



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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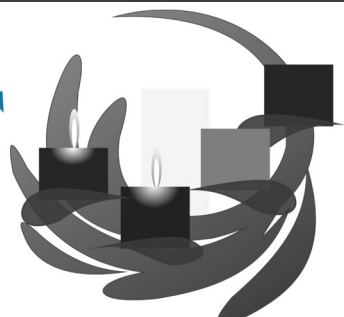
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December 9, 2018 2nd Sunday of Advent

2nd Sunday of
ADVENT

Symbolizes
FAITH



with the
“Bethlehem Candle”
reminding us of
Mary and Joseph’s
journey to Bethlehem

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 of all, I want to congratulate and commend all those who have participated in the diocesan Catholic Annual Appeal (ACA). To date there are 119 people or families who have responded to the diocese, which is probably triple the number who participated last year. Together we have contributed \$19,000, which averages over \$150 a person. That is fantastic! Our goal from the diocese is a little over \$23,000, so we are really close. It is not only about meeting the goal, but it is about a parish working together, which Annunciation parish has done this year. There is still time for those of you who may have forgotten to return the envelope to the diocese with your information and donation. Thanks for your response to the ACA.

Thanks also to the people who provided cookies for the cookie sale last weekend, and for those who volunteered their times after each Mass. Thanks to Frances Vajdic for organizing the people and setting things up for the cookie sale. The sale made a profit of over \$500, which was donated to the Capital Campaign for the building project. As I shared in the letter, which you hopefully have received in the mail, that you may not have the financing to make a personal donation to the building project, however, you may have the skills to organize a fundraiser, as exemplified by the cookie sale. Just think how much money could be raised if 100 people did fundraisers netting \$500 per event. Actually, a number of parishioners have done some creative fundraising to assist with the funding of the building project.

Speaking of the building project. As I shared in the letter to everyone, this is the second anniversary of the beginning of our Capital Campaign. We have completed and paid for the first phase of the project and have reached about half of the cost of the second phase. The first phase, which was completed within a year, has been a great asset to the parish. The last half of any project always seems to be the most difficult, but I know we can do this if we continue to be creative through our Capital Campaign. So many people have been so generous, and continue to share generously as they finish paying their pledges. It has been an exciting journey as we head into our final year of the Capital Campaign. Thank you to everyone who has responded to the building project. I ask you to continue to make efforts to match the generous donation of \$100,000. Thanks to everyone who has participated in any way the last two years.

Fr. Al Ebach, C.P.S.

DATE/INTENTIONS	READINGS	PARISH ACTIVITIES
Monday, December 10	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26	9:00am: Bible Study (C) 4:00pm: Guitars (S)
Tuesday, December 11 <i>St. Damasus I</i> 8:00am: † Dick Murphy	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14	9:30am: Staff Meeting 7:00pm: Choir (S)
Wednesday, December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> 6:00pm: † Mike Waddell	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Com- mon of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712	4:00pm: PSR 5:00pm: PSR program (ACC) 5:30pm: Confession 7:00pm: Youth Group
Thursday, December 13 <i>St. Lucy</i> 8:00am: Souls in Purgatory	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15	8:30am - 8:00pm ; Adoration 8:30am - 9:30am: Confession Noon - 1:00pm: Confession 6:00pm: RCIA 6:45pm: Bible Study (C)
Friday, December 14 <i>St. John of the Cross</i> 8:00am: Those who are grieving	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19	
Saturday, December 15 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent - Vigil</i> 5:00pm: † Anna Marut	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13	
Sunday, December 16 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> 8:00am: Suzy Amberg 10:30am: Parish	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18	9:15am: Lighthouse Choir 10:30am: CLOW 11:45am: Chimes (S) 7:00pm: Women's Bible Study (V)

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 15 5:00pm

S - B. Owen
AS - J. Coffelt; M. Lewis
U - P. James; A. James
L - R. Muehlbach; J. Muehlbach
**EM - B. Owen; L. Page;
M. Kane; NEED;
P. James**

Sunday, December 16 8:00am

S - E. Schmitz
AS - J. Burkemper; Herndon
U - G. Irsik; S. Vajdic
L - V. Fort; S. Irsik
**EM - M. Masters; S. Sondag;
J. Sondag; B. Burkemper;
F. Vajdic**

Sunday, December 16 10:30am

S - A. Bunck
AS - J. Bunck; E. Hand
U - Bunck Family
L - P. Peugh; J. Meacham
**EM - M. Hand; E. Schmitz;
R. Schmitz; J. Hand;
B. Dolan**

If you are unable to minister,
please call a substitute
S - Sacristan, AS - Alter Server,
U - Usher, L - Lector,
EM - Eucharistic Minister

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.

Grow spiritually through the sacrament of confession!

Communal Confessions:

St. Patrick	Thursday, December 13 th	7:00PM
Holy Family	Sunday, December 18 th	4:00PM

Confession times at Annunciation:

Wednesday, December 12 th	5:30pm - 6:00pm
Thursday, December 13 th	8:30am - 9:30am & noon - 1:00pm
Wednesday, December 19 th	5:00pm - 5:45pm
Thursday, December 20 th	noon - 1:00pm

(Saturdays from 4:00pm - 4:30pm, as well)

Mark your Calendars!

Enjoy some holiday cheer with fellow parishioners as we transform our Church for Christmas on December 23rd following the 10:30am Mass. All are welcome to join the fun!



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!

You are invited to the annual PSR Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 12th from 5:00 - 5:30pm at the ACC. Reminder: No PSR on December 19th!



December

12th: PSR - 4:00pm
PSR Christmas Program - 5:00 - 5:30pm (ACC)
Youth Group - 7:00pm
19th: NO PSR!



Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's cookie exchange such a success. \$549.00 was earned and donated to our Capital Campaign! Your efforts in volunteering, cookie donations and purchases are greatly appreciated. All leftover cookies were donated to the PSR program. Thank you!

Help us serve the homeless through UPLIFT

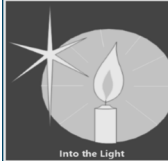
During the month of December, please bring your donations of hats, gloves, socks, underwear, warm winter clothes, coats, hand & foot warmers, etc. and drop them off in the church office or in the Uplift barrel located at the entry of the church. These items will provide assistance in the New Year!

Thank you to all who helped make the church look so beautiful for Advent!

Altar server training and pizza party!

Anyone 3rd grade and older who would like to become an Altar Server is welcome to join us Wednesday, December 19th at 4:00pm for training! Current altar servers are invited to join the fun to offer support and to learn even more. We will conclude with pizza at 5:00pm! Please RSVP to Ellen if you plan to attend.

PRECIOUS BLOOD RENEWAL CENTER



Navigating Through the Holidays While Grieving

Led by Fr. Ron Will, CPPS & Kathy Keary

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

As you approach the holidays, are you feeling an emptiness because a loved one will not be at your table this year? Would you like help with that emptiness? The holiday season can be difficult for those who are grieving. Gain support from others and learn practical ways to create new traditions as you navigate through this difficult terrain while honoring your loved one. Facilitated by spiritual directors, Fr. Ron Will, CPPS and Kathy Keary.

Wednesday, December 12th
7:00—8:30 PM

Register by December 10th
at info@pbrenewalcenter.org or 816.415.3745

Free Will Offering Accepted

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, 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 for more info.



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