



Annunciation Catholic Church

OUR PARISH MISSION

Our Mission, as the prayerful community of Annunciation, is to **announce** the good news of Jesus Christ by living and sharing our Catholic faith.

OUR CORE VALUES

Guided by our relationship with Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we fulfill our baptismal calling through:

PRAYER, mindfully keeping the celebration of the Eucharist at the center of our lives as a community;

EVANGELIZATION, actively sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with those around us;

STEWARDSHIP, humbly giving our time, talent, and treasure to God and our community;

EDUCATION, genuinely committing to a lifelong learning about our faith in Jesus Christ;

SERVICE IN LOVE, eagerly fulfilling our love of God through supporting our neighbors in need.

FIRST SUNDAY

OF Advent

Watch therefore: you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

Mark 13:35



NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 8 am

10 am Live Streamed

Mon-Thurs: 8:30 am Live Streamed

RECONCILIATION

Please call the rectory to make an appointment

ROSARY

Monday–Thursday: 8:00am
(before the 8:30am Mass)



MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE ESSWEIN

Dear Friends,

I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving and had your fill of turkey, or maybe this year that changed like so many other things, especially if you stayed home and kept it to only your immediate household, and subsequently had pizza or burgers or tacos?!? No matter what you had your fill of hopefully we were all grateful just the same for the many blessings that remain ours even in a time of a pandemic. Like every year, right after Thanksgiving we immediately move into Advent and here we are celebrating our First Sunday in Advent!

Advent is a Latin word meaning *the coming* or *arrival*. The season of Advent is the liturgical season for us to prepare to celebrate the three arrivals of Christ: His lowly birth in the past, His mysterious coming to the Christian community in the present, and His promised return as a judge at the end of time. During the first part of Advent, the prophecies of Isaiah and John the Baptist remind us that we are waiting for God's coming and need to prepare. During the latter part of the season the focus shifts more directly on the events leading up to Jesus's birth. These twin perspectives are to lead us into personal reflection and renewal and then into deeper joy for the celebration of Christmas day. The season goes quickly, but the hope and challenge for us is to allow Advent to help us be a reflective people giving Christmas a much deeper and richer appreciation for our celebration.

Those things that can help us live in the *season of waiting* and *preparing for His arrival* include such things as having an Advent wreath on your kitchen table, and lighting the candles incrementally week after week; reading and praying the daily reflection from the blue book alone or with the family after dinner or before bed; participating in the Giving Tree by taking an ornament and sending in a gift card that will be presented to someone who is less fortunate and in need; making time to read the Readings for daily Mass each day; turning off some of the Christmas music on the radio and listening, instead, to some Advent music in its place.

The efforts we make to move ourselves into Advent...pandemic or not... will bless us and have us ready to celebrate Christmas when the *arrival* comes!

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Happy Advent!

Father Mike

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LITURGICAL MUSIC

Mrs. Ursula Zielinski
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FOR BAPTISMS: contact parish office to schedule baptisms and to sign up for baptism preparation class (for first family member being baptized)

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

314-475-3436
www.hca-stl.org

ANNUNCIATION MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS

16 W. Glendale Road
Fax: 314-961-2157

Principal: Mrs. Janet Dolan
314-961-7712, x437

Secretary: Mrs. Theresa Berra
314-961-7712, x441

BULLETIN Deadline: 8am Mondays
To submit: www.goannunciation.com/bulletin-submissions.html

PRAYER

MASS INTENTIONS

MON 11/30 8:30 am	Dorothy Lauman
TUES 12/1 8:30 am	Mary Ann Berra
WED 12/2 8:30 am	Paul Dana
THURS 12/3 8:30 am	Bill Stallings
FRI 12/4	No Mass Today
SAT 12/5 5 pm	Susanne Prosser
SUN 12/6 8 am 10 am	People of the Parish John Kampwerth, Jr.

Email Prayer Team

If you have any requests for the Email Prayer Chain, call **Cheryl Braun**, 314-712-0966 or **prayers@goannunciation.com**. (For name in the bulletin, please call or email the parish office.)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Ruth Henry	Virginia Everett
Mike Vonderharr	Molly LaBarge
Patty Cabot	Sublette
Margit Vincenz	Holly Stoltz Smith
Robert Janecek	Josephine Wren
Joann Wills	Mary Lee Rovira
Pat Rebman	Roberta Jones
Mark Forrest	Randy Thatcher
Richard Timmerman	Jason Chambers
Julie Gibson	Holly Pippas
Sue Knoll	Joe Prosser
Olivia Fenton	Delores Cassani

The Divine Mercy Chaplet

is sung every Tuesday during Eucharistic Adoration at 2:50 pm.



ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

THE LITTLE BLUE BOOK

Six-minute daily meditations (mailed to each parish family)

ADVENT RESOURCES

ignatianspirituality.com/advent

Take a look at this website. It has a host of things for your consideration this Advent. It provides videos, podcasts, reflections, advent calendars, and links to an array of other helpful websites and sources you may enjoy during Advent.

THE BEST ADVENT EVER

Free daily email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matter most during this busy season. www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent/best-advent-ever.html

ADVENT NOVENA

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
December 9-17 at 7pm
Live Stream Only on Youtube and Facebook Live

CONFESSIONS

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Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday following 8:30 am Mass until 4 pm. This quiet meditative, prayerful time is open to all for visits. For more information or if you would like to sign-up for an hour of adoration weekly, bi-monthly or monthly, please contact **Debbie Kujawa**, 397-4970, or debbiekujawa2@gmail.com

Online Mass Resources:

The Archdiocese of St. Louis website has a list of the latest livestream Masses in our Archdiocese at <https://www.archstl.org/coronavirus> A link for the daily Scripture readings can be found at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at <http://usccb.org/bible/readings/032220.cfm> This site also contains links for various reflections and other materials.

EVANGELIZATION



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

December 24 at 4 pm and 10 am

Christmas Day

December 25 at 9 am

All Christmas Masses will be Live Streamed on YouTube and from our website www.goannunciation.com

All Masses will be in the church with the gym used for overflow



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR OUR ALTAR

Help Decorate Our Church for Christmas

Our parish Pro-Life Committee is helping with Christmas poinsettias and other floral decorations this year for our altar. If you would

like to remember a loved one or honor a special someone, individual donations are \$10. Please fill out the form at <https://www.goannunciation.com/christmas-decorations-for-our-altar.html> and send your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Altar" to the Parish Office **by Sunday, December 13**. Please include your name and phone number in case we need to contact you. Please make all checks payable to the Annunciation Pro-Life Committee. Honorees names will be posted on the vestibule bulletin board. Questions? Contact **Mollie Lucchesi** at lucchesimollie@gmail.com.

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Birthright Christmas Cards

Birthright Christmas cards are now available, with all proceeds going to Birthright. Each package of 15 cards with the 2020 design is \$10. Packages with 2019 design are \$5 for 15 cards. Contact **Mollie Lucchesi** for detailed information about card designs and to arrange a payment/pickup time. Email: lucchesimollie@gmail.com Phone: 314-304-5887.



Daughters of St. Paul Virtual Christmas Concert

This year, most people will be home for Christmas so we decided to try something new! Our sisters will sing a virtual concert that will be streamed on our Youtube page: <https://www.youtube.com/c/DaughtersofStPaul> Mark your calendars for this FREE live event on **Thursday, Dec. 3, 8pm EST.**

STEWARDSHIP



Your Sunday envelope contribution is still important for our parish. Ways you can contribute: Set up automatic payments directly from your bank. Simply add Annunciation as a regular vendor in your checking account. It's a secure, easy way to make your Sunday envelope donation. 100% of your contribution goes to our parish! Alternatively, you can donate through the Archdiocese of St. Louis using your credit card. Please note that the system charges a small fee for this service to Annunciation. Or you can drop your donation in the mail slot at the bottom of the front door of the rectory. You can learn more at <https://www.goannunciation.com/annunciation-online-donations.html>. And **“Thank You” to all our parishioners who have been doing one of the methods above to continue to support Annunciation. Your donations are very much appreciated.**

To leave a legacy is to reveal our hearts, for our legacy is a final testament of who we are and what we value. Regardless of your age or economic status, we encourage you to begin thinking about the legacy you wish to leave behind and consider remembering Annunciation Parish with a planned gift through the Roman Catholic Foundation. To get started planning your Catholic legacy, please contact the planned giving experts at the **Roman Catholic Foundation**, 314.918.2890 or giftplanning@rcfstl.org

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE: November 22, 2020

Sunday Env	\$13,586.00	YEAR TO DATE FY 20		SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Loose Donations	\$21.00	Actual	\$220,784.16	St. Vincent DePaul Society	\$210.00
Online Donations	\$655.00	Budget	\$239,077.02	Retired Religious	\$80.00
Holy Day Donation	\$55.00	Surplus/(Shortall)	(\$18,292.86)	Human Development	\$215.00
Stock Donation	\$0.00			Rice Bowl	\$24.00
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ACTUAL	\$14,317.00	HOUSEHOLDS			
Budget	\$11,384.62	Total Number	670		
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$2,932.38	Contributors This Week	77		
		Percent Contributing	12%		

Did you know? You can set up automatic payments through your own bank. | To donate stock or securities to Annunciation, contact Patricia Griffaw in the Archdiocesan Finance Office, Securities Department, 314-792-7123.

