



# 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

## PASTORAL STAFF

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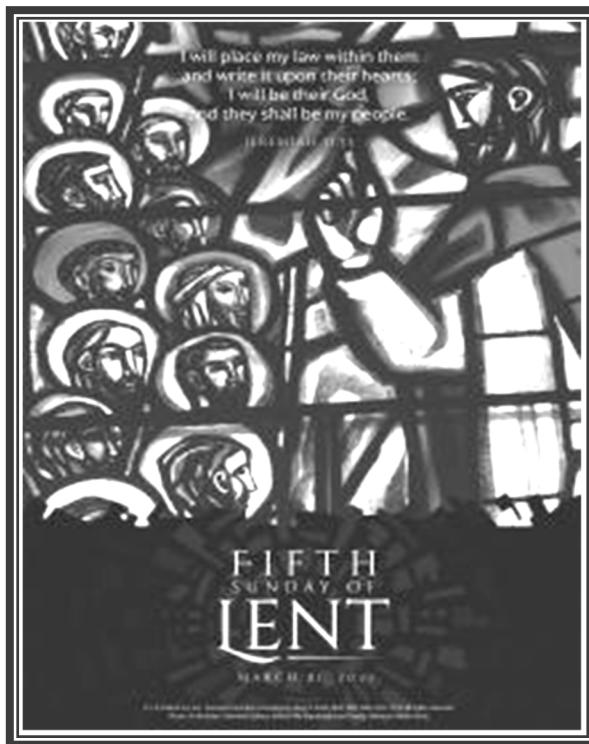
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### Victim Advocate:

816-392-0011  
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**March 21, 2021**  
**5<sup>th</sup> 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.

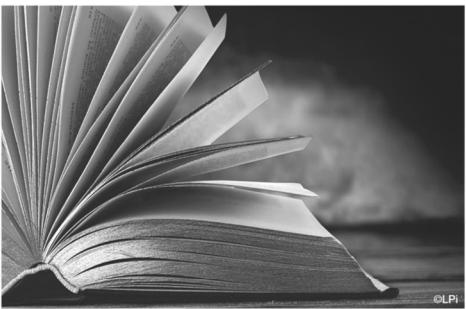
### Baptism

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

All, from least to greatest, shall know me,  
says the LORD,  
for I will forgive their evildoing and remember  
their sin no more. (Jer 31:34)



### PSALM

Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51)



### SECOND READING

Son though he was, he learned obedience  
from what he suffered; (Heb 5:8)



### GOSPEL

Amen, amen, I say to you,  
unless a grain of wheat falls to  
the ground and dies,  
it remains just a grain of wheat;  
but if it dies, it produces much fruit. (Jn 20:24)

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## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

## *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;

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, March 27

5:00pm

**Sacristan -** Ellen Schmitz  
**Usher -** John Coxon; Lance Page  
**Lector -** Mary Chaston; Lyle Mussman

### Sunday, March 28

8:00am

**Sacristan -** Ellen Schmitz  
**Usher -** John Schmitz; Matthew Schmitz  
**Lector -** Rose Smith; Dennis Pieper

### Sunday, March 28

10:30am

**Sacristan -** Amy Bunck  
**Usher -** Asher Bunck; Jayce Bunck  
**Lector -** Kallan Keim; Jamie Bunck

If you are unable to minister, please call a substitute



DATE/INTENTIONS	READINGS
<b>Monday, March 22</b>	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
<b>Tuesday, March 23</b> <i>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo</i> 8:00am: † Pete Keim	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
<b>Wednesday, March 24</b> 6:00pm: Vigil for Annunciation	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
<b>Thursday, March 25</b> <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i> 8:00am: † Gene Patten	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Friday, March 26</b> 8:00am: † Trudy Compton	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
<b>Saturday, March 27</b> <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Vigil</i> 5:00pm: † Constance Healy	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
<b>Sunday, March 28</b> <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> 8:00am: Pro Populo 10:30am: † Pete Keim	Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup>, is the Solemnity of the Annunciation, the feast day of our parish. This feast will be celebrated both at the 6:00 pm Mass on the 24<sup>th</sup> and the 8:00 am Mass on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The Wednesday evening Mass will be celebrated with greater solemnity with music and incense and will be livestreamed, as well.

## **Easter Mass Signup**

We are asking you to signup for the Easter Mass you would like to attend. Please use the following address to reserve your spot or you may call the office and we will do it for you!

<https://signup.com/go/pZOQhks>

**Are you willing to help seat people for the Easter Masses? Please contact Ellen!**  
**We promise to make sure that a seat is available for you and your family as a thank you.**

The Capital Campaign ended in 2019 and any further contributions made to the Capital Campaign will be allocated to the parish's General Fund. Please contact the office if you have any questions!



Have you met Kathy?

Kathy is our new part-time secretary. She currently lives in Rayville with her husband of 23 years. They have a small hobby farm and enjoy gardening and their animals...dogs, goats, and a cat.

She was a special education teacher most recently in the Excelsior Springs School District, but also taught in the State Schools for severely handicapped in Kansas City and Kansas City North. She retired in 2016.

She has lived in 6 different states and has traveled to many more. She looks forward to getting to know us here in our parish.

You're welcome to stop by, introduce yourself and see her smiling face whenever she is in the office!

Monday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Tuesday: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Wednesday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

(Hours are subject to change!)

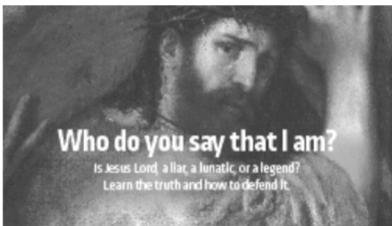
The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

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](mailto: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](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.



**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 4 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:** Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Narthex beginning March 29. (No class on April 5) Videos free on [FORMED.org](http://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](mailto:mcbaehr.coa@gmail.com) 816-308-3450

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." I John 3:17-18*

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!



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

Want to help the homeless in our community?  
Volunteers are needed for Uplift.

Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

Meet in the church parking lot around 4:00pm to carpool.  
Signup sheet is available in the Narthex.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**6:00 PM  
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT**

**3:00 PM ON GOOD FRIDAY**





## Easter Flower Memorials

Donations are being accepted for flowers this Easter Season. You may make a donation in memory of someone special or simply to the flower and environment fund. Please complete the form below and place it with your donation in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket or in the parish office. Thank you for your generosity.



**This Easter Season, please remember:**

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**Your name(s):**

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**Amount of gift:** \_\_\_\_\_



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](mailto:d_e_dolan@hotmail.com) (816) 628-6426 and

Lyle Mussman: [lfmkmo@aol.com](mailto:lfmkmo@aol.com) (816) 918-3850



**Don't forget to bring your hymnals with you to Mass!**

There is a new scholarship at St. Pius X High School benefiting families in our parish. This scholarship is a \$2,500 renewable scholarship to St. Pius X High School. The deadline to apply is April 6, 2021.

To apply, visit: [spxkc.org/northmetro](https://spxkc.org/northmetro)

**Calling all couples!**

Before you know it Easter will be here. You are invited to participate in the **Stations of the Cross for Couples**, to prepare for Holy Week. It will be a virtual encounter on March 28, 2021 at 4:00 pm. Zoom link will be made available as the date approaches. Save this date and time.

There is additional information at

<https://wwme4youandme.org/>

**Go to FORMED.org to watch this video & learn about the feast day of our parish!**



### A BIBLE STUDY ON THE ANNUNCIATION

In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26-38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.

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