



Annunziata
Confirmation - 2017

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



ARCHBISHOP ROBERT CARLSON

On Tuesday, May 2nd, our Archbishop celebrated Mass for our Parish and Confirmed twenty-nine of our young Teens. In three weeks, the Universal Church will celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost to stir up in us the Gifts of the Holy Spirit so that you and I can be the best version of Christ! Through prayer, the Word of God, and the Sacraments of our Church, we need to stir up these Gifts of the Holy Spirit daily to be God's instruments in leading others to believe in Jesus Christ.

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

I recently read an article by Bishop Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Founder of "Word on Fire", in which we are challenged to embrace Christ as never before: "The Case for Christ" is a film adaptation of Lee Strobel's best-selling book of the same name, one that has made an enormous splash in Evangelical circles and beyond. It is the story of a young, ambitious (and atheist) reporter for the *Chicago Tribune*, who fell into a psychological and spiritual crisis when his wife became a Christian. The scenes involving Lee and his spouse, which play out over many months of their married life, struck me as poignant and believable – and I say this with some authority, having worked with a number of couples in a similar situation. In some cases, a non-believing spouse might look upon his partner's faith as a harmless diversion, a bit like a hobby, but in other cases, the non-believer sees the dawning of faith in his beloved as something akin to a betrayal. This latter situation strongly obtained in the Strobel's marriage.

In order to resolve the tension, Lee used his considerable analytical and investigative skills to debunk the faith that was so beguiling his wife. The focus of his inquiry was, at the suggestion of a Christian colleague at the Tribune, the resurrection of Jesus. If Jesus didn't rise, his friend explained, Christianity crumbles like a house of cards. The narrative unfolds, then, as a kind of detective story, Strobel hunting down leads, interrogating experts, asking the hard questions.

So what were his inquiries? First, he wondered whether the resurrection stories were just fairy tales, pious inventions meant to take away our fear of death. But he learned that, in point of fact, many people claimed to have seen Jesus after his crucifixion, including five hundred at once. Moreover, most of the leaders of the early Church went to their deaths defending the legitimacy of what they taught. Would anyone do that for a myth or a legend of his own invention?

But another question came to his mind: might they all have been victims of a mass hallucination? A psychologist patiently explained that waking dreams are not shared by hundreds of people at different times and different places. "If hundreds of individuals had the same hallucination, that would be a greater miracle than the resurrection," she informed him with a smile.

But what about the reliability of the Christian texts themselves? Weren't they written long after the events described? A Catholic priest, who is also an archeologist and specialist in ancient manuscripts, told him that the number of early copies of the Christian Gospels far surpasses that of any other ancient text, including the Iliad of Homer and the Dialogues of Plato.

What about the "swoon theory," according to which Jesus did not really die on the cross but only lost consciousness, only to be revived sometime later? A Los Angeles based physician detailed for him the brutal process of a Roman execution, which resulted in the victim slowly bleeding to death and asphyxiating. The swoon theory, the doctor concluded, "is rubbish."

At each stage of the process, Strobel continued to wonder, question, balk, and argue, all the time maintaining the default position that Christianity is bunk. Nevertheless, it was becoming clear that the relentlessness of the counter-arguments and their stubborn congruence with one another was wearing him down. In the course of their conversation, Strobel's priest-archeologist interlocutor showed the skeptical journalist a reproduction of the Shroud of Turin, purported to be the burial cloth of Jesus. Gazing into the eyes of the image, Strobel asked, "What would have made him go through all of this?" The priest responded, "That's easy: love." As the arguments were jostling in his head, Strobel remembered that image and that explanation – and the filmmakers insinuate that this is what finally pushed him over into belief.

"The Case for Christ" is interesting for any number of reasons, but I think it is particularly compelling for its subtle portrayal of the psychological, spiritual, and intellectual dynamics of evangelization.

