

# Church of the Annunziata



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your priests.

## *Holy Communion for Homebound Parishioners*

Please call the Rectory to make  
arrangements.

## *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Our Church is open from 6:45 a.m. to  
4:30 p.m. Our Eucharistic Adoration  
Chapel (located on the west side of our  
Church's lower level) is open on  
Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and  
Thursday from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.

## *Sacrament of Baptism*

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

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Only registered, active members of our  
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their weddings at Annunziata,  
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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 Great Gift

#### Seek Christ – Find Christ – Follow Christ – Together

When a man and a woman fall in love and ask Jesus Christ to unite them as one in His Sacred Heart, He promises them everything they need to be the Love of Christ for each other, and someday, for their children. The most important mission of marriage is to help each other to accept Christ's Gift of Salvation by living our Faith. There are many ways to do this; Christ shows that one of the best and most rewarding is to build a habit of prayer *together*.

As couples are growing in love, holiness and their commitment to bear one another's burdens, as their intimacy grows, so does their ability to forgive each other's faults, all the while supporting each other every step of the way. Sometimes one will fall back, but the other is there to encourage, forgive, pray, guide, drawing them back to their side along the straight and narrow path. Often, through the beautiful instrument of our spouse, God gives us the healing, support, and strength we need the most. And through it all, love deepens and grows towards a more complete love... a love that increasingly becomes more Christ-like in depth, intensity, and commitment.

There are a few pitfalls that are easily avoided as you enter this realm of vulnerability. Human nature and spiritual forces will conspire against your noble commitment to serve your spouse in this way, but thankfully, there are simple ways you can overcome these challenges.

**Fear:** Regardless of the reason (pride, insecurity, past hurts, etc.), fear is a common barrier to **spiritual intimacy**. To mitigate this, your prayer time together must remain 100% safe 100% of the time. You would never argue or criticize your spouse in adoration or during the Eucharistic prayer at Mass; don't do it during your prayer time together. In the same vein, the time you set aside for prayer is never the right time for preaching, teaching, or correcting (i.e. "Dear Lord, please help my husband see how selfish he is..."). This is a time to share hopes, desires, struggles, joys, failings, and forgiveness with God. Be very careful to protect each other in this sacred space – especially when you are tired and struggling with life or each other. If you struggle too frequently and find the forgiveness topic too difficult to deal with, use a different venue (outside of prayer time) for these discussions.

**Time:** This one is often at the top of the excuse list, but don't let it be yours – it is very easy to deal with (house full of kids or no). Prayer together only takes a matter of minutes. If you believe differently, set your sights a bit lower and get a little more practical. If you can get up a few minutes earlier or go to bed a few minutes later, you can pray with your spouse. The key here is to make a realistic commitment – once a week – once a day – whatever it is, make it together before God and then resolve to make it work no matter how long or how much effort it takes. Make this a life commitment. Even if you fall 100 times, Jesus is always ready to receive you back again. Never give up on God and his ability to transform or mature your marriage spirituality – Jesus has never, and will never give up on you, or your marriage.

Community prayer, whether with two or fifty, always requires one person to lead and others to follow. Without this designation, you will find small matters of timing and synchronization to be odd and distracting. From here it is simple, if you are the leader, you *always* start and your spouse follows at the pace you set (don't ever rush each another or run ahead because of time – this is also an area that can cause frustration and unnecessary distractions).

Before you begin the journey, consider praying this prayer of commitment together –

*Merciful Father, out of love and commitment to you and each other, we desire to pray together and to help each other to you. Please fill us with your Holy Spirit, and help us to pray, love, serve, and live as you desire. Help us to learn to pray and submit ourselves to you and to never waiver in our commitment to help each other to heaven. When we fall, please remind us to return back to you and to remember that you will, as you did for the prodigal son, always receive us back with joy.*

# Annunziata's Giving Tree

located on the  
west side of  
Church by  
Mary's  
Altar

Please select one or more ornaments from the tree; Purchase the item described on the back of the ornament; Return the NEW UNWRAPPED gift to the Giving Tree box no later than December 10.

If you would rather give a financial gift, there are special Giving Tree envelopes available. Simply return it in the collection basket.

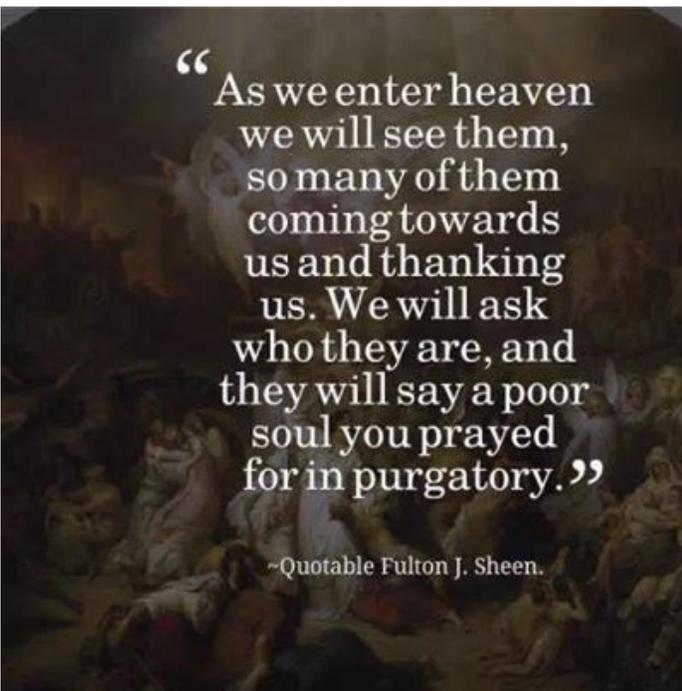




*Pastoral Associate Corner*

**Praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

“The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us that “death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ” (1021; see 2 Tm 1:9-10)



