



Church of the Annunciation 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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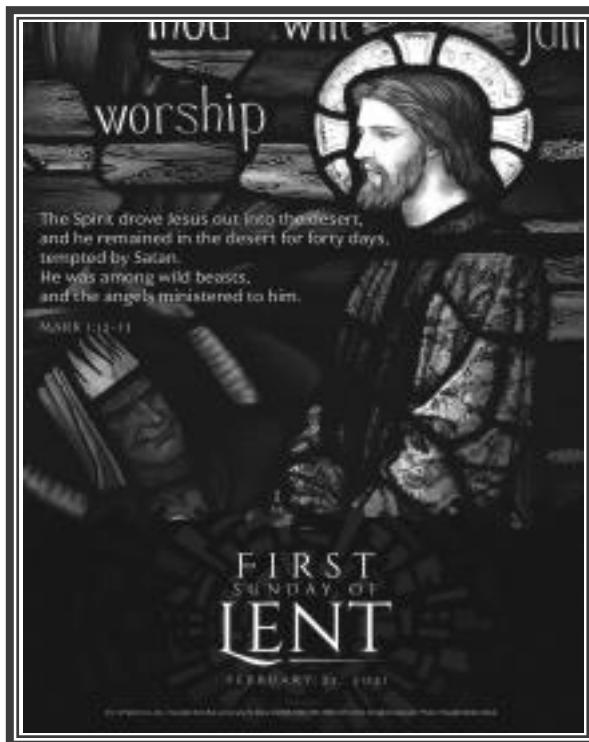
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February 21, 2021

Ist Sunday of Lent



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.

Welcome to Church of the Annunciation



FIRST READING

I will establish my covenant with you,
that never again shall all bodily creatures
be destroyed
by the waters of a flood;
there shall not be another flood to devastate
the earth. (Gn 9:11)



PSALM

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those
who keep your covenant. (Ps 25)



SECOND READING

Christ suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God. (1 Pt 3:18)



GOSPEL

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for 40 days,
tempted by Satan. (Mk 1:12-13)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

Remember in Your Prayers

Parishioners: Dorothy Self, repose of soul; 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 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, February 27

5:00pm

Sacristan - Barb Owen
Usher - John Coxon; Lance Page
Lector - Mary Chaston

Sunday, February 28

8:00am

Sacristan - Marilyn Kruzich
Usher - John Schmitz; Matthew Schmitz
Lector - Roger Schmitz

Sunday, February 28

10:30am

Sacristan - Hank Lagermann
Usher - Eileen Lagermann; Ellen Schmitz
Lector - Christina Conrick

If you are unable to minister, please call a substitute



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| DATE/INTENTIONS | READINGS |
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| Monday, February 22 <i>The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</i> | 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19 |
| Tuesday, February 23 <i>St. Polycarp</i> 8:00am: † Constance Healy | Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15 |
| Wednesday, February 24 6:00pm: † Mary Carlyn Watson | Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32 |
| Thursday, February 25 8:00am: † Sally Watson | Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12 |
| Friday, February 26 8:00am: † Dorothy Self Jim Self | Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26 |
| Saturday, February 27 <i>2nd Sunday of Lent - Vigil</i> 5:00pm: † Charles & Barbara Ramsey | Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48 |
| Sunday, February 28 <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00am: Pro Populo 10:30am: † Del Gabrielski | Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10 |



Congratulations to our two Catechumen attending the Rite of Election at the Cathedral this weekend!

Our prayers are with you,
Thayne and Jasper Miller
as you prepare for Baptism at Easter Vigil.
We are thankful to journey with you in faith and will continue to support you with our prayers!

NEW Bible Study beginning Thursday evenings!

THE CASE FOR JESUS

There is a lot of skepticism about Jesus out there! Perhaps you know someone who has questioned the historical truth of the Gospels:

- * Did Jesus really claim to be God?
- * Were the four Gospels anonymous? Aren't they just folklore?
- * Did Jesus really claim to be God?
- * What is the evidence for the resurrection?

As *The Case for Jesus* will show, recent discoveries in New Testament scholarship, as well as neglected evidence from ancient manuscripts and the early church fathers, together have the potential to pull the rug out from under a century of skepticism toward the traditional Gospels. In this nine session video study, Dr. Pitre shows how the divine claims of Jesus can only be understood by putting them in their ancient Jewish context. So, if you've ever been interested in "the Jewish roots of Jesus' divinity," then this is the Bible study for you!

WHEN AND WHERE: Thursday evenings at 6:45 p.m. in the Narthex beginning March 4.

Videos free on FORMED.org!

Beautiful workbook \$9, optional.

