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Holy Spirit

3700 Harvey Lake Rd, Highland MI 48356

October 24th, 2021 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Meditation

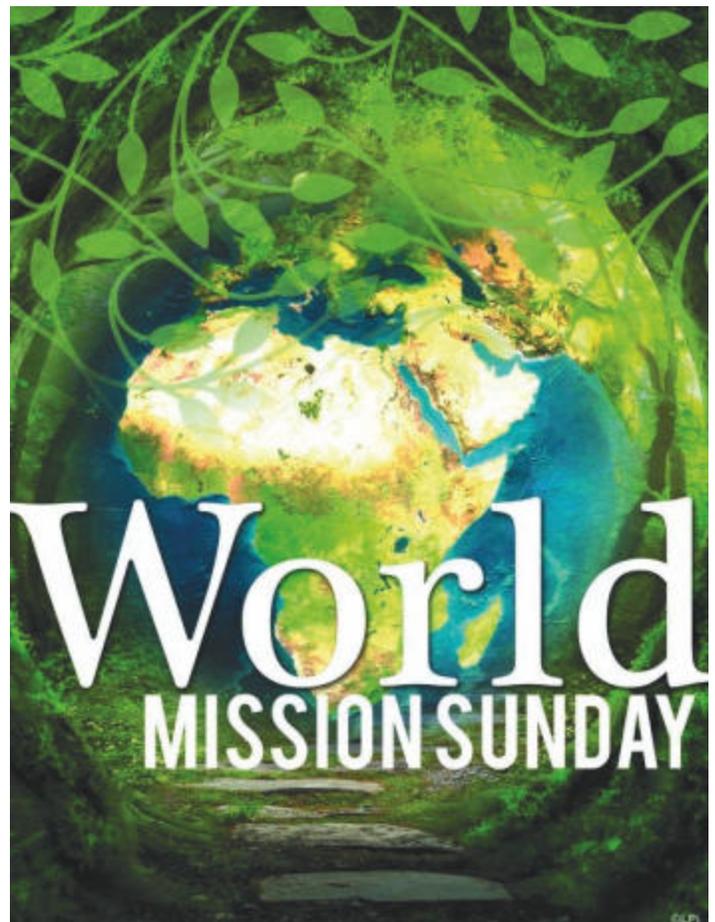
When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God

patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

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Adult Faith Formation



Classes offered Monday nights from 7-9, Tuesday noon – 2 and Wednesday 10-noon. **Please visit the church website to register for all classes.**

Who Needs Christmas? This 4 - week study begins the week of November 22nd. The story of Jesus’ birth was not what anyone expected: a baby... born in the armpit of the Mediterranean...to save us from sins

that no one thought we needed saving from. Discover why the improbability of the Christmas story is what makes it so believable! \$10 registration fee

The Creed. This 6-week study begins the week of January 10th. Bishop Barron breaks open the Creed to help us rediscover the great intellectual and spiritual depths of Christian doctrine and reclaim the unity, clarity, and conviction of the Christian faith. \$10 registration fee

Why Easter Matters. This 4 – week study begins the week of March 14th. We will look at some of the people whose lives intersected with Jesus in the weeks leading to his crucifixion. Each of them had an agenda that put them at odds with God and Jesus. As you’ll see, there’s a little bit of them in all of us. \$10 registration fee

Contact Jillian Peck, Director of Faith Formation
248-887-1634
jillian@holyspirithighland.com

Holy Spirit Church

Calendar at a Glance

Monday, October 25

Office Open 9am-3pm

11am-AA

7pm-Adult Faith Formation

Tuesday, October 26

Office Open 9am-3pm

10am-Women’s Prayer Group

12pm-Adult Faith Formation

5:10pm-Family Mass

Wednesday, October 27

Office Open 9am-3pm

9am-Morning Mass

10am-Adult Faith Formation

6:30pm-Family Mass

Thursday, October 28

Office Open 9am-3pm

9am-Morning Mass

10am-SAGS - Halloween Party

Friday, October 29

9am-Morning Mass

Saturday, October 30

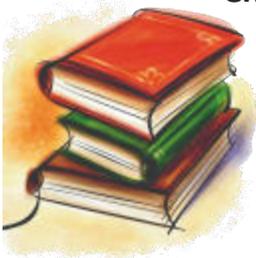
5pm-Mass

Sunday, October 31

9am-Mass

11am-Mass

Church of the Holy Spirit Library



An inventory of our recently re-opened Church library has revealed that 23 signed-out items are long overdue. Please make an effort to return these items in a timely manner. Thanks.

