

Welcome!

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Saint Anselm Parish

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Mass Times

Sunday 7:30 and 9 A.M. in the Abbey Church

11 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. in the Parish Center

Monday - Friday 6:30 and 8:30 A.M. in the Adoration Chapel

7:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. in the Abbey Church

Saturday 7:30 and 8:45 A.M., and 4:30 P.M. in the Abbey Church

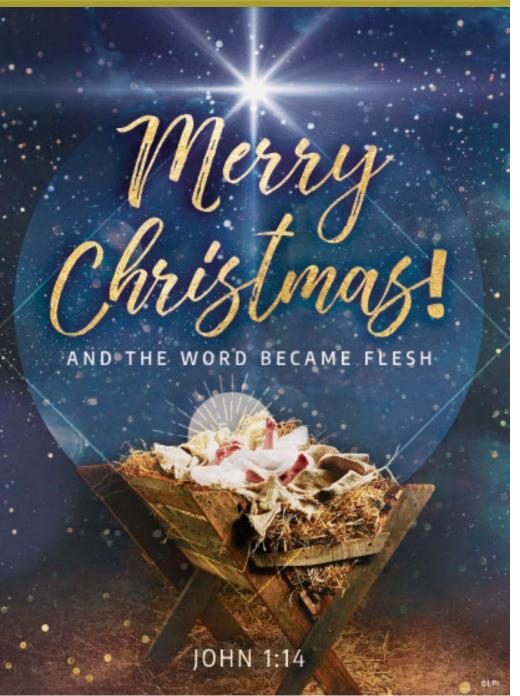
Confession

Sunday

7 and 8:30 A.M. in the Abbey Church 10:30 A.M. and 5 P.M. in the Parish Center

Tuesday & Thursday 5 P.M. in the Abbey Church

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



Divine Office

All are welcome to join the monks in the Abbey Church for their daily prayers.

Monday - Friday LAUDS - 6:55 A.M. SEXT - 11:45 A.M. VESPERS - after 5:30 P.M. Mass COMPLINE - 7:40 P.M. Saturday LAUDS - 8:15 A.M. SEXT - 12:15 P.M. VESPERS - 6:15 P.M.

Sunday LAUDS - 8:15 A.M. SEXT - 12:15 P.M. VESPERS - 5:30 P.M. + Benediction

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.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity. (Collect, Feast of the Holy Family)

Continued Christmas Blessings to you and your families! I pray you had a wonderful Christmas Day with your family and friends! Please know of my continue prayers for you all in these holy days.

A couple of weeks ago I had the privilege and joy to baptize the first child of very dear friends. After the celebration of the Sacrament, we continued the blessed occasion at the family's home. Towards the end of the evening, I was able to hold the baby! As we know, babies in general are awesome, and the chance to hold them in your arms is a uniquely wonderful experience. On a purely human level, they are of course so cute and peaceful to hold and look upon. They have a power over our hearts, as we can't stop looking at them in wonder. They are a miracle and blessing to us all, even when they fuss or puke on us! Holding a child can draws us to a deeper supernatural level as well. The child in our arms witnesses to a trust, docility, and obedience, we desire in our Heavenly Father. All these gifts we desire in our Heavenly Father. The end of holiness is to have the trust in our Heavenly Father just as those little ones have in our arms. Yes, they may fuss and squirm, but they always keep their gaze on those who hold them and allow themselves to be comforted and loved. This is how we are when we, by God's grace, are transformed into His image and attain conversion of heart; and we possess a loving trust in the depth of our heart.

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Church continues to celebrate the great mysteries and joys of Christmas. So, it's fitting we honor the Holy Family the day after Christmas this year. The Holy Family is a gift to all of us and an icon of *trust, docility, and obedience* from which we can all learn by contemplating the humble home of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Of course, the Holy Family is a tough act to follow. Mary, our Blessed Mother, was born without the mark of original sin on her heart. Saint Joseph was a most righteous and upright man. And then, of course, we have Jesus, the Son of God. However, we must not forget the humanity of all three of the members of the Holy Family. This includes Jesus Himself, who was fully human and fully divine. All three of these members entrusted themselves to God and to each other in *trust, docility, and obedience*. All three members of the Holy Family as one trusts each other and love each other for who they are. Our Blessed Mother, who as a young girl, exemplified obedience and trust in the Father in her *fiat*. By doing so, she took on her role in the salvation of the entire human family. Saint Joseph, in his own right, took Mary into his home and protected Her and the Lord Jesus without thinking of himself. And Jesus, who entrusted Himself to human parents, and indeed to humanity itself, became Man, allowing Himself to be taken into the hands of His own creatures. The Catechism teaches us: **Christ chose to be born and grow up in the bosom of the holy family of Joseph and Mary**. The Catechism goes on to say that **the Church is nothing other than the family of God**.

