

*Please Come to the Mission  
February 24 - 28, 2018*



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# Church of the Annunziata

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## *Celebration of the Eucharist*

Sunday 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.  
Monday - Friday 7:00 and 7:45 a.m.  
Saturday 7:00, 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Holy Day Eve 5:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass)  
Holy Days 7:00 and 7:45 a.m.  
Holidays 7:00 and 9:00 a.m.

## *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.  
Last Sunday of the month, all the Sundays of  
Advent and Lent, or anytime by calling one of  
your priests at the rectory.

## *Holy Communion for*

### *Homebound Parishioners*

Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

## *Sacrament of Baptism*

By appointment, usually on Sunday at 12:15 p.m.  
Please call the Rectory for more information.

## *Sacrament of Matrimony*

Only registered, active members of our parish and  
their children may celebrate their weddings at  
Annunziata, with a six-month preparation period.

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### **OUR WARM WELCOME TO ALL!**

We welcome all who come and worship with us. If you wish to join our parish faith family, or have a change in your contact information, kindly complete this form. You can return it to the Rectory, place it in the collection, or give it to a Priest or Deacon.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please make the above changes to my parish record.  I would like our Church Family to pray for:

I wish to find out more about the Catholic faith. \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to speak with a Priest/Deacon \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM OUR PASTOR . . . .**



**A LENT FULL OF OPPORTUNITIES**

**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

Mass and the distribution of the blessed ashes at 7:00 a.m., 7:45 a.m., and 7:00 p.m.

**LENTEN WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with a presentation by Msgr. James Ramacciotti from 7:00 until 7:45 p.m.

**LENTEN PARISH MISSION - FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup>**

Fr. Sean Martin, inspiring New Testament professor, is preaching the weekend Masses and Lenten Masses on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

**LENTEN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with a presentation by Fr. Noah Waldman from 7:00 until 7:45 p.m.

(MORE NEXT WEEK)

## **SIX WAYS TO PRACTICE KINDNESS FOR LENT**

Like anything in life, the more we practice something the better we get at it. While it's natural to think we are kinder to those we love and see every day, the frustrations of life sometimes get in the way and it's not always the case. So why not make Lent 2018 the season you start our own kindness initiative ... beginning right in your own home. With genuine practice day in and day out you can take these habits to the wider world. Here are some suggestions:

### **1. Use manners more**

Common courtesy seems to be on the way out in many places, but manners are one of the vestiges of humility and kindness still worth preserving, both at home and in public. Use “please,” “thank you” and “your welcome” at every opportunity — when your husband hands you the remote, when you ask your child to brush his teeth or pick up the toys; the goal is to make these phrases part of your kids’ verbal DNA, and you want them to be automatic for yourself — yes, even that brusque checkout cashier deserves the grace of a “have a nice day,” even if you don’t think he deserves it.

### **2. Yell less**

If you have kids, this is a tough one. Even the most patient parent in the world loses it every once in a while, or many times in a while. Things get stressful, people get late, schedules get boggled, tests get failed, and fridges run empty, especially in big families. Research has shown that yelling in all forms, from general nagging to insults and humiliation, is not benign — it’s damaging and leads to behavior problems later on. So take a deep breath, count to five, and speak calmly and with love.

### **3. Spend less time on your phone (and more time with them)**

Your time is perhaps the most valuable thing you can give to anyone, so why not start with your kids? Log out of Facebook and forget about checking the latest news alerts till later. Being present is being loving.

### **4. Look for small kindness “opportunities”**

Service is a great way to instill kindness in your kids, but it doesn’t have to involve a big organized effort. Bring a bag with you next time you go on a walk in the park and pick up litter, or help an elderly woman with her bags at the grocery store.

