—Parish Carnival

Saturday, September 7

1:00 pm—Parish Carnival

Sunday, September 8

9:00 am—Liturgy of the Word for Children, Rm. 106

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.

We rehearse on **Thursdays, 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

moneill@holyspiritstl.org



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Irene Biggins	Steve Hirschmugl	Bob & Donna
Becky Bonner	William Hughes	Pedrotti
Nancy Brand	Kenneth Jordan	Brian Ponder
Jim Brockmeyer	Al Katzler	John Rizzello
Phil Brusca	Frank Kekeisen	John Roberson
Connie	Marie Knox	Mike Sampson
Buenemann	Audrey Konopka	Bill Schneider
Nicole Chapman	Mary Ann Koperski	Rudy & Brenda
Ed Cody	Tim Koperski	Torricelli
Matthew Cody	Charles Kraemer	Nanci Van Amburgh
Peggy Cody	Jacqueline Kriete	Joe & Jean
Charles Dent	Mike Lemp	Wangler
Pat DeWitt	Jerry McGuire	Syl Wayer
Dorothy Faerber	Mary McGuire	Gene Weckherlin
Till Fehrenbacher	Karen Newcomb	Bill & Joan Weinzirl
Joe Greco	Matt Niedringhaus	Tom Zemblidge
Gerald Grinstead	Jacob Null	

Sick Relatives and Friends:

Leo Bachinski II	Irene Lee	Rick Searway
Judy Bauman	Sharon Lewis	Grace Solimando
Jackie Craven	Cameron Meyer	Janice Subracko
Colton Christian	Christine Meyer	Steve Subracko
Steve Ditch	Luke Meyer	Bill Trautman
Jim Eisenbath	Ron Meyer	Wanda Wade
Betty Halpin	Mike Mitra	Coco Wang
Carter Hooker	Melinda Oeth	Sue Weckherlin
Joe Hull	Rosalie Provost	Maria Whelan
Shane Katzler	Anthony Pyzdrowski	Michelle Wilson
Al & Pearl King	Paula & Dave	Bonnie Wittman
George Kuhlmann	Schneider	Emme Womble

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 1

7:30am	Janice Easton
9:00am	Ed Telthorst
11:00am	Lou Difani

Monday, September 2

9:00am	Mike Markham
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Tuesday, September 3

6:30am	Carol Kersting
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Wednesday, September 4

6:30am	Faithful Departed
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Thursday, September 5

8:00am	Marlene Holt
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Friday, September 6

8:00am	Bernetta Drury
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Saturday, September 7

8:00am	George Kulage
5:00pm	Daniel O'Connor

Sunday, September 8

7:30am	Rose Cafazza
9:00am	For Our Parishioners
11:00am	Violeta Dickmann

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the families of **Ruth Barringhaus**, sister of Ralph (Helga); and **Carol Kersting**, wife of Jim. May their souls rest in the Peace of Christ.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

If you have a gluten allergy & would like a gluten-free host for communion, please contact Sharon Kaufman, 739-0230 x110.

Sept. 7-8	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	\$ Counters	MINISTRY SCHEDULE — SEPT. 7-8
Hospitality	M Bovier R & S Ramspott D Klein C Milligan K Shamel	N Suedmeyer M & JL Boenker R Fetsch F Gallagher J Saputo	N Meyer P Schlenk K Flood W Schlenk	E Accardi MA Sampson S Shipman J Greco P Gruszczynski M Kohl C VanDoren	EARLY R Fetsch J Moran	
Hearing Assist	L Ostrowski	V Vogt	T & J Myslinski	R Toutt		
Lectors	S Giovannini P Cunningham	A Breakfield T Wilhelm	M Sicking L Gath	C Caverly N Ruebusch		
Eucharistic Ministers	D Casey G Cunningham R Eilerman M Schulte C Stuckey J & J Chrimer R & N Swantner	R Dallavalle R & MB Chik W & G Prather	B Backowski J Cusumano A Kleitz N Meyer P & K Farrar J & K McFarling Sub Requested	P Abramczyk E Accardi B Berardino L Cwiklowski B Dufaux M Keating C Notter 2 Subs Requested	LATE P Albers R Slice	
Servers	W Peroutka J Zenner M Zenner	B Jamrog C Walsh A Woodard	J Cochran R Cusumano L Sicking	C Catlow L Catlow Sub Requested		

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 Bags
- Clean Milk Gallons & ½ Gallons
- Plastic Water Bottles (empty)
- Knick Knacks

With God all things are possible!

