Church of the Annunziata

WORLD DAY of the SICK

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Please join us for

Anointing of the Sick

after all Masses
the weekend of
February 10th and 11th, 2024.

In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising.

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Mass with Distribution of Ashes

7:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Church of the Annunziata

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.
Monday - Saturday 7:00 a.m.

All Masses are streamed at www.Annunziata.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Holy Communion for Homebound Parishioners

Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment, usually on Sunday at noon.
Please call the Rectory for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the Rectory for information.

Our warm WELCOME to all!
If you wish to join our Parish Family, please contact the Parish Office.

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Please pray for all who have served or are serving in the U.S. Military and for all First Responders.

LTJG Haydn Boldt, U.S. Navy
Cadet William Boldt ,USMA, West Point
Captain Winston Boldt, U.S. Army
Lt. Col Michael Butler, Chaplain U.S. Army
Lt. Col. Eric Carlson, U.S. Army
Major Courtney Collins, U.S. Army
LCDR Michael Collins, U.S. Navy
Captain Molly Collins, U.S. Army
2nd Lt Norman B. (Buddy) Conley IV, U.S. Army
Major Patrick M. Cronin, U.S. Army
William Donovan, U.S. Air Force
CPL Martin Drakes, U.S. Marine Corps
William Drakes, U.S. Air Force
John R. Driscoll, U.S. Navy
Timothy Fox, Jr. S.O. 2, U.S. Navy
Master Sgt. Alex Fox, U.S. Army
Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy
Clare Lane, U.S. Air Force
1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army
Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army
James Peterson, *retired* U.S. Marine Corps
GySgt. 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
SPC H. Meade Summers IV, U. S. Army
Major August B. Valentine, U.S. Marine Corps
Major Candace R. Valentine, U.S. Marine Corps
Sgt. Michael White, U.S. Army Rangers
Cpl. Robert Wigginton, U.S. Marine Corps

From Our Pastor . . .

Dear Parishioners:

Lent is a season of hope. With ashes on our foreheads and hope in our hearts, we go forth to love and serve in His strength and with His love. For by God's grace in Christ Jesus, we do not have to stay the way we are. God loves us just the way we are, but He loves us too much to let us stay that way. Lent is a time set apart, a holy time, to allow God to have His way with us in a deliberate, focused way so that we may indeed step forth, ready to live, love, and serve in His Holy Name. Ash Wednesday opens the door to the 40-day season of Lent, a process of preparation for Holy Week.

Lent, which comes from the Germanic word for "springtime," can be viewed as a spiritual spring cleaning: a time for taking a spiritual inventory then cleaning out those things which hinder our relationship with Jesus Christ and our love and service with Him. Lent is really a time of revival in liturgical churches as God's people prepare to celebrate the Resurrection with depth and significance.

Our Lenten disciplines are to ultimately transform our entire person: body, soul, and spirit and help us become more like Christ, not in our own power, but in His. Eastern Christians call this process *theosis* which Saint Athanasius describes as "becoming by grace what God is by nature.

The Lenten practices, of **prayer, fasting, and giving** provide us with concrete examples of how to more closely connect our lives with our Lord. Obviously, Lent is NOT the only time we can practice these spiritual disciplines; we should indeed be practicing them all year long. This Lent presents us the opportunity to do a "deep cleaning," to focus more fully and completely on weak areas of our spiritual walk. Lent is a season that reminds us to repent and ask God to re-center our lives around Him, with our priorities straight and our hearts forgiven and cleansed. Yes, we should do so each day of the year. But sin is an insidious thing, slipping in here, taking a little ground there, and, wrapped up in our busy lives, we often do not notice the darkness creeping further and further into our souls.

Ash Wednesday and Lent provide us with a time set apart to present ourselves before God, asking His help and guidance in doing a "spiritual spring cleaning," a fresh chance to say "Yes" to the Lover of our Souls who created us, who made us in His own image. Lent is the time for a restoration project that will reveal the beauty of God's design for us. As we begin this Lent let our prayers ask God to reveal to us where He wants to work on our hearts during this Season of Lent.

Lenten Blessings!
Msgr. John Shamleffer

MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE

Transforming society to respect and protect all innocent human life.

10 Reasons to DECLINE to Sign

1 Parental Consent laws will be eliminated

If a "right" to abortion is enshrined in our Missouri Constitution it would allow abortions to be performed on pregnant minors without notice to or consent from the minor's parents.

2 Partial-birth / Late-term abortions on demand

If our Missouri Constitution is amended with a "right" to abortion, abortion will be allowed from conception to live birth, including partial-birth / late-term abortions.