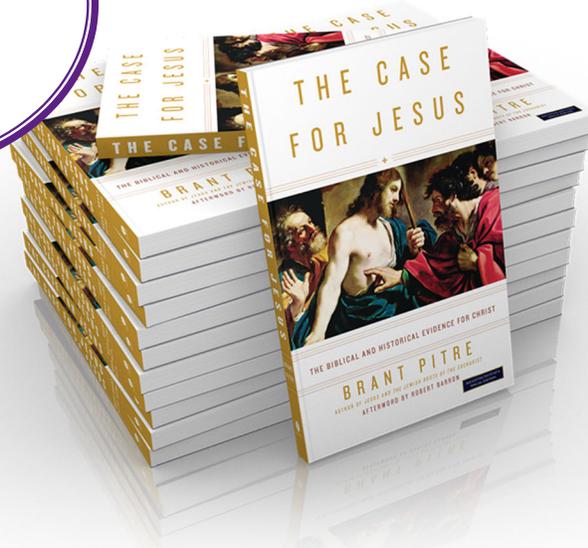
### **5. Stop road raging**

We should practice being kind, even when the other person is “anonymous” — case in point, in the car. With incidents like scary road rage, it’s no wonder why kindness has a tough time surviving on the roadways. Buck this trend, especially when your kids are in the car. The next time you get cut off (and you will), be compassionate and tell your kids it’s important to give the driver the benefit of the doubt. Maybe she’s late picking up her toddler at day care, or he’s rushing off to a family emergency. You don’t know and it really doesn’t matter ... you should be kind whether others are or not.

### **6. Share a daily act of “kindness” at the dinner table**

Ask everyone to share something “kind” they did that day, however big or small. If someone doesn’t have anything to offer, they’ll be inspired to make sure they make the effort to come to the table with something the next day. Kindness is addictive, after all.

Don't forget  
to pick up  
your gift!



### **A BOOK THAT COULD CHANGE YOUR LIFE**

With the coming of Ash Wednesday this week, the Season of Opportunities is upon us. Many find themselves asking, “What should I give up for Lent?” As penance finds its way into our lives, we think to give up things like chocolate, Netflix, dessert, etc.

The hope of this Lenten Season is that we find our lives transformed by the many opportunities God gives us to read and hear the Word of God, to pray together, to participate in Mass every Sunday, to receive God’s Forgiveness, to spend time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, and to make the Parish Lenten Mission.

As a gift to you from your Parish, please accept the outstanding book, The Case for Jesus. We ask that you read a few pages during each day of Lent, and when you are finished, please pass it on.

(Please, one book to a family who is a member of Annunziata.)



