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October 31st, 2021 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Meditation

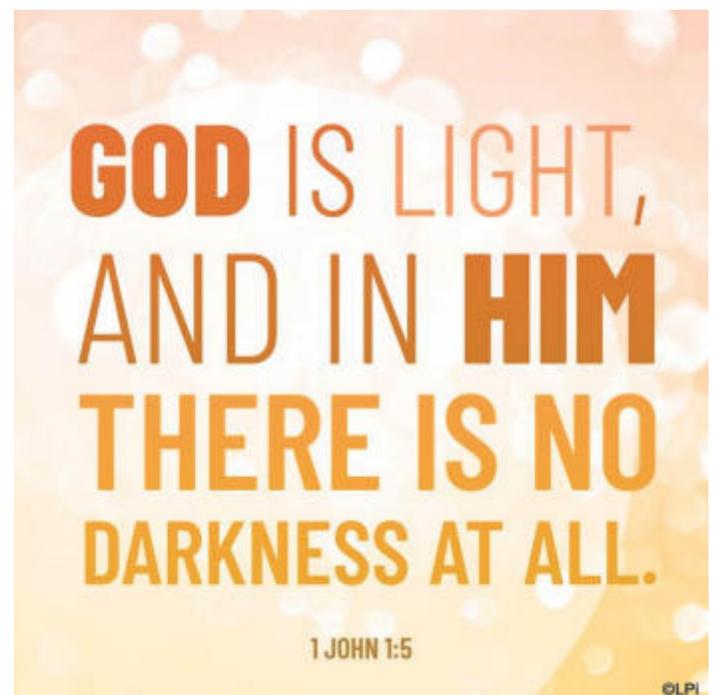
Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

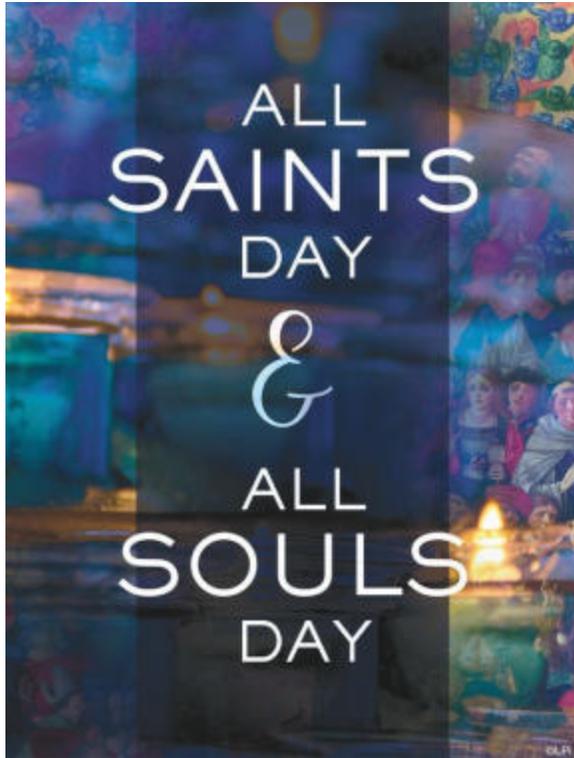
If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop

a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet.

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Join us for
ALL SAINTS DAY MASS
 Monday, November 1st
 at 9:00AM

Join us for
ALL SOULS DAY MASS
 Monday, November 1st
 at 7:00PM

Holy Spirit Church

Calendar at a Glance

Monday, November 1

Office Open 9am-3pm
 9am-All Saints Day Mass
 11am-AA
 7pm-All Souls Day Mass
 7pm-Adult Faith Formation

Tuesday, November 2

Office Open 9am-3pm
 10am-Women's Prayer Group
 12pm-Adult Faith Formation
 5:10pm-Elementary FF
 6:30pm-Middle School FF
 7pm-Men's Club

Wednesday, November 3

Office Open 9am-3pm
 9am-Morning Mass
 10am-Adult Faith Formation
 6:30pm-Elementary FF
 6:30pm-8th Grade FF

Thursday, November 4

Office Open 9am-3pm
 9am-Morning Mass
 6:30pm-Women's Club

Friday, November 5

9am-Morning Mass

Saturday, November 6

9:30am-Quilting Ministry
 5pm-Mass

Sunday, November 7

9am-Mass
 11am-Mass
 6pm-TAG

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



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.

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.



