



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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March 14, 2021 4th 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.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Their enemies burnt the house of God,
tore down the walls of Jerusalem,
set all its palaces afire,
and destroyed all its precious objects.
(2 Chr 36:19)



PSALM

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!
(Ps 137)



SECOND READING

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus
for the good works
that God has prepared in advance,
that we should live in them. (Eph 2:10)



GOSPEL

For God so loved the world that he gave
his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
might not perish
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

Remember in Your Prayers

Parishioners: **Pat Kreidler; Elaine Jenkins; 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;



We will be reciting the Litany of Saint Joseph before each weekend Mass during the month of March.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 20

5:00pm

Sacristan - Barb Owen
Usher - Adrienne James; Phillip James
Lector - Barb Owen

Sunday, March 21

8:00am

Sacristan - Ellen Schmitz
Usher - Max Morehouse; Jim Wilson
Lector - Michelle Holloway

Sunday, March 21

10:30am

Sacristan - Hank Lagermann
Usher - Barbara, Elizabeth & Kendra Seeley
Lector - Kenny Seeley

If you are unable to minister, please call a substitute



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DATE/INTENTIONS	READINGS
Monday, March 15	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday, March 16 8:00am: † Gene Patten	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday, March 17 <i>St. Patrick</i> 6:00pm: † Pete Keim	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday, March 18 <i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i> 8:00am: Patten Family	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday, March 19 <i>St. Joseph</i> 8:00am: Keim Family	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Saturday, March 20 <i>5th Sunday of Lent - Vigil</i> 5:00pm: † Mike Waddell	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday, March 21 <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00am: Pro Populo 10:30am: † Dorothy Self	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

We are still seeking a part-time Finance Coordinator. This is an important way for someone to contribute, in a very direct way, to the mission of the Church. Please go to the website <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/446089> for more information.

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!

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@ombudsmankesj.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@diocesekesj.org for more information.



Greetings to Church of the Annunciation,

I am Kathryn McCracken, your new secretary. I am excited to be here and to learn all about your church and the people that make up the church.

I go by Kathy, so please feel free to call me that when we meet, whether it is in person or on the phone.

I live in Rayville with my husband of 23 years and we have a small hobby farm. We garden together and have a mixture of animals including dogs, goats, and a cat. We enjoy the outdoors and walking our dogs up and down the mile long driveway.

Before I came to Church of the Annunciation, I was a special education teacher who had retired in 2016. I taught last in the Excelsior Springs School District for 16 years. Prior to that I taught in the State Schools for severely handicapped in Kansas City and Kansas City North for 8 years. I have lived in 6 states and traveled to many more in the US so maybe we have something in common to talk about. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you.

Sincerely,
Kathy



Our Serra Club is conducting the semi-annual Vocations Support Raffle. Only 300 tickets will be sold across all Northland parishes.

Tickets cost \$100 each.

The winner will be drawn on April 20th.

1st prize is \$10,000; 2nd prize \$1,000; Third \$500.

Raffle proceeds will support seminarians, priests and consecrated religious in the Kansas City - St. Joseph Diocese and Northland parish activities for that purpose. Need not be present to win. To buy tickets or have questions answered, contact Dennis Dolan: d_e_dolan@hotmail.com (816) 628-6426 and Lyle Mussman: lfmkmo@aol.com (816) 918-3850



Next week is Spring Break!!

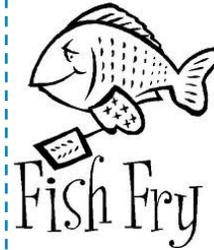
NO PSR on March 17th

Refresh, relax, renew!

Can you give to **KMO Kanteen**, which reaches kids/teens in the Kearney School District in great need of our support? At this time, they are short on the following items: deodorant, razors, shampoo, body wash, feminine products, and healthy snacks. Please drop these items off in the narthex or in Ellen's office. Thank you!!

Pray-Fast-GIVE Lenten verse:

"If we are rich and see others in need, yet close our hearts against them, how can we claim that we love God? My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action." 1 John 3:17-18



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!

Our last one of the season is 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)!!!

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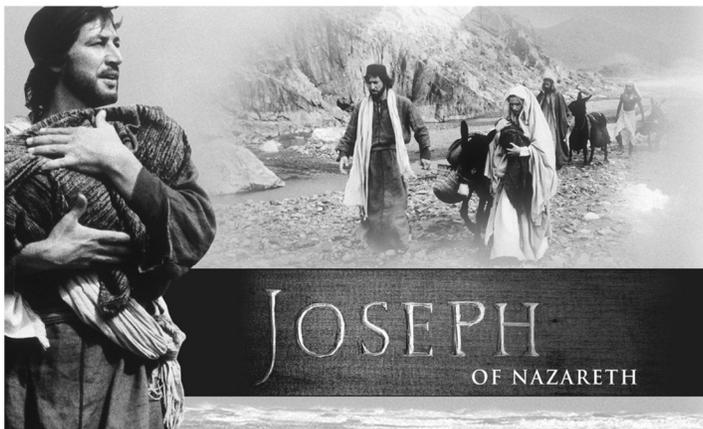
PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

JOSEPH OF NAZARETH: THE STORY OF THE MAN CLOSEST TO CHRIST

With this year being consecrated to St. Joseph, we celebrate the feast day of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



BELOVED - SESSION 4: THE TOTAL GIFT OF SELF

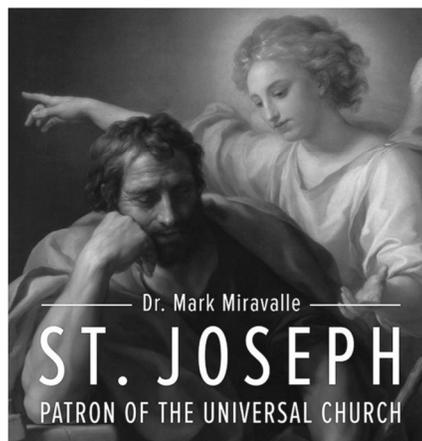
As foster father of Christ and virginal husband of Mary, St. Joseph fully gives himself to both his family and to God. Explore how we can emulate this gift of self in this episode of our Beloved series!

LEARN

LISTEN

ST. JOSEPH: PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH BY MARK MIRAVELLE

St. Joseph, the holiest of the patriarchs, serves as a model of fatherhood, obedience, chastity, and so many other virtues. Join Dr. Mark Miravalle as he shares incredible lessons found in the hidden life of Joseph.



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