



# 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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## December 2, 2018 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

**1st Sunday of**

**ADVENT**

**symbolizes**

**HOPE**



**with the**

**“Prophet’s Candle”**

**reminding us that**

**JESUS is coming**

### *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

Every year December seems to be a busy time and this year is no exception. I want to comment about some of the activities and invite us to participate in as many as we can. I know this is a busy month for those who have their personal calendars full of social activities at home and at school. Yes, there are many activities, but we need to remind ourselves that we begin a new liturgical season this weekend, which most of us remember precludes Christmas, called Advent. The Church invites the people of faith to prepare for Christ's nativity: the Son of God becomes one like us to redeem us through his life, death and resurrection. This truly is the Christmas gift to us and we need to step back and invite Jesus to be the center of who we need to be in faith during these four weeks of Advent. We have to make a conscientious effort during this time of year to keep Christ as the focus of the Christmas message.

A reminder that New Year's Eve falls on the fifth Monday of December, which is the Monday the Church of the Annunciation serves the homeless, bringing them food, medicine and clothing through Uplift. Because it is the Christmas season we hope to bring them gifts to serve their needs. I encourage all of us, during the month of December, to bring donations to the parish office or place them in the Uplift barrel located at the entry of the church. Some ideas for gifts are: underwear, socks, gloves, stocking caps, hand and foot warmers, or winter clothes you may not be needing anymore.

Elizabeth Madeo and Joy Thomas are inviting all women of the parish to participate in information/study sessions about women doctors of the Church (Doctors of the Church are saints who are learned teachers of faith: Hilary of Poitiers, Teresa of Avila, Catherine of Siena, etc.), gathering every Sunday evening, 7:00 in the parish center, downstairs. Most people are not familiar with the women doctors of the Church.

The Advent season is a good time to grow spiritually through the sacrament of confessions. I will be available for additional confession times to hopefully accommodate your schedules. There will also be opportunities for communal confessions in other churches in the local area, which will be listed in the bulletin. Opportunities for individual confessions are available every Wednesday of Advent, prior to Mass, 5:00 - 5:45 (except for Wednesday, December 12, confession will be from 5:30 - 6:00), and on Thursdays from 12:00 - 1:00. On Thursday, December 13, during our Eucharist Adoration, there will also be confession from 8:30 - 9:30 am. Confessions will continue to be available during the regular time on Saturdays, 4:00 - 4:30.

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

DATE/INTENTIONS	READINGS	PARISH ACTIVITIES
<b>Monday, December 3</b> <i>St. Francis Xavier</i>	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11	9:00am: Bible Study (C) 4:00pm: Guitars (S) 6:00pm: Respect Life (PC) 6:00pm: Legion on Mary (C)
<b>Tuesday, December 4</b> <i>St. John Damascene</i> 8:00am: Vocations	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24	9:30am: Staff Meeting
<b>Wednesday, December 5</b> 6:00pm: † Mike Waddell	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37	4:00pm: PSR 5:00pm: Confession 7:00pm: Youth Group
<b>Thursday, December 6</b> <i>St. Nicholas</i> 8:00am: † Nicholas Caruso	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27	10:15am: Oakbrook Mass Noon - 1:00pm: Confession 6:00pm: RCIA
<b>Friday, December 7</b> <i>St. Ambrose</i> 8:00am: † Alfred P. Heeke	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31	
<b>Saturday, December 8</b> <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception;</i> 9:00am: the Chaston family <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - Vigil</i> 5:00pm: † Carroll & Georgan Gardiner	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38	<b>9:00am: Mass - Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b>
<b>Sunday, December 9</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i> 8:00am: † Richard Brown 10:30am: Parish	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6	9:15am: Lighthouse Choir 10:30am: CLOW 11:45am: Chimes (S) 7:00pm: Women's Bible Study (V)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
<b>Saturday, December 8 5:00pm</b>	
<b>S -</b>	<b>J. Keim</b>
<b>AS -</b>	<b>L. Gaik; L. Gaik</b>
<b>U -</b>	<b>R. Barnes; J. Barnes</b>
<b>L -</b>	<b>J. Keim; C. James</b>
<b>EM -</b>	<b>R. Barnes; J. Barnes; R. James; J. Hayes; R. Smith</b>
<b>Sunday, December 9 8:00am</b>	
<b>S -</b>	<b>E. Schmitz</b>
<b>AS -</b>	<b>J. Slipke; D. Slipke</b>
<b>U -</b>	<b>B. Borushko; J. Wilson</b>
<b>L -</b>	<b>R. Brown; L. Mussman</b>
<b>EM -</b>	<b>K. Vanfossan; J. Gabriel; B. Gabriel; B. Wissel; S. Burgess</b>
<b>Sunday, December 9 10:30am</b>	
<b>S -</b>	<b>K. Ousley</b>
<b>AS -</b>	<b>J. Schmitz; M. Schmitz</b>
<b>U -</b>	<b>YOUTH</b>
<b>L -</b>	<b>YOUTH</b>
<b>EM -</b>	<b>YOUTH</b>
If you are unable to minister, please call a substitute S - Sacristan, AS - Alter Server, U - Usher, L - Lector, EM - Eucharistic Minister	