3 Abortion - all 9 months

If this amendment passes, abortions will be allowed for "physical or mental health" reasons all 9 months - from conception to live birth.

4 Health & Safety standards eliminated

Missouri law requires health and safety standards for abortion clinics. These would be eliminated if this amendment passes, and would allow anyone to perform abortions without a healthcare license.

5 MO's 52+ pro-life laws will be eliminated

Our Missouri Constitution is our state's supreme (highest) law and governing document. Our pro-life laws will be eliminated by enshrining a "right" to abortion in our Missouri Constitution.

Women lose ability to sue for malpractice 6

A woman's ability to seek criminal prosecution/civil penalty of any person who performs/assists/provides support to induce/seek/obtain an abortion will be eliminated.

PRCs forced to refer for abortion 7

Pregnancy Resource Centers will be forced to refer for abortion.

Ultrasounds eliminated 8

Abortion clinics will no longer be required to offer or show a mother her baby's ultrasound image.

Significant $ Loss to MO 9

Missouri will suffer a significant loss to state and local revenue (the MO AG estimates increased litigation costs alone of up to $21m).

Taxpayer-funded abortion 10

If abortion is enshrined as a "right" in our Missouri Constitution, your legislator will be unable to refuse to appropriate funds to abortion providers.

Contact us for more information about how you can be a pro-life voice!

Missouri Right to Life, PO Box 651, Jefferson City, MO 65102 | 573-635-5110 | missourilife.org

Church of the Annunziata
Lenten Events 2024

Ash Wednesday Masses (Feb 14)

will be celebrated at: **7:00 am, Noon, & 7:00 pm**

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14), all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (Mar. 29) are days of abstinence (refraining from meat) for all Catholics from age 14 onwards. 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.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.

Confessions will be heard on **Saturday's** from **3:30 – 4:45 pm** and on **Sunday's of Lent** following the 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses and on Good Friday following 7 pm service.
Anointing of the Sick: will take place at weekend masses on Saturday March 9 & Sunday March 10.
Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays at 2:30 pm and on Good Friday at 12:00 Noon.

Triduum Services at Annunziata will be celebrated on:
Holy Thursday March 28: Chrism Mass 10 am at Cathedral Basilica
Mass of Last Supper March 28: 7 pm
Good Friday Service March 29: 7 pm (Confessions following service)
Holy Saturday Vigil March 30: 7:30 pm
Easter Sunday March 31 Masses: 9 & 11 am

Raymond Jack Valli

son of
Timothy & Chelsea Valli
February 3, 2024

ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE

Go to Annunziata.org and click on the blue "DONATE NOW" button to sign up for one time, weekly or monthly offering; or scan the code to the right. Then, click on the light blue "Register" button to get started.

Annunziata Society of St. Vincent de Paul

URGENTLY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS
someone to serve as PRESIDENT and
someone to serve as TREASURER

Both of these officers have now exceeded the term limits.
Please step up and help this Parish Organization that helps so many!

Please call DAVID HOLTON
314-724-9523 for additional information.

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 314-993-4422."**

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. Please call the Parish Office 314-993-4422.

LECTORS NEEDED

The mission of the Lector is to proclaim the Scripture readings at Mass with reverence and understanding.

Adults and teens are eligible to serve as Lectors with Pastoral approval. Lectors receive initial training and are then scheduled on a rotating basis according to Mass preferences. Lectors arrive 15 minutes prior to their assigned Mass time and arrange for a substitute if unable to serve.

Please contact Msgr. Shamleffer
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10); 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 10
7:00 a.m. Lionel Desbiens
5:00 p.m. Mike Hennessey

Sunday, February 11
9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Margot Schenk

Monday, February 12
7:00 a.m. Helen Friedman

Tuesday, February 13
7:00 a.m. Jessica and Ashley

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14
7:00 a.m. People of the Parish
12:00 noon People of the Parish
7:00 p.m. People pf the Parish

Thursday, February 15
7:00 a.m. Kenrick Jones

Friday, February 16
7:00 a.m. Caden and Cameron Sheldon

Saturday, February 17
7:00 a.m. Ophelia Marino
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, February 18
9:00 a.m. Roger Altvater
11:00 a.m. Rosemary Lipic

From Death to New Life

Charles F. "Trip" Bates, III	February 11, 2015
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

Pray the Rosary

Monday thru Saturday
Immediately after the
7:00 a.m. Mass

PLEASE PRAY TO END ABORTION

Annunziata

Livestreams ***ALL*** Masses
Go to
ANNUNZIATA.ORG
One click to connect to the current Mass or to view past Masses.