



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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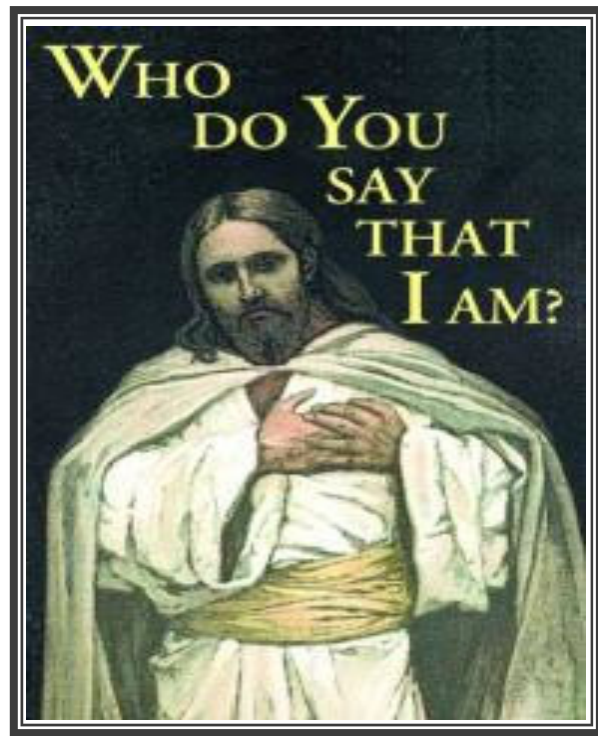
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August 23, 2020

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

"I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut when he shuts, no one shall open." (Is 22:22)



PSALM

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)



SECOND READING

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! (Rom 11:33)



GOSPEL

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." (Mt 16:18)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?

Remember in Your Prayers

Parishioners: **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 & Dorothy 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; **Art Sanchez**, son of Tony Sanchez

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 29

5:00pm

Sacristan - Tim Compton
Usher - Sue & Dee DeWald
Lector - Lyle Mussman

Sunday, August 30

8:00am

Sacristan - Marilyn Kruzich
Usher - Lenny Lesniak; Larry Pratt
Lector - Dennis Pieper

Sunday, August 30

10:30am

Sacristan - Kathie Ousley
Usher - Daryl & Amy Irsik
Lector - Kallan Keim

If you are unable to minister, please call a substitute



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On March 25th, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, with the approval of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, approved a "Mass in the Time of Pandemic." As diagnoses and deaths continue to climb in our country and in our area, Fr. Bill will offer this Mass as the Wednesday 6:00 pm Mass on August 26th.

If you are unable to join us for that Mass, please include the Collect prayer for that Mass in your daily prayers on the 26th:

*Almighty and eternal God,
our refuge in every danger,
to whom we turn in our distress;
in faith we pray
look with compassion on the afflicted,
grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners,
healing to the sick, peace to the dying,
strength to healthcare workers,
wisdom to our leaders
and courage to reach out to all in love,
so that together we may give glory
to your holy name.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.*

Amen.

Please consider signing up to give 10 minutes once a month and help wipe down pews so it is ready for those who will come to the next Mass.

This is a link for clean up after mass through the end of August:
<https://signup.com/go/quAtaGb>

As always, if you have any questions please email Megan Herndon at mherndon.coa@gmail.com or call 816-516-4278.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates Catholic Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph website: www.diocese-kcsj.org

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.

DATE/INTENTIONS	READINGS
Monday, August 24 <i>St. Bartholomew</i>	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday, August 25 <i>St. Louis; St. Joseph</i> 8:00am: in Thanksgiving for Ordination of Fr. Georges Haddad to Holy Priesthood	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday, August 26 6:00pm: in Thanksgiving for Ordination of Fr. Severinus Torwoe to Holy Priesthood	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday, August 27 <i>St. Monica</i> 8:00am: † Joyce Rosson	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday, August 28 <i>St. Augustine</i> 8:00am: † Vistor Marut	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday, August 29 <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil</i> 5:00pm: † Henry & Stella Rasutek	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday, August 30 <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 8:00am: † Todd DeWald 10:30am: Parish	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27



Are you curious about joining the Catholic Church?
Do you know someone who is?
Do you come to Mass with your spouse regularly?
Or did you bring someone to Mass with you as a guest?

