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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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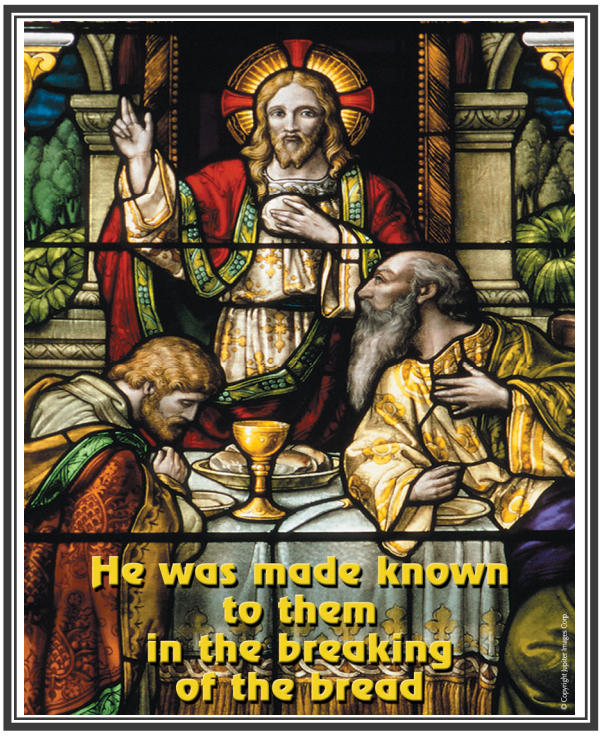
April 26, 2020
3rd Sunday of Easter



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

Our parish, our state, and most of our country continues to be shutdown, which is affecting and frustrating many of us. I hear many people complaining about the situation, and in many cases, rightly so, but the people I am really concerned about are the elderly, who in many ways, are confined in small spaces without the opportunity to have visitors, including their own families. My prayers and well wishes go out to all of them! I know many of you have family members who are affected by this quarantine, and there really is not much we can do about it because we want them to be safe and remain healthy. Hopefully people have been creative to keep contact with them, lifting their spirits. We hope the sacrifices we make will protect those most vulnerable and will soon reunite those who have been separated and confined.

Yes, many sacrifices have been made by people, especially those who have been on the front line: medical people, first responders, nursing home personnel, all those who provide food and essentials needed to sustain us, etc. Many of you serving during this pandemic are part of Annunciation Parish and our local community. We applaud you and support you in any way we can. I also want to take a moment to express my thanks and appreciation to those of you who have continued to support the church community with your stewardship to the church. People have responded by setting up ways to continue their stewardship by sending their contributions electronically, mailing them, or dropping them off at the office. Thank you for remembering your parish with spiritual and financial support. People have shared that they miss not being able to be physically present at Mass, and also realize their responsibilities to support their church. Last month there was a deficit because of expenses from the previous month, and this month income will balance the expenses. It does help with the weather warming up to have an $800 heating bill in our three buildings be reduced to $300. The Church of the Annunciation is fortunate to have money in reserve, but hopefully through everyone's generosity this reserve will not be needed. We truly are blessed. Again, thank you for supporting your parish. If anyone needs assistance to set up a giving plan electronically, please contact Megan Herndon, who will assist.

Activity in the parish continues even though it is virtual. People have been calling each other to touch base, the staff continues to invite adults, youth and children to learn, pray and stay spiritually connected, the cross in the entrance reminds us of God presence in our lives, and the physical buildings continue to be maintained. Thanks to Dennis Dolan for taking time to rid the weeds on the property edges and on the parking lot. Information is being gathered through the help of landscapers and parishioners to improve the environment in the front and side of the church building. Thanks to Janice and Lyle Mussman for providing lilies for the environment in the interior of the church, even though only a few people have seen the inside for over a month. Thanks to Jesse and Therese Ousley for keeping the plants watered. We pray for our confirmation candidates who were to be confirmed last Monday, our children who were to receive their First Communion, May 3, and to those who have planned weddings in the next two months. We pray that we can gather soon to celebrate parish life as we remember it.

Fr. Al Ebach, C.P.P.S.

Remember in Your Prayers

Parishioners: **Pete Keim, Diane Allyn, Karen Perkins; E Dian Kunce; 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; **Tim Bednarek**, uncle of Jamie Haas; **Ruth Moyer**, mother of Patty Pagel; **Art Sanchez,** son of Tony Sanchez

ABANDONED IN SUFFERING - ONE IN RENEWAL

Annual Day of Prayer

Fourth Annual
Day of Prayer
Monday, April 27th

kcsjcatholic.org/events/annual-day-of-prayer-2020/

Bishop's Invitation for the Day of Prayer (video)

Virtual Mass with Bishop Johnston (12:15 p.m. Mass)

Stations of the Cross in Atonement for Abuse and for the Healing of All (video)

Plus, additional ways to honor the day on your own.

The Knights of Columbus are offering a $1000 scholarship to any high school senior who is a parishioner of Church of the Annunciation.

For more details contact Jeff Vanfossan at 816-500-0834 or at aipc411@yahoo.com.

Readings For the Week	
Monday, April 27	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday, April 28 *St. Peter Chanel;* *St. Louis Grignion de Montfort*	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday, April 29 *St. Catherine of Siena*	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday, April 30 *St. Pius V*	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday, May 1 *St. Joseph the Worker*	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday, May 2 *St. Athanasius*	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday, May 3 *4th Sunday of Easter*	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Growth Update on our Spiritually Adopted Babies
Month Three

I am quite active. Even though my mother cannot feel me yet, I can kick and flip around in my safe little world. I can move my eyes but my eyelids are closed. My cartilage is changing to bone. I can suck my thumb and I hiccup when I swallow amniotic fluid. I am now three inches long and can hear outside noises. I can close my fingers around an object and I can squint, frown and smile. I am starting to react to my environment and although I can already feel sensations like pain I really hope things stay the same—quiet, peaceful, and warm.

"His mother Mary…was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit…[the angel said] 'what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit" Matthew 1: 18-20

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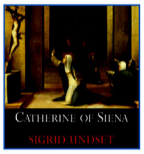
OUTPACE POVERTY
GOING THE (SOCIAL) DISTANCE
VIRTUAL 5K RUN/WALK

Help *Outpace Poverty*, with Catholic Charities during the month of May when we host a *(Virtual)* 5K Run/Walk that benefits our work in addressing poverty. Many of the features you have enjoyed in the past will remain the same, only we will not necessarily all be in one place, at one time. Instead, we will ask our team members to participate individually or if together, maintaining at least the 6 ft. suggested social distance. The funds raised by this event have taken on heightened importance: at-risk families are struggling even more in these anxious and uncertain times. They may have lost wages or even their employment due to restaurant, retail and venue closures. School closures may mean that their children have lost food security as part of their educational day. And an unfortunate number will deal with the actual illness. We are seeing a large increase in requests for assistance, and we will be there to answer the need. You can be part of that answer by registering at www.outpacepoverty.org. The registration fee of $25 includes a t-shirt. Please contact Nancy Butters, Development Manager, with questions or help registering at nbutters@ccharities.com or 816-659-8266.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



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by Sigrid Undset

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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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