*Please Pray  
for Our Men and Women in the Armed Forces*

1Lt. Winston Boldt, U.S. Army

Lt. Col. Michael Butler, Chaplain U.S. Army

Captain Kevin Collins, U.S. Army

LCDR Michael Collins, U.S. Navy

Captain Patrick Collins, U.S. Army

Captain Courtney Fox, U.S. Army

Captain Zachary Fox, U.S. Army

Soosan Good, U.S. Army

Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy

1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army

Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army

Sgt. Ryan Rittenhouse, U.S. Marine Corps

Master Sgt. Patricia Roddy, U.S. Marine Corps

Maj. Rommel L. Romero, U.S. Air Force

Chelsea Schaffer, U.S. Army

Frankie Schaffer, U.S. Army

Sgt. Eric Secrease, U.S. Army

SSgt. Anthony J. Smith, U.S. Army

PFC. Nicholas Spangler, U.S. Army

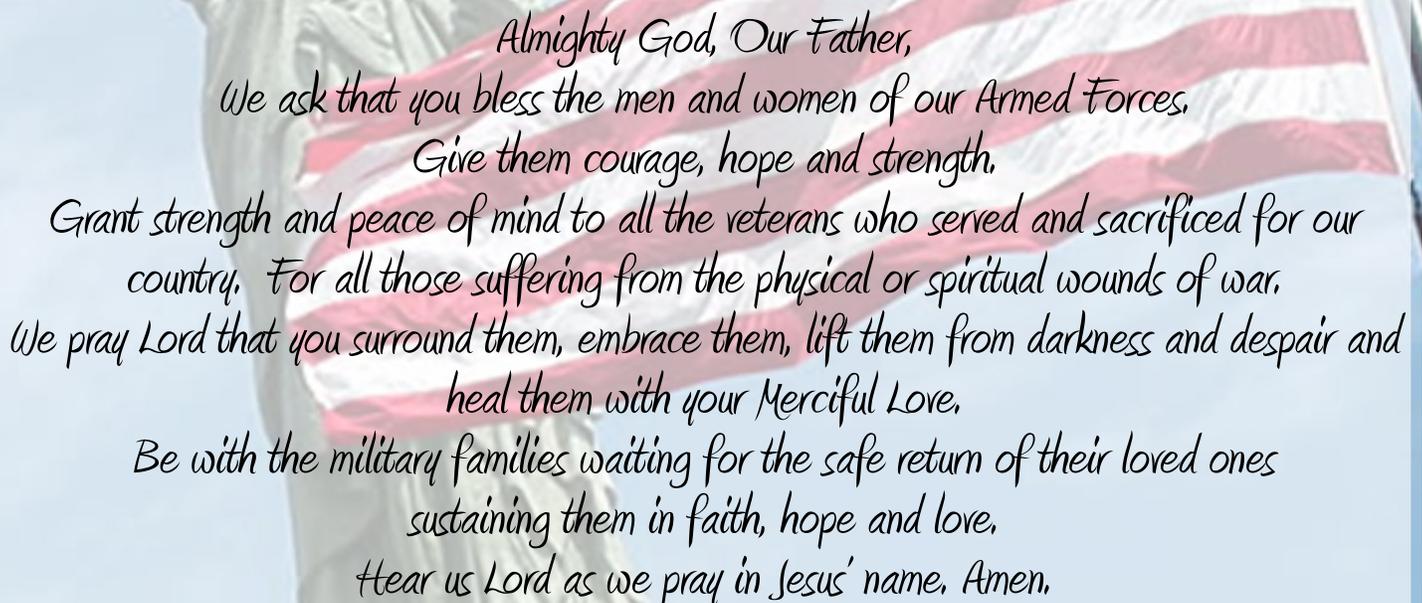
1Lt. Thomas J. Spearing, IV, U.S. Air Force

1Lt. August B. Valentine, U.S. Marine Corps

Sgt. Michael White, U.S. Army Rangers

Cpl. Robert Wigginton, U.S. Marine Corps

James Peterson, *retired* U.S. Marine Corps

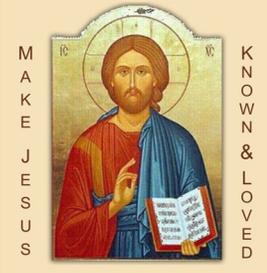


*Almighty God, Our Father,  
We ask that you bless the men and women of our Armed Forces.  
Give them courage, hope and strength.  
Grant strength and peace of mind to all the veterans who served and sacrificed for our  
country. For all those suffering from the physical or spiritual wounds of war.  
We pray Lord that you surround them, embrace them, lift them from darkness and despair and  
heal them with your Merciful Love.  
Be with the military families waiting for the safe return of their loved ones  
sustaining them in faith, hope and love.  
Hear us Lord as we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.*

**\*\* Please contact the Rectory to add a loved one's name. \*\***



CATECHESIS



**This weekend, February 11<sup>th</sup>:**

- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Reconciliation
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Sandwich Sunday in Faris Hall

*Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2018.*

**Next weekend, February 18<sup>th</sup>:**

- **4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Reconciliation
- **Coffee & Catechesis:** 10:00 a.m. in Faris Hall \*All are invited to attend.  
\* Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> \*
- Retreats (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon)
  - *2<sup>nd</sup> Grade & Parents – First Communion Retreat – Faris Hall*
  - *8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Life in Christ Retreat – School Building*



**St. Pius V Ministries**

Because of your generosity, The Annunziata Conference of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) works with two ministries at St Pius V in South City; the Immigrant and Refugee Ministry (I&R), and the food pantry.

St. Pius V's parish includes a large number of immigrants and refugees as well as a number of people in need. In the past, the government helped the refugees for a year, but over time that help with the adjustment to living in America is down to three months.

Your donations make it possible for SVdP to assist these people enter into a new life in the United States.

The I&R is run by Sr. Leslie Dao who was a refugee herself. The I&R's aim is to help assimilate the clients into a self-sufficient life in the United States primarily by assisting the clients in the paying of rent, utilities and food; job search, and teaching English as a 2nd language for those with limited or no English language abilities.

