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Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass:
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass:
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.

Holy Day:
Special schedule, as announced

Confessions:
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. & by appointment

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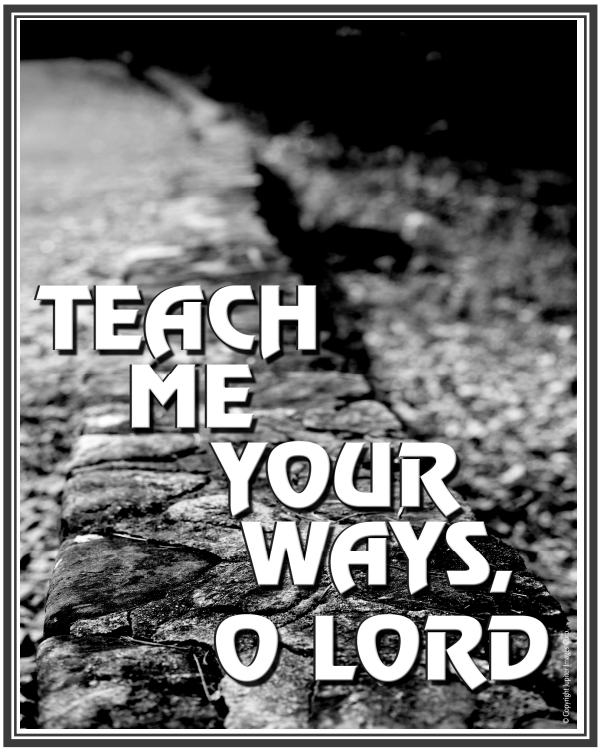
January 24, 2021
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Mission

We, the Church of Annunciation, rooted in our belief in the Eucharist, accept the call of God to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our parish community and beyond. We strive to be witnesses to our faith through our responsible stewardship and by welcoming and caring for others as Jesus taught us.

New Parishioners

Please call the parish office for information on registering as a member of the parish. Pre-registration forms are also available on a table in the church narthex. Someone will be happy to help you with registration and information about the parish.

Baptism

Contact the parish office during pregnancy to register for a parent preparation session and to schedule the baptism of your children. Baptisms are normally celebrated during or after one of the Sunday Masses or Saturday Vigil Mass.

Marriage

Begin preparation at least nine months in advance. Call the office to register for the marriage preparation program. Date can be set only after preparation has begun.

FIRST READING

When God saw by their actions how they turned
from their evil way,
he repented of the evil that he had
threatened to do to them;
he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

PSALM

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

SECOND READING

For the world in its present form is passing away.
(1 Cor 7:31)

GOSPEL

The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel. (Mk 1:15)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

Remember in Your Prayers

Parishioners**: Pat Kreidler; Elaine Jenkins; Pete Keim, Diane Allyn, Karen Perkins; Jim & Martha Hayes; Rachel Adcock; Trisha Greenwood,** daughter of John & Mary Greenwood**; Roy Harmon, Art Barrette; Josefina & Lee Prewitt; Tyler Sumption,** son of Donna Sumption; **Chuck Sohm; Jim & Dorothy Self.**

Family & friends of parishioners: **Danielle Crouse** & newborn **Estella**, daughter & granddaughter of Rose Smith; **Wyatt Maurer**, grandson of Rich Maurer; **Ruth Moyer**, mother of Patty Pagel;

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 30
5:00pm
Sacristan - **Barb Owen**
Usher - **Jeanne Barnes; Randy Barnes**
Lector - **Lyle Mussman**

Sunday, January 31
8:00am
Sacristan - **Kathy Olson**
Usher - **Gene Irsik; Stan Vajdic**
Lector - **Marilyn Kruzich**

Sunday, January 31
10:30am
Sacristan - **Kathie Ousley**
Usher - **Barbara Seeley; Kenny Seeley**
Lector - **Kathie Ousley**

If you are unable to minister, please call a substitute

DATE/INTENTIONS	READINGS
Monday, January 25 *The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle*	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday, January 26 *Ss. Timothy and Titus* 8:00am: Ann McCarthy	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday, January 27 *St. Angela Merici* 6:00pm: Schmitz family	Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday, January 28 *St. Thomas Aquinas* 8:00am: † Constance Healy	Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday, January 29 10:00am: † Leona Wolf	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday, January 30 *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil* 5:00pm: † Todd DeWald	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday, January 31 *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time* 8:00am: Parish 10:30am: Fr. John Wolf	Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk1:21-28

This year we celebrate our
Sweet 16 Piccadilly with a virtual auction.

