



*“This is my beloved
Son, with whom I
am well pleased.”*

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 Day 7:00 and 7:45 a.m. *
Holidays 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. *
* *Times subject to change*

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.....

SHOULD BABIES BE BAPTIZED?

There is a cultural phenomenon in the United States that is deeply disturbing. Many Catholic parents are deciding that they will not Baptize their infants. The reasons are many. But, the main reason stated, is that they will let their baby grow up and make their own decision about Baptism.



Please consider that parents want the very best for their babies: unconditional love by their Mom and Dad, the best medical care, the best food, the best home..... What mother or father would ask their baby if they want to be kissed or hugged? Who would ask their child if they want their room at 68, or 70 degrees? Who would inquire of a little baby whether they want a sheet or a blanket to go to sleep?

The very best that any Catholic Christian can give to their baby is God's gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. We need to give witness to the importance of arranging for the Baptism of a Baby as soon as the Doctor says the parents can bring the infant to Church.

Why? Just open your Bible, the Word of God, and read what God reveals: Baptism offers the forgiveness of original sin and all personal sins, birth into the Divine Life of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by which we become beloved daughters and sons of God. Baptism incorporates the baby into the Church, the Body of Christ, and the infant becomes a temple of the Holy Spirit, and a sharer in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ!

A NEW YEAR: FAITH DEMANDS WORSHIP

As we begin the Year of Grace, 2020, the Pope prayed that all believers might discover in a deeper way that "Faith demands worship!" Adoration means putting the Lord at the center, not ourselves. Pope Francis explained that worship means "making space for God's plan", realizing that we belong with God, and being able to speak to God freely and intimately. Worship means discovering that in order to pray, it is enough to say 'My Lord and my God', and to allow ourselves to be filled by God's tender love.

Worship is an act of love that changes our lives. Although we have some idea of what it means to pray, the Church must go even further with the prayer of adoration, we have to grow in adoration. It is a wisdom that we must learn each day.

By praying in adoration, we allow Jesus to heal and to change us...to transform us by His love, to kindle light amid our darkness, to grant us strength in weakness, and courage amid trials. By kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament, in the Real Presence of the Risen Christ, we discover that life's greatness consists not in having, but in loving!

ANNUNZIATA GIVING TREE

Because of the great generosity of the people of our parish, we were able to send Christmas gifts for families at Midtown Community Services, St. Vincent de Paul families who would not otherwise have had Christmas gifts and to our children at Annunziata Learning Center for their "Kindness Project."

TO ANNUNZIATA PARISH FAMILIES

On behalf of the students and staff at Annunziata School, we wish to thank you for your tremendous generosity in providing Christmas gifts for our students and their family members. This act of generosity falls squarely into the category of God's corporal works of Mercy. The students at Annunziata were overwhelmed with gladness by your kindness and support during this holiday season. Words are barely sufficient in expressing our gratitude, however, we turn to our mutual patron, the Archangel Gabriel, whose words hold great meaning to all of us, even today:

"I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and bring you the good news." The Parishioners of the Church of the Annunziata are living witness to this Good News by your actions and works in your daily lives. *Thank you!*

ANNUNZIATA'S HOURS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays - 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays - 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

ANNUNZIATA'S CHAPEL IS LOCATED IN THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE CHURCH ON THE WEST SIDE.

YOU MAY ENTER THE BUILDING THROUGH THE EAST DOOR ACROSS FROM THE RECTORY BETWEEN 7 AM AND 4 PM.

EVENING HOURS ARE ACCESSIBLE BY KEY FOR THOSE ASSIGNED EVENING HOURS.

ANNUNZIATA IS IN NEED OF MORE PARTICIPANTS.

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER PRAYING A HOLY HOUR IN THIS NEW YEAR OF 2020.

For more information, please contact Pat Carmody at 314-991-0818.

Fiat Women's Group

All women are invited to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (5200 Glennon Drive, 63119) on the third Thursday of each month for prayer and a talk. The next meeting will be on **January 16, 2020**. The speaker will be **Father Donald Anstoetter, Director of Worship at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary**.

The Rosary will be prayed at 8 a.m., and Father Anstoetter will speak from 8:15 a.m. until 9 a.m. Coffee will be offered afterwards in the Fireside Lounge until 9:30 a.m. For more information or to watch videos from past Fiat talks, see: www.kenrick.edu/fiat.

CONFIRMED IN THE SPIRIT



At Sunday's 9:00 a.m. Mass, our 8th grade PSR students will renew their baptismal promises and officially begin their journey toward Confirmation. Why baptismal promises?

At Baptism, the Holy Spirit roots himself in our hearts, wipes away the stain of original sin, and makes possible the reception of God's divinity within us. Essentially, we are initiated into a life dedicated to Christ. Confirmation is closely linked to Baptism as it is the final sacrament of Christian initiation during which we are *transformed* by the Holy Spirit.

Today, we read of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River. Did Jesus really need to be baptized? Yes, but not for the same reasons that we do. Jesus' immersion in the Jordan sanctifies the waters of Baptism. It is at this time that he takes on the burden of our sins and begins his ministry. We hear in today's gospel, "...he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying,..."This is my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased," Mt 3: 13-17. After his Baptism Jesus was recognized as the Messiah by his disciples.