Mrs. Hewitt

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PRAYER PARTNER WITH A STUDENT ?



**No special skills needed
just say a prayer for your assigned student daily**

Holy Spirit PSR & Full Time School invite you to become a prayer partner with one of our students.

Submit your name by completing this form and we will match you up with a student from either the PSR or Full Time School program. You will receive the student's name and he/she will receive your name. Then please include "your student" in your prayers and "your student" will pray for you in return.

Questions ? Please contact Sharon Kaufman 739-0230 x110 or skaufman@holyspiritstl.org

I, _____ (please print) would like to be a Prayer Partner with a student from Holy Spirit PSR or Full Time School. I will pledge to pray for the student who is chosen for me.

Email address _____

Phone number _____

Date _____

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 or jspinner@holyspiritstl.org

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

IMPORTANT DATES

***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.**

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

SLUH VISIT OPPORTUNITIES!

Eighth graders can now shadow for a morning of classes with a freshman host beginning October 1st. ALL middle school boys are invited to SLUH Night on Thursday, October 17th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Spots are filling up – create an account and register to find out more about SLUH at sluh.org/admissions.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

CONFIRMATION

8th Grade: September 22 is our next session, Session 9: The Church. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. Mass then meet in The Annex from 10:10–12:30. Sponsors and parents are welcome to attend this great session and discussion about the Catholic Church.

7th Grade: 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 Thurs. 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, & chaperones for our weekly & monthly meetings, March for Life, & 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 E.

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.

HOW TO MAINTAIN A 3.0 IN FAITH

Our high school teens discussed goals for the school year, then applied some of those goals to the next year in faith. Here's some of the way they translated them:

Show Up: *Go to church.*

Raise Your Hand: *Ask a priest your questions. Volunteer your time. Be generous when asked.*

Work on It: *Participate in the Sacraments.*

Get a Good Night's Rest: *Take time for the Sabbath.*

Drink a lot of Coffee: *Bring energy to the Church. Receive Eucharist.*

Do Your Homework: *Pray. Read the Bible and other Christian writers.*

Listen to Your Teachers: *Find role models like a youth minister, priest, parents, godparents, etc.*

Help your Peers: *Participate in your community. Be disciples. Evangelize.*

RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church? Is a spouse, fiancé, neighbor, friend, or co-worker interested?

The RCIA process enables those who are interested in the Catholic faith to “come and see” – to explore Catholic teaching and to discover what it means to be a Catholic Christian.

Most people come because they are invited. **Be the voice of Christ and offer the first invitation.** RCIA is for anyone unbaptized or baptized in another Christian tradition, as well as Catholic who are baptized but have never celebrated Confirmation or received First Communion.

There is no commitment placed on any one who may be interested or who has questions.

Please contact Karen Rychlewski, 314-739-0230, krychlewski@holyspiritstl.org, or have them contact us so we can invite them to attend inquiry sessions beginning September 11th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE—JUST LIVING

“Work should be the setting for this rich personal growth, where many aspects of life enter into play...In the reality of today's global society, it is essential that ‘We continue to prioritize the goal of access to steady employment for everyone,’ no matter the limited interests of business and dubious economic reasoning.

WE WERE CREATED WITH A VOCATION TO WORK.

...Work is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development and personal fulfillment. Helping the poor financially must always be a provisional solution in the face of pressing needs.

“The broader objective should always be to allow them a dignified life through work.”

~ Pope Francis, “On Care For Our Common Home [Laudato Si...],” Nos. 127-28

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, 314-971-2584 or email to allisonccoiro@gmail.com. We would love to have you! Also, feel free to invite others!

