Liturgies of the Word for Children is suspended until further notice.

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.

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School
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Kate Ayres, School Secretary,
kayres@holyspiritstl.org

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Maryland Heights, MO 63043,
Pre-School, Pre-K........314-739-5020
**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 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.

**Offertory Collections**
Stewardship for September 7-13, 2020

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| HandS                              | $140.00   |
| Parish Improvements                | $111.00   |

**What’s Happening**

**Saturday, October 2**
4:00 pm—Confessions, Church
5:00 pm—Vigil Mass for Sunday

**Sunday, October 3**
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:

**Susan Gale**
770-402-6035 or susanfgale@gmail.com

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**Please Support Next Weekend’s Deacon Formation Collection**

Did you know that the first Christian martyr, St. Stephen; ordained at the hands of the Apostles as one of the first seven deacons, lived and died proclaiming the Joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? In the last four decades, hundreds of men have proclaimed the same Gospel Joy with their own lives; lives of loving service that have in turn changed countless other lives for the better. Called by Christ to minister to the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, our Deacons are preaching God’s Word to us; praying fervently for us, and caring compassionately for us each and every day. Each year many men discern that same call and begin the process of formation that, God willing, leads to ordination as Deacons. You can help support these men as they discern God’s will in their lives. Deacon Formation in the Archdiocese relies heavily on the support of the annual Deacon Collection held this year on Oct. 3 and 4.

**Garden of Feeden Vegetable Sales**
We will continue the drive-thru vegetable sales behind the Annex on Sat. from 9:30-11.
Donations for the vegetables are given to Hands to help those needing financial assistance and/or food from our food pantry.

2 | Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 27, 2020
Dear Friends,
Grace and peace to you!

Carnival Update –
Thank you to all who have given so generously to our Carnival Appeal. As of Monday, September 21st, we have received $30,550 in donations! You are awesome! We will use your donations to assist in upgrading the Church sound and video systems along with providing additional Chromebooks for our students in our school. We also received a grant through CARES Act to assist in the purchase of the Chromebooks which should arrive by the end of September. The upgrade of the church video system will come next as that is a pressing need. Currently we use the video system on Sundays with the help of our parish volunteer and my personal phone during the week. The upgrade of the system will permit its use throughout the week as it will be easier to operate than the current system. There will be more updates once a vendor is selected.

Listening Sessions-
Do you recall the listening sessions when I first arrived in the parish? During my first year in the parish we had 26 listening sessions to help me understand your thoughts and hopes for our parish. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet so many of you over a four-month period. It has always been my intention to hold listening sessions again after I had served 5 years in our parish so that I could hear your thoughts about our parish and help set the vision for the next five years.

Following an ongoing discussion with the Parish Council, we are going to embark on another round of listening sessions beginning in late October. While I have not completed five years, I am in my fifth year as your pastor. Given the challenges of the past 6 months with the pandemic, this seems to be a particularly good time to listen. This time will be different since it is impractical to gather in your homes. Most of these sessions will take place virtually through the Zoom Video Conferencing software along with several sessions in the parish hall for those who do not have the technology to use Zoom. The Zoom sessions will take place during evenings of the week and the in-person sessions on Sunday afternoons.

The first step to set up these sessions will be to recruit volunteers to act as hosts for each session. The host responsibility will be to assist me by taking notes and to serve as a friendly face to encourage parishioners with similar interests to sign up for a session. Sign-ups will take place through sign-ups on-line as we do with Mass. Those who do not have access to a computer will be able to sign up by calling the Parish Office. Once all the hosts are identified, general sign-ups for the sessions will take place in the same way. Please watch the bulletin and your email for updates.

Let’s continue to pray for each other.

Peace,
Father Bob
A wise man once told me that humility is simply living in the truth, not being too prideful in our gifts but also not hiding them. In the Gospel today, Jesus shows us the importance of accepting our mistakes and choosing the right path, not remaining obstinate in our error. The Pharisees rejected John the Baptist even after they saw that people were following him because he was a righteous man. How often today do people engage in arguments just so that they can feel the “glory” of being “right?” People quibble today so often about trivial matters. Let’s reject this mentality and acknowledge our faults and mistakes and be humble in the sight of the Lord. He will lift us up and renew us (James 4:10).