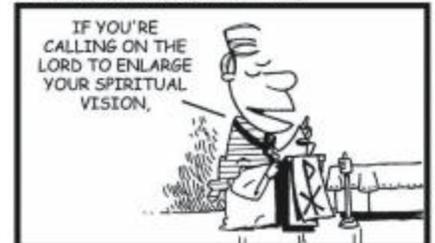
My Parish Family,
Heartfelt appreciation to Father Wayne, Deacon Mike and my church family for your loving support in memory of my son John.
Your kindness is such a blessing,
Charmaine Grego



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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parish Vision: To Be Christ to All.
Our Mission Statement: Led by the Holy Spirit, we accompany others to encounter Jesus, to give witness to Him, and to grow as missionary disciples.

Special Olympic Raffle Tickets



The Knights of Columbus, Council #8500, will be offering Special Olympic raffle tickets, starting October 30 through December 12, 2021.

The raffle tickets you purchase will have random numbers and the winning tickets will be based on the Michigan 4 number, evening lotto draw. If you have a winning ticket, you will receive a check in the mail the following week; you do not have to watch your number.

Each ticket cost \$20 and gives you 936 chances to win during 2022. Tickets will be available after Mass and with Kay in the office.

If you have any questions, please call Bob Szymanski at 248-535-4569.

Seniors Aging Gracefully, Sometimes

Come and see what SAGS is all about. There is something for everyone! Here are our upcoming events:

Thursday, October 28th
10:00am, gather for a Halloween Party

Thursday, November 11th
10:00am, Veteran’s Memorial

Thursday, November 18th
10:00am, Thanksgiving

This is Holy Spirit....



Hello parish family! A few of us have been toying with the idea of weekly bulletin articles highlighting short faith stories from YOU. We’ve discussed our memories of past parishioners, our own faith journeys (including the peaks and valleys), answered prayers, milestones and sacramental memories. You can email your stories to:

Glover@Holyspirthighland.com

TAG Invites you to our Sunday Service and Meeting Nights



TAG meets in the youth room every other Sunday evening from 6-8:30pm for fellowship, food, and fun. Our Sunday focus is on service. We serve food and refreshments on Sunday Nights. High school and Middle school students are welcome.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: November 7, November 21, December 5, December 19

Please continue to save your plastic caps and ink cartridges.



Please Prayerfully Consider Adoring in Our Chapel
Hours needing to be immediately filled.

Sunday	3-4AM
Monday	9-10AM
Tuesday	8-9PM
Wednesday	2-3AM, 3-4AM, 4-5AM, 3-4PM
Thursday	3-4AM, 4-5AM, 5-6PM
Saturday	5-6AM, 11AM-12PM, 12PM-1PM

Children’s Hour - Monday’s 11AM-Noon

COVID Cleaning Schedule
Weekdays 12PM-1PM closed for cleaning

We are always looking for substitute adorers.
Please call, Jenna Konarzewski 248-891-1623
Or Autumn Woodcox 248-872-6607

**Meditations for October 24
Jeremiah 31:7-9**

... with the blind and the lame in their midst. (Jeremiah 31:8)

Did you know that in ancient Israel, conditions like blindness and paralysis were often seen as a curse from God? People with disabilities or illnesses were thus thought to be unfit to worship the Lord. This is why, when they saw a blind man begging, Jesus' disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2).

That's what makes Jeremiah's prophecy so moving. Describing the exiles' return to Jerusalem, he includes "the blind and the lame" among the ranks of the redeemed (Jeremiah 31:8). The day will come, he promises, when no one will be excluded, not even those once considered unworthy.

Fast-forward to the story of Bartimaeus, the blind beggar sitting by the road in today's Gospel. Hearing that Jesus was passing by, he cried out for help, but the crowd shushed him. Surely a holy man like Jesus had better things to do than care for such a "sinner"! But Bartimaeus trusted that as "the Son of David," Jesus would not reject him. And so "he kept calling out" until his voice overcame the disapproving crowd (Mark 10:48).

And he was right! In fact, Jesus even commended his faith and healed him (Mark 10:52). He made it clear that God hadn't rejected Bartimaeus. He was just as worthy of God's love and healing grace as everyone else.

