



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:

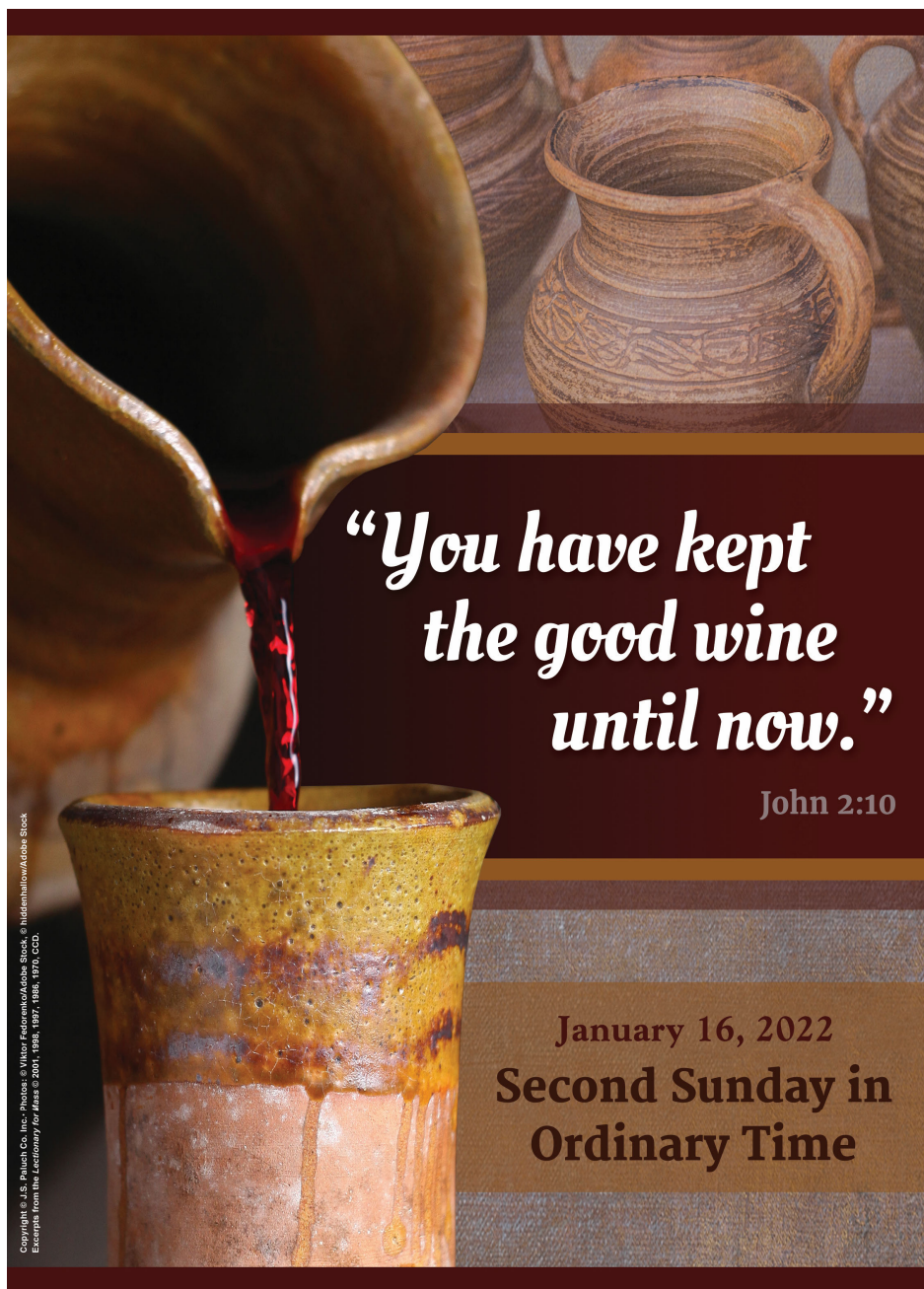
PRAYER, mindfully keeping the celebration of the Eucharist at the center of our lives as a community;

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.



