

# 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:

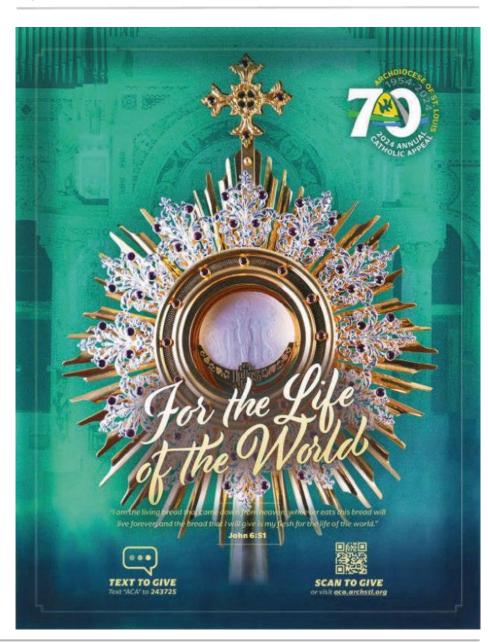
PRAYER, mindfully keeping the celebration of the Eucharist at the center of our lives as a community;

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. April 21, 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 4/22 8:30 am	Leo Dressel		
TUES 4/23 8:30 am	John (Jack) Carter		
<b>WED 4/24</b> 8:30 am	Lillian Colombo		
THURS 4/25 8:30 am	Loretta & Bernie Dolan		
FRI 4/26	No Mass Today		
<b>SAT 4/27</b> 5 pm	Lawrence Charles Kelly II		
	People of the Parish Jill Ginger (Birthday)		

#### **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 Molly LaBarge Mike Vonderharr Patty Cabot Margit Vincenz Robert Janecek Joann Wills Pat Rebman Richard Timmerman Debbie Struckhoff Julie Gibson Sue Knoll Olivia Fenton Virginia Everett Holly Stoltz Smith

Sublette Josephine Wren Roberta Jones Randy Thatcher Jason Chambers Joe Pierron **Doris Tucker** John Roques Anne Zimmermann Julie Aufdenspring Donna Kramer Kathy Goodman

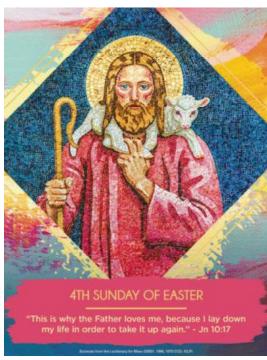
### The Divine Mercy Chaplet

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



#### **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





#### **PARISH OFFICE**

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#### **PASTOR**

Rev. Michael Esswein 314-962-5955, x3 frmichaelesswein@archstl.org

Dear Friends.

Every year at this time the Archdiocese holds the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). This capital campaign is supported throughout our local Church of St. Louis in every one of our parishes. This year's Appeal is *For the Life of the World*. The ACA provides us an opportunity to realize the difference we can make when we act together in God's love. The impact that it has on so many lives each year is significant. The ministries that rely on the Appeal are wide ranging and have a direct impact on the Church and our communities throughout the Archdiocese. You can learn more about the Appeal at this link: <u>aca.archstl.org</u>.

This week the Appeal is being launched in our parishes for three weekends. Thanks to so many of you, Annunciation and Our Lady of Providence have had success in the past, including last year, in achieving the Parish Pledge Goal. Knowing the generosity of both communities, I have no reason to believe that we will not be successful again this year in reaching our respective pledge goals. One area, however, that we can work on is to increase our level of participation. It would be great to see the percentage of participation grow in both our communities by making a pledge this year. If you haven't made a pledge to the ACA in the past, or maybe you simply didn't last year, I would ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge this year and join the thousands of others across the Archdiocese in supporting this very worthy campaign that will help so many this year. Please know that no matter how large or small you may think your donation may be to the ACA, each is greatly appreciated and benefits the mission of the Church.