This is the beauty of the gospel. Jesus has broken down every dividing wall that separates us from his heavenly Father. He welcomes everyone, no matter their situation. That includes you. Today you may feel the way Bartimaeus felt every day, hoping for just a scrap of mercy and tenderness. But that's not how Jesus sees you. In a world that often focuses on excluding the "unworthy," he stands before you right now with open arms, eager to say, "Your faith has saved you" (Mark 10:52).

"Jesus, teach me to see the world through your eyes of love."

Readings for Sunday, October 31

Dt 6:2-6 | Heb 7:23-28 | Mk 12:28b-34

Prayer
REQUESTS

The names of the sick will be removed in 6 weeks. To re-list, or to add a name, please call the parish office at 248-887-5364.

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| Kathy Edwards | Keri Mueller | |
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| | Diane Nightengale | |



Weekly Offertory

Collection

Date	Actual	Budget	Over / (Under)
10/10	\$ 7,619	\$ 10,200	(\$ 2,581)
10/17	\$ 10,762	\$ 10,200	\$ 562
Y-T-D	\$148,546	\$163,200	(\$16,654)

This report is based on the Offertory Collection line in the budget. It includes weekly envelopes, loose and children's collection, holy day collections, and online giving. It does not include Christian Service, fuel, or kitchen fund envelopes, the Christmas collection, Parish fundraisers, grants received, CCE tuition and fees, or other miscellaneous income. It is based on a yearly budget where we anticipate the expenses of the Parish. Just because there may be a deficit here, it does not mean the Parish is operating at a deficit. Feel free to direct questions to the Parish Finance Council.

The weekly offertory is the life-blood of any parish. We have utility bills to pay, a large physical plant to maintain, staff that we have hired to run our day-to-day operations, youth to teach, worship and music ministry to support, Christian Service neighbors to help. We need everyone who can to put something in the offertory basket each week. We are so grateful for all who give weekly and are consistent contributors.

Explore the Gospel



The Blind Bartimaeus
Mk 10:46-52

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

Take Time to Chat

1. Why did Bartimaeus continued to call out to Jesus even though people told him to be quiet? In what way does this inspire your prayer?
2. What would you do if you heard Jesus calling for you?
3. Why is having faith important?
4. St. Boniface's name means "a man who does good deeds." What is the meaning of your name?

Family Prayer

As a family, listen to the song **Open My Eyes** by Jesse Manibusan. You should be able to find the song on YouTube or wherever you stream music.

Reflect on the lyrics as they relate to the Gospel and to today's family activity. Share with your family what you "see" through this song.

Christian Service Corner

We are in need of the following items:

Laundry Detergent, Mayo, Toilet Paper, 2qt Juice
All Purpose Cleaner (spray bottle), Paper Towel

**Due to COVID we can no longer take plastic or paper bags and we cannot accept expired food.*

Meet Our Extended Family



St. Boniface

Feast Day June 5

675 - June 5, 754

St. Boniface was born around the year 675 in Wessex (present-day Devon), England. His birth name was Winfrid. He was a brilliant monk in a Benedictine monastery in England. Although he was the head of a school, he thought God wanted him to be a missionary. He went to Frisia (Northern Netherlands and Germany) to begin his work. A war forced him to return to

England for a few years, but he did not give up. Next, he journeyed to Rome to ask the pope to tell him where to serve. Pope Gregory II changed Winfrid's name to Boniface, which means "a man who does good deeds." Then he sent Boniface to eastern Germany to convert pagans to Christianity. For nearly 35 years, Boniface traveled all over Germany, preaching, teaching, and building schools, monasteries, and convents. He returned to Rome to report to the pope about his work. There, the pope ordained him bishop and told him to return to Germany to continue his missionary work and to reform the German Church. In the kingdom where he lived, he had great problems because of lay interference in bishops' elections and the worldliness of the clergy. In order to restore the German Church to its fidelity to Rome and to convert the pagans, Boniface was guided by two principles: 1) to restore the obedience of the clergy to their bishops in union with the pope of Rome, and 2) the establishment of many houses of prayer which took the form of Benedictine monasteries. As an old man, Boniface returned to Frisia to work among the pagans. One morning, while he was waiting to confirm a group of converts, a band of angry natives rushed into the church and murdered Boniface and about 50 converts. Today St. Boniface is the patron of Germany.