*“You have kept
the good wine
until now.”*

John 2:10

January 16, 2022
Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 pm

Sunday: 8 am

10 am Live Streamed

Mon-Thurs: 8:30 am Live Streamed

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4-4:30 pm or by
appointment

ROSARY

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

PRAYER

MASS INTENTIONS

MON 1/17 8:30 am	Rick Mathis
TUES 1/18 8:30 am	Steve Moylan
WED 1/19 8:30 am	David Ambrose Cecil
THURS 1/20 8:30 am	Chris Gambaro—Healing
FRI 1/21	No Mass Today
SAT 1/22 5 pm	Bertha Marie Frank
SUN 1/23 8 am 10 am	Delores Cassani People of the Parish

Email Prayer Team

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Ruth & Cletus Henry	Holly Stoltz Smith
Mike Vonderharr	Molly LaBarge
Patty Cabot	Sublette
Margit Vincenz	Josephine Wren
Robert Janecek	Roberta Jones
Joann Wills	Randy Thatcher
Pat Rebman	Jason Chambers
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Richard Timmerman	Joe Prosser
Julie Gibson	Debbie Struckhoff
Sue Knoll	Doris Tucker
Olivia Fenton	Tom Lowther
Virginia Everett	John Roques
Gerry Miller	



The Catholic Community of Annunciation Parish welcomes with great joy into our Family:

Jonathan & Leah Duffié & Family

Zach & Erin Walsh & Family

Mary Ann Williams

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

The Divine Mercy Chaplet

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



The Chosen

Go to <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen> to discover how to watch season 1 of The Chosen. We will be continuing our Movie Nights in Lent to watch season 2. Stay tuned for more information!



MESSAGE FROM FATHER MIKE ESSWEIN

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Rev. Michael Esswein
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frmikeesswein@goannunciation.com

Dear Friends of Annunciation,

Our church was beautiful during the Advent and Christmas seasons and I am grateful for everyone who helped get us ready to celebrate those holy days by cleaning, decorating, singing, greeting, serving and being a liturgical minister of the Word and Eucharist. Thanks to the many individuals who also participated in the set up and clean up of the gym for Christmas Eve and the children who had a part in the Gospel reenactment. Through all of this it was easy to feel the presence of Emmanuel, God with us!

As we move into Ordinary Time this year we will hear Jesus proclaiming the Good News to us as told by the Gospel of Saint Luke. Our Sunday readings are part of a three year cycle of Years A, B and C. In Year A we listen to Saint Matthew, in Year B Saint Mark, and Year C Saint Luke. We also hear periodically from Saint John in all three years.

By now you have heard me speak about the international, online television series, The Chosen. Watched by millions around the world, this past fall we had Sunday Movie Nights where we watched season one of the series. Because it was received so well by a considerable number of parishioners, we then rented out a movie theater on the first Sunday of December, where 70+ parishioners watched together the production of their Christmas episode, the Messenger. In Lent we will again have Sunday Movie Nights when we will watch season two of the series. I can't say enough about the Chosen and the quality of these shows and the way the Gospel stories are told. If you haven't found the time to watch the series, yet, I would encourage you to try to find some time to at least watch the first episode. I think if you were to do that you would probably start watching the rest of season one. During these weeks of Ordinary Time when it's really cold out and many are looking to still isolate themselves until this next variant runs its course, I would recommend for everyone to watch season one of The Chosen so that when we begin season two in the first week of March, we could watch season two together as a parish. I think it would be a great experience for Lent, as well as a lot of fun!

May you have a blessed and joyful week ahead.

Father Mike

PS. Look in this bulletin for instructions on how or where to watch season one of The Chosen.

STEWARDSHIP



DONATE ONLINE ❤️

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.**

Commemorative Bricks

The Way of the Cross Garden is a prayerful place for all to find peace, joy, and beauty, not just for today, but for our future parishioners too! It also provides financial support for our parish through the ongoing brick purchases. By purchasing a brick for the Way of the Cross Garden, you can commemorate the special people or events in your family, such as, sacraments anniversaries, graduations, birthdays, a deceased loved one or a special message. Orders forms are available in the church vestibule or on our parish website at <https://www.goannunciation.com/way-of-the-cross-garden.html> Questions: **Barb Koch**, Parish Office, parishsecretary@goannunciation.com or 314-962-5955, x121.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE: January 9, 2022

