

RESPECT ALL LIFE

“All **LIFE** has inestimable value, even the **weakest** and most **vulnerable**, the **sick**, the **old**, the **unborn** and the **poor** are masterpieces of God’s creation.”

Pope Francis



Church of the Annunziata

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:00, 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 12:15 p.m.
Please call the Rectory for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the Rectory for information.

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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 ARCHBISHOP.....



A multifaceted and collaborative approach to pro-life issues as published in the October/November 2021 Catholic St. Louis magazine. The best way to support life is to offer so much community support that abortion isn't even a consideration.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This past year I've been writing about serving the Lord at the peripheries. It's fitting to speak about our pro-life work as the capstone of that series. Thanks to the Gateway Arch, most of us are familiar with the role of a capstone. It's the last piece placed in an arch, and holds the whole structure together. That's exactly what our pro-life work does. It's not the only thing we do. But without this piece, everything else falls apart.

One of the most important things to understand about our approach to pro-life issues is how multifaceted and collaborative it is.

First, all of our pro-life work is rooted in prayer. The sisters at Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent pray and provide a place of hospitality for those who come to pray outside the abortion clinic in St. Louis. We have Mass once a month and an annual Roe v. Wade memorial Mass. In this, as in all things, prayer is at the heart of our service. Perhaps the most important visible expression of our pro-life commitment is the care we provide for mothers in need. Whether it's through our own Good Shepherd Children and Family Services, St. Martha's Hall, Queen of Peace Center, or Marygrove, or whether it's through our many community partners like Birthright, Coalition for Life, Haven of Grace, Mary Queen of Angels, Our Lady's Inn, and so many others, we make sure there's always a place for a mother to turn and find help.

Of course people do have and have had and will have abortions. Our first response there is not to condemn but to offer healing. We do this through our Abortion Healing Ministries like Project Rachel (for women) and Project Joseph (for men). These programs offer the healing of Jesus to those who have been involved in an abortion.

Finally, through our efforts in schools, our annual convention, our participation in the March for Life and the legislative efforts of our partners at the Missouri Catholic Conference, we work to educate about, bear witness to and enact protections for the value of life. Do we think abortion is wrong? We do! It ends a life, harms a mother and hurts the family and society. So we will continue to push for laws and policies that respect life in cities, counties, the state and the nation. But the best way to articulate our belief in the value of life is to offer so much support from the community that women don't even consider an abortion. Maybe the central thrust of our pro-life work is best captured in the USCCB project "A Year of Service: Walking with Moms in Need." Here in the "show me" state, our pro-life work is a model of serving the Lord at the peripheries. If we could bring this same kind of deep, multifaceted and collaborative approach to every periphery it would make a huge difference. And it would show the world: This is who the Church is. We serve the Lord at the peripheries, and we do it with gladness.

If you know anyone in need please reach out to us. The biggest thing we want to do is help.

PLACES TO TURN FOR HELP

Archdiocesan Respect Life Apostolate: <https://www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate>

Catholic Charities of Saint Louis: <https://www.ccstl.org/>

Birthright: <https://birthrightstl.org/>

Coalition for Life Saint Louis: <https://www.coalitionforlifestl.com/>

Society of St. Vincent De Paul of Saint Louis: <https://svdpstlouis.org/>

Read more of the St. Louis Review's coverage of pro-life issues: <https://www.archstl.org/st-louis-review/archive/tag/666?sort=desc&show=search>

The Catholic Church is Pro-Life video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmxqMxrZ9V4

See more videos: www.youtube.com/c/ArchdioceseofStLouis/videos

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WATCH CLARE AND FRANCIS

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare, who is given equal stature with him. Both found major religious orders, and together they inspire many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel. Their impact has reached across the centuries to change the world.



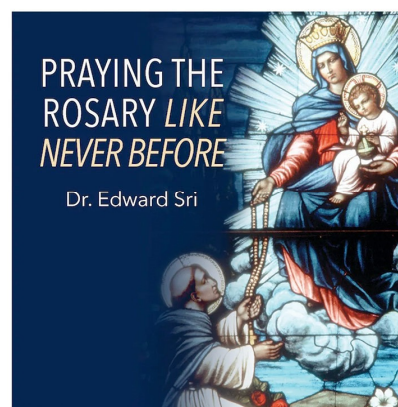
LEARN MISERY MEETS MERCY: ST FAUSTINA



Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz Ratajczak discuss St. Faustina Kowalska and her role of bringing the message of Divine Mercy to the Church..

LISTEN PRAYING THE ROSARY LIKE NEVER BEFORE BY DR. EDWARD SRI

In this Lighthouse Talk, Sri discusses the main tenets of his book, *The New Rosary in Scripture: Biblical Insights on Praying the Twenty Mysteries*. Dr. Sri shares Pope St. John Paul II's practical strategies for praying the Rosary better so you can encounter Jesus more deeply in prayer.



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To sign up for **FORMED** - - - It's FREE!

The Truth Is...

PSR



I am excited to be subbing for 8th grade this week. I love teaching 8th grade. When I was briefed on the current session, the quest for happiness, I read it through, took notes, found a great video, etc. Then I re-read the class plan and realized that I was mistaken, that was last week's lesson. This week is disordered thinking: Individualism, Hedonism, Relativism... Oh no! It's not that I don't know what all of these misguided ways of life are about, it's the teaching and discussing them, especially when 93% of teenagers believe in Relativism! *Lord, haven't you challenged me enough just getting PSR going?!*

To be honest, I don't think 93% of teenagers are Relativists. I think 93% of teenagers are afraid of not fitting in, being considered intolerant, being isolated, being "uncool." These days, if we deny someone their own "truth" these are the risks we take. The culture is confusing and heartbreaking.

