

# 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:

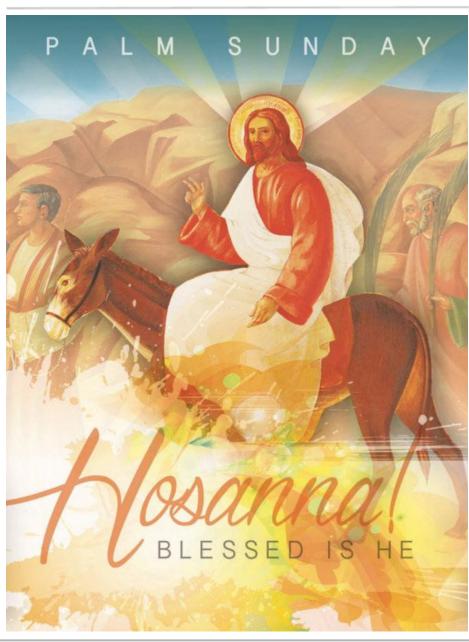
PRAYER, mindfully keeping the celebration of the Eucharist at the center of our lives as a community;

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. March 24, 2024



#### 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: 8:00 am (before the 8:30 am Mass)

# PRAYER

#### MASS INTENTIONS

| MON 3/25<br>8:30 am       | Taylor Kertz                                                          |  |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| TUES 3/26<br>8:30 am      | Jane Jaekle                                                           |  |
| <b>WED 3/27</b> 8:30 am   | Stephen Marsh                                                         |  |
| <b>THURS 3/28</b> 7:00 pm | Holy Thursday For more vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life |  |
| FRI 3/29                  | Good Friday Service                                                   |  |
|                           | Holy Saturday Easter Vigil<br>Tristan Jude Paloucek                   |  |
| 8 am                      | Easter Sunday<br>Gloria King<br>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 Mike Vonderharr Patty Cabot Margit Vincenz Robert Janecek Joann Wills Pat Rebman Richard Timmerman Joe Pierron Julie Gibson Sue Knoll Olivia Fenton Virginia Everett Holly Stoltz Smith

Molly LaBarge Sublette Josephine Wren Roberta Jones Randy Thatcher Jason Chambers Debbie Struckhoff **Doris Tucker** John Roques Anne Zimmermann Julie Aufdenspring Donna Kramer

## The Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER Worship with us.

## March 28-31-Holy Week and Easter

Holy Thursday Mass: 7 pm (Live Stream)

Good Friday Stations of the Cross: 3 pm

Good Friday Service: 7 pm (Live Stream)

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass: 8 pm (Live Stream)

Easter Sunday Masses: 8 am and 10 am (Live Stream 10am)

#### **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

We pray for the repose of Marie Sweeney, mother of Maureen Schneider. 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



Dear Friends,

With today being Palm Sunday we have entered into Holy Week. The unique traditions and liturgical celebrations of this week are to assist us in remembering the original Holy Week of Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection As today we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with palms in hand, and we recall His Passion and Cross with the Gospel reading, it is the end of the week that is known to us Christians to be the holiest days of the year -- the Sacred Triduum.

The Sacred Triduum will begin Thursday evening and end on Easter Sunday. Triduum means *Three Days*. The actual number of days that have a share in the Triduum, however, is four: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. These days known as the Triduum, *Three Days*, are determined by measuring a day from sundown, as was the Jewish practice of Jesus' day. So, sundown of Holy Thursday to sundown of Easter Sunday is 3 days.

While there is no official obligation, except for on Easter Sunday, to attend any of the church services during Holy Week, it is important for all of us to consider how to appropriately keep and honor the days of *this Week* as truly holy. I invite you to consider joining in the Triduum services this year that will be celebrated at both parishes. You can find the list of the times of our Holy Week services in this bulletin.

Have a blessed and Holy Week!

#### **Father Mike**

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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)

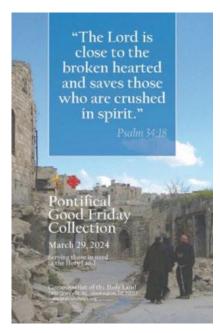
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## STEWARDSHIP





## The Pontifical Holy Land Special Collection

This special collection takes place on **Good Friday**, March 29. It supports the people of the Holy Land and the pilgrims that visit. At the request of the Holy Father, the Franciscans of the Holy Land

promote the Pontifical Good Friday Collection in the United States and other parts of the world. Funds are distributed at the direction of the Vatican's Congregation for the Oriental Churches. A portion of the funds are directly allocated to the educational and ecclesial projects in the Middle East. The rest of the funds collected in the United States and a number of other countries support the ministries and programs entrusted by the Holy See to the Holy Land Franciscans. The Franciscans have served in the Holy Land for 800 years.