By now, you most likely received a mailing from the Archdiocese inviting you to participate in this year's ACA. In addition to this mailing, every parish provides a pledge card to each of its parishioners. We will continue to provide these pledge cards to each of you, as our two parishes have done so in the recent past.

<u>Annunciation parishioners</u> - please stop by the tables in the vestibule of church over the next three weekends and pick up your pledge card. You are welcome to make your pledge right there and leave it with our ACA Chairperson, Emily Buehrle, and her team of volunteers, or you may take it with you and return your pledge card the following weekend during the offertory collection during Mass, or you may drop it off at the parish rectory in our front door-mail slot.

<u>Our Lady of Providence parishioners</u> - as in previous years, please look for your pledge card in the mail over the next couple weeks. Your pledge cards were mailed to you this week. Please drop them in the collection basket during offertory at Mass over the next three weekends, or mail them to the rectory, or drop them in our rectory mailbox.

Another two options for parishioners of both parishes to participate and donate is to go online at aca.archstl.org or use Text-to-Give by texting "ACA" to 243725.

May God bless every gift we make to serve Him, and through the generosity of many, may it be *For the Life of the World*.

Easter Peace & Joy to you!

**Father Mike** 

### STEWARDSHIP



# Sent forth in mission For the Life of the World"

The Archdiocese of St. Louis' Annual Catholic Appeal allows us to come together to support the mission of the Church For the Life of the World through a wide range of vital ministerial, outreach, educational, formation, and discipleship programs and initiatives that bring the light of Christ to so many throughout our communities and in our parishes.





ts. Joachim & Ann Care Service has completely changed my life. They put a roof over my head. They taught me responsibility through paying bills, rent, utilities, etc. They provided me with a case manager who has been there for me every step of the way, which no one does. I wouldn't be where I'm at today without their help."

- Client, Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service

Working with a mission to prevent homelessness and hunger, Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service empowers individuals and families in need with the assistance, resources, and personal support to map out a meaningful plan for self-sufficiency and stability. Clients work to make life-altering changes which positively impact not only their own lives, but our local communities. Programs include Housing Assistance, Food Pantry, Street Outreach, and Adopt-A-Family.

Your sacrificial giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal supports life-giving ministries that serve the most vulnerable in our communities. Through Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service, we protect families, especially children, the elderly, and the disabled from the despair, hopelessness, and social injustice caused by poverty.

Providing
Hope and Healing

ost of those who come to the Abortion Healing Ministry have suffered the pain of regret, deep sorrow at their loss, and feelings of guilt and remorse for years. They come to us to assist them in this journey of healing, including forgiving themselves, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide them to fully accept God's infinite love and mercy in their lives and becoming fully involved in their Catholic faith and parish life. I have witnessed the profound healing through God's love, forgiveness, and divine mercy to those we serve through the Abortion Healing Ministry."

 Cynthia Haehnel, Director, Respect Life Apostolate, Abortion Healing Ministry

The Abortion Healing Ministry provides a compassionate approach to healing our brothers and sisters impacted by abortion through an integrated archdiocesan-based network of services that includes pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, support groups, retreats, and referrals to licensed mental health professionals.

Your generosity to the Annual Catholic Appeal allows us to transform lives through Christ's saving love and mercy. Through the Abortion Healing Ministry, we reach out to encounter those suffering in the aftermath of abortion and lead them to encounter forgiveness, healing, and hope in Jesus Christ.

Leading
Our Youth to Christ

orgia was the place that inspired me to become an educator, and more importantly, taught me how to be a servant of the Lord. I saw how much my teachers helped me grow as an individual, and I wanted to have this same positive and inspiring impact on others. It is an honor to teach at such a caring institution. This is even compounded when we consider how blessed I am to teach my own brother and help him on his journey of growth during this important time in his life."

