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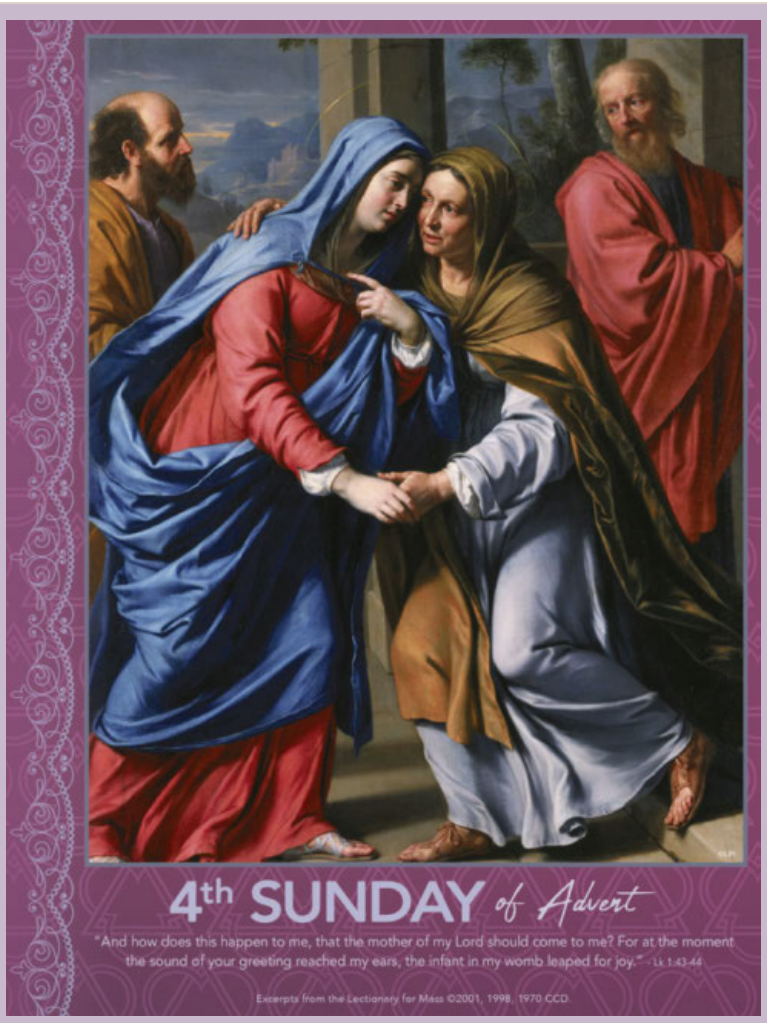
December 19th, 4th Sunday of Advent



PARISH INFORMATION

Fr. Eric Kunz, Pastor
Deacon TJ Wild
Deacon Harvey Dubbs — Retired

MASS TIMES

Saturday	4:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM
	10:30 AM
Monday — Friday	8:00 AM

Confessions
Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Eucharistic Exposition
Thursday 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Prayer Chain Contacts
Joyce Willis 629-2573 or
Sherry Reed 629-7535

WELCOME

A warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us. If you are visiting, we are honored by your presence. If you are interested in becoming a member, please call the rectory. Our Parish serves the needs of this community in many ways. We offer preparation for Sacraments, education for children and adults, social activities, assistance to those in difficulty, comfort to the sick and those who mourn a loss.

If we can be of service, please let us know. We hope you will come again soon. For your convenience, we have blue "Let Us Know" cards in back of church.

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Christmas 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I send my warmest and most sincere greetings at this holy time of the year to all of you, and to all your families and loved ones!

This past year has been a challenging time for everyone. It has also been a year of great grace. We have witnessed the love and concern of people for one another. So many have been willing to make tremendous sacrifices to keep people safe, and try and curb this global health crisis. We have much to be grateful for as we move a step closer to the end of the pandemic. Now is the time for Catholics to step forward, giving generously to help those in need.

Each year, the people of the archdiocese are asked to make a special gift on Christmas Day to support our seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. These men are responding to Christ's call to follow Him as they discern a vocation to the holy priesthood, and have dedicated themselves to living, growing, and serving in His love as they prepare for a life of parish ministry. God-willing, these men will bring the faith given to us by Christ 2,000 years ago to future generations.

This Christmas, I ask you to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas collection at your parish, which helps ensure that our seminarians receive the education and formation they need to grow closer to Christ each day. Your support is a source of inspiration for the seminarians and helps to build up the Church in St. Louis. Together, we can encourage our future priests to walk the path of holiness as they seek to configure their hearts to the Heart of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to celebrating the joy of the Christmas season with all of the faithful of the Archdiocese. How wonderful it is to have the faithful back in church to celebrate Christ's birth. Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Mitchell T. Rozanski

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SYMPATHY

Erica Kindel

WITH HEARTFELT
SYMPATHY

Dale Parmentier
(brother of Karen Myers)

Come help us decorate church for Christmas!!
Wednesday, December 22nd, 1:00pm

LECTORS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Friday, December 24th – 4:30 PM
Jackie Daugherty
Saturday, December 25th – 9:00 AM
Joyce Willis

Christmas Mass Times

December 24th, Christmas Eve
4:30 pm
December 25th, Christmas Day
9:00 am

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Fourth Sunday of Advent–Surrender to God

