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Baptisms Contact the rectory, 962-5955,
to schedule baptisms & to sign up for the
baptism preparation class (for first family
member being baptized). Must pre-register.

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Your
light
must
shine

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

before others, that they may
see your good deeds and
glorify your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:16

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
at 6:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00—4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Rosary: Every Sunday—Friday at 7:30 a.m. (before the 8:00 a.m. Mass)

Dear Friends,

Back in July we officially began the Archdiocesan-wide Beyond Sunday Campaign here at Annunciation. As you know this campaign was implemented by the Archbishop with two purposes in mind: (1) to enhance financial resources for our Catholic schools and tuition assistance for Catholic families in order to build on making Catholic education *Alive in Christ!* and (2) to raise significant funds for all parishes in order to address the needs of each of them at their local levels. The Archbishop understood and explained that the parishes are the heart of our Church and must be vibrant to prepare and nurture the next generation of Catholics. With both of these goals in mind, the campaign was designed so that 60% of what each parish contributed would go directly to assisting Catholic education and 40% would return to each parish to put towards the area of concern or need that was most relevant for them.

I'm happy to say now, six months after we officially began the Campaign, we have officially completed and reached its end! But, not only have we reached our official end, we did so with great success! Thanks to the generosity of many of you, we surpassed our given goal of \$720,000 and, together as a parish, you pledged \$895,842! A few pledges are still trickling in, so its not the "official final total", but where we stand now is 124% of our original goal, which is just phenomenal! Also, if you have been meaning to make a pledge and haven't done so as of yet, you may certainly still do so, just let me know or call the Parish office during the week.

I was told when I first came here a year and a half ago, "what a generous community family Annunciation is" and, once again, you give the evidence that this reputation is most certainly true. On behalf of the Archbishop and myself, I do thank you. Our 40% is designated for our important need for parish reserves and for future facility improvements. These funds will be received over the next five years which will serve us and our future as we continue to strive to be a parish vibrant and *Alive in Christ!*

I offer a big THANK YOU to the committee that worked very hard at making this campaign the success that it is. I appreciate all the time, enthusiasm and commitment they put towards this important endeavor that will benefit our parish, as well as Catholic education as a whole and the many families who will choose to send their children to Catholic schools.

THANK YOU BEYOND SUNDAY COMMITTEE!

Mike Bruno
Martha Disbennett
Steve LaBarge
Gary Gray
AJ Henken
Carol Link
Joe and Sue Rudolph
Jim Sinner
Barb Koch

AND, TO ALL OUR SCHOOL FAMILIES--both of Holy Cross Academy and our PSR, as well as our families with children in both Catholic in public high schools--

Be sure to check out the scholarship assistance that is possible for middle class families that this Beyond Sunday Campaign has now established. Whether your children are already attending one of our Catholic schools, or if you have previously wanted to or have been currently thinking about sending your children next year to one of the Catholic schools, you may be eligible for scholarship money that could provide you some financial assistance. If you are interested, Applications are being accepted right now, so please don't miss taking advantage of this opportunity. Go to the Beyond Sunday Website (<http://rcfstl.org/beyond-sunday/scholarships/>) or stop by the rectory for information.

Have a Blessed Week!
Father Mike

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE FY 17		Jan. 29, 2017	
SUNDAY ENVELOPES	\$8,677.00	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET FY 17 (7/16-6/17)	\$363,653.87
LOOSE DONATIONS	\$255.00	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL FY 17	\$367,634.94
ONLINE DONATIONS	\$1,205.00	YEAR TO DATE SURPLUS/(SHORTALL)	\$3,981.07
TOTAL	\$10,137.00	TOTAL NO. OF HOUSEHOLDS	692
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$11,730.77	TOTAL NO. OF ENVELOPES USED THIS WEEK	136
WEEKLY SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)	(\$1,593.77)	% OF HOUSEHOLD USING ENVELOPES	20%
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS			
SVDP	Review	First Offering	
Thank You!	\$270.00	\$120.00	\$70.00
Did you know? You can sign up for <i>Online Giving</i> by visiting our parish website http://www.goannunciation.com/annunciation-online-donations.html You can also sent up automatic payments through your own bank too.			

