



SAINT ANSELM PARISH

The First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020

Welcome!

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Mass Times

Sunday

7:30, 9, and 11 A.M.
in the Abbey Church
5:30 P.M. (*outdoor Mass*)

Monday - Friday

*6:30 A.M. in the Adoration Chapel
(parish center lower lvl)
7:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M.
in the Abbey Church

Friday

6:30 A.M. (Extraordinary Form)
in Parish Center lower level chapel

Saturday

7:30, 8:45 A.M., and *4:30 P.M.
in the Abbey Church
*streamed online
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While the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is temporarily suspended, we encourage you to prayerfully consider joining us for Mass; please be assured we've taken great care to ensure the health and safety of all our parishioners.

Confession

Sunday

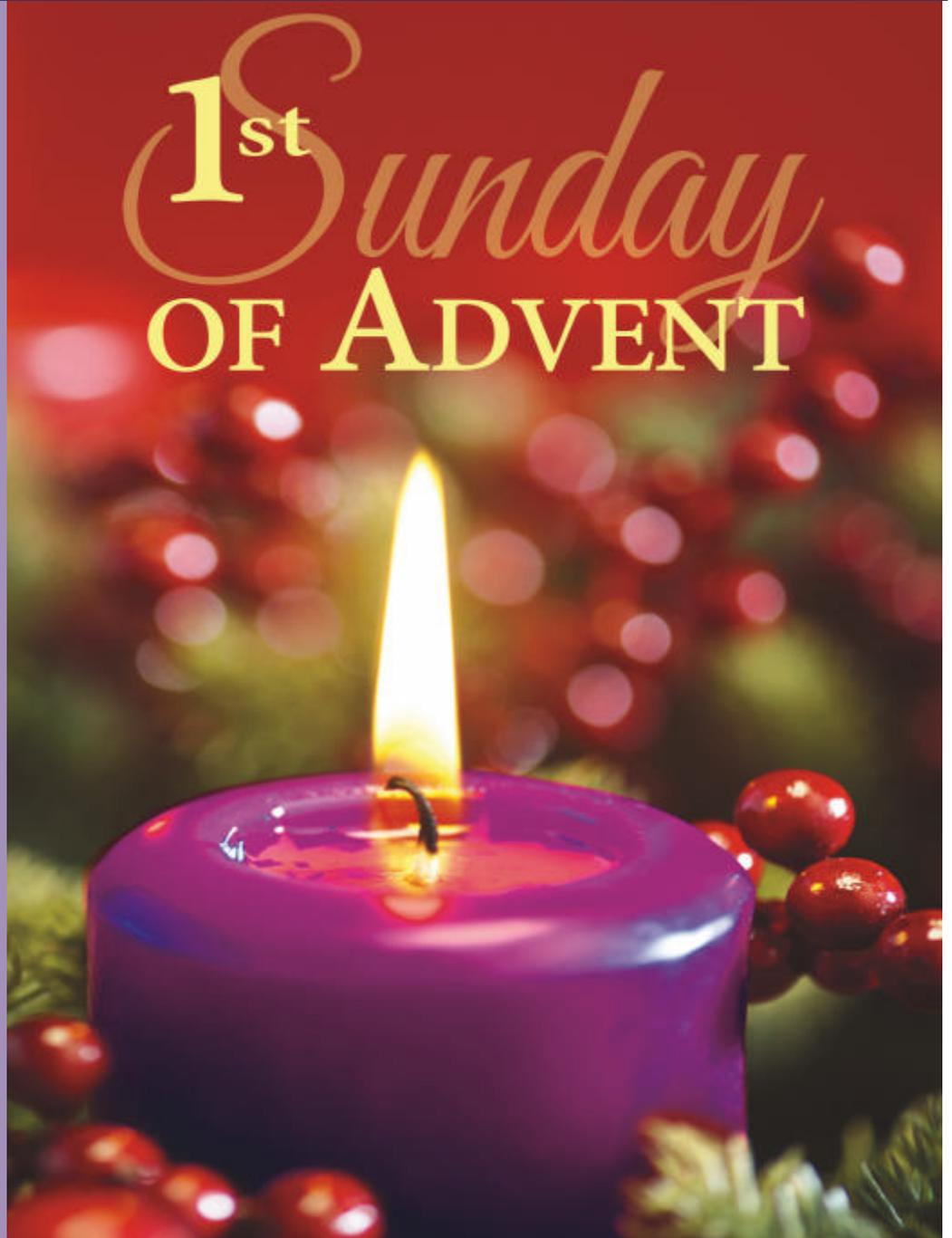
30 minutes before 7:30, 9, and 11 A.M.
Mass in the Abbey Church