Sunday Env*	\$13,175.00	YEAR TO DATE FY 22		SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	
Loose Donations	\$71.00	Actual	\$355,857.80	St. Vincent DePaul Society	\$355.00
Online Donations	\$945.00	Budget	\$323,076.88	St. Louis Review	\$367.00
Stock Donations	\$0.00	Surplus/(Shortall)	\$32,780.92	First Offering	\$70.00
Holy Day Donations	\$60.00			Bob Lauman Scholarship	\$100.00
				ProLife	\$40.00
*includes more end of year					
ACTUAL	\$14,251.00	HOUSEHOLDS		Please Note: You will see a difference in the surplus this week because in last week's bulletin the Budget figure was short one week. The surplus last week should have been \$30,068.38.	
Budget (Updated)	\$11,538.46	Total Number	660		
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$2,712.54	Contributors This Week	81		
		Percent Contributing	13%		

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 Open House 2022—All Campuses

Please invite your friends, neighbors, coworkers, and family to attend our all-academy Open House on January 30, 2022, from 11 am -1 pm. Join us and learn how our school community is ROOTED in the PERSON of Jesus Christ. **All campuses** will be open for tours, and faculty and parents will be available for questions.

Divas,

After careful consideration, we made the decision to postpone the



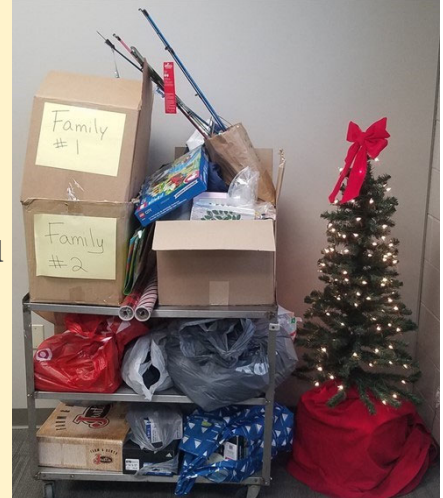
Diva Dash until April 2nd. Our hope is that by April, we will be able to more fully enjoy the event without attendees and volunteers having to miss due to COVID exposure and isolation protocols. If you would like to roll your purchases over to the April 2 date, no action is required on your part. If you would like a refund, please send an email to heather.t.potts@gmail.com and your tickets will be refunded.

Sincerely, **Heather Potts**



Bringing Christ to Others

Our PSR Community was grateful for the opportunity to adopt two families for Christmas last month. PSR and parish families generously provided essentials and Christmas gifts for three adults and four children. Everyone was incredibly thankful for your support and kindness.



These families were able to have a special Christmas and feel the love of Christ around them. Thank you again to all who helped with this work of mercy.

Classroom Activities

Prayerful opportunities and reflections filled the Advent season as students prepared to welcome Christ into their hearts. The classrooms were full of excitement as we inched closer toward celebrating our Lord's birth in the Christmas season. We enjoyed studying the Saints, reflecting on the Word of God, and preparing our hearts for Christ's coming; remembering how Christ comes to us now, most especially in the Eucharist. Some of the recent activities included students working on a timeline of our Salvation history, making winter kits and kindness cards for the homeless, celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Father Mike, and families participating in PSR/parish Masses. Together we joyfully entered the Christmas Season. For more PSR happenings, check out our newsletter in the back of church or online at: <https://www.goannunciation.com/annunciation-psr.html>

Get Connected: For more information about our PSR Ministry, please contact **Ann Kelly**, PSR Coordinator, at PSR@goannunciation.com.

To Know Him To Love Him To Serve Him

SERVICE

ProLife Corner

The Pro-Life Committee would like to thank all who signed roses to send to our congressional representatives to remind them of the importance of all life issues in Congress.

If you missed us last weekend and would like to send your own Pro-Life message below are the addresses to our congressional representatives in the House and Senate. The 49th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., will be Friday, Jan. 21.

Senator Roy Blunt, 260 Russell Senate Office
Bldg. Washington, DC 20510-2508 202-224-5721

Senator Josh Hawley, 212 Russell Senate Office
Bldg. Washington, DC 20510 202-224-6154

Representative Ann Wagner, 2350 Rayburn Office
Bldg. Washington, DC 20515 202-225-1621

Please also consider supporting life issues by donating directly to the Respect Life Apostolate, Mail Stop 340001, P.O. Box 953745, St. Louis, MO 63195-3745. Make a notation that the donation is for the LifeLine Coalition, which funds a network of local agencies that support pregnant and parenting moms and their families.