MASS INTENTIONS			
Monday February 6	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Beatrice Golom Bill Farrell	
Tuesday February 7	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Marjorie Korte Mitchell Weis	
Wednesday February 8	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Mary Ohlman Paul Cassani	
Thursday February 9	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Agnes "Toots" Wingerter Francine Lalonde	
Friday February 10	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Joan Voelker Mary Waldschmidt	
Saturday February 11	5:00 p.m.	People of the Parish	
Sunday February 12	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Joel Hodapp Mildred O'Leary	

MASS	SERVERS	
Monday February 6	8:00 a.m.	Rory F., Annie Z.
Tuesday February 7	8:00 a.m.	Sabrina C., George H., Luke K.
Wednesday February 8	8:00 a.m.	Brian S., Miles S.
Thursday February 9	8:00 a.m.	Margaret M., Owen R.
Friday February 10	8:00 a.m.	Clara C., Dann H.
Saturday February 11	5:00 p.m.	Ruby V., Brody Z., Rory F.
Sunday February 12	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Miles S., Eva M., Emily B. Katelyn G., Ava B., Jack M.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
DATE TIME	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	FEBRUARY USHERS
Saturday Feb. 11	T. Kelly, D. Kuja- wa, M. Dana, T. Bergmann, C. Boncek	D. Eskridge	G. Gray, B. Haddad, J. Ponzillo, M. Weaver
Sunday Feb. 12	K. & M. Wilson, D. Verhoff, M. Smith, K.C. Schute	S. Hodapp	D. Braun, C. Henry, H./B. Waldschmidt
Sunday Feb. 12	J. & J. Moore, P. Teak, J. Ber- linger, B. Corco- ran	R. Nix	S. LaBarge, J. Maloney, T. Strahan, C. Weis

APP	CERTIFICATE	SELLERS
	Feb. 4 & 5	Feb. 11 & 12
5:00 p.m.	M. Brush	K. Krobath
8:00 a.m.	A. Kwentus	D. & T. Paloucek
10:00 a.m.	J. & J. Moore	M. Strahan

MONEY COUNTERS	
Mon., Feb. 6	Mon., Feb. 13
C. LaBarge	G. Burns
M. Pelikan	J. McArthur
F. Farrell	M. Wedel

WEEKLY ANNUNCIATION PARISH CALENDAR			
Monday February 6	12:40 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Hebrews Bible Study HCA Basketball Practice HCA Middle School Info Night ACTS Music Rehearsals Cancer Companions Parish Council Adult Basketball	Klocker House MPH/ANN Gym Cafeteria Church Klocker House MPH Gym
Tuesday February 7	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 8:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 2:50 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	HCA Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Eucharistic Adoration (ends at 9:00 p.m.) Quilters Divine Mercy Chaplet Basketball Practice Rosary for Religious Freedom Divine Mercy Chaplet Grief Support	ANN Church Church GlenElm Church Gym Church Church Klocker House
Wednesday February 8	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:45 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Peregrine Society Basketball Practice Athletic Association PSR Bible Study Basketball Practice Resumes Men of the Parish Pray the Rosary	MPH/ANN Gym MPH School Klocker House Gym Outside Church
Thursday February 9	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m.	Basketball Practice Adult Choir Practice Adult Basketball	Gym Church Gym
Friday February 10	5:15 p.m.	Goodman Choir Practice Gym Closed	Church
Saturday February 11	7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. p.m.	Women's ACTS Team Women's Faith Sharing HCA Father Daughter Dance Gym Closed	MPH/ANN Klocker House Gym
Sunday February 12	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10am Mass Adult Choir Sings at 10:00 a.m. Mass R.C.I.A. Basketball Games Basketball Practices	Church Church Klocker House Gym Gym

celebrate
MARDI **GRAS**
with Annunciation

DATE: FEBRUARY 24TH, 2017

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION: ANNUNCIATION GYM

COST: \$25 PER PERSON

In addition to offering great food and beverages, those joining us this evening may choose to participate in our cash prize drawing*, to sign up for parishioner-hosted parties; or to go home with some great items from our silent auction!!! And what is Mardi Gras without a little music and hopefully dancing?

www.goannunciation.com/mardigras



This year's Mardi Gras Celebration is brought to you by Annunciation Parish Council and the funds raised will support our Parish General Safety Improvement Fund.