Saturday

30 minutes after 7:30 A.M. Mass, and
4 P.M. in the Abbey Church

Tuesday & Thursday

5 P.M. in the Abbey Church



1st Sunday OF ADVENT

Liturgies & Devotions

Saturday & Sunday
Rosary after 7:30 A.M. Mass
in Church

Monday
Rosary at 6:30 P.M.
at Our Lady of Grace grotto
outside Parish Center

Monday through Friday
Rosary after 7:30 A.M. Mass
in Church

Tuesday & Thursday
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Devotions after 7:30 A.M. Mass

Sacraments

Baptism

Please make arrangements with
Fr. Aidan McDermott at
314.878.2120 or fraidan@priory.org.

Matrimony

Couples planning marriage
please contact one of the priests
or deacons at least 6 months in
advance of the marriage.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Please stay tuned next week for a new column from Fr. Aidan! This week, please enjoy this reflection from Jem Sullivan.

May God Continue to Bless You and Your Families,
Father Aidan, OSB

Our shared experience of the pandemic of 2020 will not be forgotten easily. Despite remarkable human advances in medicine and technology, the world was caught off guard by the sudden, rapid spread of a novel and lethal virus.

"Could this really be happening?" was the question, spoken or unspoken, in minds and hearts as COVID-19 brought daily life to a jarring halt. In its trail, the virus leaves unprecedented fear, uncertainty, hardship, suffering and death.

And as this unforgettable year draws to a close, we hope cautiously for a return to "normal" even as our sense of what makes for normal daily life evolves from moment to moment. Our common longing to return to normal life grows stronger while the economic, health and social impacts of the pandemic continue to be felt everywhere. Would that the world be made anew!

On this First Sunday of Advent, the church invites us to make a new spiritual beginning in a new liturgical year. In the first reading, Isaiah entreats God to, "return for the sake of your servants." On behalf of Israel, the prophet acknowledges that the people have fallen short of their exalted vocation to live in covenant relationship with God. Their blind indifference to God is part of the sinful human condition.

Yet the prophet is filled with hope as he prays, "yet, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: We are all the work of your hands."

Time and time again, the word of God reminds us that the faithfulness of God knows no limits. God remains faithful to us despite our small and big infidelities. St. Paul comforts the Corinthian Christians with this liberating truth when he writes, "God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

One of the many ways we can remain faithful to God is by being spiritually alert. When we persevere in prayer and in good works, we remain alert to the love and active presence of God in our lives and become more aware of the needs of our neighbors. Faithfulness to God means that I remain watchful of habits of thinking and patterns of acting that are contrary to love.

In the Gospel, Jesus urges his disciples in clear, stark words, "Be watchful! Be alert!" As we leave behind one liturgical year and enter into the Advent season, Jesus, who comes as light into this world's darkness, walks with us on our spiritual journey to Christmas. In a spirit of interior alertness, I hear Jesus' invitation to remember with humble

gratitude the many ways in which God is at work in my life and in the world, especially in these challenging times.

We cannot leave behind the anxieties, fears and turmoil of the past year. But as a new liturgical year begins this Advent the word of God empowers us anew with divine grace that opens our hearts and minds to the renewing power of the Holy Spirit as we pray in Advent hope, "speak to me, Lord."

(Sullivan, Jem. "Sunday Scripture reading, Nov. 29, 2020: New beginnings." 13 Nov. 2020. Catholic News Service. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. 20 Nov. 2020. catholicnews.com.)



*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us
in battle; be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.*

*May God rebuke him, we humbly pray.
And do thou, O prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and
all the evil spirits that prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

Mass Attendance Reminders

I just wanted to thank you again for your patience and overall wonderful cooperation during our return to Masses.