The journey of RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for adults, will begin its introductory phase at the beginning of September. These first few sessions are a great way to check out the journey and seek more information, there is no pressure to continue on if you choose to wait. Please contact Elizabeth at emadeo.coa@gmail.com If you are curious or know someone who is.

We welcome all to come check it out!



Usually there is a special Mass at the Cathedral but if you are, or if you know any parishioners, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2020 please email me at emadeo.coa@gmail.com so we can celebrate!



We are in need of 6 volunteers to go to Uplift on Monday, August 31st. You and some fellow parishioners will go feed the homeless and pass out supplies to them on the streets of Kansas City. This is a very rewarding experience! Please contact Megan Herndon at 816-628-5030 or mherndon.coa@gmail.com if you want additional information or to volunteer.

Are you interested in teaching PSR???

We offer amazing company benefits!

- A never-ending river of **GRACE** is always accessible . . .
- Learn from the **BEST** – our kids! “Unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” Matthew 18:3
- Gifts to **JESUS** every week!! “Truly I tell you, just as you did to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Matthew 25:40
- Guaranteed **small class sizes**, fall of 2020!! ☺
- Free **therapy** – life is crazy; let our students help you unwind by showing you what really is important!
- Last but not least, waived PSR registration fee for teachers . . .

Pray and discern if God is calling you to teach. Call Ellen and ask questions!!

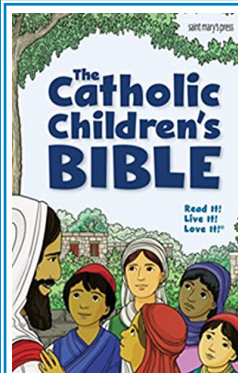
PSR Registration is now open through August 24th for K-6th grade!

Please pray as we are very busy making preparations for a successful year!

In surveying parents, we have an **overwhelming response of parents seeking in-person PSR for their kids!!** Class sizes will need to be smaller to ensure adequate 6 ft spacing. Both in-person and online versions of classes will be offered. Parents can register online at <https://forms.gle/LYzV7PSvmJaiBYHr5>.

Please email Ellen for more information, (or to ask for the link to be emailed directly to you) at eschmitz.coa@gmail.com or call the office at 630-5030 with questions you may have.

PLEASE discern if God is calling you to help teach. We need to work together to ensure our children grow in faith more than ever through the challenges of the upcoming year.



Thank you to all who contributed to purchasing 80 hardback Bibles for our classrooms! Your generosity has been amazing! To date, we are just \$300 shy of our goal!

If you haven't contributed yet and are interested in giving just \$30 towards the purchase of one Bible, you will plant a seed of faith into countless children's lives over the years who will be learning our Catholic faith through this Bible.

Again, thank you for believing in our youth and for doing something positive during a very trying time in our lives. Our youth will be so grateful to have Bibles to use year after year in the classrooms!

Be the Bridge to Racial Unity

A four-session discussion about racism and how to be a white ally.

Aug. 29, Sept. 5, 19, 26
9 - 10:30am
Meetings via Zoom
\$10 for a workbook

Precious Blood Renewal Center will offer a four-session discussion to examine the roots of racism in our culture and our place in it. These sessions are primarily for white people who want to be allies with people of color.

We will explore the meaning of: White Identity, White Privilege, White Fragility, and White Supremacy. Our goal is to provide basic onramps to get you started on the bridge-building journey.

After you register, we will contact you with information on how to get your workbook and how to connect via Zoom. We can help you get into Zoom if you need help with that.