I know I'll be working on this lesson until Saturday night. There's been so much confusion for me over the past few years that when I look at Jesus in Adoration, I think, "Jesus, *you* are the only truth." But I can't start there with 13 and 14 year olds. So far, all I've got is this:

Relativism is based on the idea that what's true for one may not be true for another, and that's all good. It says, "I've got to be me, and no one is going to tell me how to live my life." This disordered way of thinking ultimately denies God and causes complete chaos, because in this situation, one party must conform to the other's truth. It isolates each person to themselves. Are we our own gods?

As Catholics, we believe God is our creator, who created us out of and for love. What is love? Love is desiring the good of the other for their sake, not our own--not so we'll be liked, not so we'll be popular, not so we'll be considered cool. It is wanting what is good for another with no strings attached. Ultimately, the Church guides us with a sense of purpose to our actions, a sense of "in the end, where will this action take me?" If I don't believe in the objective truth that God is my creator and that one day I might return to him, where does that leave me?

Does a Catholic believe that someone who has their own "truth" should be disrespected? If we are created out of and for love, then surely we believe in the dignity, freedom and inherent worth of every individual--no matter their gender, background, race, or education. Every human person is worthy of our infinite love and respect.

The truth is... we are defined as children of God and are to love one another as such.

Laura Gyawali
PSR Principal



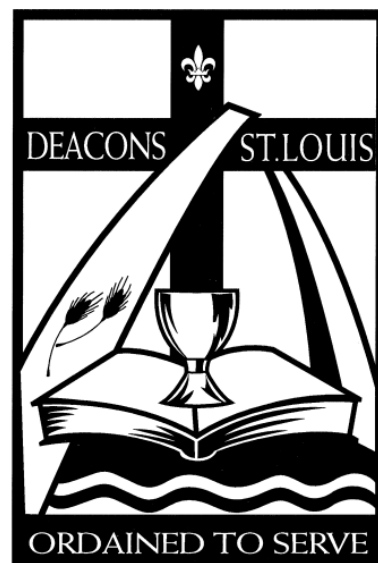
*Katherine Ann Funkhouser
& Brendan Thomas Judge
are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony
October 23, 2021*



The Parish Office will be **CLOSED**
Friday October 8th.

Deacon Formation Collection

Please give generously to the Deacon Formation Collection this weekend. Over the past 44 years, the strength of the Deacon Formation program in the Archdiocese has relied heavily upon voluntary contributions and, in particular, this special collection. Please know that your gift can make a tremendous difference. In particular, I want to thank all of the parishioners who have consistently and generously supported this program during my 15 plus years here at Church of the Annunziata.



—Deacon Tom

*Please pray
for all who have served
or are serving in the U.S. Military,
First Responders, Health Care Workers
and everyone impacted by the coronavirus.*

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 Benedict (Buddy) Conley IV,
U.S. Army
William Donovan, U.S. Airforce
Martin Drakes, U.S. Marine Corps
John R. Driscoll, U.S. Navy
Soosan Good, U.S. Army
Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy
Clare Lane, U.S. Airforce

1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army
Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army
James Peterson, retired U.S. Marine Corps
GSgt. 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
Captain August B. Valentine, U.S. Marine Corps
Sgt. Michael White, U.S. Army Rangers
Cpl. Robert Wigginton, U.S. Marine Corps

Please let us know if there has been a change of rank or active military service, so we can keep this prayer list up-to-date. Please call the rectory to add the name of a loved one who is serving in the military.

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

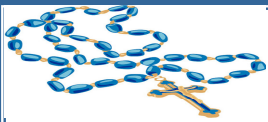


Please pray for

**Peggy Schmitt Aliaga-Kelly
Betty Omev**

Annunziata is a family that loves & cares for one another.

Should you, your family or your friends be in need of special prayers, we would like to add these names to our prayer list so they can be included in all of our prayers.



Please join us!
Pray the Rosary

**Monday through Saturday
as we pray the Rosary together
after the 7:00 a.m. Mass.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8;
Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8;
Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10;
Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6;
Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2;
Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17;
Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

From Death to New Life



Thomas J. Bannister	October 4, 2016
Msgr. Robert M. Krawinkel	October 4, 2004
Earle Field Maricle	October 5, 2005
Patrick K. Warner	October 5, 1983
Virginia M. Beardslee	October 8, 1981
Judith C. Borst	October 8, 2016
Sally Beebe Key	October 8, 2017
Gerald Joseph Juelich	October 9, 2013

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 2

7:00 a.m. Florence Wicevic
5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. John E. Simon, Sr.
and Family, Living & Deceased

Sunday, October 3

7:00 a.m. Peggy Schmitt Aliaga-Kelly
9:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, October 4

7:00 a.m. Msgr. Robert Krawinkel

Tuesday, October 5

7:00 a.m. Mary Jo Murphy

Wednesday, October 6

7:00 a.m. Joanne Krekler Reardon

Thursday, October 7

7:00 a.m. Mary Darst Donnelly

Friday, October 8

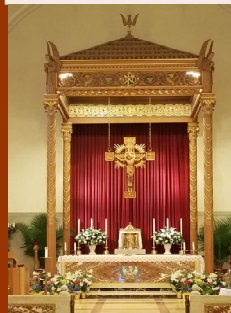
7:00 a.m. Pete Niekamp

Saturday, October 9

7:00 a.m. Lavern Church
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, October 10

7:00 a.m. Mary Jane & Ed Thaman
9:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
11:00 a.m. Patricia Kelley



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