Ecce ancilla Domini. Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). This is one of the most beautiful lines in Scripture. It conveys to us the total surrender and power of obedience to God's will in our lives. Because of Mary's *fiat,* the Savior entered the world to save us from our sins and to bring us back to God.
As we celebrate Christmas, let us do so in the spirit of joy, welcoming the humble Christ-child into our hearts once more and asking Him to conform our hearts to His most sacred heart. In this joyful time, let us show love, kindness, and mercy to our loved ones who have fallen away and never lose hope in their return home. The angel Gabriel tells us, "For nothing will be impossible for God" (Luke 1:37). May God bless you and your family this Christmas!
Venite adoremus Dominum!
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Parish Office Closed

Monday, December 20th
Friday, December 24th

Christmas Altar Flowers

In Honor or Memory of

Jim Ellert Family
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Robert & Mary Ennis
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Wayne Scheidegger
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Emelia Comon
Helen Gonzaga

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Bobby Joe Wideman
Pat Komo
Katie Komo

Ruth Kunz-Goodman,
Mr. & Mrs. Dorsey Wilson
Mr. & Mrs. George T. Kunz
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Straatmann
Bryan
Ashley
Dave
Rob

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

	Date	Time	Event
Mon	**12/20**	8:00 am	Mass
Tues	**12/21**	8:00 am	Mass
Wed	**12/22**	8:00 am 6:00 pm	Mass Reconciliation
Thurs	**12/23**	8:00 am 8:30 - 3:00	Mass Adoration
Fri	**12/24**	4:30 pm	Mass
Sat	**12/25**	9:00 am	Mass
Sun	**12/26**	8:00 am 10:30 am	Mass Mass

Readings For The Week

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26 -38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 ***Night:*** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2 -3,11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 ***Dawn:*** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 ***Day:*** Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2- 3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Mass INTENTIONS

December 18th — December 26th

Weekend, December 18th & 19th
Sat. 4:30 PM † Mary Brady
Sun. 8:00 AM † Kevin Dulworth
10:30 AM † People of Parish

Monday, December 20th
8:00 AM † Jacqueline Windler

Tuesday, December 21st
8:00 AM † Lawrence Prichard

Wednesday, December 22nd
8:00 AM † Rev. Robert C. Lane

Thursday, December 23rd
8:00 AM † James G. Scammell

Friday, Deember 24th
4:30 PM † Edgar & Angela Hagdorn

Weekend, December 25th & 26th
Sat. 9:00 AM † Dolly Hollenberg
Sun. 8:00 AM † Joe Morgan
10:30 AM † People of Parish

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - DECEMBER 25TH & 26TH

DATE	SERVERS	GIFT BEARERS	LECTORS	EUCHARISTIC
12/25 9:00 am	Mike Boyer	—	Joyce Willis	—
12/26 8:00 am	Messenger Brothers Cole Horton Wyatt Horton	—	Juanita Perkins	—
12/26 10:30 am	Messenger Brothers Volunteers	—	Erin Wild	—

12/26 Collection Counters: — Tammy Alsop, Janet Lindemann

WE PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES

May God Provide Health and Comfort to:

December

Gale Cordia, Wendy Peters, Rachael Putnam, Lloyd DeGuire, Kay Blanke, Loretta Gravagna, Larry Perkins, Leslie George, Pat Cordia, Larry Hanks, Rodney Bryan, Patti Smith, Pauline Ware Scheer, John Evans and Dalton Via.

November

Charlotte Hagedorn, Coach Perry, Bernard Unnerstall, Jerome Ritter, Tony DeMoor, Mary Suntrup, Hugo Vaden, Carol Krassinger, Andrea Moore, Loraine Shaw, Jennifer Harter, Joann Haynes, and Gordon Monk

October

Lucille Just, Katherine Haynes (Joann Haynes great-granddaughter) John Wilinski, Paul Freeman, Leona Collins, Jennifer Schafer, James Charboneau, Sandi Stahl, Kim Overschmidt Schroeder, Josh Garrett, Terry Shadrick, Sgt. Ian Ives, Mark Hoffmeister, Lori Mayer, and Sandy Stecher.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Please remember in your prayers the following military personnel:

Captain Gionna Casatelli — Us Army,
SGT Ian Ives — US Army,
SGT Drew Alsop — US Army, Erin Arent — US Navy,
Jeff Arent — U.S. Marines, SGT Jamie Bucher — USAF,
Jason Burton — US Navy,
Scott Daugherty, Coty DeClue — USAF,
SGT Cameron Earley — US Army,
SGT Tyler Earley — US Army,
Clay Fisher — US Marines,
James Taylor Gragg — USAF, SPC Tyler Grogan — US Army,
Matthew Martin — US Navy, Logan Moore — USAF,
Monty Perkins, And Andrew Snodgrass — US Navy.
MSgt Jeffrey Haynes—USAF

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

STEWARDSHIP

Week of December 12th

Offertory Envelopes	$	3,300.00
Loose Collection		103.00
Total Money For Operating Capital	**$**	**3,403.00**

Restricted Funds

Christmas Flowers		120.00
Immaculate Conception		90.00
Cemetery Care		10.00
Total	$	220.00

Monthly Offertory Total To Date: $ 8,112.23
December Collection Goal: $ 14,500.00

Thanks be to God for the generosity of our Parishioners!

Everyday Stewardship

Baby Jesus' Wish List

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your god-daughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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STARBUCKS	7%	$25		
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TACO BELL	5%	$10		
Automotive				
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BP	1.50%	$100		

Vendor Name	Profit	Scrip$	QTY	Total $
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MICHAEL'S	5%	$25		
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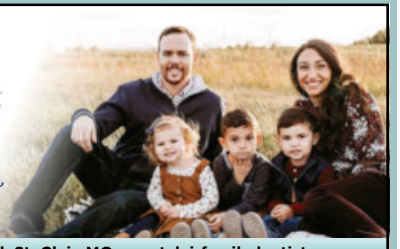

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