EDUCATION



Holy Cross Academy Job Openings:

Cook: Holy Cross Academy is seeking a part time cook to work with its chef to provide healthy lunches to students at the ECEC at St. John Paul II. Hours are Monday thru Thursday 10am to 2pm. Must be able to lift 50lbs., ability to transport food and have a Sanitation Certificate.

Contact **Sue Barnowski** at 314-475-3436 or e-mail at sbarnowski@hca-stl.org

Lunch Server: HCA is looking for a lunch server at the St. John Paul II campus, Monday - Thursday 10:45-1:00. Limited contact with kids, masks and gloves worn when serving food. Contact: **Angie Langhauser** 314-832-4161

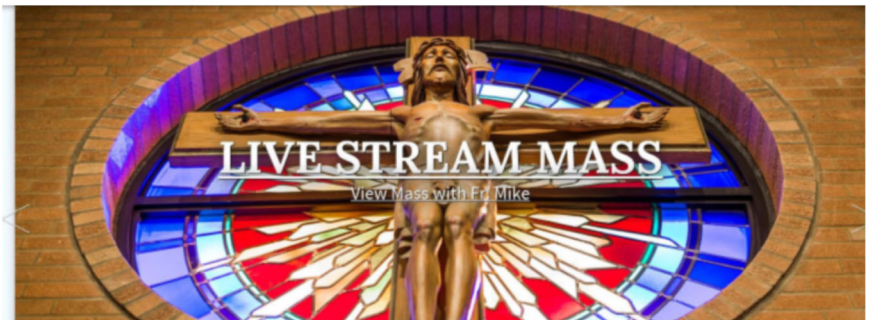


Collection for St. Anthony of Padua

Our PSR has baskets in the church vestibule. They are collection items for St. Anthony of Padua Parish. Items needed: hand soap, body wash, baby wipes, kleenex, and cleaning supplies. Please drop off your items into the basket **by November 30th**. For questions contact **Ann Kelly** at psr@goannunciation.com

Thank you from the American Heritage Girls

Thank you all for your orders of Advent Candles, Wreaths and Calendars! This weekend please pick up your order after all of the Masses. If you have not yet paid please be prepared to do so. You may pay by cash or check. Make checks out to AHG Troop 7622. Thank you for your support of The American Heritage Girls! Questions: laohanlon@yahoo.com or katehiatt3@hotmail.com



Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

JOIN US FOR A FREE, VIRTUAL CONVERSATION

CATHOLIC FUNERAL PLANNING with Father Anstoetter



DECEMBER 3, 2020 AT 7:00 PM

To learn about the Church's teaching on cremation, Viaticum and other end-of-life preparations, sign up to attend this free, live webinar at:

rcfstl.org/2020webinars



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SERVICE

Annunciation Giving Tree - COVID style!

The agencies served by the Annunciation Giving Tree each holiday season are still counting on us. However, due to COVID19 they are requesting all donations be in the form of gift cards.

The agencies and their gift card preferences include:

Birthright – Walmart, Target

Feed My People – Walmart, Target, Walgreens, Aldi's, Save A Lot, Quick Trip

Our Lady's Inn – Walmart, Walgreens, Amazon, Home Depot

Saint Vincent de Paul – Walmart, Target, Amazon

SouthSide Early Childhood Center – Walmart, Target, Amazon, Phillips 66, Conoco, Quick Trip, Schnucks, Aldi's, Save A Lot

The Giving Tree will be placed in church on Friday November 20th and parishioners can take ornaments as usual when they are at church for Mass OR parishioners can purchase a gift card from the above list without needing an ornament.

Parishioners can return their gift cards in a number of ways:

- Drop it in the collection basket at weekend Masses
- Drop it in the mail slot in the DOOR of the rectory
- Mail it to the rectory at: Annunciation Giving Tree 12 W. Glendale St. Louis, MO 63119
 - * **For the above options please mark the AMOUNT and AGENCY on the gift card**
- Send an egift card directly to an agency using the email addresses below:
 - * **Birthright** – info@birthrightstl.org
 - * **Feed My People** – info@fmpstl.org
 - * **Our Lady's Inn** – fab@ourladysinn.org
 - * **Saint Vincent de Paul** – Annunciation Chapter c/o Pat Berry berry115@swbell.net
 - * **SouthSide Early Childhood Center** – smckinney@southside-ecc.org

For Saint Vincent de Paul – gift cards are due by **December 6th**

For all other agencies – gift cards are due by **December 13th**

Thank you for your generosity to these agencies and the people they serve!



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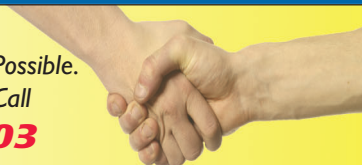
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