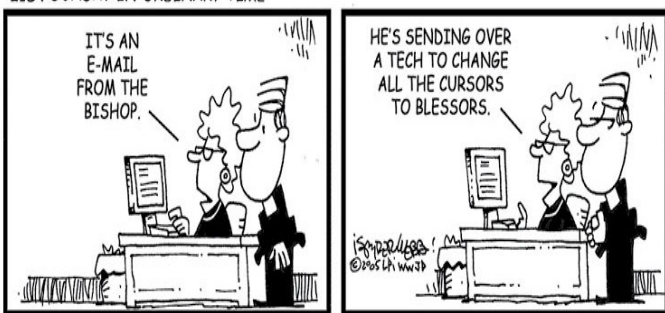
Three ways to register

- Online www.pbrenewalcenter.org/blog/2020/08/be-the-bridge-to-racial-unity/
- Call: (816) 415-3745 (may have to leave a message)
- Email: info@pbrenewalcenter.org

Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph

There are multiple opportunities throughout the year to volunteer at Catholic Charities KCSJ. If you're looking for something rewarding to do with your free time or can only help occasionally on certain projects, we are the place for you. Different times of the year find us working on various projects and often people are looking for service hour opportunities. To find out what our specific needs are, please contact Linda Hopkins, Volunteer Coordinator at 816-659-8205 or lhopkins@ccharities.com.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Rachel's Vineyard

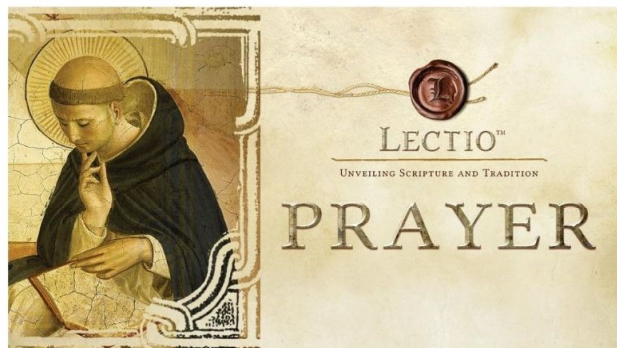
Healing the trauma of abortion, one weekend at a time

Are you or a loved one suffering from abortion? Find hope and allow God to heal your heart by attending

a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. The next retreat that will take place in KC will be on October 23-25, 2020.

For more information or to register, please call Teresa O'Donnell at (816) 679-4973 or email rvkcmo@gmail.com (please note: you might have to check your Spam folder for the guaranteed email reply) or visit www.rachelsvineyardkc.org.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Lectio: Prayer

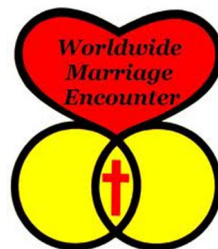
With the clear teaching and artistry of the Augustine Institute's Lectio series, Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy.

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Coping With Life Alone - Peer-to-Peer Grief Support Now Available Online

"Coping with Life Alone®" is a Beginning Experience® grief support program that meets each week for 8 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. Upcoming program dates: Saturdays, September 12th through October 31st, from 1:00 to 3:00pm. This session will be held online using Zoom. Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for more information and required registration by September 1st.



Behold, I make all things new!

Has all of that "togetherness" from weeks of unplanned stay-at-home orders exposed some rough edges in your relationship?

Have you discovered that your communication skills aren't as good as you thought they were?

Are the two of you adrift in the uncertainty of the future?

Be not afraid, for our Lord has promised to make all things new! Join us on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, Sept 18th - 20th, 2020. This will be a traditional, in-person, experience at the Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kansas. The option for a Virtual Weekend Experience, Nov. 13th - 15th, 2020, will be offered in conjunction with the scheduled traditional, in-person weekend. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit www.wvme4youandme.org, or call/email Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net



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