*Raffle tickets for cash prizes will be sold prior to the event. Need not be present to win.

celebrate MARDI GRAS with Annunciation

We are currently seeking hosts for Sign-up Parties

Here's how they work... parents, or other friends of Annunciation, agree to host and pay all expenses for having a themed Sign-Up Party. The party can be hosted by only one person or family, or by a group of friends that all serve as co-hosts. The hosts set the theme, date, and number of guests they would like to attend their party. Then, on February 24th at the Annunciation Mardi Gras Celebration others are given the opportunity to Sign-Up to go to these themed parties by paying the set fee to be able to attend. That's how the money is made!

Here are some past party favorites and some new ideas...

- Summer Pool Party
- Mom's Night Out
- Ladies Day at the Pool
- Amazing Race Party
- Winery Bus Trip
- Family Fun Night
- Art Class in the Park
- Cooking Lesson
- Sunday Night Dinner
- Porch Party
- Masquerade Party
- Guys' Poker Night
- Mystery Pub Crawl
- Wine or Beer Tasting Party
- Clam Bake

Put on your thinking caps...the possibilities are endless! Not only do Sign-Up Parties bring in a lot of money, but the parties are also a great way to mingle with old friends, while meeting new friends and Parishioners. Once you have your idea (copycats and repeats are welcome), and have rounded up your co-hosts, please fill out the below form and return it to the rectory by Wednesday, February 15th. **Please contact Erin Brasser (314-495-6307 or mebrasser@charter.net) or Lynn Mealey (314-452-4550 or lynn.mealey@sbcglobal.net) with any questions.**

Mardi Gras Sign-Up Parties

Theme of Party: _____

Description of Party: _____

Hosts' Names (and Phone #s): _____

Date & Time of Party: _____

Location of Party: _____

Number of Guests to Attend: _____

Amount to Charge Attendees: _____

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of Marie Quirk. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. May the family know the compassion and comfort of the Risen Lord. Amen.



Rest In Peace

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FEBRUARY GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH MENU: Canned Corn Beef, Box of Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce - No Glass Containers. Optional Items: Laundry Detergent, Hot or Cold Cereal, Dry Milk, Beef stew, canned corn, Martha white biscuit mix, pineapple & Jello. Optional Items: peanut butter & jelly, crackers (any kind), hearty soup. *Nonfood optional items cannot be bought with food stamps. We specify Martha White mixes—they do not need milk. Please, no glass containers*



RCIA will meet after the Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass. This week we begin to learn the 10 Commandments. It is important for all of us to learn and live the 10 Commandments. These Commandments are God's love, guidance and direction to us. The first three Commandments outline the relationship God is wanting to have with each person. The depth and breathe of each of the first three Commandments will be examined. Feel free to join us!

ANNUNCIATION GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

INVITES YOU to the following presentation by Fr Joe Kempf, author of "No One Cries the Wrong Way" and "Sometimes Life Is Not Fair". Allowing Ourselves to Grieve (understanding grief and how to help someone who is grieving) When: Saturday, February 11, 9 am-Noon, Where: Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in House Springs, MO. If you would like to carpool, please meet Jeanne Place (918-0783) in the church parking lot at 8:30 am.

Jeanne Place, 314-918-0783, jeanne.place@gmail.com or Mary Hittler, 314-277-5116, mhittl@sbcglobal.net

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Ruth Henry	Mike Vonderharr	Patty Cabot
Margit Vincenz	Robert Janecek	Joann Wills
Gloria Smith	Mary Strauss	Marie Lange
Richard Timmerman	Pat Rebman	Mark Forrest
Drew Hittler	Sue Knoll	Robin Hittler
Holly Stoltz Smith	Jennifer Sinner	JP Schuster
Casey Gorecki		

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EMAIL PRAYER TEAM: If you have any requests for the Email Prayer Chain, call Sue Williams, 629-5980, or msetwill@yahoo.com (For name in the bulletin, please call or email the parish office)

HOSPITAL VISIT INFORMATION: If you or a someone you know would like a visit or a phone call from the pastor during their hospital stay, please call the rectory office, 962-5955, x128. Due to privacy regulations, hospitals no longer contact the parish when people are admitted.