## Message from Archbishop Rozanski on the Easter Special Collection for Retired Priests

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, The annual Archbishop's Collection for Retired Priests will be taken up in parishes throughout the

Archdiocese of St. Louis on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024. This is a beautiful opportunity to honor and thank the priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. We can count on our parish priests to instruct us in the faith, counsel us in difficult times, help us celebrate joyful moments, and comfort us in our grief. Indeed, many retired priests continue serving in parishes, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, and other Catholic ministries. Your gift helps meet their temporal needs, including physician services, hospitalization, nursing home care, vision care, and disability. I thank you for your generosity in caring for our retired priests who dedicate their lives to serving the Lord and His people! Be assured that our retired priests are praying for you and your families. I hope you will pray for them as well.

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE FY 24: March 17, 2024

| Sunday Env \$6,340.00 Loose \$224.00 Online Donations \$1,200.00 Stock Donations \$0.00 Holy Day Donations \$0.00 | YEAR TO DATE FY 24 Actual \$485,9 Budget \$456,7 Surplus/(Shortall) \$29,19    | 34.54 Catholic Relief \$25.00 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ACTUAL \$7,764.00<br>Budget (Updated) \$12,019.33<br>Surplus/(Shortfall) (\$4,255.33)                             | HOUSEHOLDS Total Number 668 Contributors This Week 73 Percent Contributing 11% | 3                             |

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, or email SLAF@archstl.org.





We had a great time at the Fish Fry on March 8! Good to see all those came out to enjoy the delicious fish. Special thanks to Megan Herbig for stepping up to chair this event. And thanks to all our hardworking volunteers who helped to make it a resounding success!





















#### Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin **Holy Week**, the most important week in the Church's Year of Grace. In the words of one of Lenten Prefaces, we are participating in the mysteries by which we were re-born, that is, the sacraments which bring into our lives the Death and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The last three days of this week are called the **Paschal Triduum. Pascha** is the Aramaic word for Passover. **Triduum** 

is Latin for "three days." Jesus was crucified at the time of the Jewish Passover; we also understand that Jesus himself "passed over" from this world to his heavenly Father. His death and resurrection gives us eternal life; and we "pass over" to new life when we are baptized. (Romans 6:3-11, the Easter Vigil Epistle reading).

We count the days of the Triduum according to Jewish usage, in which the day begins at sunset on the previous day. The Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, and concludes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.

At the Jewish Passover meal, the youngest person asks: why is this night different from all other nights? The Triduum celebrations are distinctive. On Holy Thursday, we perform the washing of feet, as Jesus commanded, to signify our love for one another. On Good Friday, we fast, even from the celebration of Mass. This is the most ancient Christian fast, the Church recommends that we continue the fast into Holy Saturday. At our Easter Vigil, the deacon proclaims, This is the night when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld. We bless fire and light a new Paschal Candle; we bless water, and baptize and confirm our new members. Between the ceremony of the new light, and the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, we read and pray over the Scriptures: "the reading of the Word of God is a fundamental part of the Easter Vigil." In the fourth century, in Jerusalem, the Vigil included 12 readings and 12 Psalms, followed by the last three chapters of the Gospel (i.e. from the Last Supper to the Resurrection.) These days are different from all other days!

The Triduum preserves some of the oldest rites of the Roman Church. For example, the Good Friday liturgy resembles the Roman Mass in the fourth century: the liturgy began with the Collect (what we used to call the Opening Prayer), continued to the Scripture readings, and included solemn prayers of intercession. In later times, these "Prayers of the Faithful" were only said on Good Friday, until Vatican II restored them to every Mass.

The times of celebration were also restored in 1951; prior to this everything took place in the morning. As we know, the Mass of the Lord's Supper is in the evening; the Liturgy of the Passion "takes place in the afternoon, about three o'clock, unless pastoral reasons suggest a later hour;" and the Easter Vigil cannot begin before sunset. So our parishes will celebrate the Lord's Supper on **Holy Thursday at 7 PM**, and the **Easter Vigil begins at 8 PM** on Saturday. We will have the **Good Friday liturgy at Our Lady of Providence at 3 PM and at Annunciation at 7 PM**, so that everyone can attend at their preferred time. **Annunciation will hold Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 3pm**.