Seniors Aging Gracefully, Sometimes

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

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

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 31
Mark 12:28-34

You shall love . . . (Mark 12:30, 31)

What does it mean to love God and our neighbor? How do we keep these two great commandments, especially when we aren't feeling the love? Let's look to the greatest Lover of all time, Jesus, to find some answers.

How did Jesus love God? His relationship with his heavenly Father was the focus of his life. Jesus spent hours—and even whole nights—praying so that he could converse with his Father. Every action and decision he took reflected his Father's will.

Out of this loving relationship flowed Jesus' love for his neighbor. No matter what he was feeling at each moment, Jesus did what God asked of him. He taught and healed people. He forgave his persecutors. Ultimately, he gave his life out of loving obedience to his Father and deep love for each of us.

There are—and will be—many times when we don't feel particularly loving. But as Jesus showed us, love is more than an emotion; it's a series of actions and decisions that reflect God's will. When we make our relationship with our Father the focus of our lives, he will give us the grace to love, even when our emotions don't fall in line.

So how do you love your heavenly Father? Spend time in prayer and Scripture each day. Seek his grace and mercy in the sacraments. Try to fulfill the unique mission you believe God has given you.

And how do you love your neighbor? Care for the people God has put in your life. Build up rather than tear down. Forgive those who have hurt you. Tell people about Jesus.

Today, think about all the opportunities you will have to love God and your neighbor. Then go ahead and do these things. Don't worry if you don't "feel the love." What matters is that you are obeying the two most important commandments—and reflecting God's love into the world.

"Jesus, show me how to love today."

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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| Debbie Adams | Lisa Grunwald | Diane Nightengale |
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| Ruthie Glover | Jeff Mummery | |



Weekly Offertory

Collection

Date	Actual	Budget	Over / (Under)
10/25	\$ 8,011	\$ 10,200	(\$ 2,189)
Y-T-D	\$156,557	\$173,400	(\$16,843)

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.

Readings for Sunday, November 7

1 Kgs 17:10-16 | Heb 9:24-28 | Mk 12:38-44

Meet Our Extended Family



St. Rais - Feast Day September 22
Rais was an Egyptian maiden. According to one account, she was the daughter of a Christian priest living in Alexandria, Egypt. At age twelve, she was sent to live in a women's monastery at Tamman. During a time of widespread persecution of Christians during the reign of the Roman emperor Diocletian, she went to a well to draw water with other nuns. On the way, they saw a ship with a group of nuns, monks, and other Christians in chains on their way to torture and death. By God's grace, Rais was touched by a desire to suffer for the Lord. Rais confessed herself to be a Christian, berated the abusers, and insisted that they kill her as well if they were killing Christians. She was immediately imprisoned with the others. They were all taken to the Egyptian town of Antinopolis, where Rais was the first of the group to be beheaded.

Explore the Gospel



The Greatest Commandment
Mk 12:28B-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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.*

Litany of the Saints

In the Christian tradition, Halloween is really All Hallows' Eve, which is the eve of All Saints' Day. Pray for the intercession of all these holy men and women with this personalized Litany of the Saints. Include important saints to your family. This could include family member's names, Confirmation names, as well as saints associated with hobbies or specific situations facing your family today. Select one person to lead or rotate leaders. The responses are in italic.

Lord, have mercy on us. *Lord, have mercy on us.* Christ, have mercy on us. *Christ, have mercy on us.* Lord, have mercy on us. *Lord, have mercy on us.* Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.* God, the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.* God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.* God the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.* Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.* Holy Mary, *pray for us.* St. Joseph, *pray for us.* Ste. Anne, *pray for us.* St. Joachim, *pray for us.* St. John the Baptist, *pray for us.* *(You can include the saints important to your family here.)* All you Holy Angels and Archangels, *pray for us.* All you Holy Apostles and Evangelists, *pray for us.* All you Holy Disciples of the Lord, *pray for us.* All you Holy Innocents, *pray for us.* All you Holy Martyrs, *pray for us.* All you Holy Bishops and Confessors, *pray for us.* All you Holy Doctors, *pray for us.* All you Holy Priests and Levites, *pray for us.* All you Holy Monks and Hermits, *pray for us.* All you Holy Virgins and Widows, *pray for us.* All you Holy Saints of God, *pray for us.* Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord!* Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord!* Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us. Amen.*

Take Time to Chat

1. Why is it important to love God above all else?
2. Jesus commands us to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. How can I be better at that?
3. Share some examples of what it means to love your neighbor as yourself.
4. St. Rais had a desire to suffer for the Lord. Do you know anyone who is willing to endure hardships for the Lord? Tell a story about this person.

