



**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). **

Office hours: Wednesdays 5-9 PM

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
January 1, 2023**

Among the Twelve Days of Christmas, the Solemnity of Mary is observed on January 1 every year by the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church. It is the eighth day of Christmastide and is a feast to celebrate Mary's motherhood. It is also known as the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. This holy day sometimes gets forgotten easily amid the New Year celebrations but is one of utmost reverence for people of the Christian faith.



The Bishop's January Prayer: *For foster parents and adopting parents; may they experience the support of the Church and the love of God as they expand their homes to make room for more children in their families. We pray to the Lord.*

The white roses displayed on the altar are gifted by Gail Dobbs in memory of her mother, Martha McDanel.



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

Our Parish gift from Fr Mike this year is the Matthew Kelly book, Holy Moments! Be sure to grab one!

Piano player needed! We are looking to expand (CREATE!) a substitute list of piano players/musicians to fill in on occasion. This would not be a weekly commitment and our current musicians are willing to train/support new volunteers. PLEASE prayerfully considering donating your talent and time to our parish community.

The weekend of January 7/8 will be the **first full weekend of the month** so that means Dollar at the Door and food collection for Esther's Pantry. Please give what you can!

Daily Readings January 2-January 8

Mon 2 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4 Jn 1:19-28

Tues 3 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34

Wed 4 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Jn 1:35-42

Thurs 5 1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 4, 5 Jn 1:43-51

Fri 6 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
M 1:7-11

Sat 7 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5, 6a,9b Jn 2:1-11

Sun 8 Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Liturgical Roles

5pm January 7

Greeters: Clara Vance/Marilyn Loethen

Lector: Rita Jennings

Servers: Sadie & Henry Bohlmeyer

Gifts: Lucille Ostmann/Alma Asbury

Communion: Gary & Misty Werkmeister/Wayne Benoit

Sacristan: Misty Werkmeister

8 AM January 8

Greeters: Bill & Carolyn Brooks

Lector: Bob Benoit

Servers:

Gifts: Tim & Joni Henry

Communion: Mary Frances George/Chickie Neff/Harvey

Million Sr

Sacristan: Lori Mills

10 AM January 8

Greeter: Youth Mass

Lector: Youth Mass

Servers: Youth Mass

Gifts: Youth Mass

Communion: Wendell & Laurie Clayton/Betty Gooding

Sacristan: Betty Gooding

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

Mass Intentions

Sat 31 5:00 PM Kay Overfelt

Sun 1 8:00 AM Mark Ripperger Family

10:00 AM Parishioners

Sat 7 5:00 PM Carol Leible

Sun 8 8:00 AM Parishioners

10:00 AM Sonya Galloway

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.

2022-2023 Offertory

Weekly Goal: \$ 4808 December 25 \$7,697.00

Monthly tithe: \$31,093.39

Weekly tithe to date: \$139,303.84

With your generous donations, St Anne's provided Christmas to TWO families this year. Thank you for your kindness!

Holy Spirit has partnered with **Hallow** this Christmas 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.



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.diojefcity.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.

The month of January is dedicated to the **Holy Name of Jesus**, which is celebrated on January 3. The first ten days of January fall during the liturgical season known as **Christmas** which is represented by the liturgical color white the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The remaining days of January are the beginning of **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

CALENDAR

January 2	7:00 Rosary
January 4	CCD
January 5	St Anne's Fellowship
January 8	Esther's Pantry and Dollars @ the Door
January 8	Youth Mass and Donut Sunday
January 11	CCD
January 18	Helping Hands
January 18	Youth Group
January 21	55+ Meal
January 22	Building Committee Meeting

Pondering in Our Hearts - A Christian Reflection

Early on in his Gospel, Luke twice mentions Mary doing something extraordinary, namely, pondering something "in her heart." The first occasion is after the departure of the shepherds at the Nativity; the second is when she and Joseph discover the child Jesus speaking with the Temple elders. Luke's phrase is telling. For Mary to "ponder" something "in her heart," is not simply for her to remember the details or get her facts straight. Rather, it seems more a way to take in something in its totality and to let it sink down deep, into the heart, the place where it can change you.

Were we to be like Mary, how might we ponder in our hearts what we ourselves have seen and heard this past Christmas season so that, before it closes, we might learn something more from it than we did the first time through? Something which might just sink down deep and somehow change us.

Perhaps these questions might be of some help.

What was the best, the greatest, gift you received this year - not the brightest gift or the shiniest or the fastest or the most expensive gift, but the best gift, the greatest gift? Who gave it to you? And do they even know they did?

What was the best gift you gave this year, one that may have cost you a little or one which may have cost you a lot. And the little or a lot that it might have cost you might not have been money at all.

If there was something you did in the last several weeks which was just what someone else needed, just when they needed it, just what was it?

If there was one time when all your troubles, your cares and worries, seemed to you far, far away - what was that time? And what chased your troubles away?

If there was one glance you had of someone else that allowed you to see them fresh, as if for the very first time, yet see them as well radiant with all that they mean to you - what was that time? And who was that person?

Was there ever a time - perhaps in a crowd and surrounded with people or perhaps by yourself - that it struck you that you are a lucky, lucky person? What was that time? Who were those people around you, if people there were? And what seems to have brought that feeling on?

If you said one thing exactly right, exactly true and straight from your heart, just what exactly did you say? And to whom did you say it? And why?

If within the last few weeks you brushed a tear from your eye secretly so that no one else could see it, why did that tear come? And what did that tear mean?

When do you feel the proudest? The happiest? The most content? Indeed, the most yourself?

If you could look back over the many, many moments of this tender season now ending and pick out one moment from among them all - just one -pick the one where somehow you knew in your heart that it was all true: the angels indeed did sing, the shepherds indeed did worship, the kings indeed did bring their gifts and bow low - and all of this because at that one moment you felt almost held aloft by kind and mighty hands; and if you could take that one moment and hold it in your heart forever, take it out and gaze upon it from time to time as if to look upon a kind of snow globe, just what would that one moment be?

- Fr. Michael Graham, S.J.

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.

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

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.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal: Our Parish was given a goal of \$10,404 in this year's appeal. To date, we have committed \$6480 and the Diocese has received \$5315. 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.

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).

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.*



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

Q 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