GATEWAY TO RECOVERY

PTSD & Suicide Prevention Forum

Sponsored by Gateway Community Veterans Engagement Board and the Army Medical Department

PTSD Forum Learning Objectives:

1. Identify PTSD Signs and Suicide Symptoms
2. Learn Evidenced Based PTSD Psychotherapies
3. Acquire Crisis Intervention & Stress Management Resources
4. Reduce the Threat of Suicide



WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017

Saint Louis University
221 N. Grand Blvd,
St. Louis, MO 63103
Pere Marquette Gallery
DuBourg Hall, 2nd Floor
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Lunch Provided at Noon

Free Event Parking Located at:
3602 Laclede Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63103

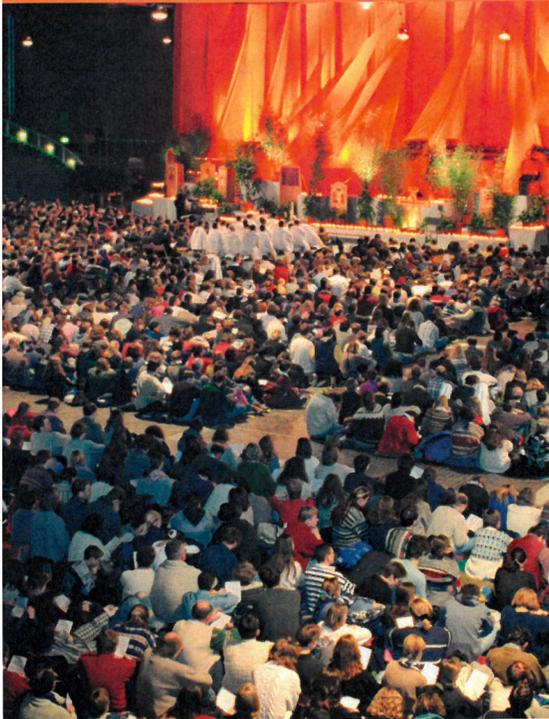
Elizabeth Good, our Pastoral Associate and retired Army Colonel, is a panel member and will be presenting the spiritual and pastoral implications of healing from the ‘moral injury’ of PTSD. The purpose of this forum is to educate mental health providers, first responders, veterans, and their family members on the impacts, identification of, and treatment implications for those suffering from PTSD.

If you have any questions about this forum or this topic, please feel free to contact Elizabeth at elizabeth@annunziata.org or 993-4422.

The Forum is Targeted to Educate & Assist Mental Health Providers,
Police, Fire, EMS, Veterans, & Family Members

WALK OF TRUST

MAY 28TH, 2:00-6:00PM



**ALL AGES
ALL FAITHS
ALL ARE WELCOME**

If you believe that together we are called
to build trust in our city, join us for a

WALK OF TRUST

All ages and faith backgrounds are welcome to attend a *Walk of Trust* as a sign of our desire to heal many of the divisions that exist across our St. Louis community. Join us for a day of prayer and reconciliation.

ITINERARY

- 2:00 pm - Depart from Cathedral Basilica
- 4:00 pm - Gather at Chaifetz Arena
- Address by Archbishop Carlson and Rev. Starsky Wilson
- 5:00 - Prayer at Chaifetz Arena



TO PARTICIPATE IN WORKSHOPS AND OTHER PRAYERS VISIT
WWW.PILGRIMAGEOFTRUSTSTL.COM



*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
Lt. Michael Collins, U.S. Navy
1Lt. Patrick Collins, U.S. Army
LCpl. Nathan Forshaw, U.S. Marine Corps
Captain Courtney Fox, U.S. Army
Captain Zachary Fox, U.S. Army
Soosan Good, U.S. Army
1Lt. Douglas Hale, U.S. Army
1Lt. Molly Hale, 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. ****