Holy Souls are those “who die in God’s grace and friendship” but who are “still imperfectly purified...After death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven” (CCC1030).

Part of the joy of belonging to the Church is the privilege of helping the Holy Souls to enter heaven. The Church “commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead” (CCC 1032).

Saint Catherine of Genoa states in her treatise on purgatory that ...“a great happiness is granted to the Holy Souls that grow as they draw nearer to God. For every

glimpse which can be had of God exceeds any pain or joy a man can feel. The Holy Souls clearly see God to be on fire with extreme love for them...”

We offer our penances with the hope of giving the Holy Souls such a glimpse of God. Saint Augustine assures us: “It cannot be doubted that the prayers of the Church relieve the Holy Souls, and move God to treat them with more clemency than their sins deserve.” ”

Excerpt from Father Peter John Cameron, O.P., *Magnificat*, Nov 2017, Vol. 19, No. 9, p 33.

IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE...



*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

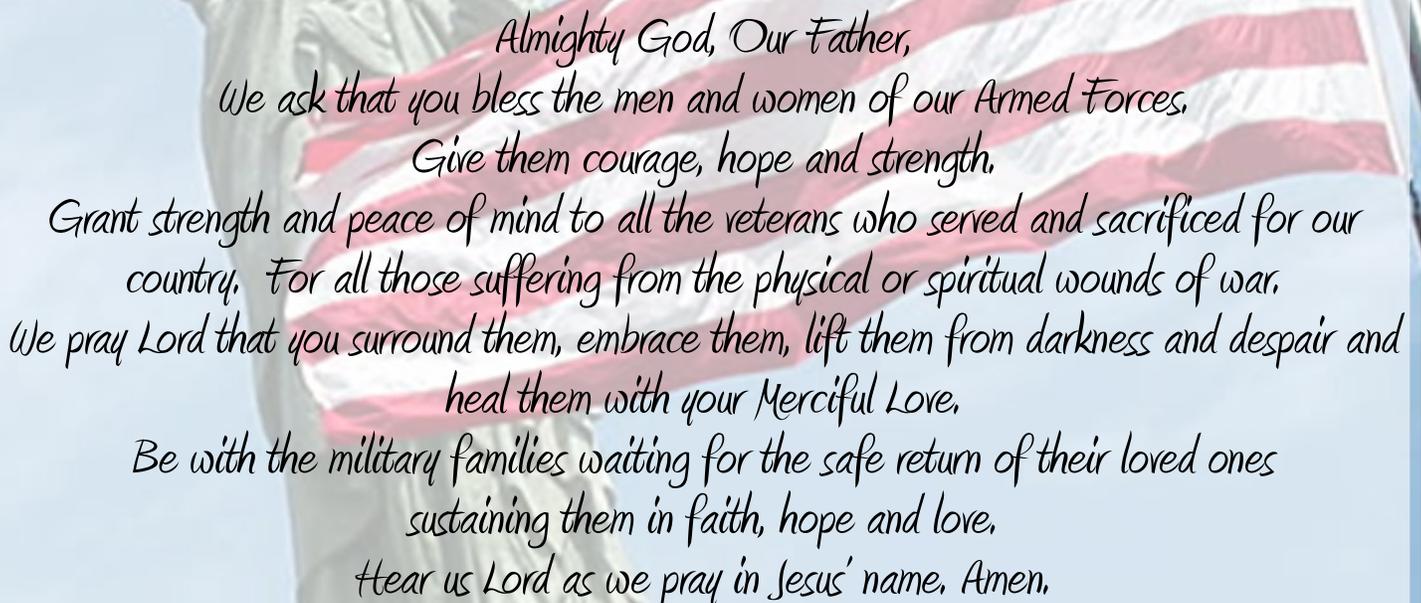
1Lt. Thomas J. Spearing, IV, U.S. Air Force

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

Sgt. Michael White, U.S. Army Rangers

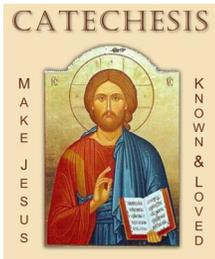
Cpl. Robert Wigginton, U.S. Marine Corps

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. \*\***



It is with a most sincere heart that I give Michelle Goddard a **huge THANK YOU** for volunteering to fill the PSR principal shoes during my untimely absence. **THANK YOU!** I am so grateful to her and to *all* the PSR staff who keeps our wonderful PSR program running. I am forever grateful to you all.