We are all members of the family of God by virtue of us being members of the community of believers. At our baptism, we were welcomed into the door of the family home of God and His Church. In that most graced moment, our hearts were configured to Christ's in love. We received the indelible mark of the Father on our hearts. Our hearts were opened to the divine life God freely gives us in the Church, this life given to us by Jesus Himself becoming incarnate and dwelling among us and His saving acts of love: His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

It is in the family of the Church that we grow in this *trust, docility, and obedience* to the Father and one another. We are in a humble way reliant on the gifts God desires to give us. We grow in confidence in the Father by our participation in the life of the Church, the sacraments of the Church, in particular the blessing of the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which we're able to celebrate often. We also grow in this *trust, docility, and obedience* by our friendship with Jesus in prayer, in those intimate moments of prayer and conversations with the Father. The more we can give of ourselves to Him in *trust, docility, and obedience*, the more we become one with Him. By living this way, we co-operate with Divine Grace, according to our ability we merit further grace from God, and thereby enter ever more fully into His loving embrace.

As we continue to celebrate the feast of Christmas, may the Holy Spirit open our minds and hearts to those gifts of *trust, docility, and obedience* exemplified in the Holy Family. May the light of the Prince of Peace guide us in trust to the loving arms to the Father who loves us from eternity.

May God continue to bless you and your families,

Father Aidan, OSB

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Dec. 26 - Jan. 1

Sunday Parish office closed Prayers for Religious Liberty, 5 P.M., CH Youth Group, 7-9 P.M., PC LL

Monday

Parish office closed Women's Ignatian Prayer Group, 1:45-3:30 P.M., PH Rosary at the Grotto, 5 P.M.

Tuesday

Parish office closed 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 А.М., PH

Rosary for the Military, 1 Р.М., PC LL Chapel Confessions, 5 P.M., CH

Wednesday

Parish office closed SoulCore, 10 A.M.-12 P.M., PC LL Youth Group, 7-8:30 р.м., PC LL

Thursday

Parish office closed Eucharistic Adoration, 7 A.M.- 4 P.M., PC LL, Chapel Confessions, 5 P.M., CH

> Friday New Year's Eve Parish office closed

Saturday New Year's Day Parish office closed

CH - CHURCH PC - PARISH CENTER PH - PARISH HOUSE

LL - LOWER LEVEL YR - YOUTH ROOM

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday: 1 John 1:1-4 Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 John 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 John 1:5 - 2:2 Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 Matthew 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 John 2:3-11 Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Luke 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 John 2:12-17 Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Luke 2:36-40

Friday: 1 John 2:18-21 Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 John 1:1-18

Saturday: Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Luke 2:16-21

Mass Intentions for Dec. 27 - Jan. 1

Monday	6:30 A.M. — + Mr. & Mrs. John McCarthy 7:30 A.M. — The Cochran Family 8:30 A.M. — + Susan Kalhorn
Tuesday	6:30 A.M. — + John & Peggy Moellenberg 7:30 A.M. — + Kathleen A. Quinn 8:30 A.M. — + W. Gregory Dillon
Wednesday	6:30 A.M. — + Ellen Neary 7:30 A.M. — + Joseph Mueller 8:30 A.M. — + Larry Miller
Thursday	6:30 A.M. — + Donald & Ellena Lavin 7:30 A.M. — + Jack McEnery 8:30 A.M. — + Fred Glarner
Friday	New Year's Eve 6:30 A.M. — + Dominic Licavoli
Saturday	New Year's Day

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

Pray for the Sick

Please include the following in your daily prayers:

Tom Blythe, Joan Cain, Don Carmody, Carol Chalcraft, Horacio del Rosario, Linda & Ted Ehrmann, Bonnie Ferrell, Pat Hartwig, Ray Hellweg, Therese Jost, Flora Licavoli, Dr. Romeo Perez, Margaret Puterbaugh, and Bonnie Wimmer.



Stewardship stewardship.stanselmstl@att.net

We called to thank God for all the gifts He has given us, but we are also grateful to each other. Please know of

our gratitude, recognition, and appreciation for all who give so generously to support our parish!