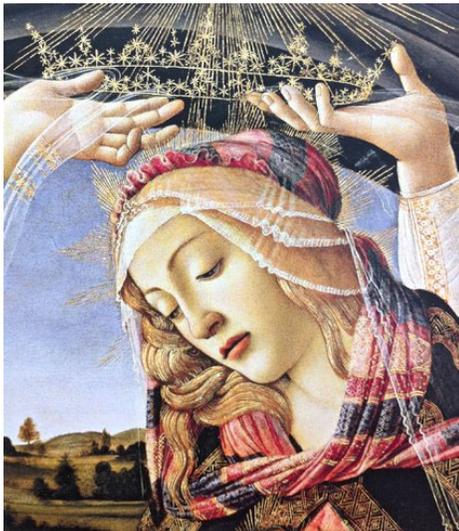


Pastoral Associate Corner

**This week we celebrate the Crowning of Mary, Our Mother....
Blessings to all Mothers and this Mothers' Day**

Do you know why we call Mary, "Our" mother?

At the beginning of the third session of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI announced that Mary would be honored under the title "Mother of the Church."



From Christ's conception until his death, Mary was united to her Son in his work of salvation. From the Cross, Jesus entrusted his beloved disciple to Mary, telling him to see her as his own mother (Jn 19:27).

When the Apostles and disciples gathered to pray after the Ascension of Jesus, Mary was with them praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Mary continues to pray before God for the Church and all humanity.

Like Mary, the Church has a maternal role, giving birth to people in Christ. The Church can never cease to look at Mary, who gave birth to Jesus Christ. The Church contemplates Mary's motherhood in order to fulfill her own calling to be mother of the members of Christ's Mystical Body, the Church.
<http://rediscover.archspm.org/belonging/why-do-we-call-mary-our-mother/>

When Catholics say, "Mary is our Mother," these are not just empty words. They mean rather that we recognize Mary for who she is and also for her role in the plan of God. That Mary was the mother of Jesus the God-Man is almost universally accepted among all Christians and probably many non-Christians as well. Therefore, in this small space, let us focus instead on her role in the life of the Church today. We will then be better able to explain why we love, revere, and honor her and also why we are thus lead to seek her

intercession and protection.

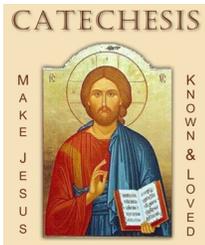
Looking first at Scripture, the principal basis for the doctrine of Mary as Spiritual Mother of all humanity is found in the Gospel of John. In this scene, Mary is at Calvary at the foot of the Cross with John, the beloved disciple. John tells us, "When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother'" (John 19: 26-27). Throughout the Church's history, numerous popes, theologians, and writers have confirmed their belief that here John is symbolic of all humanity. In other words, that Jesus from the Cross gave His Mother to every human person for all time.

Our Lord said, "Behold your mother." He was not suggesting that Mary become our mother, but that Mary is our Mother. And to Mary He gave us as children. But, if this is true, how do we make theological sense of this relationship? Turning again to Scripture, we can best understand it by considering St. Paul's beautiful doctrine of the Mystical Body of Christ (cf. Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 4:15). In this whole Body, St. Paul refers to Christ as the Head and the Church as the Body. Head and Body make up the entire and whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ.

<http://www.catholic.org/featured/headline.php?ID=233>

www.annunziata.org for:

- More **[MARIAN DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR THIS MONTH](#)**
- To continue your journey through the **['The Paschal Way of the Light,' {VIA LUCIS}](#)**
- To review last year's **[Divine Mercy corners and the 7 Secrets](#)**



Happy Mothers' Day and May Crowning for the 4th and 2nd grade students and their families.

Congratulations to our 2nd Graders who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Since today is our last day of PSR for the school year, I want to take this opportunity to thank many people for making this year a success: Our assistant, Roy Foerster; our Parent committee volunteers especially their leaders, Laura Bryan and Courtney Quatmann for all their hard work getting this program off the ground this year; and our PSR teachers who are leaving us this year - Kevin Dilly and Deannie Spanning for their dedication to our program.

Look for next year's registration forms to be posted on our website soon.

