Holy Spirit Parish Family
September 8, 2019 — Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Those who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.
**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.

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**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**
Stewardship for August 19-25, 2019

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**HandS** | **Parish Improvements**
$ 325.00  | $ 155.00

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**What's Happening This Week**

**Sunday, September 8**
9:00 am—Liturgy of the Word for Children, Rm. 106
7:00 pm—Al Anon, Community Rm.

**Monday, September 9**
6:00 pm—Quilting, Annex
7:00 pm—Cantor Practice, Choir Rm.
  —Infant Baptism Parent Mtg., Church

**Tuesday, September 10**
9:00 am—Quilting, Annex
  —Taste & See, Parish Hall
6:30 pm—Ladies Club, Community Rm.
7:30 pm—Fire in the Spirit, Rm. 9

**Wednesday, September 11**
9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
7:00 pm—Teen/Ensemble Choir Practice, Church
  —Food Addicts Anonymous, Rigali Rm.
  —RCIA Inquiry, Parish Hall

**Thursday, September 12**
9:00 am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
7:00 pm—Al Anon, Rm. 2
  —Choir Rehearsal, Church

**Saturday, September 14**
5:00 pm—Mass, Catechetical Sunday, Church

**Sunday, September 15**
8:00 am—Blood Drive, Annex
  —Donuts & Coffee, Parish Hall
  hosted by Stephen Ministry
9:00 am—Liturgy of the Word for Children, Rm. 106
7:00 pm—Al Anon, Community Rm.

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**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

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What’s Happening This Week
**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, September 8**
- 7:30am: Rose Cafazza
- 9:00am: For Our Parishioners
- 11:00am: Violeta Dickmann

**Monday, September 9**
- 6:30am: Faithful Departed

**Tuesday, September 10**
- 6:30am: Lorraine Hollerbach

**Wednesday, September 11**
- 6:30am: August & Elizabeth Chrismer

**Thursday, September 12**
- 8:00am: Leonard Pemberton

**Friday, September 13**
- 8:00am: Mary Metzger

**Saturday, September 14**
- 8:00am: Larry Ritter
- 5:00pm: John Harty

**Sunday, September 15**
- 7:30am: For Our Parishioners
- 9:00am: Fred DeWitt
- 11:00am: Lou Difani

**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of Marjorie Weirich and Ray Hagedorn, husband of Sandy. May her soul rest in the Peace of Christ.
SCHOOL NEWS

If you are interested in volunteering for OASIS please contact Mrs. Hewitt.

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

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.

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.psrrenroll.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

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 __________________________

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.

IWA VISIT OPPORTUNITIES!

Eighth graders can visit Sept. 5, 24 and 26; Oct. 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22 and 29; Nov. 7 and 12. If a seventh grader would like to visit, the dates are: Mar. 12 and 26; Apr. 2 and 16. Registration is open: https://www.iwacademy.org/page/VisitIWA.
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.

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
Hunger—Do we hunger & thirst for Justice? For real food? We need to continually be aware of the actual hunger in our communities. We might think food is available to all. Think again, do the needy have the transportation, are they working the hours the food pantries are available? Teaching ways to vary in the use of the food and preparation. How to use fresh foods. Ask what they like offer ways to add variety in meals. Reminding others of the varying nutritional value in foods. What are empty calories? How to use “left overs” in soups or salads. Encourage in a realistic manner shopping tips. All this is part of feeding the hungry. We cannot forget praying for or offering to pray with a recipient. Food for the mind, body and soul. Lord open our eyes and hearts to the needs of others. Peace

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 allisoncoiro@gmail.com. We would love to have you! Also, feel free to invite others!
Taste & See for Older Adults

Bite sized food, faith, and fellowship!

Tuesday, September 10, 2019
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.

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

Romans—The Gospel of Salvation is an 8-session program. Paul’s letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, & controversy from the very beginning. This study provides an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, & simple way to understand the overarching theme of Romans—salvation. The cost of materials: $29.

Join us for one of two sessions: Monday evenings, beginning September 30th, 7-8:30 pm in the Annex, or Wednesday mornings, beginning October 2nd, 10-11:30 am in the Parish Hall. To register, complete the form below and either mail or drop it off at the parish office by September 23. If you have any questions, contact Karen Rychlewski, 739-0230, Ext. 108 or krychlewski@holyspiritstl.org.