(A) - Ascension (ACC) - Annunciation Community Center (C) - Coronation (N) - Nativity (PC) - Table & chair area (P) - Presentation (S) - Sanctuary (V) - Visitation

## Remember in Your Prayers

Parishioners: **Rose Conrick; Loretta Conrick; Karen Perkins; Dan Smith**, husband of Rose Smith; **Carolyn Knipp; E Dian Kunce; 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; Suzy Amberg.**

Family & friends of parishioners: **Charlotte Hill**, mother of Jerry Hill, repose of soul; **Tim Bednarek**, uncle of Jamie Haas; **Angela McCarthy; Ruth Moyer**, mother of Patty Pagel; **Art Sanchez**, son of Tony Sanchez; **Don Pittier**, son of Cecilia Roberts; **Kris Kerrigan**, mother of Angee Simmons.



Please join us as we celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation  
9:00am Mass on Saturday, December 8th  
...or visit these area churches for the Friday Vigil Mass  
at 7:00pm on Friday, December 7th:  
St. James (Liberty) or St. Ann (Excelsior Springs)

THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN!  
Advent Women's Study



Gather together with other women this Advent season to learn how the female doctors of the Church used their lives as Saints to model for us how to restore the beauty of our churches, families and relationships.

There will be a podcast and prayer journal to accompany our weekly discussion on Sunday nights at 7:00pm at the church. December 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd.  
RSVP to Joy Thomas ([joy.robjoyt@gmail.com](mailto:joy.robjoyt@gmail.com))  
See you there!



### DECK THE HALL!

Anyone who enjoys decorating is welcome to join us at the ACC on Monday, December 10 at 10am as we make the ACC look special for the PSR Christmas Program! Please let Ellen know if you are interested in joining the fun!

### Cookie Request

Would you like to help provide cookies for the PSR kids on the day of their Christmas Program? Donations would need to be dropped off by Tuesday, December 11th. Please email Ellen if you would like to help make their day extra special!



### December

5<sup>th</sup>: PSR - 4:00pm  
Youth Group - 7:00pm

## Christmas Choir sings at the 5 P.M. Christmas Eve Mass this year!



Come sing with us some of the *most beloved music* of the year!  
No experience necessary : )

We have six rehearsals: four are between Masses on the Sunday of Advent (beginning December 2) and two are on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 11 and 18. If you can come to most of the rehearsals, you are most welcome to join.

Please sign up in the narthex! Questions? Contact Mary Baehr at 628-4671 or [maryclareb22@gmail.com](mailto:maryclareb22@gmail.com)

### CHIMES for Christmas!

Would you like to participate in music ministry but singing is not your strong suit? Playing chimes might be for you! If you can read some music and can count, consider joining the Annunciation Chime Choir for Christmas Eve.

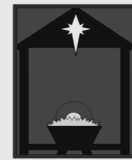
The Chime Choir will be playing the 9 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals will be Sundays from 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., beginning on November 25 (five Sundays). Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Questions? Contact Mary Baehr at 628-4671 or [maryclareb22@gmail.com](mailto:maryclareb22@gmail.com)

## PRECIOUS BLOOD RENEWAL CENTER

### "What Child is This?"

An Advent Day of Prayer

Led by Fr. Ron Will, CPPS



Saturday, December 8th  
8:30 AM—3:00 PM

Christmas is about Christ. Christ's name occupies six of the nine letters. This is not Santa-mas or shopping-mas or reindeer-mas. This is Christ-mas. And Christ-mas is not Christ-mas unless or until you receive the message of Bethlehem.

Jesus entered our world not like a human but as a human. Jesus himself states, "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." Don't you imagine that he would also say, "Anyone who has seen me weep has seen the Father weep," or "Anyone who has seen me laugh has seen the Father laugh," or "Anyone who has seen me determined has seen the Father determined?"

Would you like to see God? Take a look at Jesus on this Advent Day of Prayer using guided meditation. The day will close with a Taizé Prayer Service.

Register by December 3rd  
at [info@pbrenewalcenter.org](mailto:info@pbrenewalcenter.org) or 816.415.3745

**Suggested Donation:** \$40.00 (includes lunch)  
Scholarship fund available

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating 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 laws 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, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or [JeniferValenti@att.net](mailto:JeniferValenti@att.net), 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 Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more info.




  
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