I would also like to give everyone some friendly reminders:

- Masks are to be worn at all times, except while receiving Holy Communion.
- Please be mindful of social distancing, particularly when moving around the church.
- If you wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please go to the very end of the priest's line.
- If you take a bulletin, please take it and all your belongings with you after Mass. Please do not leave items in the pews or on the tables.
- If you wish to visit with each other, please do so outside of Church and do not congregate at the doors.
- Always remember: If you're not feeling well, please stay home!

Thank you again for all your cooperation! Please stay tuned for any updates regarding Mass attendance.

May God continue to bless you and your families.... **Fr. Aidan**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Nov. 29 - Dec. 5

Sunday

Confirmation class,
9:15-10:45 A.M., PC
PSR, 9:30 A.M., PC
Youth Group, 6:30 P.M., PC

Monday

Women's Ignatian Prayer Group,
1:45-3:30 P.M., PH
Rosary at the Grotto, 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday

Eucharistic Adoration,
7 A.M.- 4 P.M., PC LL, Chapel
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Devotions, 8 A.M., CH
Lectio Divina, 9:30-11 A.M., PH
Confessions, 5 P.M., CH

Wednesday

SoulCore, 10 A.M., Grotto

Thursday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Devotions, 8 A.M., CH
Eucharistic Adoration,
7 A.M.- 4 P.M., PC LL, Chapel
Confessions, 5 P.M., CH
Men's Ignatian Prayer Group,
6:30-7:30 P.M., PH

Friday

Latin Mass, 6:30 A.M., PC LL

Saturday

Confessions, 4 P.M., CH

PC—PARISH CENTER CH—CHURCH
PH—PARISH HOUSE LL—LOWER LEVEL
WS—WORSHIP SPACE YR—YOUTH ROOM

Readings of the Week

Monday:

Romans 10:9-18
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Matthew 4:18-22

Tuesday:

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday:

Isaiah 25:6-10a
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Matthew 15:29:37

Thursday:

Isaiah 26:1-6
Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday:

Isaiah 29:17-24
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday:

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26
Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Matthew 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Mass Intentions for November 30 - December 5

Monday 6:30 A.M. — + Larry Niemann
7:30 A.M. — + Catherine Troup
Tuesday 6:30 A.M. — + Alice Mary Stallings
7:30 A.M. — + Sally Klohr
Wednesday 6:30 A.M. — + Frank Delonjay
7:30 A.M. — + John Reilly
Thursday 6:30 A.M. — + Bud Clever
7:30 A.M. — + Larry Miller
Friday 6:30 A.M. — + Charles Longo
7:30 A.M. — + Walter Slobotski
Saturday 7:30 A.M. — + Patricia Tucker
4:30 P.M. — + Tom Doerr

Sunday Masses: Our Sunday Masses are always offered for our Saint Anselm Parish Family.



Stewardship stewardship.stanselmstl@att.net

Please take the time to fill out your 2020 Stewardship Intention card and return it to the parish office, either in person, by mail, or in the basket at church. Additional copies of the intention card are available at the parish office.

Renewing your commitment for the coming year is just as important as exploring options for new participation! Even if you cannot participate until after COVID-19, please fill out your card with the ministries you'd consider participating in at that point.

Pray for the Sick

Please include the following in your daily prayers:

Tom Blythe, Joan Cain, Linda Ehrmann,
Ted Ehrmann, Bonnie Ferrell, Pat Hartwig, Marilyn Hein,
Dorothy Hellweg, Therese Jost, Dominic Licavoli, Gordon
Lowell, Jack McEnery, and Margaret Puterbaugh.



WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 5-6

Saturday - 4:30 P.M. Mass

Celebrant & Homilist:
Fr. Francis

Extraordinary Ministers
Daniel Huber Mary Grace Huber
Cathy Inkley

Lectors
Margaret Aylward
Eliot Casey

Ushers
TBD

Sunday - 7:30 A.M. Mass

Celebrant & Homilist:
Fr. Aidan

Extraordinary Ministers
Ron Jaudes Bob Mills
Dcn. Charlie

Lectors
James Nowicke
Edie Varley

Ushers
Joe Coleman Jack Hodge

Sunday - 11:00 A.M. Mass

Celebrant & Homilist:
Fr. Finbarr

Extraordinary Ministers
Mike King Dcn. Charlie
Julie Steurer

Lectors
Pat Hofmeister
Chris McCurdy

Ushers
Tom Cummings Julie Steurer

Sunday - 5:30 P.M. Mass

Celebrant & Homilist
Fr. Aidan

Extraordinary Ministers
TBD

Lectors
TBD

Ushers
TBD

Outdoor Mass Update

The **outdoor 5:30 P.M. Sunday Mass** now offers the option of listening to the Mass through your car radio - just in time for the cold weather!

See your worship aids this weekend for the station information!

ORDO FOR THE WEEK

November 29 – The 1st Sunday of Advent

November 30 – Saint Andrew, Apostle

From the fourth Gospel we learn Andrew was a fisherman and disciple of John the Baptist, whose testimony first led him and John the Evangelist to follow Jesus. Andrew at once recognized Jesus as the Messiah, and hastened to introduce Him to his brother, Simon Peter. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes (see John 6:8-9). When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew (see John 12:20-22). His martyrdom took place during the reign of Nero, on November 30, 60 A.D. in Greece.

December 3 – Saint Francis Xavier (1506-1552)

While living in Paris and teaching philosophy, Francis became good friends with St. Ignatius of Loyola, who gradually won him to Christ. Soon after, Francis joined the newly-formed Society of Jesus, and was ordained a priest. For the next 10 years, he labored to bring the faith to the Hindus, Malayans, and Japanese, spending much of his time with the poor and sick of India.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

29	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Zanola
29	Mr. & Mrs. Steven Huelskoetter
30	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dierberg
30	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel E. Richardson
03	Dr. & Mrs. Philip R. Poepsel
03	Dr. & Mrs. Brian R. Ringhofer
04	Mr. & Mrs. Milton P. Wilkins
04	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel O. Dorr
04	Mr. & Mrs. Randolph A. Calabio
05	Dr. & Mrs. Chan P. Vo

IN MEMORIAM

Lawrence T. Hickey	11/30/06
Laura "Louise" Fox	12/01/09
Denver Clark	12/02/17
Bernadette Sweetland	12/02/15
Richard E. Francisco	12/03/01
Raul A. Perez	12/03/93
John Catanzaro	12/04/92
Charles (Doc) Harvey	12/04/89
Mary C. Metzger	12/04/14
Florence V. Brittan	12/05/06

Women's Fellowship of St. Anselm

Book Club: Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 P.M. The book selection is *A Christmas Memory* by Truman Capote. 'Tis the season to share this short story of a special friendship and holiday rituals, as seen through Capote's boyhood experiences in rural Alabama.

Contact Rita if you would like to join the Zoom book discussion. She will need your email address in order to send you an invitation (Rita O'Brien – ritaobrien@att.net).

Women's Fellowship: Walking With Purpose, a women's Bible study program, hopes to resume in January 2021. **Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point** is a 22-week study that focuses on "...a women's exploration of her Catholic faith and enhanc[ing] her relationship with Jesus Christ." A sampling of topics include: The role of the Holy Spirit in my life; Penance/Eucharist and my friendship with Christ; Mary's role in my relationship with Christ; Are there limits to Christ's forgiveness?; Why/how I should pray and read the Bible in a meaningful way?

Interested? This Bible study will be divided into 2 six-week segments and 2 five-week segments, with breaks in between segments. Days/dates of meetings in the Parish House will be determined in the future. All women and their friends, first-time or continuing Bible study participants are welcome to join. Contact Audrey Altepeter, audreyaltepeter@hotmail.com/314-608-3580.

Prayer Chain: "Prayer is a joy. Prayer is the sunshine of God's love, prayer is hope of eternal happiness, prayer is the burning flame of God's love for you and for me. Let us pray for each other, for this is the best way to love one another." (St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

Please share your special intentions with Helaine Boland at: helaineb@gmail.com. Allow us lift up our voices in prayer for those most in need at this time. Blessings to all!