The setting for the liturgy may also reflect ancient customs. The tabernacle is empty; the Missal says that "it is desirable that crosses be removed from the church, or covered." The altar table is stripped after the Mass on Holy Thursday and again on Good Friday. According to historians of the liturgy, the cross was first placed on the altar in the ninth century. The tabernacle as we know it, and its placement on or near the main altar, was mandated by the Council of Trent in the sixteenth century. For us, the bare sanctuary symbolizes the mourning that Jesus foretold "when the Bridegroom is taken away" (Mark 2:20). It also focuses our attention on the Eucharist, and the Holy Cross, when these are solemnly presented to us during the Triduum liturgies.

Years ago a friend remarked: everything we believe is presented in the Triduum. There is no better way to renew our understanding of the kerygma, the essential proclamation of the Christian faith, and to re-awaken our call to be missionary disciples, than our full, active participation in the sacred liturgy of Holy Week.

# EDUCATION



For more information about our PSR Ministry, please contact **Ann Kelly**, PSR Coordinator, <u>psr@goannunciation.com</u>

To Know Him

To Love Him

To Serve Him



Give-A-Meal-A-Month Menu Salmon/ mackerel/

tuna, macaroni & cheese, carrots, fruit cocktail or dried fruit Optional Items: Crackers (any kind), hearty soup, raisins

## **Rosary Repair**

Place your donations and repairs needed in the blue rosary boxes. Don't forget name and number for repairs. You will be contacted when repairs are made.

Marisue Stoll, 314-960-6831 (call or text)



#### **HCA Little Lambs**

Come join us on April 5. We will meet at the St. Mike's gym from 9-10:30 am. Children birth to preschool age are welcome with their caregivers. No signup needed,

just come ready to play. Question? Contact **Marie Laury**, marielynnlaury@gmail.com



# 2024 Totus TUUS at St. Michael the Archangel

### **Day Program**

June 10-14, 9am-3pm, Rising 1-6th Grade \$50 per child or \$100 per family 2 + Children

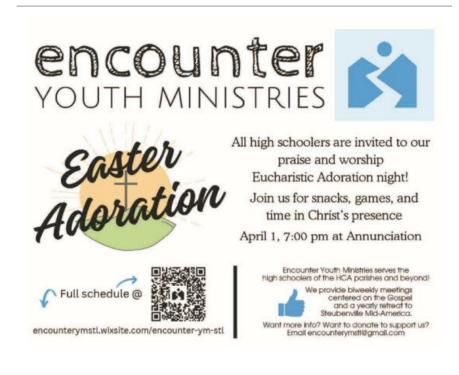
## **Teen Program**

June 9-13, 7-9pm, Rising 7-12th Grade, FREE

Registration questions: Contact Julie Frein:

juliefrein@gmail.com

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## **EVANGELIZATION**



## Thursday, April 25, at 7 pm in the MPH Room

Come join us for a very special evening. A representative of Birthright will be present to share their story with us. Gifts of layettes or monetary donations for the purchase of layettes are suggested. Monetary donations can also be given for the cost of utilities and rents. Suggestions by Birthright for a layette are listed below and can be purchased for either boys or girls.

1 Onesie 0-3 24 Newborn or size 1 diapers

1 Onesie 3-6 1 Container Wipes

1 Sleeper 0-3 1 Hat

1 Sleeper 3-6 1 Pair of socks

2 Receiving blankets 1 Pacifier

1 Heavier Blanket 1 Toy



#### RCIA

Our RCIA catechumen and his Godparents will participate in the Sacred Triduum. Please keep all associated with RCIA in your prayers. Today, PALM SUNDAY, RCIA members

will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

To learn more about RCIA contact **Fr. Mike or Fr. Paul** at 314-962-5955 or RCIA director **Patrick Stack** at 314-565-9143.



# Let's Talk about Catholic Social Teaching—

The March Topic—Unique and Infinitely Valuable: The Human Person, meet in the OLP Cafeteria (enter at either entrance off the lower parking lot) on Tuesday, March 27, 7pm. You may attend any of the monthly discussion sessions with no long-term commitment. Just come when you are able! Prior to the session, read pages 59-89 in

# DOCAT: What to Do? The Social Teaching of the Catholic Church.

(Books may be obtained at no charge from Fr. Mike or Fr. Paul). We ask that you prayerfully consider these questions and invite you to share about at least one of them at the dialogue session:

DOCAT

How might you train your conscience well so that it will be a trustworthy guide for your choices?

