



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
404 S Rollins

Father Michael Coleman
Deacon Jon Bequette

Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:20-4:45 pm

Baptism: Classes required, contact rectory

Marriage: Four-to-six-month notice required

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***We would like to welcome all visitors and new members to our Parish today. If you would like to be a part of Holy Spirit, registration papers are in envelopes in the entryway (in a small green box). ***

Fourth Sunday of Advent Weekend of December 17/18, 2022

In today's Gospel we hear of the coming of Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." We celebrate three Advents: the birth of Christ, his Second Coming, and his presence in the world today. Our daily lives are attended by God's presence. Indeed, "God is with us." The Good News of Christ's Incarnation is that we are the sign, the "sacrament," of Christ's presence in the world. People are supposed to see us, see how we love one another, see how we treat the stranger among us, see how we give comfort to the poor and afflicted, and share the Good News with joy. They see how good stewards are the light of Christ. And there can be no possible response except to say: "God is here!"



The Bishop's December Prayer: During the holiday season, may our self-centeredness be replaced with generosity; our frustration with compassion; our anxieties with patience; and our intolerance with understanding. We pray to the Lord.

There is a sign up sheet in the back of the Church to **purchase a poinsettia** for a "loved one" or "in memory of" for the Christmas Display. These are purchased through the CHS Ag Department. Betty will purchase them so please place your envelope with \$10 (check to Betty Gooding or cash) and your intention for the poinsettia in the collection basket or on the bulletin board addressed to Betty Gooding.

Please sign up for liturgical roles for our Christmas Masses in the back of Church.

THANK YOU EVELYN MOTT for supervising and assisting in the taking down the Thanksgiving Decorations and putting up the Advent decorations this year for our church. I am aware that you recruited many family members to help you achieve this task, so I would like to thank them also. I am grateful that you happily accepted this responsibility in my absence. It is such a blessing to see a young person stepping up and showing their time and talent for our parish at Holy Spirit. God Bless you and all involved. Betty Gooding

Once again, Betty would like to involve the youth in decorating for Christmas! Any 5th-12th grade students that would like to volunteer are asked to meet at the Church by 9:00 AM on Thursday, December 22. Many hands make light work!

Daily Readings December 19-December 25

Mon 19 JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A PS 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17
LK 1:5-25

Tues 20 Is 7:10-14 PS 24:1-2, 3-4ab,5-6 Lk 1:26-38

Wed 21 SG 2:8-14 PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 LK 1:39-45

Thurs 22 1 Sm 1:24-28 (PS) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5,6-7,8abcd
Lk 1:46-56

Fri 23 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 PS 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 1- & 14
Lk 1:57-66

Sat 24 Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25

Sun 25 Is52:7-10 Ps 98:1,2-3,3-4,5-6 Heb1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

Liturgical Roles

5pm December 24

Greeters:

Lector:

Servers:

Gifts: Mary Patton & Glenda Calhoun

Communion:

Sacristan:

12am December 25

Greeters:

Lector:

Servers: Kallie Campbell

Gifts: Wilson Family

Communion: Betty Gooding

Sacristan:

9am December 25

Greeter:

Lector: Bob Benoit

Servers:

Gifts: Alex & Lauren Benoit Family

Communion: Margo Benoit/Jason Kehl

Sacristan:

***If you are unable to fill your role please try to find a substitute.**

Mass Intentions

Sat 24 5:00 PM Carol Leible

Sun 25 12:00 AM Steve & Kristie Wilson 25th Anniversary
9:00 AM Butch Calhoun

Sat 31 5:00 PM Kay Overfelt

Sun 1 8:00 AM Mark Ripperger and Family
10:00 AM Parishioners

Remember those that have asked for our prayers: Linda Benoit, Maria Yaninas, George Plakorus, Mary Newby, Carole McVay, Randy Ostmann, Joe & Glenda Castrop, Bob Diemeke, Annette Fashing, Ron Flatt, Jim Hodges, Fr. Judge, Amanda Ewigman Lewis, Bill Miller, Lannie Patton, Mark Prenger, Mary Reichert, Zeta Ryan, Judy Stringer, Barry Thoenen, Bill Wright

And those in the military: Ray Finlay, Jacob Schlemmer, and Cody Smith.

2021-2022 Offertory

Weekly Goal: \$ 4808 December 11: \$4,252.75

Monthly tith: \$19,437.89

Weekly tith to date: \$127,648.34

SHOUT OUT to Harvey Million for planning and implementing a FANTASTIC Advent Mission. Frank Runyeon was entertaining, engaging, and educational. Special thank you to the young people that volunteered their time to participate in the activities, including playing roles in the drama and taking care of the lights. We couldn't have had such a successful mission without your help!

THANK YOU to the K of C, St Anne's Sodality, and 55+ Group for preparing and serving delicious dinners prior to the mission. The food and fellowship really made the mission more special! Our parish is made up of so many wonderful individuals!