**This weekend - November 5<sup>th</sup>:**

- **7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Family Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Reconciliation

**Next weekend - November 12<sup>th</sup>:**

- **4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Reconciliation
- **K and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Sandwich Sunday, in the school cafeteria

\* **Another calendar note:** Due to the Church Hall construction, *Coffee and Catechesis* which was originally scheduled to begin in November, will now begin on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Reminder:** In order to ensure you receive all PSR communications you need to sign up to receive Annunziata automatic emails. Go to our website [www.annunziata.org](http://www.annunziata.org). The front page has the link for you to sign up to receive emails.

Blessings,  
Elizabeth Ann Good,  
PSR Principal



*Annunziata School*  
*Book Fair*

**Date:** Sunday, November 19, 2017

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Where:** the first classroom on the right, after you enter the school

**For what:** to benefit the Annunziata School Library and Classrooms

**Books by:** Scholastic

**Will accept:** all bills both large and small, checks, credit cards

*For more information, please contact Holly Gulick,  
314-997-6379 or [hhgulick@gmail.com](mailto:hhgulick@gmail.com)*



**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD**

Please pray for Louise Renard Berglund, mother of Dan Berglund of our parish family, who passed away on October 21, 2017; and for Michael Collins, husband of Sarah Collins of our parish family, who passed away on October 29, 2017.

***Thank You for Helping St. Patrick Center Feed Thousands***

**Thank you, Annunziata parishioners,** for your incredible commitment to St. Patrick Center’s casserole program! The casseroles you prepare in your kitchens each month serve thousands of people in our community each year. You’re meeting this important need for people who are hungry and saving St. Patrick Center food costs that can instead be directed to programs that end homelessness. We appreciate your role in this “fishes and loaves” program that has been going strong since 1984.

**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.**

**FROM DEATH TO LIFE**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6 - 12:**

- Monday:** Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
- Tuesday:** Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday:** Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
- Friday:** Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday:** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
- Sunday:** Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

James A. Kisling	November 6, 1982
Florence J. Brooks	November 6, 1985
Janet Theresa Stephens	November 6, 2001
Susan Meier	November 6, 2011
Jane Frances Mehan	November 7, 1987
Bernard C. Blanton	November 7, 1992
Rolf Gustav deLeuw	November 8, 2003
Gustavus A. Buder, Jr.	November 9, 1984
Stanley Joseph Ciapciak, Jr.	November 9, 2010
Rita A. Hoff	November 10, 2009
Joan Marie Spradling	November 10, 2014
Claire D. Mather	November 11, 2007
Agnes T. Williams	November 12, 1991
Harriett Elizabeth Lewis	November 12, 1998

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

Saturday, November 4

7:00 a.m. Dr. Rudolph Catanzaro  
9:00 a.m. Janet Bates  
5:00 p.m. Rita Sullivan

Sunday, November 5

7:00 a.m. Special Intention  
(Kelly Holton)  
9:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
11:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention

Monday, November 6

7:00 a.m. Janet Stephens  
7:45 a.m. Don C. Musick, Jr. &  
Family

Tuesday, November 7

7:00 a.m. Melba & Larkin Gamble  
7:45 a.m. Mr.&Mrs. William Francis,  
III & Family

Wednesday, November 8

7:00 a.m. John Shields  
7:45 a.m. Holy Souls

Thursday, November 9

7:00 a.m. Claire Shields  
7:45 a.m. James Francis Haffner

Friday, November 10

7:00 a.m. Orville & Marion Green  
7:45 a.m. Joseph Woltering Family  
(lvg/decd)

Saturday, November 11

7:00 a.m. Lydia & William Lackland  
9:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Louis Maginnis  
5:00 p.m. Emily Stock

Sunday, November 12

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

Saturday, November 4

5:00 p.m.

**Lector:**  
Steve Clark

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Stella Alexander  
Susan Reese

**Servers:**  
Jack Hayes  
Paige Hayes

Sunday, November 5

7:00 a.m.

**Lector:**  
Jackie Naunheim

**Servers:**

9:00 a.m.

**Lector:**  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade PSR  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Meg Griesedieck  
Chris Griesedieck

**Servers:**  
Katie Donnelly  
Lizanne Donnelly  
Luke Cacciabando

11:00 a.m.

**Lector:**  
Gene Cunningham  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Cindy Cunningham  
Jane Garvin

**Servers:**  
Rebecca Cunningham  
Matthew Carmody  
Ava Fichter

Saturday, November 11

5:00 p.m.

**Lector:**  
Chrissy Nardini

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Pat Carmody  
Don Carmody

**Server:**  
Harry Nardini

Sunday, November 12

7:00 a.m.

**Lector:**  
Eleanor Ferry

**Servers:**

9:00 a.m.

**Lector:**  
Sarah Roberts  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Marty Bickel  
Gil Bickel

**Servers:**  
Peter Grace  
William Grace  
Drew Danforth

11:00 a.m.

**Lector:**  
Suzie Weiss  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Carol Donelan  
Joy Green

**Servers:**  
Schuyler Wolf  
Reese Rafferty  
David Held