All donations need to be in ASAP!

On February 6th at 7 PM the committee along with our youth emcees, will GO LIVE on our Annunciation YouTube channel (the same channel you use to watch Mass).

Each paddle number will be $50 which includes a chance to win every single item.

We will introduce each item, draw a paddle number, and announce the winner live on YouTube. However you need not to be virtually present to win, we will text you at the end of the night and prizes will be picked up the next day at church until noon.

Be sure to invite any guests you have brought in the past, even if they have moved away. And you can get a paddle this year no matter how old you are!

We know many people gather for this annual tradition so be sure to buy your tickets by Feb 1st to be entered into a raffle for dinner or dessert on us, for your watch party up to 8 people.

Tickets will go on sale on January 23rd and we will need a name for every single paddle number you purchase and must be paid for in full, before 6pm on February 6th!

We will virtually see you then!

Sweet 16 Piccadilly Committee

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1.) Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and

2.) Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and

3.) After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

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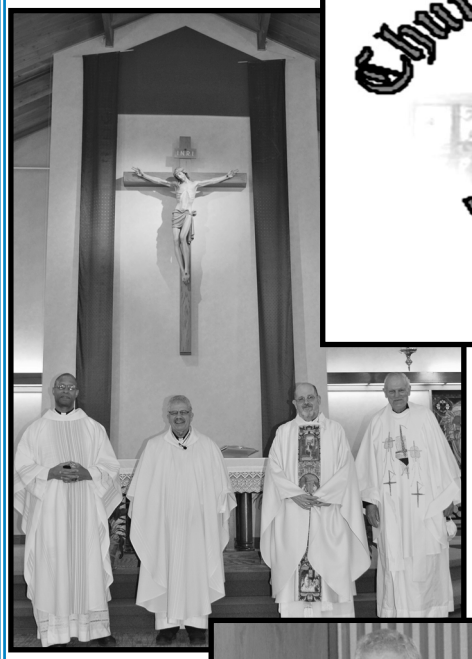
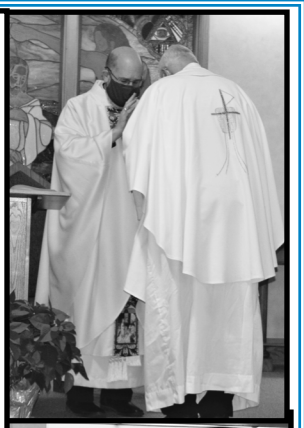
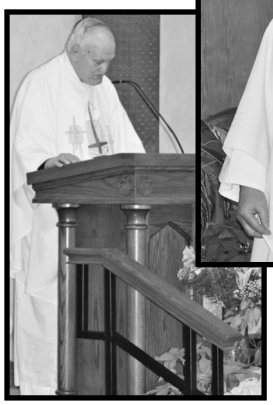
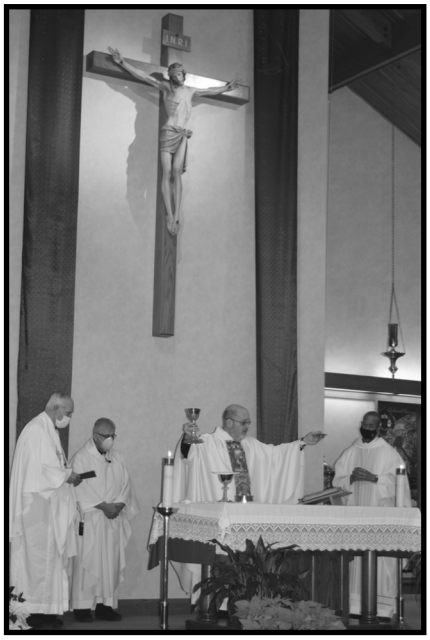
35th Anniversary