Advent Reconciliation Services

Dec. 1, 8, 15, & 22 at 7 P.M. in the Abbey Church

All are invited to these wonderful Tuesday evenings of prayer and praise as we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming!

In addition to the Reconciliation service, each evening will include contemplative music and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Has your contact information changed?

If you've moved, changed your phone number, or your other personal information has changed, please call the parish office at 314.878.2120 so that we can update our directory! We want to stay in touch with you!

Acts of Kindness

Creating opportunities to learn, connect, and help those in need

Advent Giving Tree

Giving from the heart for those in need....

This year, the Acts of Kindness Ministry will be providing gifts for the following recipients:

Rural parishes of
**St. Stephen, St. Francis
of Assisi, and St. James**

**Unfailing Christian Love
and Bridge of Hope**
churches in north Saint Louis

Please take one or more gift tags from the Giving Trees in the Abbey Church, Parish Center hallway, or Adoration Chapel entryway, beginning **November 21-22**. Please return your new, unwrapped gifts with tags to a tree **by noon on December 13**.

If you are unable to come choose a tag, gifts can also be purchased and shipped directly through **Smile.Amazon.com**. Search for and select "St. Anselm Catholic Church" in the AmazonSmile Charity List to see our Advent Giving Tree wishlist.

You may also make an online donation at www.stanselmstl.org, which will be used to buy gift cards for the rural parishes.

Thank you!



Run with the Son for Haiti

Registration is now open for the virtual 5K "Run with the Son for Haiti" fundraiser for the St. Michel schools in Boucan-Carre, organized by St. Kateri and Sacred Heart in Knoxville. Participants simply need to complete any 5K course **between November**

21 and December 6, 2020 (equal to 13 laps on a regular quarter-mile track), record your time, and submit it at www.stkaterirun.com. All proceeds from the race will go directly to assisting with educational needs for Haitian children in the parish of St. Michel in Boucan-Carre, Haiti.

To register, see the list of categories and awards, or learn more, please visit www.stkaterirun.com, or contact Judy Townsend, Race Director at 757.876.2417 or judy.townsend@verizon.net.

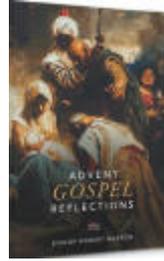
Questions? Contact **Julia Masetti, Acts of Kindness Ministry** at juliamasetti@live.com

Book of the Dead

During the month of November, we remember those who have died. We will have a Book of the Dead in the back of the Abbey Church for all parishioners to write the name(s) of friends and family members who have passed away. We pray for and honor these loved ones throughout this month.

FAITH FORMATION

Advent Reflection Books



Copies of *Advent Gospel Reflections* by Bishop Robert Barron are available in the Abbey Church for all parishioners to pick up. As you walk through Advent with these daily reflections, **you're invited to join Fr. Aidan for a brief nightly meditation** on these readings on our parish YouTube channel. You can find the link to Saint Anselm's channel on our parish homepage at www.stanselmstl.org, or by going to *YouTube.com* and searching for "St. Anselm Parish" (look for the photo of the Abbey Church).

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and Presentation

Sunday, December 12 at 10 A.M. at St. Cecilia Church (5418 Louisiana Ave., St. Louis, MO 63111)

Saint Anselm parishioners are invited to attend a special Latin Mass (celebrated by Fr. Aidan) at Saint Cecilia Church in honor of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12 at 10 A.M.

Following Mass, the students of Saint Cecilia's PSR program will present the story of Our Lady's appearances to Juan Diego.



Virtual Prayer Groups

- Do you wish to grow in your love and relationship with God by reflecting on and sharing His Word in the Bible (i.e., Lectio Divina) and through the Rosary?
- Do you wish to meet with your small group virtually via Zoom on any device (e.g., your computer, smart phone, or tablet) that has access to the internet, a microphone, and preferably a camera?



If you answered "yes" to these questions, please contact David Straub at dstraub@stanselmstl.org or 314.878.2120 ext. 19 with any questions you might have, or to join the group. Our current group meets virtually on Tuesday mornings, but David will follow up with you to find a group that best fits your schedule.

If you are not familiar with how easy it is to join a Zoom meeting, please watch the 8-minute video on the following site: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E&feature=youtu.be>.