Fr. Aidan Fr. Francis Lectors Molly Gayou Ushers TBD

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WEEKEND MASSES **JANUARY 1-2**

Saturday - 4:30 P.M. Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Francis

Extraordinary Ministers Fr. Aidan Cathy Inkley Jane Sexton Lectors Eliot Casey **Rick Voytas** Ushers Bob Kelly Sid Tolod

Sunday - 7:30 A.M. Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Finbarr

Extraordinary Ministers Fr. Aidan Dcn. Charlie R.B. Clark Ron Jaudes

> Lectors Howard Canada Edie Varley

Ushers Jack Hodge **Bob Mills**

Sunday - 9:00 A.M.

Conventual Mass, celebrated and attended by the monks of St. Louis Abbey. (Parishioners and guests welcome to attend!)

Sunday - 11:00 A.M. Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Francis

Extraordinary Ministers Dcn. Charlie

Lectors Matthew Carr Pat Hofmeister

Ushers Joseph Coleman **Tom Cummings**

Sunday - 5:30 P.M. **Celebrant & Homilist: Extraordinary Ministers**

ORDO FOR THE WEEK

December 26 – Feast of the Holy Family

December 27 – Saint John, apostle & evangelist

The disciple whom Jesus loved as a close friend was the only Apostle not martyred. His Gospel is theological and a window into the interior life of Jesus.

December 28 – Feast of the Holy Innocents

The infants of Bethlehem, put to death by Herod, bear witness to Christ, who was persecuted from the time of His birth by a world that would not receive Him.

Dec. 29 – Saint Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr When Thomas Becket was chosen to be chancellor of England, King Henry II thought he could control the Church. When Thomas refused, courtiers killed him in his cathedral, which became a place of pilgrimage.

January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God This solemnity highlights Mary's important role in the Incarnation: her divine motherhood, a unique position in God's redemptive plan.



Please join us in congratulating **Mr. Bernard and Mrs. Mary Keusenkothen** on their diamond wedding anniversary on December 30, 2022!

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship: Friday, January 7 in the Adoration Chapel from 12-1:30 P.M. *First Friday Rosary* with *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Lunch* - Our intentions are for God's love, mercy, and peace as we embark on this 2022 New Year. Bring your rosary, sack lunch, and drink. Walk-in guests always welcome! (**RSVP** to Audrey - *audreyaltepeter@hotmail.com*/314.608.3580)

Women's Fellowship: Wednesday, January 12 at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Center auditorium - **Bunco Blizzard!** Join us for a lively, dice-rolling game of Bunco! Novice and seasoned players welcome! Enjoy New Year conversations, snacks, wine, and hot cocoa/coffee bar. **Event fee**: \$10

Consider supporting rural parishes by bringing Walmart gift cards for their parishioners' needs. (**RSVP** to Audrey - *audreyaltepeter@hotmail.com*/314.608.3580)

Prayer Chain: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests." (Luke 2:14 Contact Helaine Boland (*helaineb@ymail.com*) so we may pray to God for your intentions.

An End of Year Thank You to all who kindly donated to our monthly charities: Sailors/South China Sea; Camp Cole/St. Patrick Center; Our Lady's Inn; Books for Newborns; Rural Parishes; and the Ville Neighborhood Churches. May God bless everyone!

- 26 Dr. & Mrs. George Kroeger
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Roberto Sebbio
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. James V. O'Brien
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Rodney H. Thomas
- 27 Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Leary
- 27 Dr. & Mrs. Kurt F. Strobach
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. George W. Walton, Jr.
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. William F. Beck
- 27 Dr. & Mrs. Keith A. Hruska
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. David F. Burke
- 28 Mr. & Mrs. Mark L. Kugman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 28 Mr. & Mrs. Gary L. Mayes
- 28 Mr. & Mrs. Francis Murphy, Jr.
- 28 Mr. & Mrs. Fred Sauer
- 28 Mr. & Mrs. James I. Bernardini
- 28 Mr. & Mrs. Philip Otto
- 28 Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Rotenberg
- 28 Mr. & Mrs. Michael J. Dreller
- 28 Mr. & Mrs. James M. Steger
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Michael McLaughlin

IN MEMORIAM

- 29 Dr. & Mrs. Edwin Cunningham
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Earl J. Poe

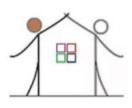
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Ringhofer
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. Edward W. Dinan
- 30 Dr. & Mrs. Peter Fonseca
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. Bernard F. Keusenkothen
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. Peter F. Mackie
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. Mark L. Steiner
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. McEnery, III
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. Jacob A. Sommer
- 30 Mr. Richard D. Fook &
 - Mrs. Elaine K. Wolshock
- 01 Dr. & Mrs. Steve D. Stahle

Br. Edward Dahlheimer Robert F. O'Connell Mary Ann Stephen Esther O'Neill Louis Doerr 12/26/02 12/26/10 12/26/17 12/27/70 12/28/13 Donald Kueser Ruth Weiler Richard Dinsmore Michael Kickham Ruthann Byrne 12/28/18 12/28/79 12/30/83 12/30/14 12/31/06

Susann M. DeFelice12/31/09Dr. William Hummel01/01/92Harry J. Nichols01/01/17

Acts of Kindness

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



Thank You for Helping to Support Claver House!