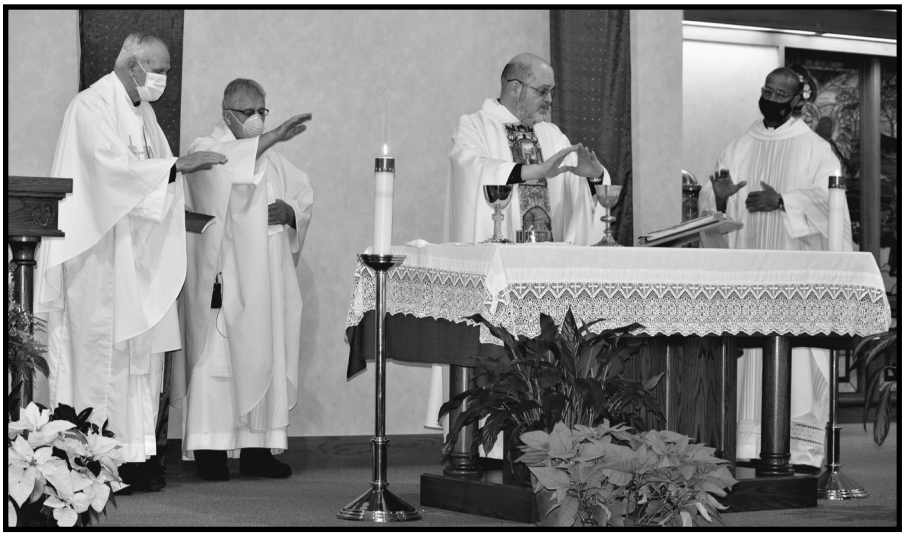
19 January 2021











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Answers to Key Ethical Questions About COVID-19 Vaccines,

Part 2 of 3

The development of vaccines to combat the COVID-19 pandemic has received much public attention and raised several ethical questions related to their development and use. This document is intended to provide concise answers to some of those ethical questions as well as links to more in-depth resources.

Do COVID-19 vaccines use abortion-derived cell lines?

As of the date of this writing, hundreds of vaccines for COVID-19 are in development worldwide, and more than a dozen are in the final stages of testing. Some don't use abortion-derived cell lines at all, some have used such cell lines to test the vaccine's efficacy, and some are using such cell lines in the development and/or the production phases. There are currently two vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) being distributed for use in the United States, and there are others that are likely to be made available in the coming months (e.g., AstraZeneca, Janssen, etc.). Neither Pfizer nor Moderna used an abortion-derived cell line in the development or production of the vaccine. However, such a cell line was used to test the efficacy of both vaccines. Thus, while neither vaccine is completely free from any use of abortion-derived cell lines, in these two cases the use is very remote from the initial evil of the abortion. The AstraZeneca and Janssen vaccines raise additional moral concerns because an abortion-derived cell line is used not only for testing, but also in development and production.

Is it morally acceptable to receive a COVID-19 vaccine that uses abortion-derived cell lines?

Given that the COVID-19 virus can involve serious health risks, it can be morally acceptable to receive a vaccine that uses abortion-derived cell lines if there are no other available vaccines comparable in safety and efficacy with no connection to abortion. If it is possible to choose among a number of equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. If a vaccine with no connection to abortion-derived cell lines is not readily available, vaccines that used such cell lines only for testing would be preferable to those that use such cell lines for ongoing production. Such choices may not be possible, however, especially in the early stages of vaccine distribution. In that case, one may receive any of the clinically recommended vaccines in good conscience with the assurance that reception of such vaccines does not involve immoral cooperation in abortion.

Where can I find more information on this topic?

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org/prolife/biomedical-research)
National Catholic Bioethics Center (www.ncbcenter.org)
Charlotte Lozier Institute (www.lozierinstitute.org/category/genetics)

[iii] https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/explaining-operation-warp-speed/index.html; https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/Operation-Warp-Speed/.

[iv] As of the date of this document, there are no available COVID vaccine options that are completely free from a connection to abortion-derived cell lines. But there are some COVID vaccines in development that may end up free of such connection.

[v] Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith "Note on the morality of using some anti-COVID-19 vaccines" (21 December 2020), no. 3.

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