SVdP helps the I&R ministry with paying of bills, funding the food pantry, and purchasing of some supplies for the English as a second language

Your contributions help the St. Pius V food pantry to feed those in need within St. Pius V's parish boundaries. People with proof of living within the St. Pius V boundaries can register with the food pantry and pick up food once a month.

God bless you for all your great works.



## Pastoral Associate Corner

### Ash Wednesday Meditation

"We begin each Lent begging for the blessing of forgiveness. God longs for us to return to him with our whole heart. For without such repentance we remain tormented by the question, "Where is our God?" God has not cast us out of his presence; rather, he desires us to "become the righteousness of God." The Father "who is hidden" waits for us to pray, "A clean heart create for me, O God." Then the way we reach out to reality to become one with it will reveal God's saving presence in every circumstance. "The joy of our salvation" begins today." (*Magnificat*, February 2018, Vol. 119, No. 12, p. 187-188)

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This year again, rather than *giving something up* for Lent, such as your favorite food or drink...why not try this alternative, *interior, spiritual "giving up"* by contemplating on these weekday Lenten meditations... (*Magnificat*, March 2017, Vol. 18, No. 13, pp 6-7):

### "Blessings for the Keeping of Lent"

"During Lent we want to "give up" anything that smacks of the common mentality - all our negativity and fatalism, anything that stalls our spiritual growth, that discourages or misleads us, or that makes us lose heart when it comes to our relationship with God. So many misconceptions and erroneous notions lead us astray and deprive us of hope. In particular, we need to have a right understanding of the role that our limitation, our fragility and even our failings play in our sanctification according to divine providence. This Lent we offer up to the Lord all our pessimism, self-doubt, and self-defeat. The resurrected Christ rises out of our nothingness."

### Sunday Meditation:

"We were utterly weighted down beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed, we accepted within ourselves the sentence of death that we might trust not in ourselves but in God who raises the dead. He rescued us from such great danger of death, and he will continue to rescue us." (*2 Cor 1:8b-10a*)

For another spiritual meditation we offer again this year: "**Spiritual Journey as The Way of the Cross**"... as a Lenten mediation. ([www.annunziata.org](http://www.annunziata.org)).

My prayer for each of you during this Lenten Season, no matter what you choose to spiritually focus on, is that your journey transforms your heart like never before...and most of all *never forget*...

...IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE



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ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

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## LENTEN OBSERVANCE AND RESOURCES—ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

The Blessing of Ashes should take place within the celebration of the Mass or a scheduled service consisting of at least an appointed Scripture reading and a brief homily stressing the meaning of the ashes as a symbol of penance and self-denial. Please refer to the *Book of Blessing* for additional information that will be of assistance to you in this matter.

In the case of genuine pastoral necessity, Archbishop Carlson has given permission for lay ministers (for example, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion) to assist the priest and deacon in the distribution of the blessed ashes.

The Blessing of the Ashes is reserved to the priest or deacon, and priests and deacons should participate in the distribution of the ashes, whenever possible. They are the primary ministers of the ritual.

### ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we too might have Eternal life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

**Ash Wednesday (Wednesday, February 14, 2018) and Good Friday (March 30, 2018)** are days of *abstinence* for all Catholics *over the age of 14*. On these two days, *fast*, as well as *abstinence*, is also obligatory for those *from the ages of 18-59*. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

**All Fridays in Lent** are days of *abstinence* from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.



## FIAT WOMEN'S GROUP

All women of the archdiocese are welcome to attend our next meeting,  
**THIS Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary  
 (5200 Glennon Dr., 63119).

**8:00 a.m.** Rosary in the Chapel

**8:15 - 9:00 a.m.** Speaker: **Dr. Larry Feingold, Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary**

**9:00 - 9:30 a.m.** coffee and refreshments in the Fireside Lounge

Please join us! See [www.kenrick.edu/fiat](http://www.kenrick.edu/fiat) for more information.



**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Everyone is invited to participate in this lively discussion of the Bible, which meets every other Monday from 7:30 - 8:10 a.m. in Faris Hall. For more information, please call Don Carmody at 314-854-8600.

