

# Silent Holy Spirit

## Happy Fall



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### Reminder

- 10/2 Donut and Coffee Chat
- 11/6 Donut and Coffee Chat
- 12/4 TBA

### CDS Events

- 10/16 Harvest Celebration
- 10/23 Bible Study
- 10/30 Movie and Fingerfood

<https://www.stlcatholicdeaf.org>

## What Does God Say About Our Body? Do Our Bodies Belong to Us or God?

It is important for us to understand that God says that we are made “in His image and likeness”. We know that God is not a human person, He is God. God is not male or female, but Jesus teaches us to call God “Our Father”, so we refer to God as “He”. When we say “made in the image and likeness of God” it means that we are similar to God because we are able to show love to others and to receive love; we are able to create; and we can choose to do good for others and to love them. We have a rational soul, unlike any other creature in the world. This means that we can choose between good and evil, and we can love.

We read in St Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians 6:19-20: “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body.” (New American Bible)

This means that our body is a temple, and the Holy Spirit is inside of each of us. Our body is not ours in the same way that we think that our other possessions are ours. Our body is from God, which means that we need to always treat it with respect.

You have maybe seen news stories about people protesting and carrying signs with slogans like “(M)y Body My Choice”. Another one said “(T)his is MY body and MY decision, not yours”. Many people do not realize or forget that God gave us our body in HIS image and our body is a temple. The Holy Spirit is inside of your body, which includes babies inside a woman’s womb, no matter how old the baby is. These babies are also a temple, and the Holy Spirit is in them, too.



1 Corinthians 3:16 says: “Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit dwells\* in you?” (NAB)

- ◆ Meaning that God’s Spirit lives in you.

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God gave you a body made in HIS image. Our body is a gift from God, a gift that we want to always respect and honor. He expects each of us to take care of our body. How? If you are sick, see your doctor. If you are dirty, take a bath to make your body clean. Do not abuse your body by cutting yourself on purpose, by getting inappropriate tattoos, by making biological changes to your body, or abusing your body with illegal drugs or excessive alcohol. The body is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord and the Lord for the body. As well, as go to Mass, we receive the Eucharist, which is Jesus' true Body, not bread.

I want to share a story with you as an example. When I was in high school, my father gave me his convertible car. My father's name was on the title for insurance purpose, meaning that it was HIS and he expected me to take care of the car: i.e., wash the car, change the oil, check all fluids, take car to a mechanic to repair, etc. Another expectation from him was that I keep my grades up. See what I mean that we need to take care of bodies because our bodies belong to God? God has given each of us our body as a gift.

Now, we have to keep our bodies free from sins. If we have sinned and not gone to confession, then our body belongs to evil.

Often, we forget to appreciate the blessing that God has given us in our bodies. He is the creator that made everything on earth and in heaven.

Imagine that when you were young, that you had a huge model railroad. You had to create all of the land, trees, grass, mountains, animals, buildings, trains, streets, etc. You even made little toy people and had to paint tiny people's clothes on them. Imagine that as the creator, you could see everywhere on the layout and you knew that all of this creation was yours, even the tiny people. See photos below:



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Can you imagine that God is able to see everything, just like we would be able to see everything on our model railroad if we built one. We would be proud of our creation, and we would want to see that it remains beautiful.

How can we protect the bodies that God has given us? It is important that we avoid any temptation or sin. We need to go to confession through a priest to cleanse our bodies and receive God's forgiveness. It is important that we keep our bodies holy.

St Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 7:1 says: "Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement\* of flesh and spirit, making holiness perfect in the fear of God." (NAB)

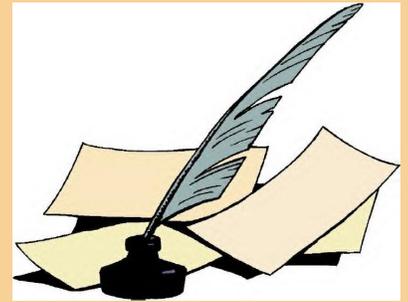
\* Meaning poison or something that will harm us

St Paul means that we should try to become perfect in the way that we live because we respect God.

