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.

Liturgy of the Word for Children is suspended until further notice.
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for August 24-30, 2020

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HandS  Parish Improvements

$130.00  $110.00

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 Further Notice

BAPTISMS
Baptism Class for parents/godparents is normally held on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Church. To register for the meeting and/or to arrange for a baptism, call 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 download a registration form, www.holyspiritstl.org. 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.

WHAT’S HAPPENING

Saturday, September 19
4:00 pm—Confessions, Church
5:00 pm—Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday, September 20
Sunday Mass Schedule—7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

PARISH DIRECTORY
Guide Book Publishing is preparing our new directory.
The directory will be mailed to you if you were a registered parishioner the middle of July. If not, we will have extras available. Watch the bulletin for further details.

If you own a business or work for a business that would be interested in supporting our parish, please contact:

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DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE—MERCY (AGAIN)
Our pope has talked constantly about mercy. I think it might be important…Anyway, Jesus teaches the disciples today about the NEED to forgive our neighbor from the heart and how unreasonable it is to expect mercy from God the Father if we have not forgiven those who trespass against us. Have we ever been like the servant in the parable by having received forgiveness and then withheld it from someone who has sinned against us? Please allow God to transform you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is such a powerful sacrament in which God forgives our sins and gives us grace to overcome them in the future. Share the mercy of God with others and do not keep it to yourself.

archstl.org/dynamic

GARDEN OF FEEDEN VEGETABLE SALES

We will continue the drive-thru vegetable sales behind the Annex on Sat. from 9:30-11 & Sun. from 8-1030.

Donations for the vegetables are given to HandS to help those needing financial assistance and/or food from our food pantry.
Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults
(R.C.I.A.)

Are You or Someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church or maybe just learning more about the Catholic faith?

Come and find out about us!

Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
beginning September 16th
Holy Spirit Parish Hall

Call Fr. Bob Evans
739-0230 or Email
revans@holyspiritstl.org
**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, September 13**
- 7:30am   For Our Parishioners
- 9:00am   Robert Schmitt
- 11:00am  Sis Tessmer

**Monday, September 14**
- 9:00 am  Faithful Departed

**Tuesday, September 15**
- 6:30am   August & Elizabeth Chrismer

**Wednesday, September 16**
- 6:30am   Mike Rolfes

**Thursday, September 17**
- 8:00am   Fisk Family

**Friday, September 18**
- 8:00am   Leonard & Regina Suedmeyer

**Saturday, September 19**
- 8:00am   Marlene Holt
- 5:00pm   Ronulfo Batas

**Sunday, September 20**
- 7:30am   Sarah Scott
- 9:00am   For Our Parishioners
- 11:00am  The Fisk Family

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**Social Justice—Live LaudatoSi’**

Pray WITH and FOR Creation

“Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from our relationship with others and with God.” ~Laudato Si’, (119)

1. Daily thank the Giver of Life for our Planet Home, and ask that you and others will be motivated and strengthened to it. We protect what we love.
2. “Pray with the news” or incorporate people impacted by climate or ecological issues as you pray daily.
3. When possible, pray outside.

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**Blood Drive**

Holy Spirit Parish
In the Rigali Room of the Annex

**Sunday, September 13**
8:00 am – 12:30 noon

Be a Steward of Christ!
Appointment REQUIRED
NO Walk-in’s.

To schedule an appointment, log on to
www.bloodcenterimpact.org

Use group sponsor code 10414

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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.

**Sick Relatives and Friends:**

Renee Armon
Irene Biggins
Sonny Bolm
Nancy Brand
Jim Brockmeyer
Connie Buenemann
Nicole Chapman
Ed Cody
Matthew Cody
Peggy Cody
Leon Deimeke
Charles Dent
Till Fehrenbacher
Ray & Betty Garvels
Betty Hirschmugl
Suzanne Holzum
Diane Javaux
Rich Jennings
Kenneth Jordan
Al Katzer
Deacon Scott
Kaufman
Marie Knox
Charles Kraemer
Bill Kriete
Mike Lemp
Jerry McGuire
Mary McGuire
Karen Newcomb
Matt Niederhauser
Jacob Null
Dave Peters
Bob & Donna Pedrotti
Rick Pemberton
Brian Ponder
Carolyn Putnam
John Rizzello
John Roberson
Mike Sampson
Anita Schiermeyer
Bill Schneider
Norma Schwanziger
Rudy & Brenda Torricelli
Nanci Van Amburgh
Katy Van Stratton
Joe & Jean Wanger
Angeline Weber
Gene Weckerlin
Bill & Joan Weinzirl
Christine Woracheck
Tom Zemblidge

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**Pro-Life News**

Beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, join the Respect Life Apostolate (RLA) virtually for an inspirational and educational day of prayer, dynamic speakers on the Gospel of Life, awards and Walking with Moms ministry partners—all live from the Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis. Watch the Convention live-stream with your family, parish, school, youth group or pro-life organization!