 - Josh Rohlfing, Social Studies and Theology Teacher, St. Francis Borgia High School

St. Francis Borgia High School provides a Catholic education that fosters spiritually, morally, academically, and technologically prepared lifelong learners. It is a community of students, parents, and educators, who learn together, pray together, laugh together, work together, and grow together.

Your stewardship of the Annual Catholic Appeal supports six archdiocesan high schools and two parochial high schools, inviting young people into a relationship with Jesus Christ, welcoming them into the life of the Church, and forming them to contribute to the common good as active and caring members of society.

\$285.00

\$25.00 \$35.00

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE FY 24: April 14, 2024

Sunday Env Loose Online Donations Stock Donations Holy Day Donations	\$8,320.00 \$321.00 \$1,090.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	YEAR TO DATE FY 24 Actual Budget Surplus/(Shortall)	\$527,892.22 \$504,811.86 \$23,080.36	SPECIAL COLLECTIONS St. Vincent DePaul Society Retired Priests St. Louis Review
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ACTUAL \$9,731.00 Budget (Updated) \$12,019.33 Surplus/(Shortfall) (\$2,288.33) Total Number 668
Contributors This Week 63
Percent Contributing 10%

HOUSEHOLDS

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.

### **EDUCATION**







Annunciation PSR registration for 2024-2025 is open now! Register by July 19. We will begin the year on Wednesday, September 4. Register here: <a href="https://www.goannunciation.com/psr-registration.html">https://www.goannunciation.com/psr-registration.html</a>. For more information contact **Ann Kelly**, psr@goannunciation.com.

To Know Him

To Love Him

To Serve Him

### Spring is Here! Call for Volunteers at OLP

In preparation for the upcoming spring and summer growing seasons, the committee of volunteers that cares for the Providence Garden and Orchard is seeking volunteers who may be interested in watering and maintaining the Providence Garden. During the summer months, volunteers select one week to care for the garden. Care includes watering at least twice, harvesting ripe produce, and picking weeds. Additionally, our garden committee collaborates with the parish garden at St. Michael the Archangel. If you will have students attending the HCA-SMA or HCA-OLP campus in the coming years, this can be a great opportunity to become familiar with the campuses! Have questions or want to volunteer? Please contact Kay Sisk (417-840-8553, <a href="kaysisk@gmail.com">kaysisk@gmail.com</a>) or Patti Loehnig (314-843-6097, <a href="ploeholig@hotmail.com">ploehnig@hotmail.com</a>).

### **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. Please make all donations checks out to "Birthright".

1 Onesie 0-3 24 Newborn or size 1 diapers

1 Onesie 3-6 1 Container Wipes

1 Sleeper o-3 1 Hat

1 Sleeper 3-6 1 Pair of socks

2 Receiving blankets 1 Pacifier

1 Heavier Blanket 1 Toy



# Children's Liturgy of the Word

We have Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 10am Mass . Each week a theme that correlates to the Sunday readings and Gospel is

presented to the children using age appropriate materials. 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. Parents and students interested in helping or volunteering, please contact **Kristen Dawson** at 314-650-6721.



#### **RCIA**

RCIA will meet informally during this period of MYSTAGOGY (settling in). This is a time for the newly baptized to learn more about the Catholic Church's way of life as taught by Jesus Christ.

To learn more about next year's RCIA program contact **Fr. Mike** or **Fr. Paul** at 314-962-5955. HAPPY EASTER SEASON!