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Mass Intentions

Lector Schedule

Monday, October 25

Rom 8:12-17 | Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 26

Rom 8:18-25 | Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 27

Rom 8:26-30 | Lk 13:22-30

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Doris Cameron

9:00 a.m. Mary Milewski-Birthday Blessing

Thursday, October 28

Eph 2:19-22 | Lk 6:12-16

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Doris Cameron

9:00 a.m. Holy Souls

Friday, October 29

Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Doris Cameron

9:00 a.m. +Ted Gostomski

Saturday, October 30

5:00 p.m. (PPP) Doris Cameron

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the
Chenier & Spampinato Families

Sunday, October 31

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Doris Cameron

9:00 a.m. +Lillian Paperniak

9:00 a.m. +Angela Sadecki

11:00 a.m. (PPP) Doris Cameron

11:00 a.m. +Lucille Matweychek

11:00 a.m. +Debra Juszczuk

11:00 a.m. +Giulia Audia

Saturday, October 30

5:00 p.m.

Joyce Lucas

Sunday, October 31

9:00 a.m.

Mike Perrera

11:00 a.m.

Phil Wojtowicz

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Rev. Wayne Ureel, Pastor

Michael Somervell, Deacon

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY - 5:00 p.m., SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY - 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, 4pm or by Appointment

Parish Offices

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David Popovits - Music@holyspirithighland.com...810-629-8807

Pastoral Council

Meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Baptisms

Contact Deacon Mike at 248-887-8813

Marriages

Contact Fr. Wayne 6 months before your wedding date.

Bulletin Deadline: Thursday at noon

Changing your address or phone number? Please notify the office when making these changes.

Funeral Lunch Servers Needed

No more cooking! We are now catering the food we provide for funeral lunches. We serve the food using tongs and spoons, set up the tables and make coffee and juice. Could you help to pay it forward? Please contact Claudette 248-887-6933



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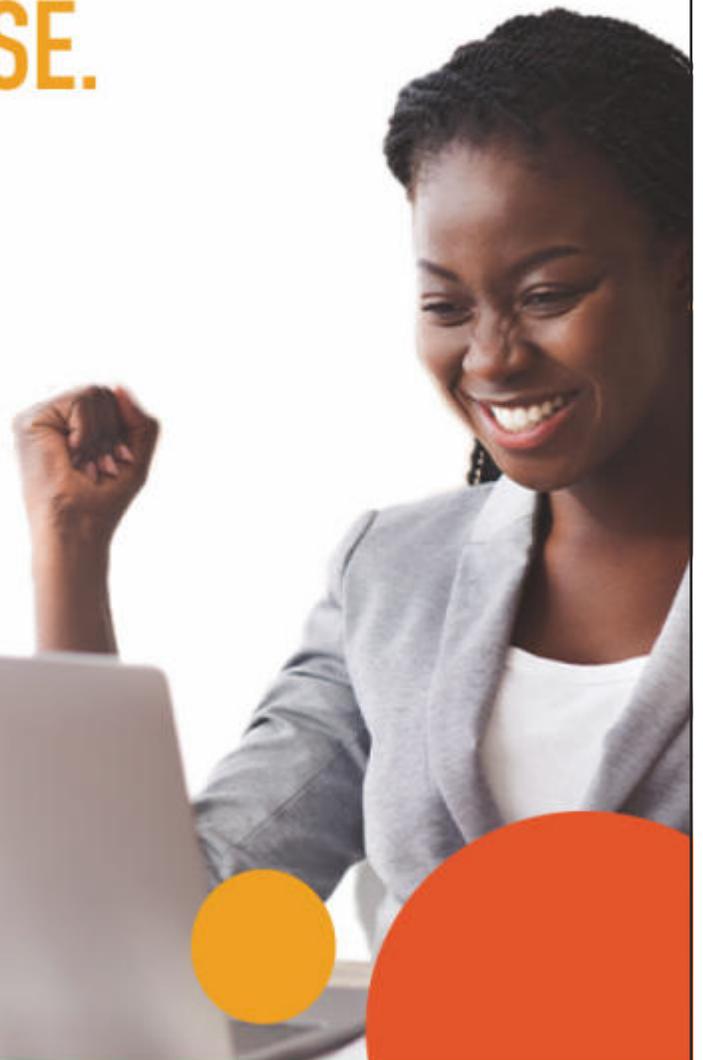



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