What are some rights that are most important to you personally? What responsibilities do you assume when embracing these rights?

Abortion and euthanasia can both be very emotionally charged topics.

How can you share your beliefs in a charitable way?



## **Grief Support**

The Annunciation Grief Support Group meets on Mondays at 7pm in the Klocker House, 43 Short Ave. Our next meeting dates are: April 1 & 15 & May 6 & 20. Has someone who you love died? Please feel free to join us. Everyone and their families are welcome. Questions: **Jeanne Place**, (314-420-5834) or **Mary Hittler**, (314-277-5116)

## Ladies Tuesday Evenings 6pm Rosary

Ladies of the parish are invited to come say the rosary on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. in front of church. No need to sign up, just bring your rosary and anyone interested in praying for the intentions of our parish community. If the weather is questionable, the alternate plan will be to encourage everyone to pray the rosary at home. Contact: **Mollie Lucchesi:** <a href="mailto:lucchesimollie@gmail.com">lucchesimollie@gmail.com</a> or 314-304-5887.



# Easter Baskets for the Mothers and Children at St. Martha's Hall

WOA is collecting items for Easter baskets for the

mothers and children at St. Martha's Hall during Lent. A tub marked "Easter Baskets" is in the Bride's Room for donations. **The last day to donate is this Monday of Holy Week, March 25th.** We ask that if you wish to contribute that you go to: <a href="https://annunciationcatholic.chu5.flocknote.com/signup/156091">https://annunciationcatholic.chu5.flocknote.com/signup/156091</a> to sign up for the items you want to give. Following are a list of items being requested if you do not have a computer and would still like to give. God's love will be shared and produce joyful smiles on Easter morning!

#### Baskets for the women:

- Bath & Body products (soap, lotion, shower gel)
- Tea/Coffee
- Starbucks gift cards
- Candy
- Chapstick

#### For the infants:

- Teething ring
- Rattle
- Jar of baby food
- Diaper cream
- Diaper wipes

#### Baskets for children:

- Plau-doh
- Coloring books
- Crayons/markers
- Stuffed animals
- Books
- Candy

#### Baskets for teenagers:

- Chips/snacks
- Fun socks
- Fidgets
- Coloring books
- Colored pencils
- Candy

# Religious items also welcomed



#### Men's Club Social

All men of Annunciation are invited to the Men's Club social at Llewelyn's on April 16 at 7pm. Join us for food, drink, and little camaraderie care of the Men's Club. It's a great opportunity to put names with the faces you see at Mass or CYC games. You can also learn how easy it is to make a difference in

your parish and community. For more information about this event or the Men's Club contact **Chris Weis**, <a href="mailto:cweis@captiva-">cweis@captiva-</a>



#### Join us for Food Trucks for the Masses

on Saturday, May 11, after 5 pm Mass. <u>Picture Perfect Panini</u>, Hacienda, Go Gyro Go and <u>Destination Desserts</u> food trucks will be on hand. Plus the Bubble Bus! See you there!



# SOULCORE at OLP

SOULCORE is a movement to nourish body,

mind, and soul while meditating on the life of Christ. It pairs core strengthening, stretching, and functional movement with prayers of the rosary. No fitness level or experience required. All are welcome! When: First Fridays of the month at 6 AM in the Our Lady of Providence gym. . There is no cost but a suggested donation of \$5-\$10 for those who are able. Dress in comfortable clothing or sportswear and bring a fitness mat, light hand weights optional. Questions: Mary Randant at 314-359-0576.

# SHF SVDP Spring Fling/Bake Sale

The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Vincent de Paul at Seven Holy Founders are hosting a Spring Fling/Bake Sale in the Parish Hall at Seven Holy Founders on Thursday, April 25, from 12:30 - 3:30 pm. Cost is \$10. Join us for an afternoon of games. Please bring your own cards, dominoes or any game of your choosing. You might also win a Pot of Gold or a raffle item. Snacks and drinks will be served. All proceeds will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. To reserve your spot, please call **Linda Schwartz** at 314-202-9191 or **Denise Lundry** at 314-832-2556.

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