To order a workbook or to join, sign up in the narthex or contact Mary Baehr: mcbaehr.coa@gmail.com 816-308-3450

We are looking for a missing DVD on "The Mass" with Dr. Sri.

If you have it, could you return it to the office, please?

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:

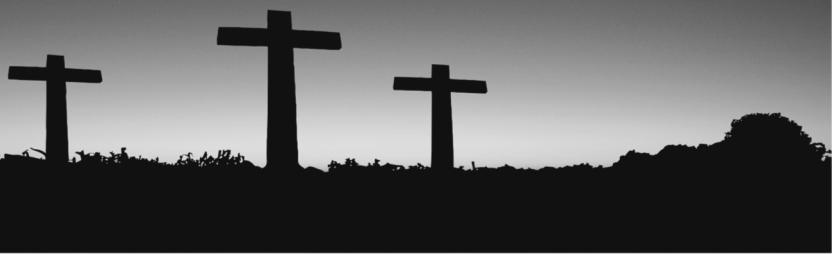
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- 2.) Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
- 3.) After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 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 at 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:00 PM
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

3:00 PM ON GOOD FRIDAY



LENTEN Soup Suppers

to
GO!

Wednesdays during Lent

February 24 - March 31

The pandemic is keeping us from our food & fellowship tradition of Wednesday night soup suppers, but you can still stop by the Narthex after the 6:00 PM Mass and pick up your cup of soup to go!

Each week, a variety of soups will be served in extra-large coffee cups with lids for you to take home and enjoy.

Donations and volunteers will be needed. Watch your email for sign-ups or contact Elizabeth if you would like to help out.

See you soon!

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<https://www.stjamesrespectlifegroup.com/virtual-date-night>
or email stjamesrespectlife@gmail.com"



Fish Fry

Friday Lenten Fish Fry "Drive - Thru"!!!

The Knights of Columbus with the awesome assistance of their lovely wives are continuing the tradition of our Lenten Fish Fries. This year, we had to shift from a parish-wide effort to a different approach due to COVID-19 restrictions. So...we are opening up our very own **DRIVE THRU** Fish Fry!

Three dates: February 19th, March 5th and March 19th
Serving from **5pm to 7pm**

Cost is a suggested \$8 donation
The meals include your choice of either Fried Swai Fish Fillets, Baked Cod Fillets or Shrimp. All three menu items are accompanied by fried potatoes, homemade dipping sauce and corn bread.

Come by the Annunciation Community Center to our drive thru lanes. You will place your order from your car. We will bring it to you so you can still enjoy the scrumptious and somewhat famous Annunciation Fish Fry from home (or your car, if you prefer to eat on the go)!!!



GALA

Catholic Charities KCSJ invites you to Ignite the Night with us at the Celebration of Hope Gala on March 20, 2021.



This year's Gala will be an entirely virtual experience that you can join from the comfort of your own home. You can participate as a sponsor, a home party host, a donor to be with us in spirit, or by viewing the Celebration of Hope from any device for free! During this year's event, we will share with you the work of Catholic Charities during the pandemic and exciting new endeavors that will position us to help more people in the future. You can find more information at www.CatholicCharitiesGala.org or by contacting Brooke Hilst, Major Gifts Manager, at bHilst@ccharities.com or 816-659-8274



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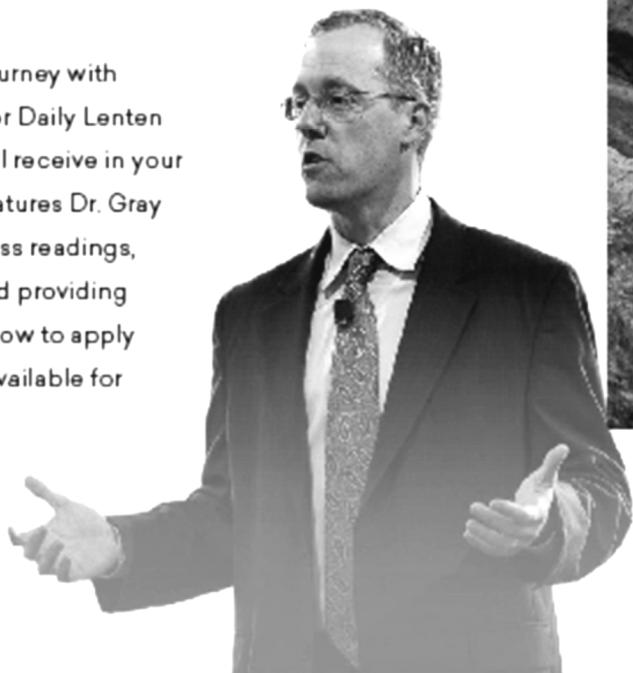
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