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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May 9, 2021
6th 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

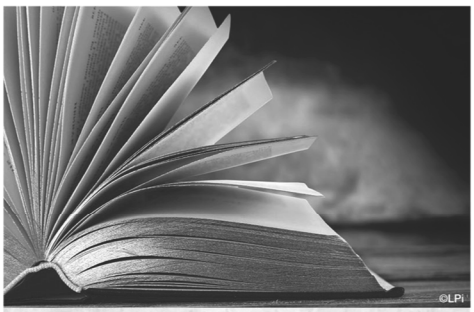
Please call the parish office for information on registering as a member of the parish. Pre-registration forms are also available on a table in the church narthex. Someone will be happy to help you with registration and information about the parish.

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.



FIRST READING

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.
Rather, in every nation whoever fears him a
nd acts uprightly
is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35)

PSALM

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING

Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is of God;
everyone who loves is begotten by God
and knows God. (1 Jn 4:7)

GOSPEL

"This is my commandment: love one another
as I love you.
No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends."
(Jn 15:12-13)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

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;

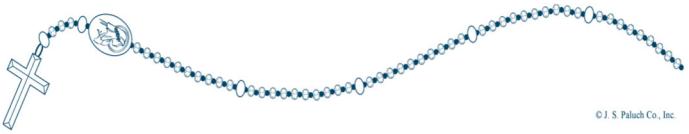
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 15
5:00pm
Sacristan - **Tim Compton**
Usher - **John Coxon; Lance Page**
Lector - **Fred Prewitt**

Sunday, May 16
8:00am
Sacristan - **Marilyn Kruzich**
Usher - **Max Morehouse; Jim Wilson**
Lector - **Angela Wemhoff**

Sunday, May 16
10:30am
Sacristan - **Shawn Warfield**
Usher - **Amy Irsik; Daryl Irsik**
Lector - **Jay Meacham**

If you are unable to minister, please call a substitute



DATE/INTENTIONS	READINGS
Monday, May 10 *St. Damien de Veuster*	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday, May 11 8:00am: † Henry Rasutek	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday, May 12 *Ss. Nereus and Achilleus* 6:00pm: † Pete Keim	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday, May 13 *St. Matthias* 8:00am: Vocations	Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday, May 14 8:00am: † Gladys Watson	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Saturday, May 15 *The Ascension of the Lord - Vigil* 5:00pm: † Anna Marut	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday, May 16 *The Ascension of the Lord* 8:00am: Forward with Friends 10:30am: Pro Populo	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23; Mk 16:15-20

Be still...in the presence of the Lord.

Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, May 13th
8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Tomorrow's Priests: Vocation Fund

Recently, Bishop Johnston wrote to the priests of our diocese explaining that "In recent years, our Diocese has been blessed with many seminarians discerning a vocation to the priesthood." He went on to observe that this "blessing comes with a challenge: our financial obligations have increased significantly."

While the Bishop is working hard to meet those challenges, we have an opportunity to participate in meeting our need for well-formed and holy priests: the *Tomorrow's Priests: Vocation Fund*. There will be a second collection on the weekend of May 15-16, the Feast of the Ascension. Please prayerfully consider generously contributing to this effort. Even more so, pray for priestly vocations and encourage the young men in your life to be open to hearing the call to this tremendous vocation!

Uplift Organization, Inc. "Taking CARE and COMPASSION to the Homeless Since 1991"

Our parish is needing volunteers to help with Uplift on Monday, May 31st. This organization serves the homeless in Kansas City. It is a great opportunity for families with teens and above to volunteer together. Signup sheets are in the narthex. Contact Linda Stratman for more info: 816-914-4505 or Linda.Stratman@yahoo.com

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 at 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

First Holy Communion

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Finley Baxter
Grayson Behrendt
Bryce Campbell
Carter Chase
Evan Clay
Jac Cummins

Matthew Dodson
Ava Dowling
Ally Filley
Madelynn Harrahill
Amelia Hartke
Claire Kania
Adalyn Komarek

Elliot Mabrey
Brigham Madison
Jasper Miller
Thayne Miller
Nina Morris
Jamison Taylor
Ryleigh Taylor
Roy Thomas

The Knights of Columbus are offering a $1000 college 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.

The scholarship applications are due ***June 30, 2021.***

Walk, Talk, and Pray is back!

Tuesdays at 4pm until Pentecost!!
Join us at 4:00pm or 4:30pm or both, at the shelter for walking, talking and praying together.

Honor our Blessed Mother in May
The month of May is dedicated to our mother, Mary. We encourage you to spend time with her in prayer.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life

The Response is: Mary, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of all Life,
help us to respect human life from the moment of conception
to the moment of natural death. R.

Mary, Mother of Compassion,
You showed us how valuable a single life can be;
Help us to guard and protect the lives of all people entrusted to our care. R.

Mary, Mother of the Child Jesus,
with St. Joseph you formed the Holy Family.
Guard and protect all families in this earthly life; R.

Mary, Mother Most Holy,
You sanctified the vocation of motherhood;
Pour out your heavenly aid on all mothers and help them to be holy. R.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows,
Simeon's prophecy foretold that a sword of suffering would pierce your heart;
Bring comfort and hope to all mothers who suffer over their children. R.

Mary, Full of Grace,
You had a choice in responding to God's call;
Help us always to say "Yes" to the will of God in our lives,
And strive always to do whatever he tells us. R.

Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted,
Pour forth your heavenly grace on all who are in need of God's healing,
Especially those involved in abortion;
Help them to experience the love and mercy of Christ, your Son. R.

Mary, Intercessor and Advocate,
We lift up the poor, the displaced, the marginalized and vulnerable members of society;
Help them to never abandon hope, but to place their trust in the God who gave them life. R.

Mary, Mother of the Word Incarnate, you bore in your womb him whom the heavens cannot contain;
Help us to bear witness to Christ by the example of our lives
And show the world the extravagant love of God. R.

All:
Remember, o most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer them. Amen.

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