ROMANS – THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION

Name ________________________________________
Address________________________________________
Phone_______________________________________
Email ________________________________________

Indicate Session
Monday Evening  __________
Wednesday Morning  __________

Checks payable to Holy Spirit Parish ($29)
Please mail or drop off this registration at
Holy Spirit’s Parish Office,
3130 Parkwood Ln., Maryland Heights, MO 63043
PRO-LIFE

Update on Missouri Stands for the Unborn Act:
- “U.S. District Judge Howard Sachs issued a preliminary injunction blocking a ban on abortions at eight weeks and beyond, through the point of viability. A lawsuit filed by Planned Parenthood and the American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri challenged several provisions of the law”.
- “Sachs did not block a provision of the law that bans abortions of all babies... for reasons based on race, sex or Down syndrome diagnosis. Planned Parenthood said it would continue to fight that part of the law”.
- Provisions that DID go into effect on August 28: ban on all abortions in Missouri if Roe v. Wade is overturned; an increase on medical malpractice insurance requirements for those who perform abortions; expansion of the tax credit program for pregnancy resource centers.


Save the Date: 40 Days for Life will take place Sept. 25 - Nov. 3. Stay tuned for more details.

For questions, email holyspiritprolife@gmail.com

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 AND October 26 & 27

Questions, Lois, 314-739-6239

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.
AROUND TOWN

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Married couples: Start a new love affair with your spouse that is beyond your best wishes. We did! It happened on our Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are Sep. 27-29 or Dec 6-8 at the Courtyard Marriot, St. Peters. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php or call 314.649.7317.

CYC LACROSSE PROGRAM
St. Monica is starting a CYC Girls and Boys Youth Lacrosse program for grades 6th thru 8th 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 September 19 at 7:30 pm in the cafeteria. If you are interested in playing, coaching or officiating, please also attend this upcoming meeting. For more information 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: stirosaryrun@gmail.com

ST. LOUIS ROSARY RUN: DEVOTION IN MOTION
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.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE!
PROPER ORDERING OF LOVE
Does Jesus really think we should “hate” our fathers and mothers in order to follow Him? Well, not unless He decided to repeal the Fourth Commandment. Rather, in keeping with the Fourth Commandment, our first and most necessary “honoring” goes to God our Father. If our family members draw us away from this truth, then true discipleship calls us to cling all the more to Him Who made us. Love God first and always. (CCC 2067, 2197-2200)
**23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**


What crosses do you want to get rid of that, if you do escape from them, would require you to abandon Jesus on his cross? (Hint: What sacrifices of love are you unwilling to make?)

Jesus says that unless we are first and foremost committed to discipleship - learning from him and making every effort to become more like him - we are ill prepared for all the other tasks of life.

In other words, we can start building toward good goals, but if our relationship with Christ is not our highest priority, we'll miss his guidance and his surprises and his blessings. We'll get distracted by worldly interferences and sin. We'll become victims instead of victors in the battles we face. Anything good that we achieve will be less than the best, because there is much more in the kingdom of God than what we can imagine.

A disciple is a student. We learn from Jesus how to love others, even when this becomes a cross to carry. He teaches us how to live a life of joyful love but also of unconditional, forgiving love. And we learn from him how to put up healthy, holy boundaries against those who interfere with our spiritual growth, and this too can be a cross.

The strength to follow Christ and become more and more like him every day requires a conscious effort to grow stronger in our ability to carry our crosses while uniting ourselves to his cross and to his strength. When we lack this intimate bond with Christ, we stumble and fall, crushed by the weight of our crosses. But if we are willing to make sacrifices out of love for others, like Jesus did, we embrace him more fully and we receive his love more deeply. And this is the most satisfying way to live.

**Reflect & Discuss:**

1. Consider your daily activities: What are your top priorities?
2. What do you value more than the time you spend with Jesus in prayer, scripture, and other faith-building activities?
3. What are some common ways that we move God down in priority?
4. By making him our highest priority, what are ways that we can lovingly show concern for others even while putting God ahead of them in our daily activities?
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