In the back of church is lots of stuff FOR YOU! Envelopes and 2023 calendars can be found in the back pew. (Thank your Todd and Diana Kendrick for purchasing calendars for everyone!) In the entry and on the shelf near the gifts table you will find 125 Anniversary Gifts. There are gifts for EVERY parishioner! *Please grab a gift!*

Holy Spirit has partnered with **Hallow** this Advent to provide every parishioner FREE access to all of Hallow's prayer content! Hallow is the #1 Catholic app worldwide and includes over 5,000 audio-guided sessions designed to help you grow closer to God and develop a daily habit of prayer. Hallow Plus includes prayers for kids and families, resources for mental health, meditations for sleep, seasonal music, multiple languages (including Spanish, Portuguese, and Polish!) daily trivia, podcast-style courses to learn more about faith, and more! Register today by selecting our parish here: Hallow.com/holyday.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal: Our Parish was given a goal of \$10,404 in this year's appeal. To date, we have donated \$6280. If you have not mailed in your yearly donation, please consider doing so. Next year we are moving to a stewardship model in our Diocese so our giving will look differently. More info to come on that after the first of the year.



Dishes and pans from the Parish Dinner and Basket Bingo are in the back of church on a shelf near the votive candles. Please grab yours after Mass.

Deadline for information for the bulletin are Wednesdays by 5 PM. Please email to: skwilsonfive@gmail.com or office@holyspiritcentralmo.org

Helping Hands will meet on the third Wednesday of every month. Our next meeting is December 21 at 12:00 with a meal.

St Anne's Fellowship will meet Monday, December 19 @ 7:00 PM. We will be packing treat bags for the children of the parish, food boxes for those in our community in need of a holiday meal, and host a cookie exchange. Bake up some cookies and join us! All women of the parish are invited!



We would really like to bring back the **liturgy of the word for children** program during 10am Mass. This is a program where kids age 3/4 through 2nd grade can go to the basement for the liturgy of the word portion of Mass and learn about the readings and Gospel on a kid-friendly level. They return for the second half of Mass. To be able to bring this program back, we need volunteers to help teach! Hopefully it would be a once every 6weeks/2 month



commitment. There are lesson plans and training available. We will gladly take grandmas, grandpas, moms, or dads, no prior teaching experience required! If you would like more information or would like to volunteer for this, please contact Nancy Robinson at 573-933-0898

Plan ahead now for Cursillo in 2023! Men's weekend is March 2-5 and the Women's weekend is March 16-19. Both weekends will take place at St Anthony Parish in Camdenton, MO. For more information visit www.diojeffcity.org/cursillo/

Did you know that our Parish has a subscription to Formed? It is a website that offers Catholic movies, children's programming, audio dramas and books. It even has the popular Christian series, The Chosen. You can gain access to this resource by registering at formed.org with an email address. You will then be prompted to search for our parish by zip code: 65240. This is funded by the Fr James Offutt Foundation.



Pray the Rosary: Mondays after the 6:30 PM Communion Service/Mass AND Tuesday mornings at 8:20 AM. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

CALENDAR

December 18	SOS
December 19	St Anne's Fellowship
December 19	Rosary 7:00 PM
December 20	Rosary 8:20 AM
December 21	Helping Hands
December 24	5:00 Mass
December 25	12:00 AM Mass
December 25	9:00 AM Mass

MERRY CHRISTMAS! SO many people work behind the scenes to make our Parish a successful place to worship. Please be sure to thank these individuals for all they do for our Parish!

Musicians: Ben Jennings, Meredith Stidhams, Ann Jennings, Jo Hodges, Rhonda Gibler, Tonya Schmidt, Susan Sczepanski, Mary Kate Bennett, Brenda Kehl, Jane Verble, Angel Choirs

Sacristans: Gail Dobbs, Lori Mills, Laurie Clayton, Jason Kehl, Alma Asbury, Mary Patton, Margo Benoit, Bertha Brekke, Paula Bequette

MPB Coordinator: Linda Dowell

Computer/Live Streaming Support: Gary Deckerd, Shawn Carrico, Laura Borman

Linens: Michelle Romine

Liturgical Decorations: Betty Gooding

Parish Council President: Brian Korb

Maintenance: Tim Henry, Margie Finlay, Carolyn Romine, Lacy Korb, Brad Kempker, Brenda Moss, Jeff Leverenz

Office/Finance Support: Rita Jennings, Glenda Calhoun, Cathy Lenz, Kim Sapp, Chad Stidham

RCIA: Alejandro and Emily Morales

DRE: Nancy Robinson

CCD Teachers: Liza Garcia, Mendy Clare, Karen Timpe, Linda Dowell, Crystal Dycus, Meredith Romine, Phonda Romine, Teresa Bohlmeier, Kristen Deckerd, Mary Kate and Danielle Bennett, Demi Schmidt, Kelly Angell, Kelli Cash, Tonya Dimmitt, Taylor and Ally Moreland, Allison Kemble

Financial: Jim Kempker

Deacon: Deacon Jon Bequette

THANK YOU!