Let us always try to remember that we are a temple, and we want to stay that way so that we will live with God forever.



## *Fr Dan's Message*



There have been a lot of different readings from the Bible at Mass over the past few weeks about the importance of caring for the poor. As followers of Jesus Christ, each of us should try to achieve three goals each day as we seek to live our faith.

**First, we should worship God.** This means that we should spend some time in prayer everyday with God, just like how we enjoy spending time with a good friend! When we pray, it is important for us to share with God what is going on in our heart, and also to spend time away from distractions as we listen for what God might say in response to us. God speaks to us in our hearts, so it is different than how we communicate with other people. It is easy for us to miss God communicating with us if we are too overwhelmed with being busy with other things not related to our faith. If prayer is something that is challenging for you, then I encourage you to start your time in prayer each day with a conversation with God, the same way that you would share with a friend, and then let God take it from there.

Another way that we can worship God is by participating in the Sacraments and the life of the Church. It is important that we attend Mass, where we learn the teachings of God from the Scriptures and we receive God's grace in the Eucharist. We should participate in the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) when we need to receive God's forgiveness and mercy. It is important for us also to support our brothers and sisters in their faith, and we can do this by praying for them and participating in different events hosted in our Catholic Deaf Community.

**Second, we should evangelize;** meaning, we should share our faith with other people. It can feel difficult to share our faith if we don't feel confident that we understand our faith well. The truth is though that we all are learning about our faith :) I hope that you always feel comfortable talking to others about your faith. Evangelizing doesn't mean that we need to have all of the answers, but that we can talk with other people about God's love, which we experience in prayer and the Sacraments. Jesus also teaches us about God's love in the Gospels, and we grow deeper in our knowledge of God's love for us by following the teachings of Jesus and his Church.

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If someone asks you a question about our faith, and you don't know how to answer that question, just let us know at CDM and we'll work together to find the answer! Participating in workshops and Bible Study also helps us grow in our understanding of our faith, so that we feel more confident in evangelizing! So, each day, let us challenge ourselves to share our faith with at least one person.

**Third, it is important for us to care for the poor.** This is one of the main teachings of Jesus in the Gospels, that each of us needs to care for the poor that we see each day. When you think about a poor person, maybe you think of someone that needs food, clothing, or shelter. That is correct, we should help those people through donating our time, talent, and money to charities; but there are also many other things that this includes. When Jesus talks about people that are poor, he doesn't only mean poor with no money, but also people that are poor in love. I want you to think of a person that is lonely, we would say that that person is also poor because they lack in knowledge of love for themselves, the same way that we would say that a hungry person is poor because they don't have enough food. We realize that there are many different ways that we can "help the poor" as Jesus asks us to, and I encourage you to think of one way each day that we can help someone else who is struggling. When we help other people, it means that we are sharing love. Did you know that the word charity also means love? So, when we do an act of charity, when we help someone, we do an act of love for them!

At the start of each day, let us ask ourselves three questions:  
How am I going to worship God today?  
How am I going to evangelize today?  
How am I going to help the poor today?

Think of what a better world this would be if everyone asked themselves those three questions each day!

God Bless,

Fr Dan



# Memorial



## Journey to Heaven

### Catholic Deaf Society Members



**James "Bill" Mason**  
**May 30 2022**



**Rose A. Rehagen**  
**July 6 2022**



**Mary Jo "Flower" Gallaher**  
**July 23 2022**



**WHEN: OCTOBER 23 2022**

**TIME: 1145 AM- 1230 PM**

**(AFTER 1030 AM MASS)**

**WHERE: CDM CHAPEL**

**Email to [allenalvord@archstl.org](mailto:allenalvord@archstl.org)**

*We will use a Bible Study based off of the "Great Adventure Bible Timeline" from a Catholic publisher called "Ascension". It is a great program that provides great visual illustrations and is very welcoming for people who may not feel very familiar with the Bible. We will plan on going through a major story of the Bible, and then have time for some teaching and discussion. It will be very informal and accessible for everyone.*