During his ministry, Jesus taught by the grace of the Holy Spirit. He taught by example. Everything he taught us is rooted in love. God is love. As our Confirmandi journey toward full initiation into the Church, they will learn that in unity with the Holy Spirit the indelible mark of his teachings manifest in the virtues of faith, hope and love, and in gifts like wisdom, understanding, fortitude, knowledge and piety. A life where God reigns is a life generous in the fruits of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity. These fruits guard against fear, anxiety, pride, anger, depression, and confusion, allowing us to live out God's perfect plan for us: a life of love lived in the Spirit of the Father.

*Please pray for our 8th grade PSR students
as they begin their journey toward Confirmation.*



**LET US PRAY FOR THOSE
SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

- Captain Winston Boldt, U.S. Army
- Lt. Col. Michael Butler, Chaplain U.S. Army
- Lt. Col. Eric Carlson, U.S. Army
- LCDR Michael Collins, U.S. Navy
- 1SG Charles DuTart, U.S. Army
- Captain Courtney Fox, U.S. Army
- Soosan Good, U.S. Army
- Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy
- Captain Kate Lunsford, U.S. Army
- 1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army
- Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army
- SSgt. 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
- James Peterson, *retired* U.S. Marine Corps
- John R. Driscoll, U.S. Navy

(Please call the rectory to add the name of a loved one who is serving in the military.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19;
Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1
Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20;
Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;
Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11;
Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a;
Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a;
Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;
1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

***A NEW DAILY
SPIRITUAL RESOURCE***

Local spiritual director, poet and artist, Clarence Heller, has recently launched **A Piece of Goodness**, and daily Twitter-length excerpt from one of his poems, with convenient access to the entire poem for those who wish to engage it. Those messages are available through a daily email, a post on Facebook and Twitter. To view an archive of past posts or to subscribe, visit

www.clarenceheller.com

*Richard Rohr, OFM had this to say about Clarence's first book, **Everyday Sacred**. "We need evocative words and compelling images to help us break out, and break through to the Divine. Well, here are some very good ones!"*

From Death to New Life

- Edward Lawrence Keyes, Jr. January 12, 2013
- Wayne B. Hoover January 16, 2010
- Jane Lambert Rehme January 16, 2007
- William S. Simpson January 16, 2004
- Claire Lothman Shields January 17, 2013
- Dr. Francis Joseph Hayden, D.D.S. January 18, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, January 11

7:00 a.m. Wm. Francis, Jr. & Family
9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Remmert
5:00 p.m. Celebrant's Intention

Sunday, January 12

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. Rob Kraeger
11:00 a.m. Vincent Bommarito, Sr.

Monday, January 13

7:00 a.m. John Simon, Sr. & Family
7:45 a.m. Richard Desloge

Tuesday, January 14

7:00 a.m. Gill Lewis
7:45 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Louis Magginis

Wednesday, January 15

7:00 a.m. Mary & Madelyn Maher
7:45 a.m. Wm. Francis Sr. Family,
Living & Deceased

Thursday, January 16

7:00 a.m. Dr. George T. Hughes
7:45 a.m. Mary Helen Padberg

Friday, January 17

7:00 a.m. Helen Ahearn
7:45 a.m. Jack Overman Family

Saturday, January 18

7:00 a.m. James Good
9:00 a.m. Mary Pat O'Brien
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, January 19

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
9:00 a.m. John Tines
11:00 a.m. Ted Thornhill

January 11th & 12th

LECTORS

5:00 p.m.
Chrissy Nardini
Carol Donelan
7:00 a.m.
David Holton
9:00 a.m.
Meg Griesedieck
Chris Griesedieck
11:00 a.m.
Rick Manly
John Cronin

EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTERS

5:00 p.m.
Mike Nardini
Anne Woods
9:00 a.m.
Meg Griesedieck
Chris Griesedieck
11:00 a.m.
Jane Garvin
Sally O'Halloran

SERVERS

5:00 p.m.
Halliden Brown
Harry Nardini
JP Senneff
9:00 a.m.
Claire Benoist
Tess Caciabondo
Audrey Taves
11:00 a.m.
Chloe Shamsham
Piper Summers
Audrey Mahoney

January 18th & 19th

LECTORS

5:00 p.m.
Madeleine Cole
John Roberts
7:00 a.m.
Dan Berglund
9:00 a.m.
Suzie Weiss
Geoff Morrison
11:00 a.m.
Kathy Driscoll
Charles Nicolais

EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTERS

5:00 p.m.
Pat Carmody
Don Carmody
9:00 a.m.
Geoff Morrison
Cindy Cunningham
11:00 a.m.
Stella Alexander
Charles Nicolais

SERVERS

5:00 p.m.
Miles Anstey
Matthew Hardin
9:00 a.m.
Evelyn Craft
Annabel Goddard
Sean Goddard
11:00 a.m.
Catherine Farley
Owen Farley
Peter Farley

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