SPP Meals Program

Every other month, we serve meals to the needy in the local community at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish. We prepare the meals, serve and cleanup afterward. Our next service date is February 5. For more information or to sign up to serve **Tammie Pisarkiewicz**, at t.pisarkiewicz@gmail.com.

*We are also collecting donations of NEW or VERY GENTLY used blankets for the needy. Please place your donations in the bin in the Bride's Room marked **SPP Meals Program**. Thank you!*

Volunteers Needed

Volunteer are needed to help at the International Institute to sort donated items for refugees from Afghanistan who are coming to St. Louis. They also need help setting up apartments and grocery shopping. To sign up the website is: iistl.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer and then click on "sign up now" for a list of dates and times. Questions: contact **Tricia Beavin**, canelot@aol.com, or **Tim and Becky Bock**, 913-488-2494.



Grief Support

Annunciation Grief Support Group will meet on Mondays, Jan. 17 & Feb. 7 & 21, at 7pm in the Klocker House, 43 Short Ave. Has someone who you love died? Please feel free to join us. Everyone and their families are welcome. Questions, please call **Mary Hitler** 314-277-5116 or **Jeanne Place** 314-420-5834.



Annunciation Catholic Church:

<https://www.facebook.com/AnnunciationCatholicParish>

EVANGELIZATION



RCIA

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be today's topic. Contrition, Confession, and Satisfaction will be highlighted. Our class will meet after the Sunday 10 am Mass in the Klocker house. Contact **Fr. Mike** at 314-962-5955 or RCIA director **Patrick Stack** at 314-565-9143 with any questions about RCIA.

Blood Drive

Sponsored by American Legion Post 111 & Knights of Columbus 2119 at 7300 Lansdowne on February 7, 2:30–6:30 pm. For appointment call **Russel Smith**, 314-832-4603, or visit redcrossbolld.org and enter sponsor code: AmericanLegionPost111



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Need a Ride to Mass or a Holy Communion Visit

The Visiting Companions are people in our parish who volunteer to bring Holy Communion to home bound parishioners and are available to provide transportation to Mass. If

you or any other parishioners would like transportation to Mass or Holy Communion visits, please contact **Barb Koch** at the parish office 314-962-5955.

A large graphic for 'SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE' with a blue and yellow color scheme. It includes text about starting January 18, 2022, and a deadline of February 28th, 2022. It also lists eligible schools and provides contact information for Laura George, Senior Director of Scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
STARTING JANUARY 18, 2022

Looking for a scholarship for the 2022-2023 school year?

- All elementary schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis
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Apply online at TTEF-STL.ORG

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EVENTS



2022 Iron Kettle Challenge Chili Cook-off – RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 23, 2022!

The Annunciation Men's Club invite you to their 12th Iron Kettle Challenge Chili Cook-Off on April 23 following 5 pm Mass. Come sample all the chili you can eat and see who the judges deem most worthy. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children. This year's awards will be determined by an independent panel of judges, in addition to the 'Rick Mathis People's Choice' award. Beer, wine, and soda will also be available. We have confirmed many returning teams from previous years, but still have just a few spots available! To enter your chili recipe or for more information: goannunciation.com/chili.



Thank You From Southside

Dear Father Esswein & Parishioners,
Thank you so much for coordinating and donating items to Southside from the Giving Tree. It truly means

the world to us to have your support! Even though we are living in uncertain and difficult times, having generous people like you makes all the difference! Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Sincerely, **The Southside Team**



Junior Golf Registration

for 2nd - 8th Grader opens Feb 1-15. To register please go to: goannunciation.com

Catholic Men For Christ 2022 is in person!

We're excited to have a great lineup of nationally recognized speakers to help us live our 2022 Conference theme: "*Made New: Becoming the Man God has called you to be*" to be held at the Si Commons at St. Louis University High School on *Saturday February 12th*, giving us a capacity to welcome over 1000 men to the conference. We are thrilled to welcome **Jeff Cavins**, creator of the Great Adventure Bible Timeline and co-creator/producer of the "Bible in A Year Podcast" with Fr. Mike Schmitz, as well as **Steve Allgeyer**, Vice-President of LifeTeen International and **Fr. Paul Hoelsing**, Dean of Men at Kenrick-Glennon seminary. Register online: www.catholicmenforchrist.com (online registration is hosted by RegFox). Sign up today!

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St. Faustina

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