SAINT LOUIS LIFE TEEN

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS! Please join us this Wednesday, Feb. 8th as we welcome Fr. Brian Fallon and continue our series on vocations. We will meet from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School (please use Clifton Avenue entrance). More information can be found at saintlouislifeteen.org.

Scholarships needed - we are in need of generous area parishioners to help with our Luke 18 retreat scholarship fund. Please email lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org if you are able to help!

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY BEGINS SEARCH FOR ITS NEW PRESIDENT

We are beginning our search for a new President for the Academy. As part of this process the desire is to give all parishioners of the five parishes the opportunity to share their thoughts on the qualities they think would be most important for the new President to possess. Next week be sure to look for the website link to fill out a survey or, if you do not have access to a computer, be sure to pick up a paper copy in the vestibule. Thanks!



Mark your calendars now for the upcoming 40 Days for Life, March 1-April 9 during the Lenten season at Planned Parenthood in St. Louis. Annunciation will provide volunteers to pray for life on Wednesday, March 15, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up for an hour by contacting Mollie Lucchesi--314-918-1658. All are invited on the 15th or any other day during the Coalition for Life event.

Missouri Right to Life's annual "Show Me Life" pro-life action day will be Tuesday, March 14 at the Missouri State Capitol. Encourage our state legislators to protect the unborn and others who are vulnerable. Contact the MRL office (314-434-4900) for more information or to sign up for bus transportation (\$20).



Ladies of the parish, I would like to invite you to the upcoming ladies **ACTS Retreat**. The retreat starts Thursday evening February 16, and ends on Sunday, February 19 after 10:00 am Mass at Annunciation. The Ladies from Annunciation, Our Lady of Providence and Sts. Teresa and Bridget parishes are on the team preparing for the retreat. During the retreat we have Mass every day, talks from the women on the team on various topics of faith, say the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet and have quiet time to pray and explore the beautiful grounds of LaSalle Retreat House. Consider giving yourself a gift of renewal and the opportunity to connect with ladies of the parish. Please contact Martha Disbennett for more information 314-941-0073.

THE NEW SESSION OF CANCER COMPANIONS will begin in February at 7pm in the Klocker House. Dates: Feb 6, 20, March 6, 20, April 3, 17, May 1, 8, 15. For more information, please contact Mark Chellevoid at 314 898 2367, or Mary Ellen Roth at 314 753 4243, or email, meroth13@sbcglobal.net.



Cancer Companions Brings Hope to the Journey

ICE SCULPTING EVENT to benefit Holy Cross Academy at Wehner Park, 7600 Hazel Ave on Feb 4, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Bring kids and friends! Expect to see chainsaws with flying snow while watching local chefs and artists compete in the **First Annual Ice Wars!** Watch as they transform giant blocks of ice into artistic sculptures! Cost is \$10 per adult (14+), children under 14 free. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Food & drink will be available for purchase. The Knights of Columbus, Fr. Griffin & Bishop DuBourg Councils are sponsoring this event. All money raised benefits HCA.

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION NIGHT Do you feel called to do something special for you Church? The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is asking that interested men attend one of the Information Nights on Thursday, February 9, at St Monica-Creve Couer; Thursday, March 2, at St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist; Tuesday, March 7, at Miraculous Medal Shrine-Perryville; Thursday, March 9, at Assumption-O'Fallon and Thursday, April 6, at Cardinal Rigali Center. **All meetings will begin at 7:00 PM. Wives of men considering this vocation are strongly encouraged to attend.** For more info or to reserve a spot at the meeting, call 314.792.7431.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL & GOLF REGISTRATIONS



are going on now and are open until Feb 14. Any questions go to goannunciation.com under athletics or contact Pat Hillmeyer at 314-750-4973 or phillmeyer@gmail.com.