Have a Great Summer everyone!

Blessings,
Elizabeth Ann Good,
PSR Principal



SERVERS AT MASS POINT TO JESUS AND CALL US TO PROCLAIM OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



The article in St. Louis Today begins with the words, "QUITE A STANDARD WAS SET"! I could not agree more. However, it isn't only that Ladue Senior, Reilly Ahern won the medalist title of the Missouri Class 4 Sectional 1 tournament with a 7-under-par 65, or that Priory Senior, John Forshaw had amazing seasons in soccer and basketball, or that both of them have won



scholarships to College, or that they are smart young men, etc.

I want to express the gratitude of the Parish Community for the role models they have consistently been to all our younger servers and the Parish as a whole.

They have shown us that mature young men (and women) are very important in the Catholic Church. Their willingness to serve Mass every Sunday morning inspires people. Serving Mass is not just for elementary school, but for High School and College, as well as for adults. Serving Mass tells the community that my Catholic Faith is important to me, that I am proud of my Catholic Religion, that I am willing to sacrifice to live it. Receiving the Risen Christ in the Holy Eucharist gives the Grace to be the Man or Woman of Faith that God calls us to be.

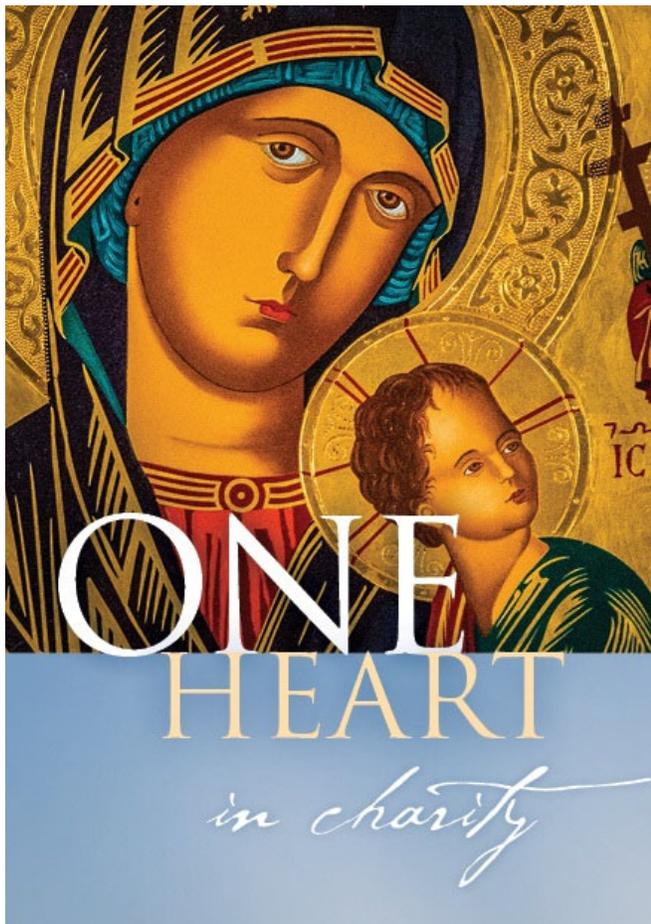


The Vincentian Corner

Congratulations to David Holton, who was elected president of the Annunziata Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at its May meeting. David has been an active Vincentian for the past several years, serving clients at the St. Augustine Food Pantry. He has also worked with the PSR in the rice bowl campaign to raise money collected by the children during Lent.

Marilyn and Geoff Morrison are retiring from their administrative duties with the conference. Their hope is that David will experience the pride and sense of joy that they have felt during the past dozen years serving the wonderful members of the Conference, the very supportive members of the Annunziata parish family, and our many clients throughout the metropolitan area.

The Annunziata Conference welcomes new members. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month. New contact: David Holton 314-724-9523.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Pope Francis reminds us, "The Bible is full of families, births, love stories and family crises." The Annual Catholic Appeal reaches out to individuals and families during times of great joy and immense sorrow. Together, we bring love and tenderness, just as the Catholic Church has since the time of Christ.