CARNIVAL NEWS

ADVANCE TICKET SALES

LAST WEEKEND!

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.



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 A BOOTH THAT IS STILL IN NEED OF A CHAIRPERSON, SO PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING OUR PARISH CARNIVAL.

Open Booth:

Guest Relations- At the front of the parking lot



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.



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 .



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



Taste &

See

for

Older Adults



*Bite sized food, faith,
and fellowship!*

**Tuesday, September 10,
9 am, in the Parish Hall**

Bingo Mania!

Come join the action! Fun to be had
and prizes to be won!

There is no cost for
this event.

A free will offering
will be collected for
Holy Spirit's
Older Adult/
Caregiver Ministry.

B I N G O				
7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	FREE SPACE	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75

**To arrange non-medical care for a loved
one so that you may attend,
call Karen Rychlewski, 739-0230, Ext. 108 by
September 5th.*

PRO-LIFE

Incarnate Word Parish (13416 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield 63017) is hosting a **Naming & Commendation Rite** on **Saturday, September 7** immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Jointly developed by the Archdiocesan Office of Worship and the Respect Life Apostolate, Naming & Commendation is designed to meet the needs of parents whose child(ren) died before birth for any reason – miscarriage, still-birth, accident, or abortion.

Spiritual Adoption Program Update: Month 5: Half-way there and just over one pound! If born today, I would have a chance of surviving... with lots of help, of course. Keep praying for your baby!

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:

Questions, Lois, 314-739-6239
October 19 & 20 AND October 26 & 27

LADIES CLUB

Have a great school memory? Organize your thoughts and bring them to the meeting Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m. Old pictures would be great too! We will meet in the Community Room. Questions? Karen, 291-1971.

SPIRITED SENIORS SEPTEMBER EVENT

The Spirited Seniors event for September is a visit to the recently renovated Soldiers Memorial downtown, 1315 Chestnut, on Thurs., Sept. 19. The planned agenda is:
9:15AM meet at the Annex leave no later than 10:00AM
10:45AM 1 hour group guided tour of Soldiers Memorial
The cost for the guided tour is \$3/person

11:45AM time to explore more at your leisure
12:30PM leave to meet for lunch at Schneithorsts
1:00PM lunch, Schneithorsts, Clayton &

We need to know how many people will be going, there is a minimum for the group tour & we need to have a count for the lunch reservation.

Please respond by September 11.

Call us at 314-576-4153. Ralph or Helga Barringhaus

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!

AROUND TOWN

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

This 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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is for husbands & wives who love each other, have a good marriage, & want an even better marriage. So why not plan to have one of the greatest weekends you will ever experience! The next weekends are Sep. 27-29, or Dec 6-8, at the Courtyard Marriot in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to <https://stlwwme.org/schedule.php> or call 314.649.7317.

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 Burkemper. Vince & Marianne have been married for 33 years & have three grown children. They are parishioners at St. Joseph—Manchester. Their son, Fr. Andrew Burkemper 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 before Sept. 13: marriageontapstl@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

RITE OF NAMING AND COMMENDATION

Comfort in a miscarriage or stillbirth

September 7, 8:30 am.,

Incarnate Word Parish, 13416 Olive Blvd.

Rite will be held after the 8:30 AM Mass.

A light reception will follow.

Developed by the Archdiocese of St. Louis, the prayer service is designed to meet the needs of families whose child died before birth, for any reason—whether recently, or years ago. All are welcome! To RSVP or for more information, Cindy Reznikov, 314-265-4315 OR Deacon Ron Reuther, 636-675-1364

FIAT WOMEN'S GROUP

All women are invited to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (5200 Glennon Dr, 63119) on the third Thursday of each month for prayer and a talk. The next meeting will be Sept. 19. The speaker will be Bishop Robert Hermann, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus and Spiritual Director at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. The Rosary will be prayed at 8 a.m. and Bishop Hermann will speak from 8:15-9 a.m. Coffee will be offered afterwards in the Fireside Lounge until 9:30 a.m. For more information or to watch videos from past Fiat talks, see: www.kenrick.edu/fiat.