Mass Intentions

Lector Schedule

Monday, November 1

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 | 1 Jn 3:1-3 | Mt 5:1-12a

9:00 a.m. All Saints Mass

7:00 p.m. All Souls Mass

7:00 p.m. +Davn Harmsen

7:00 p.m. +Joe Romeo

Tuesday, November 2

Lam 3:17-26 | Thes 4:13-18 | Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday, November 3

Rom 13:8-10 | Lk 14:25-33

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Ray Nowicki

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Carol Ramirez

Thursday, November 4

Rom 14:7-12 | Lk 15:1-10

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Ray Nowicki

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Howard Zimmerman

Friday, November 5

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

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Ray Nowicki

9:00 a.m. +Don Dopierala

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the
Griglak & Waldowski Families

Saturday, November 6

5:00 p.m. (PPP) Ray Nowicki

5:00 p.m. +Lillian Papierniak

Sunday, November 7

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Ray Nowicki

9:00 a.m. +Joseph Frunner (25th Anniversary)

11:00 a.m. (PPP) Ray Nowicki

11:00 a.m. +Linda Perkowski



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



Monday, November 1

9:00 a.m. - Maurena Muldoon

7:00 p.m. - Mary Pat Chynoweth

Saturday, November 6

5:00 p.m.

Audrey Schilkey

Sunday, November 7

9:00 a.m.

Carrie Pishek

11:00 a.m.

Jerry Przekora

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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

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Pastoral Council

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

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Marriages

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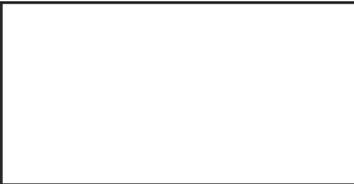
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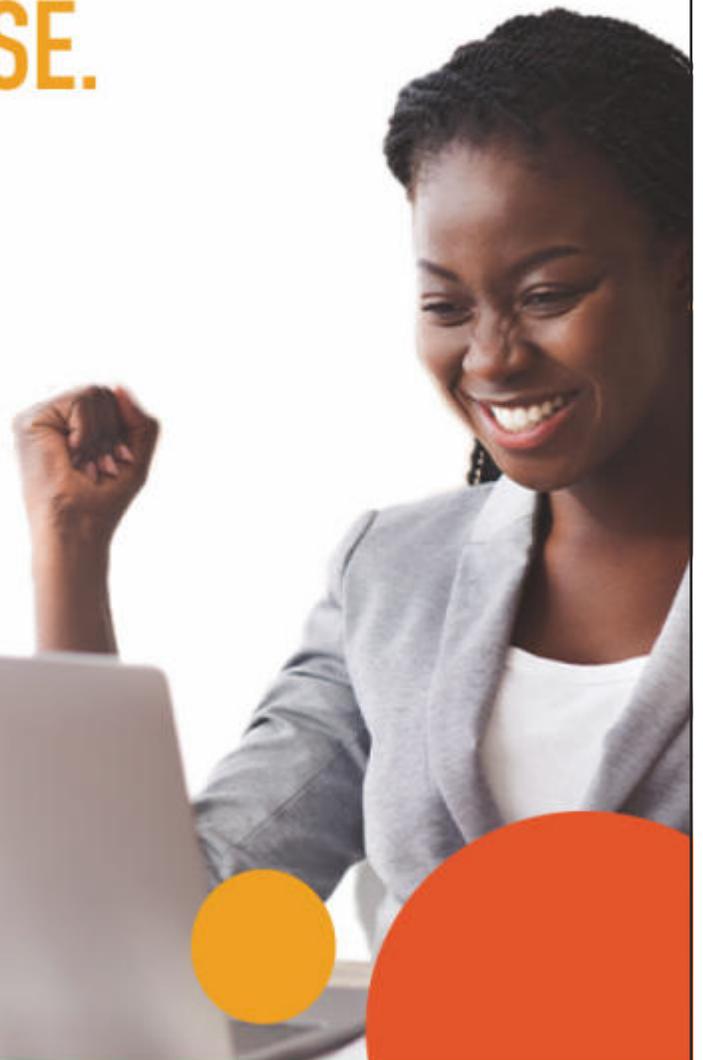


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