Multipurpose Building

Schedule an event, contact the office: 573-682-2815 ext.4

Let the Lord enter, he is King of glory.

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "From all eternity God chose with infinite wisdom the woman who would be the Mother of His divine Son. To prepare for the Word Incarnate a spotless and holy tabernacle, God created Mary in grace and endowed her from the moment of her conception with all the perfections suited to her exalted dignity. St. Thomas teaches that through her intimacy with Christ, the principle of grace, she possessed beyond all creatures a fullness of divine life." — *Liturgical Meditations*, The Sisters of St. Dominic

This feast invites us to meditate on the virtue of purity. "Mary alone — 'our tainted nature's solitary boast' — never saw her soul's purity darkened with the dust of any stain, nor did she see in any part of her triumphal course toward heaven any sign or trace of worldliness. By a unique and singular privilege from God she was preserved from original sin from the first moment of her Immaculate Conception; by another privilege derived from the first, the Lord did not permit her ever to be stained even with those unavoidable failings of human weakness." — Luis M. Martinez



Let us pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life:

O Father, you desire all of us to be happy.

Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many men and women.

Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves, their lives, their time and their talents to the service of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord and Savior, and to His Holy Church.

*May more men and women go forth as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters to bring the truths of our Catholic faith to all others so that soon they, too, may know You better and love You more...
and serving You, be truly happy. Amen*

ONLINE GIVING is another way to make your Sunday Offerings to Holy Spirit Parish. Start by going to Holy Spirit website <https://holyspiritcentralmo.org> Go to the toolbar which is about ¼ of the way down the page click on GIVE. This takes you to the opening page of the payment portal. At this point you can create an account by clicking on create account. Or you can make a onetime payment by clicking on pay now. Then just follow the steps. When you set up an account you will need to create a user name and password. Just follow the steps. If you set up an account you have the ability to set up recurring contributions. If you elect to use the recurring it is an automatic donation to the church based on the date and amount you want to give. You can also change the amount, date, etc at any time by just logging back in to your account, by using your username and password and login. You also have the ability to run reports showing your donation history. This is easiest way to use this portal. *You can continue to use your weekly envelopes if you desire, that is not going away. This is just another way of making your contribution.*

Holy Spirit Organization Info

***St. Anne Sodality Fellowship** meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the MPB starting in August. Times subject to change. Gail Dobbs, President 573-881-0277

***Knights of Columbus** meets the third Thursday of each month at Spirit Hall. Rosary 6 pm, social 6:30 pm, meeting 7 pm. John Romine, Grand Knight, 573-682-4538

***St. Anne's Helping Hands** meets on the 2nd Wednesday at 12 pm for lunch in the Offutt Building with a meeting following. Mary Peeper, 573-682-0120.

***CCD:** meets during school year on Wed after mass (6:15 pm) at 7 pm. Nancy Robinson, Coordinator, 573-933-0898

***Shut-In Communion:** If you know of someone that is not able to attend Mass and would like to have communion brought to their home, please call Clara Vance, Coordinator, 573-682-5632

***OCIA** meets on Sunday after the 10am Mass beginning in the fall and ending on Holy Saturday for someone who is interested in learning about the Catholic faith and becoming a Catholic. Contact Emily & Alejandro Morales, 402-802-5930

55+ Meal is hosted most months on the third Saturday evening after 5:00 Mass. Please watch the bulletin for changes.

Key Pad Lock instructions – Enter the 4 digit code (contact the office if you need the code), you'll hear a faint, very short buzz. This connects the front "deadbolt" handle to the internal parts. You can rotate the deadbolt handle, to unlock the door. Once inside you can lock yourself in or not, your choice. The inside deadbolt handle, is ALWAYS connected, no code required. Once you leave, please reenter the code and the exterior deadbolt handle is connected, allowing you to manually lock the door.

DID YOU KNOW?? If not, now you will ☺

Parish Council Members elections are held every June with individuals serving a minimum of two years. Your officers are: Brian Korb (Pres), Linda Dowell (VP), John Romine, Denise Freidel, Erle Bennett, Jason Kehl; non voting members are Deacon Jon Bequette and Fr. Mike Coleman

St Anne Sodality consists of ALL the women in the parish. They meet for fellowship August-May on the first Thursday of every month in the MPB. Your officers are: Gail Dobbs, (Pres), Linda Dowell (VP), Misty Werkmeister (Secretary), Joni Henry (treasurer) Join them for fellowship!

Knights of Columbus welcomes all men of the Parish. They meet the third Thursday of each month at Spirit Hall. Your officers are: Fr. Mike Coleman (Chaplain), John Romine (Grand Knight), Bob Hagedorn (Deputy Grand Knight), Andy Pendergast (Financial Secretary), Frank Bolte (Recorder), Skip Reams (Treasurer), Wendell Clayton (Warden), Tim Grenke (Advocate), Zach Pulkrabek (Inner Guard), Colin Kemble (Outer Guard), Paul Dobbs (1st Year Trustee), David Gordon (2nd Year Trustee), Brad Kempker (3rd Year Trustee).