Sign-up online TODAY through Oct. 8!
Registration, pricing, sponsorship opportunities, limited live-seating options, video challenge contest, and other details available at: https://prolifestl.regfox.com/2020-respect-life-convention
JOIN EAT, PRAY, DISCUSS GATHERINGS FOR HIGH SCHOOL
NEW FRESHMEN ARE INVITED AND WELCOMED!

We will resume in person meetings this Thursday Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. We will gather outside of the Annex on the grass, or move into the Annex if the weather is bad. Bring a chair and a mask, a water bottle and snacks if you want them. If the virus situation changes, we will move back to Zoom meetings on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Join our chat group, watch Facebook and Instagram for last minute changes.

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, WAS POSTPONED.
But the team is working on it. We are looking at dates in early January for an 8th & 9th grade retreat. In the spring, as usual, we’ll host one for 7th & 8th.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY for sophomores-seniors: Join our retreat team to plan this retreat. Earn service hours while making deeper friend and faith connections. PLUS – THERE’S FOOD! Win/win/win!

JOIN OUR YOUNG ADULT GROUP CHAT FOR SENIORS & COLLEGE STUDENTS:
Contact Donna E. to join the chat on GroupMe and Marco Polo. I’ll post questions and reflections about the Sunday readings each Sunday. Watch and respond when you have a minute.

CONFIRMATION
8th Grade: You have received a letter in the mail marked “Confirmation,” about the fall. Please read through the information. Look for emails with “Confirmation” in the subject line. You’ll be receiving a phone call as well to talk through your questions. Please read through the information. Contact Donna Eisenbath if you have any questions. Email is deisenbath@holyspiritstl.org. Phone number is 314-954-1326
This fall-Confirmation 2020 Session 6: Relationships should be done with your sponsor either in person, in a video chat or by phone. We’ll have a Zoom check-in with young people and sponsors as part of our virtual retreat on October 25.
August/September please do Confirmation 2020 Session 7: The Eucharist at home with your family. We’ll meet virtually Sept. 13, 10:30 a.m. on Google Meet to check-in. Watch your email for the link/invitation. The meeting should not last too long.

7th Grade:
We’ll have an information meeting on Wed., Dec. 9.

FULL-TIME SCHOOL
We are in need of tennis balls, if you have any lying around!

We will NOT be collecting tab tops at this time.
Thank you for your support in the past.

PSR NEWS
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION-REGISTRATION FOR 2020-21
If you have not registered your child(ren) for Parish School of Religion for the 2020-21 school, please contact Sharon Kaufman, Coordinator of Religious Education or Julie Spinner as soon as possible.
PSR has begun virtually.
For more info, please contact: Sharon Kaufman, skaufman@holyspiritstl.org or Julie Spinner, jspinner@holyspiritstl.org Or 739-0230

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 3977
Are you interested in strengthening your bonds as a family, deepening your faith in the Catholic Church and working with like-minded men to help support your church and community. If so please consider joining St. Ann Council 3977 of the Knights of Columbus. St. Ann Council 3977 is now based at Holy Spirit Parish. Through the end of the year get your first years dues paid when joining on line by entering McGivney 2020. If interested, join online at www.kofc.org/joinus or Don Benz, 428-7403 or a member of Council 3977.

STUDENT/PARISHIONER PRAYER PARTNERS!
Holy Spirit PSR and Full Time School invite you to become a prayer partner with one of our students. If you have already signed up, you will be contacted shortly (by email or phone), no need to sign up again.
*Prayer partners will be matched by the end of September and then as people join after then.
Submit your name by completing this form or emailing Sharon Kaufman skaufman@holyspiritstl.org 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

PRAYER PARTNERS
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 _____________________________
Phone _____________________________
Date ______________

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 13, 2020 | 5
Jesus’ message in this Sunday’s Gospel reading explains a line from the “Our Father” prayer he had taught earlier (Matthew 6:12): “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.”

The strongest word here is “AS” – the same as, just like, in equal measure.

If there is anyone we have not forgiven, if there is anyone we cannot pray for with love, we’d better keep our mouths shut during this part of the prayer to our Father, who is the Father of all.

Sometimes, it’s difficult to forgive because we think “forgiving” means “forgetting.” Jesus never said that we must forget what the debtor owes. Forgiveness means remembering – and learning from the memory – without demanding repayment or retribution.

Unforgiveness is a form of punishment: it’s payback time. For example, if we remain angry, we hope that our anger or coldness will somehow punish the sinner into repentance. Well, guess what? That never works.

Here’s something else we do that never works: holding a grudge to protect ourselves from getting hurt again. Grudges do not free us from the pain of bad memories. It chains us to them.

When we free others from the debts they owe us for hurting us (whether they seek it or not, whether they’re still alive or not), we free ourselves and our healing begins – our healing!

It’s the most loving gift that we can give to ourselves, as it’s a gift of love to others. Even when they don’t recognize our gift, God does.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Who angers you because they don’t deserve your forgiveness?

2. What are you gaining from unforgiveness and resentment? What will you lose if you forgive?

3. What is the most difficult part of forgiveness?

4. What steps do you take for pushing yourself into truly letting go of unforgiveness so you can find healing? Sharing this with others will spread good ideas that could change someone’s life!
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