STS. PETER AND PAUL FALL FESTIVAL

In Historic Soulard

Sunday, Sept. 29, 11 a.m.—4 p.m.

Church tours, Church Photography Sale, Grand Raffle (1st Prize is a St. Louis Cardinal Quilt & many other prizes), Pull Tabs, Wine Pull, Crafters, Mum Sale, Silent Auction, Soda, Beer and Brats, Washer and Corn Hole tournaments, and much more.

AUDITIONS: THE YOUNG CATHOLIC MUSICIANS

The choir and orchestra of The Young Catholic Musicians will hold auditions for singers during September in preparation for its 46th Year of service to the Church. These young people (aged 10-17) represent over 40 parishes and schools in the St. Louis area. They learn quality liturgical music and lead the music for Mass once each month at different parishes. Contact Fr. Bruce Forman (314-231-7464 or revycm@charter.net) or Mrs. Mary Smith (314-962-9260 or smithycm@sbcglobal.net) for additional information and to schedule an audition. Visit our web page, www.archstl.org/musicians.

IC QUILT BINGO SOCIAL!

Sunday, Oct. 6, 1 p.m., Immaculate Conception (Arnold) Gym, 2300 Church Rd., 63010. Doors open 11:30 a.m.. Beautiful quilts & money games. Refreshments available. No one under 16, please. Checks will NOT be accepted.

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29
Ps 68:4-7, 10-11
Heb 12:18-19,22-24a
Luke 14:1,7-14

Monday September 2

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Ps 96:1,3-5,11-13
Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday September 3 St. Gregory the Great

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6,9-11
Ps 27:1,4,13-14
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday September 4

Colossians 1:1-8
Ps 52:10,11
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday September 5

Colossians 1:9-14
Ps 98:2-6
Luke 5:1-11

Friday September 6

Colossians 1:15-20
Ps 100:1b-5
Luke 5:33-39

Saturday September 7

Colossians 1:21-23
Ps 54:3-4,6,8
Luke 6:1-5

This Sunday's Gospel reading raises the question: What are my expectations (my motivations) when I do good? How other-centered are they? How *self*-centered?

If benefiting others is done for the sake of receiving something in return, our motive is not Christ-like.

Jesus explains this with the example of inviting to a banquet those who cannot return the favor. He's not saying that we have to do this to be holy. That interpretation would be too literal; it misses the point.

The real message is that whatever we do, we should do it for the sake of love, rather than for repayment, i.e., for our own gain. We should do good to others for the sake of the benefit it will give to them. This seems like a no-brainer, but stop for a minute to think about how much you'd like to be thanked and appreciated. What else do

you hope to get from the good you do?

Even when someone sins against us and we pray for them to repent, our prayer should be offered out of concern for their souls. Sure, we also wish they would change so that our own lives will be easier, but that should not be our primary concern.

As followers of Christ, if we receive any blessings in return for the good we do, that's our bonus, not our motive. We can rightly look forward to such bonuses, but our joy does not depend on them.



By becoming aware of our motives and expectations, we gain the freedom to choose to be more like Jesus.

As he promised, "You will receive your reward at the resurrection of the righteous." The fulfillment of this promise begins now, in the moment that we decide to be like the Resurrected One, our Lord Jesus.

The reward he gives us here and now is the grace that enables us to do whatever he asks and to do it generously and cheerfully. We'll receive other blessings besides, but that's not our main motive.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How upset do you get when others treat you unkindly after you've been nice to them?
2. When the give-and-take in a relationship is unequal, do you withhold goodness from that person?
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you notice your selfish motives this week. Take your anger to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and ask Jesus to empower you to care more about those people who have been upsetting you.
4. Describe a situation when you gave more than you received. How did God bless you in that? How was your sacrifice an example of Christ?

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — (SEPTEMBER 8, 2019)

Wis 9:13-18B — Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 AND 17 — Phmn 9-10, 12-17 — Lk 14:25-33

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