Questions? Contact **David Straub, Adult Faith Formation** at 314.878.2120 ext. 19 or dstraub@stanselmstl.org

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Upcoming Events



Congratulations to all our second graders who made their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, November 18!

Questions? Contact Greg Siemer, Coordinator of Religious Education at 314.878.2120 ext. 17 or gsiemer@stanselmstl.org



St. ANSELM YOUTH

Follow us!
@Anselm_YG on Twitter and Instagram

STAYsgiving

Sunday, Nov. 29 from 7 - 9 P.M., Parish Center

Our tradition may look a little different this year without the turkey and trimmings, but we should still have an attitude of gratitude for all the good things God has done in our lives. Get dressed up and join us for fellowship and socially distant friendly competition that may or may not involve pumpkin pie AND to see who walks away with the golden gobbler! High school students only this year.

Questions? Contact Courtney Rockamann, Youth Minister
314.878.2120 ext. 18 or youth@stanselmstl.org

Daughters of St. Paul
invite you:

A Virtual Celebration!

A joyful way to help prepare children for Christmas...



**Sat. December 5
10:30 am**

Meet St. Nicholas! Learn about him,
Sing, pray and have fun!

Join the Sisters at Pauline Books & Media on **Saturday, Dec. 5 at 10:30 A.M.** as we virtually celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas and prepare for Christmas! Meet St. Nick and learn about the Saint who became Santa! To register, email stlouis@paulinemediacom. Call the sisters at 314-965-3512 for more information.



Christmas Blood Drive

Sunday, Dec. 20, 8 A.M.-1 P.M.
St. Monica Parish (gymnasium)
12140 Olive Blvd., St. Louis 63141

St. Monica Parish will be hosting a blood drive on **Sunday, December 20 from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M.** Blood is greatly

needed due to the surge of COVID-19 cases in our St. Louis area. Those interested in donating blood must make an appointment at login.bloodcenter.org, or you may contact Diann Bomkamp at dbomkamp@sbcglobal.net or 314.484.6121.

If you cannot give blood on Dec. 20, you may make an appointment (a week in advance) at the St. Peters location (www.bloodcenter.org/donate/locations/missouri/st-peters/) or the Crestwood location (login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/center/6). Please use the code 9241 and notify Diann Bomkamp if you donate elsewhere instead.



This year, most people will be home for Christmas so the Daughters of St. Paul Choir decided to try something new! This year, 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, December 3rd at 8pm EST**. We hope to see you there!



Whether you're separated, going through the divorce process right now, or have been divorced for many years, you **CAN** find hope and healing. Behold Ministry is hosting *Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family*, which is a 12-week DVD program featuring Catholic experts and lay men and women on the journey to healing. St. Clare of Assisi parish is hosting the program beginning **Saturday, January 9th, 2021 from 10 A.M.-12 P.M.**

Contact Michelle Fuller at mfuller1211@yahoo.com or 314-623-9294 for more information.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

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.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

(excerpted from "Mass Canceled? The Church is Still at Prayer!"
by Fr. Patrick Briscoe, OP on aleteia.org, 3/14/2020)



Mercy Take Me Away

2039 N. Geyer Road, St. Louis, 63131

What would it be like to have a day away just for yourself?

What difference would it make to offer this type of respite day to a friend, family member, or coworker?

The pandemic has turned our world upside down, and the effort it takes to live in the new normal is exhausting. Mercy Conference and Retreat Center is reaching out to offer a new initiative: Mercy Take Me Away days. This weekday offering includes private room with private bath, boxed lunch, Wifi access, and the beauty of our building and grounds. Our Center complies with COVID-19 directives from the CDC and St. Louis County to ensure the safety of our guests and staff.

We believe a respite day would be beneficial, not only to you, but to your colleagues and teammates, and your friends and family. You might consider offering a gift certificate to a friend or family member for a day of self-care.

To make a reservation, visit www.mercycenterstl.org, or call 314.909.4656.

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St. Jude Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, Worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, Help of the Hopeless, pray for us. Say nine times a day for nine days. Then Publish. Your prayers will be answered. Thank You, St. Jude.

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