FIAT Women's Group will met Feb. 16 in the. Joseph's Chapel at the Seminary (5200 Glennon Dr 63119). Our speaker is Fr. Mirco Sosio, Spiritual Director at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. We begin with rosary at 8 AM & speaker at 8:15 - 9 AM. Info: www.kenrick.edu/fiat

THE YOUNG CATHOLIC MUSICIANS is a choir and orchestra of young people age 10 - 17 who lead the music for Mass once a month at different churches throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Auditions for singers & instrumentalists going on now. To share your musical talent in a choir/orchestra of 60 young people from over 40 parishes & schools, contact the Director, Fr. Bruce Forman, at revycm@charter.net or 314-231-7464. Info: www.archstl.org/musicians and youngcatholicmusicians.com.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR QUILT OF THE MONTH WINNER
– Pat Misuraca

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE:
Items for the March 5th bulletin are due by Thursday, March 2nd.

Don't Miss the **DEADLINE!**

ANNUNCIATION PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD IS BACK! INTERESTED IN SENDING YOUR 4-7 YR OLD CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S LITURGY?

Liturgy of the Word is a special liturgy available at 10:00 am Mass. Each week a theme that correlates to the Sunday readings and Gospel is presented to the children using age appropriate materials. The adult catechists incorporate prayer, song, group discussion, worksheet, and other activities so the children can relate the Word of God to daily life.

The children depart from the front of church after a blessing from the priest prior to the first reading, gather in the school building for the lesson, and return during offertory.

"Helpers Needed" This "helper" role takes no preparation time and you really don't even have to do anything during the lesson except be present. Please contact Jamie Mealey via phone or email for more information, we would love to have you join us! 314-753-9460 or jmealey@monetagroup.com



WELCOME TO ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Please complete this form if you are not currently registered and wish to join the Parish. You can place it in the collection basket or send it to the Parish Office, 12 W. Glendale Rd., Webster Groves, MO 63119. A registration form will be mailed or emailed (if you provide your email address) to you. Parish Registration Forms are also available on our parish website www.goannunciation.com On the homepage, click on 'Church' then 'Join Our Parish'

NAME _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY / ZIP CODE _____



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS FUN DAY

DESCRIPTION: Meet new friends or join existing friends to work together to fulfill as many random acts of kindness as possible. Teams of four will complete tasks in the Webster Groves area. Come with a ready-made team of four or we'll pair you up when you check in.

SCHEDULE: Check-in begins at 12:30 on Sunday, April 2 in the Annunciation MPH Room. At 12:45, we will go over the rules and the team event will begin at 1:00 pm. All teams will need to be back at the Annunciation MPH Room by 2:30 to be eligible for prizes. Refreshments will be served. Winners will be announced at 3:00 pm.

EXAMPLE: Buy someone coffee, spread cheer and have fun!!

WHAT TO BRING: You will be supplied with most items needed to complete your tasks, but it might be helpful if each team member brought a few dollars. You can also earn bonus points by bringing toiletries or personal care items to donate to St. Vincent DePaul.

DO I NEED TO REGISTER? It will be helpful to register prior to the fun day, but walk ups are most welcome. Contact Cheryl Braun (cherylbraun@sbcglobal.net) at 314.712.0966 or Kay Hoelting (kch63119@sbcglobal.net) at 314.322.1854 for sign up or additional information. Whether emailing or calling, please be sure to specify how many people are on your team (up to 4) or if you are coming as an individual.

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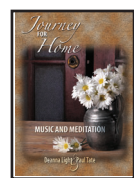


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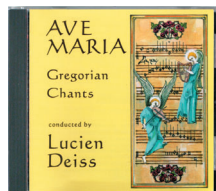
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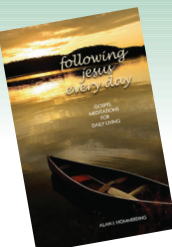
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