# Movie and Fingerfoods Catholic Deaf Society

October 30 2022

Based on True Story



St Richard's Parish Life Center  
(School Building next to Church)  
11223 Schuetz Rd  
Creve Coeur MO 63146

ASL Mass starts at 1030 AM— Second Floor  
Movie begins at 12 PM at Sacred Heart Room –First Floor

**Bring your favorite fingerfood and desserts to share.  
Enough for 20-25 people.  
For Refreshments—Please contact Mary Morrow at 636 238 3095  
VP or [mtmn1259@gmail.com](mailto:mtmn1259@gmail.com)**

(Other Information— Contact Al Alvord at 636 486 0510 VP or [allenalvord@archstl.org](mailto:allenalvord@archstl.org))

All Donations Proceeds to go Retreat Funds

# Harvest Celebration

Join us at our Luncheon hosted by  
St. Louis Catholic Deaf Society

Sunday  
October 16, 2022

Orlando Gardens Banquet Center  
2050 Dorsett Village Plaza  
Maryland Heights, MO 63043

12:30pm - 4pm

Member: \$35 Nonmember: \$40

RSVP by Sunday, October 9, 2022

**LUNCHEON BUFFET MENU:**

**Roast Beef, Chicken Spedini**

**Salad, Cavatelli Broccoli, Potatoes, Green Been Amandine**

**Assorted Petite Sweets**

**Bar and Beverages included**

**Door Prizes!!**  
Please bring a  
\$10-\$15 gift for  
secret gift exchange  
game!

**NAME(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vp #/Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$35.00**

**Nonmember(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$40.00**

**Payable to:**

**St Louis Catholic Deaf Society**

**Mail to: Jack Morrow**

**887 Parma Drive**

**Ballwin, MO 63021**

**For more information, email**

**to:**

**Toni - toni55jodz@gmail.com**

**NOTE: please bring \$ 10- \$15 gift per person for the game . It will be fun to play . Don't put name on the gift just secret gift for anybody. If you have any question contact Toni or Sally**



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**Mass Service**

**Signed Mass**

Catholic Deaf Ministry Chapel  
St Richard Life Parish Center  
2nd Floor  
11223 Schuetz Rd  
Creve Couer MO 63146  
Every Sunday at 1030 AM

**Signed Confession**

Sunday after Mass  
Contact Fr Dan for an appointment

**Interpreted Mass**

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

5020 Rhodes Ave  
St Louis MO 63109  
Every Sunday at 10 AM

**Belleville Diocese**

**Immaculate Conception Church**

411 Palmer Rd  
Columbia IL 62236  
Saturday at 5 PM

**Note: Sometimes change to Sunday**

**Check for interpreter available**

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We here at CDM are so thankful for the financial support from the Archdiocese of St Louis' Annual Catholic Appeal. This support allows our office to operate to support Deaf Catholic's throughout the Archdiocese, as well as helps us to purchase faith formation resources that we can all use to grow in our faith! I encourage all of us, depending on our financial ability, to help support the great work of the Annual Catholic Appeal. No matter what amount, big or small, any sacrifice can help us to continue to build a strong Church here in St Louis! If you would like more information on the Annual Catholic Appeal, please see the website at <https://www.aca.archstl.org>

If you would like to return your pledge card, you may send it directly to the ACA Office at the Archdiocese, or you can return it to the Parish Office or CDM office. Donations to the ACA can also be made on the website at [www.aca.archstl.org](http://www.aca.archstl.org)

Fr Dan Kavanagh.

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## **FAQ**

Question: How can I find "Catholic Deaf Ministry" on website.

Answer: First, open ACA website (see website address above). Then you fill out the blanks. You will see "Gift Designation" then scroll down until you see "Catholic Deaf Ministry".

Question: I'd like to donate per month instead of once, how can I set up monthly?

Answer: There is an "installment" payment. For example: \$500 a year enter \$41.66 per month. (500 divide by 12 months).

Question: If I want to donate two or more organizations, how can I set up different organizations?

Answer: Fill out the form for each organizations.

Question: I do not have an internet access, how can I donate?

Answer: Contact CDM office (Al) for assistance.

Any more assistance or questions, please contact Al.