**THE NEXT MEETING IS  
FEBRUARY 19, 2018.**

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

Our Annunziata Learning Center students will participate in the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 2:30 p.m. during Lent. Although this will be geared toward young people, everyone is invited to take part.

**\* REMINDER \***

*St. Patrick's Center Casseroles* should be dropped off at the Rectory **FRIDAY, MARCH 2, no later than 10:00 a.m.**  
*Thank you!*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF  
FEBRUARY 12 - 18, 2018:**

- Monday:** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
- Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
- Sunday:** Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

**FROM DEATH TO LIFE**

Edwin L. Blatherwick	February 12, 2007
Duthiel J. Etzkorn	February 12, 1992
Nora C. Bauman	February 13, 1990
Harriet E. Azzouni	February 14, 1993
Irene Moore Bramman	February 14, 1980
Cecilia H. Curran	February 14, 1992
Joseph Lynch	February 14, 1989
Ellis L. Brown	February 15, 1992
Sally O'Fallon Craven	February 16, 1981
Mildred A. Kisling	February 16, 1986
Barbara Barton Corley	February 18, 2012
Martha Woerner	February 18, 2014

**HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS**

Because of the Federal Privacy Act there is no longer a "clergy list" at any of our hospitals. If you are admitted to a hospital, and they ask you if you would like your priest to be notified, **please say "yes call my parish priest at Annunziata at 993-4422."**

If you know ahead of time you will be admitted, please call your priest at the Rectory and he will readily offer you the Sacrament of the Anointing.

***If you know of a parishioner who is hospitalized, please do not assume we know, call the rectory.***

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

Saturday, February 10

7:00 a.m. Grace C. Reynolds  
9:00 a.m. George Stephenson  
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, February 11

7:00 a.m. Erin Ahearn  
9:00 a.m. Margot Schenk  
11:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention

Monday, February 12

7:00 a.m. Mr.&Mrs. William Francis,  
Jr. & Family  
7:45 a.m. Joe White

Tuesday, February 13

7:00 a.m. Mark Holton Family  
7:45 a.m. Kenrick Jones

Ash Wednesday, February 14

7:00 a.m. Special Intention (J.B.)  
7:45 a.m. Kenrick Jones  
7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Thursday, February 15

7:00 a.m. David Wilson  
7:45 a.m. Gill M. Lewis

Friday, February 16

7:00 a.m. Special Intention (C.O.)  
7:45 a.m. Dr. Rudolph Catanzaro

Saturday, February 17

7:00 a.m. James Francis Haffner  
9:00 a.m. Danis Family (decd)  
5:00 p.m. Charles "Charlie" Cella

Sunday, February 18

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
9:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention  
11:00 a.m. Mary Darst Donnelly

Saturday, February 10

5:00 p.m.  
**Lector:**  
Kathy Driscoll  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Marty Bickel  
Gil Bickel  
**Servers:**  
Catherine Farley  
Jack Hayes  
George Buescher

Sunday, February 11

7:00 a.m.  
**Lector:**  
Eleanor Ferry  
**Servers:**  
  
9:00 a.m.  
**Lector:**  
Bill McDowell  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Marilyn Morrison  
Geoff Morrison  
**Servers:**  
Katie Todorovich  
Katie Donnelly  
Lizanne Donnelly

11:00 a.m.  
**Lector:**  
Gene Cunningham  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Cindy Cunningham  
Sally O'Hallaron  
**Servers:**  
Drew Danforth  
Chase Murphy

Saturday, February 17

5:00 p.m.  
**Lector:**  
Kathy Driscoll  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Suzanne Collins  
Suzie Weiss  
**Servers:**  
Ava Fichter  
Audrey Raibley

Sunday, February 18

7:00 a.m.  
**Lector:**  
Veronica McDonnell  
**Servers:**  
  
9:00 a.m.  
**Lector:**  
Chris Griesedieck  
**Eucharistic Minister:**  
Carol Donelan  
  
**Servers:**  
Jorie Gyawali  
Sarah Kuhlman

11:00 a.m.  
**Lector:**  
John Cronin  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Jane Garvin  
Donna Heckler  
**Servers:**  
Rebecca Cunningham  
Annabelle Reagan  
Charlie Wolf