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, Alive—Humility

Social Justice—Live LaudatoSi’
Advocate to Protect our Common Home

“There is an urgent need to develop policies so that, in the next few years, the emission of carbon dioxide and other highly polluting gases can be drastically reduced.”
—Laudato Si’ (26)

7. Connect with local organizations advocating for the climate.
8. Organize a symbolic action highlighting a local ecological issue as part of the Season of Creation.
9. Consider what is making it more difficult for you to change your lifestyle-lack of public transportation, no recycling or composting in the community, or no options for clean energy—and join with others asking for change.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 27
7:30am For Our Parishioners
9:00am Deacon Scott Kaufman, Special Intention
11:00am Norb Herdler

Monday, September 28
6:30 am Sr. Pat Flavin

Tuesday, September 29
6:30am Mike Rolfes

Wednesday, September 30
6:30am Faithful Departed
7:00am Gregory Mitchell
8:00am Dick Counihan

Thursday, October 1
8:00am Raphael Sylvestre, Jr.
5:00pm The Fisk Family

Friday, October 2
8:00am

Saturday, October 3
8:00am Ralph Sylvester, Jr.
5:00pm

Sunday, October 4
7:30am Gertrude Schenk
9:00am For Our Parishioners
11:00am Dorothy Fehrenbacher

Prayers for the Sick

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

Renée 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 Katzler
Deacon Scott
Nancy Kaufman
Marie Knox
Charles Kraemer
Bill Kriete
Mike Lemp
Jerry McGuire
Mary McGuire
Bill Miederhoff
Karen Newcomb
Matt Niedringhaus
Jacob Null
Dave Peters
Bob & Donna Pedrotti
Rick Pemberton
Brian Ponder
Carolyn Putnam
John Rizzello
John Roberson
Mike Sampson
Anita Schiermeyer
Bill Schneider
Norma Schwaninger
Rudy & Brenda Torricelli
Nanci Van Amburgh
Kat Van Stratton
Joe & Jean Wagner
Angeline Weber
Gene Weckerlin
Bill & Joan Weinzirl
Christine Worachek
Tom Zemble

Sick Relatives and Friends:

Nancy Chik
Colleen Evans
Michael Gill
Bethany Henderson
Tony Jansen
Robin Phillips
Gary Schell
Albert Schiermeyer

St. Patrick Center Salad Sunday, Today
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 today, Sun., Sept. 27. The container will be in the Gathering Area. For more information contact Ellen Staples, 422-2381.

Pro-Life News

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. Sign-up online through October 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 have resumed in person meetings. We will gather outside of the Annex on the grass, or move into the Annex if the weather is bad at 7 PM. 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 7PM. Join our chat group, watch Facebook & 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 deisen-bath@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

7th Grade:
We’ll have an information meeting on Wed., Dec. 9.
26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

Today's Gospel story was meant to shock people who think they're okay spiritually but do not honestly examine how well they do the Father's will.

Jesus said that tax collectors and prostitutes (professions considered to be the most contemptible and unholy) were entering the kingdom of God ahead of religious experts!

These so-called "experts" know the correct answer to the question that Jesus posed—they knew to say yes to God—but knowing the right answer and actually doing the right answer is the dividing line between heaven and hell.

God doesn't want right answers; he wants righteous actions. God doesn't want dutiful compliance to Church teachings, he wants obedience motivated by love and an enthusiastic attitude of serving in the mission of the Church.

What's the value of going to Mass every Sunday, for example, if it doesn't result in deeds of holiness outside the Mass?

Do you know someone who's saying "no" to coming to Mass? If they're doing good works because they genuinely love God, who's to say they won't reach full unity with him sooner than people who attend every Mass but do little to help others?

God wants us to do both: Know the right answers and be righteous. Go to Mass faithfully and be changed by it. Say yes to his calling to make the world a better place by uniting ourselves to Christ in church and following out him out the door, taking him to everyone we meet.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What opportunities to serve God in your parish or out in the community have you said "no" to? Spend some time praying to understand whether or not that was an invitation from Christ himself.

2. What can you say "yes" to now?

3. What types of people today are despised the most?

4. Who seems least likely to get into heaven? (A terrorist perhaps? An ex-spouse?) How is it possible (to our surprise) that we might be greeted by them when we arrive in heaven? How would you feel about it?
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