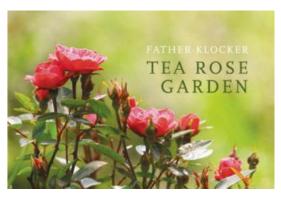
#### **Grief Support**

The Annunciation Grief Support Group meets on Mondays at 7pm in the Klocker House, 43 Short Ave. Our next meeting dates are: April 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)



# 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 **Jill Prebil**, 314-603-0970 or jilllaumano@gmail.com



### Father Klocker's Hybrid Tea Rose Garden

Annunciation is in need of someone to assume the leadership position of the Rose Garden

Club to continue the care and preservation of Father Klocker's hybrid tea rose garden. In addition, the club needs new members to join the existing team members. Hybrid Teas are beautiful; however, during the growing season from April to late November the roses need weekly care. This includes pruning and weeding before the Saturday evening mass, monitoring the watering as needed during the week with the irrigation system already in place, and granular fertilizing every three months. The health of the plants depend upon biweekly spraying for insects and black spot. After the first frost or in late fall, the entire team puts the plants "to bed" for the winter. If interested or for further information, please contact Barb Koch at the rectory.



#### **Cantors Wanted**

In search of more cantors to lead the singing once a month at 5 pm Mass on Saturdays or 8 am or 10 am Mass on Sundays. If interested, please contact **Ursula Zielinski**,

ursulakzielinski@gmail.com.

### 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)

# **EVENTS**



#### 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!

### 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.



#### **Encounter Youth Ministries**

serves the high schoolers of the HCA parishes and beyond! We provide biweekly meetings centered on the Gospel and a yearly retreat to Steubenville Mid-America. Big news! We have moved to Mondays! Join us every other Monday at 7 pm. Check the schedule to see location and dates: <a href="mailto:encounter-ym-stl">encounter-ym-stl</a>. Want more info? Want to donate to support us? Email encounterymstl@gmail.com.

Did a youth group make a difference in your life? We are looking for you! Join our core team to provide that same impact to the next generation of Catholics. No experience needed! Contact <a href="mailto:encounterymstl@gmail">encounterymstl@gmail</a> for more details.



#### SAVE THE DATE! The Run for Life and Learning is June 1! Benefiting Birthright Counseling, St. Louis

Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 1 for a chiptimed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with FREDBIRD®. Register or donate at runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an



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unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves and their families. For sponsorship opportunities or more info, email run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com.

### **EVENTS**



# ANNUNCIATION PHOTO HISTORY

# Annunciation Photo History Project

Do you have photos of Annunciation events and projects from the past that you would like to share with our community? Contact **Jennifer Weis**, <a href="mailto:jtweis@happymedium\_designs.com">jtweis@happymedium\_designs.com</a>, to learn more about how your photos can help to preserve the rich history of Annunciation parish.



# 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.



# Let's Talk about Catholic Social Teaching

<u>April Topic</u>—The Common Good, Personhood,

DOCAT

# Solidarity, Subsidiarity: The Principles of the Church's Social Teaching

Two sessions (Mother of Perpetual Help Room, Annunciation; enter through the double glass doors to the school building)

Tuesday, April 23, 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 92-113 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:

- ⇒ What is the "preferential option for the poor" and why is it important?
- ⇒ How do subsidiarity and solidarity work together both for the good of the individual and for the common good?
- ⇒ Can true justice be achieved without mercy? Can mercy be achieved without justice?



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# **EVENTS**

#### 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.





# 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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Let's us know about your Good News!

We'd like to share good news about our parishioners and family members with our parish. Send new items to: <a href="mailto:parishsecretary@goannunciation.com">parishsecretary@goannunciation.com</a> and we will include as bulletin space permits.

# OLP Monarch Spring Bling Jewelry Sale

Monarch creates quality, artistic jewelry and accessories with proceeds to join the fight against sex trafficking and child exploitation. Our sale is Thursday, April 25, 5-8pm in the Our Lady of Providence gym. More information can be found at MONARCHJEWELRY.ORG. Please feel free to donate any unused, out of date or broken pieces of jewelry. A basket is provided in the back of Church. Info: Sharon May smmay56@yahoo.com



#### Little Lambs

The playgroup is gearing up for summer, so stay tuned! We

welcome children (birth to preschool age) and their caregivers. If you would like more information or to be added to group communications, please contact **Marie Laury** (marielynnlaury@gmail.com).

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