Claver House is the home base of Revitalization 2000 (R2K), whose mission is to build empowering relationships within the Ville neighborhood of North St. Louis.

Earlier this year, many of you helped support this mission by offering funds for a hydroponic tower in the community garden, a place for youth and their families to work together and help supplement the community's food pantry as well. In a warm letter of thanks to Saint Anselm Parish, the staff at Claver House said, "Our greatest [project], however, is the expansion of our "Project Read and Feed". We continued to grow fresh vegetables in our community gardens to support this program. On the "reading" side of "Project Read and Feed", we include books with our food deliveries; and we are in the planning stage for setting up additional "little libraries" across the Ville and filling them with the many books donated to us... [A]nything we accomplish is in partnership with good people like you."

To read more about Claver House's work, please visit *www.revitalization2000.com*.

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

	Feast of the Holy Family Sunday, December 26
	7:30 a.m. Mass (Abbey Church)
	9:00 a.m. Monastic Mass (Abbey Church)
	11:00 a.m. Mass (Parish Center)
	5:30 p.m. Mass (Parish Center)
	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Salurday, January 1
8	7:30 a.m. Mass (Abbey Church)
	8:45 a.m. Mass (Abbey Church)

4:30 p.m. Mass (Abbey Church)

FAITH FORMATION

"The Church: Divine Origin and Mission" Sunday, January 9 at 9:15 A.M. | Parish Center, Room #5

These monthly Family + Faith classes are a **blend of presentation**, **video**, **and** *optional* **small group discussion**, led by a catechist with personal experience in the topic.

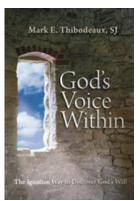


Our discussion on **Sunday, January 9** is titled "The Church: Divine Origin and Mission".

*This session's catechist will be our own Fr. Aidan McDermott, so don't miss out!

RSVPs are appreciated, but if you're unexpectedly free Sunday morning, *come on in!* If you are able to RSVP in advance, please contact David Straub at 314.878.2120 ext. 19 or at *dstraub@stanselmstl.org*, or you may also text 314.283.4068.

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



Men's Ignatian Prayer Group

Thursday, January 20, 6:30-7:30 P.M.

Starting **Thursday, January 20**, our men's prayer group will begin again, led by parishioner and archdiocesecommissioned spiritual director Kim Pham, with Deacon Charlie Durban assisting.

This group is open to any men of the parish interested in deepening their personal prayer and spiritual

journey. No prior experience is required or expected other than an openness to Jesus. The group will be based on Ignatian spirituality using the book *God's Voice Within* by Fr. Mark Thibodeaux, SJ. Copies will be available at the first meeting. The book is subtitled *The Ignatian Way to Discover God's Will*. If you have ever asked yourself "What does God want me to do with my life?", then this group is for you.

If you would like to join this faith and fun-filled adventure, please register by contacting Kim at *stsfdgoo@gmail.com* or Deacon Charlie at *durban383@sbcglobal.net*.

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 and keep you in the loop!

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Sunday, Dec. 26: No class - Christmas break!

Sunday, Jan. 2: No class - Christmas break!



Let the Little Ones Come Unto Me!

Sunday, January 9 at 11 А.М.

Our next Children's Mass takes place on **Sunday, January 9**, in conjunction with the **11 A.M. Mass** in the Parish Center.

All children between the ages of 2 years and 3rd grade are invited

to attend! This special teaching Mass takes place every second Sunday of the month, and gives our youngest Catholics a way to better understand and participate at parish Masses!

Catechists will walk children downstairs to the Adoration Chapel, then back to their parents; parents are welcome to attend either the children's Mass or the regular Mass upstairs, depending on your preference.

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

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email, and you're all set! To learn more or for help accessing the site, please contact Katelyn at 314.878.2120 ext. 11, or at communications@ stanselmstl.org.