Beginning with the Annunciation, Mary accepted uncertainty without fear. Mary's response to God's call to become the Mother of God was simply, "The Almighty has done great things for me and holy is His name."

As stewards of God's gifts, we are grateful for the great things God has done for us and we seek to share our blessings with others through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

Please pray for Alma Baker, mother of Sally O'Hallaron of our parish family, who passed away on May 4, 2017 in Indiana.

FROM DEATH TO LIFE

Jules Desloge Campbell	May 15, 1996
Justin E. Hoy	May 15, 2004
Suzanne J. Schoepf	May 16, 2013
John P. Flanigan	May 17, 2006
Owen A. Zignago	May 17, 1984
Marian O. Ciapciak	May 18, 2015
Gertrude Rae Donovan	May 18, 1981
Dr. Richard I. C. Muckerman	May 18, 2003
Mae Farrell Sommer	May 18, 1985
Kathryn L. Selkirk	May 19, 1983
Mary Ann Placio	May 21, 1982

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
MAY 15 - 21, 2017:**

- Monday:** Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

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.

The Deacon Drive for Diapers collected 8,431 diapers, baby wipes, and adult incontinence products from the parishioners of Annunziata alone. While the overall Archdiocesan numbers are still being tabulated, the results to date far exceed the numbers from last year. As you know, these products are an important component to fighting poverty and restoring dignity to those most in need. On behalf of the deacons of the Archdiocese, thank you for your kindness and generosity.

--Deacon Tom

MASS INTENTIONS

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, May 13

7:00 a.m. Bob Naunheim
9:00 a.m. Mrs. Leah Tubb
5:00 p.m. Celebrant's Intention

Sunday, May 14

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. Margot Schenk
11:00 a.m. Marjorie Behan

Monday, May 15

7:00 a.m. Marjorie Green
7:45 a.m. James Joseph Simon

Tuesday, May 16

7:00 a.m. Sue George & Family
7:45 a.m. Bonnie Dewes

Wednesday, May 17

7:00 a.m. John P. Flanigan
7:45 a.m. Paul McGraw

Thursday, May 18

7:00 a.m. Tom Donahue
7:45 a.m. Marian Ciapciak

Friday, May 19

7:00 a.m. John Tines
7:45 a.m. Mrs. Richard Kloecker

Saturday, May 20

7:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Holton
9:00 a.m. Ted Thornhill
5:00 p.m. Special Intention
(T. & R.B.)

Sunday, May 21

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

Saturday, May 13

5:00 p.m.

Lector:
Mimi Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers:
Pat Carmody
Don Carmody

Servers:
Paige Hayes
Jack Hayes

Sunday, May 14

7:00 a.m.

Lector:
Veronica McDonnell

Servers:
Reilly Ahearn
John Forshaw

9:00 a.m.

Lector:
Brain Nauert

Eucharistic Ministers:
Marilyn Morrison
Geoff Morrison

Servers:
Caroline Hanzlik
Connor Hanzlik

11:00 a.m.

Lector:
Gene Cunningham

Eucharistic Ministers:
Cindy Cunningham
Carol Donelan

Server:
Schuyler Wolf

Saturday, May 20

5:00 p.m.

Lector:
Chrissy Nardini

Eucharistic Ministers:
Stella Alexander
Suzie Weiss

Server:
Harry Nardini

Sunday, May 21

7:00 a.m.

Lector:
Eleanor Ferry

Servers:
Reilly Ahearn
John Forshaw

9:00 a.m.

Lector:
John Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers:
Marilyn Morrison
Geoff Morrison

Servers:
Peter Gatch
Tripp Gatch

11:00 a.m.

Lector:
Rick Manley

Eucharistic Ministers:
Joy Green
Sally O'Hallaron

Server:
Lucia Berglund