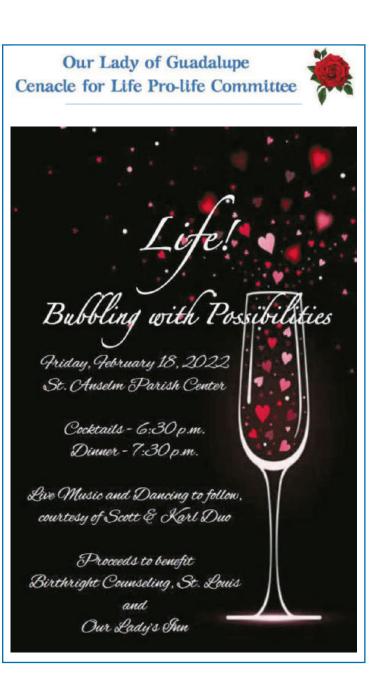


calendar of events



Sunday, Jan. 9: Confirmation class - Session #7: Foundation - Fiat #4 due!

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





Eucharistic Adoration Tuesdays & Thursdays | 8 A.M.-4 P.M. Adoration Chapel

"Go to the Lord very simply, with the surrender of a small child." (Saint Peter Julian Eymard)

Come to adore Our Lord in His great gift to us: the Blessed Sacrament.

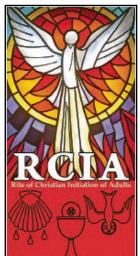
Everyone is invited to stop by for five minutes, an hour, or as long as you like for quiet prayer or contemplation. We are also always in need of regular adorers who commit to keeping Our Lord company at particular hour each week.

What should I do at Adoration?

Some people prefer to pray the rosary, liturgy of the hours, or other favorite prayers. Others bring a prayer journal, book about the life of a saint, or other spiritual reading. Others simply sit in the loving Presence of Christ, silently telling Him the needs and intentions on their hearts. This is your special time with God.

For more information, or to ask about being a regular adorer, please contact Tricia Newell at 314.540.0034 or *jnewelljr@charter.net*.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)



What is RCIA? This is a program for adults interested in becoming Catholic, or for those who were baptized Catholic without ever receiving First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

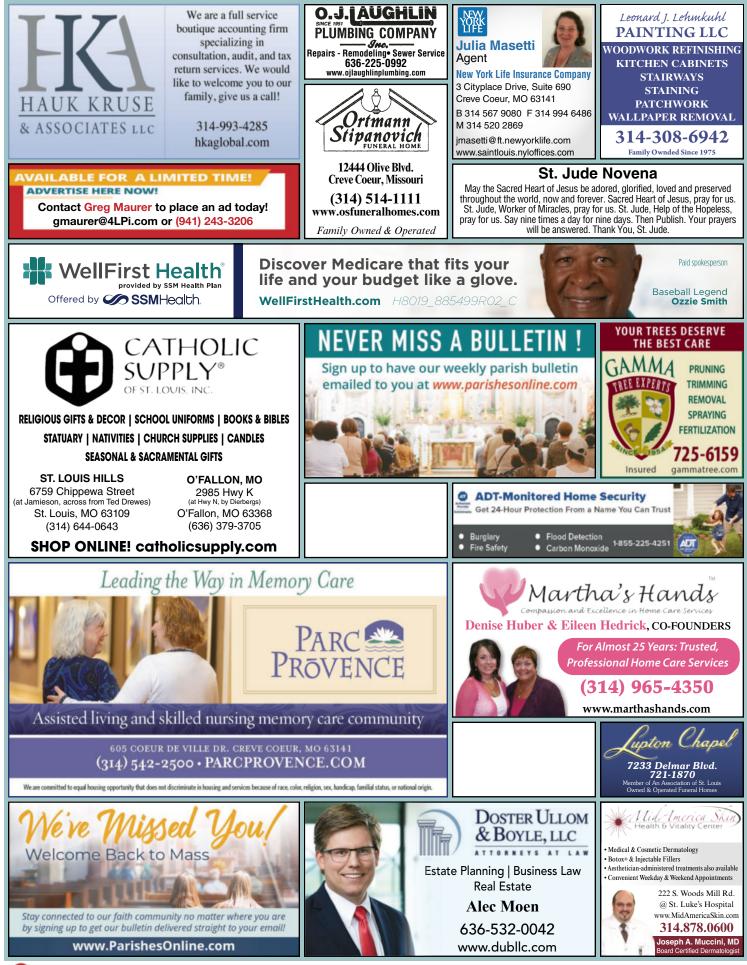
Inquirers have the chance to have their questions answered, and to learn more about our rich Catholic traditions, the Bible, the Mass, and the Sacraments.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact Barbara Kruse at 314.422.3920 or barbarabroadviewfarm@gmail.com.



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