

O COME,
O COME,
Emmanuel



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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From Our Pastor . . .



Dear Parishioners:

As we begin this season of Advent, which marks the beginning of a new liturgical year and as such provides us a time for renewal, a new beginning.

The beginning of the year actually points to the “end.” The end of all creation is marked by the long-awaited return of Jesus, the Son of Man. Our readings point to this end as the day of judgment (“Son of Man” being the scriptural title of the judge of all humanity).

The “end” reminds us that we are on a journey. The voyage through life is not an aimless wandering but has a destination and a goal.

Love is the basis for human life. God, who is love, loved us into being. Love is the force that orders all things toward God and a participation in divine life. When Jesus is asked what is the greatest of all the laws, he replies: “You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. The second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Love is the basis and starting point. Love also expresses itself as mercy when a violation of love or justice is encountered. Mercy heals and restores. Psalm 25 expresses the desires that lie at the heart of the righteous — to know and live in God’s way. The longing is expressed by the psalmist in this way: **“Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day.”**

The longing is not some abstract or aimless quest, for “good and upright is the Lord; thus he shows sinners the way and teaches the humble his way.” He loves us so much that he wants us to know him and the path to meaning of life. This Way is not a teaching or concept, but a person whose birth we prepare to celebrate at Christmas.



Advent Blessings!
Msgr John Shamleffer

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

**This year we are asking that you give
Gift Card, Cash or Check.**

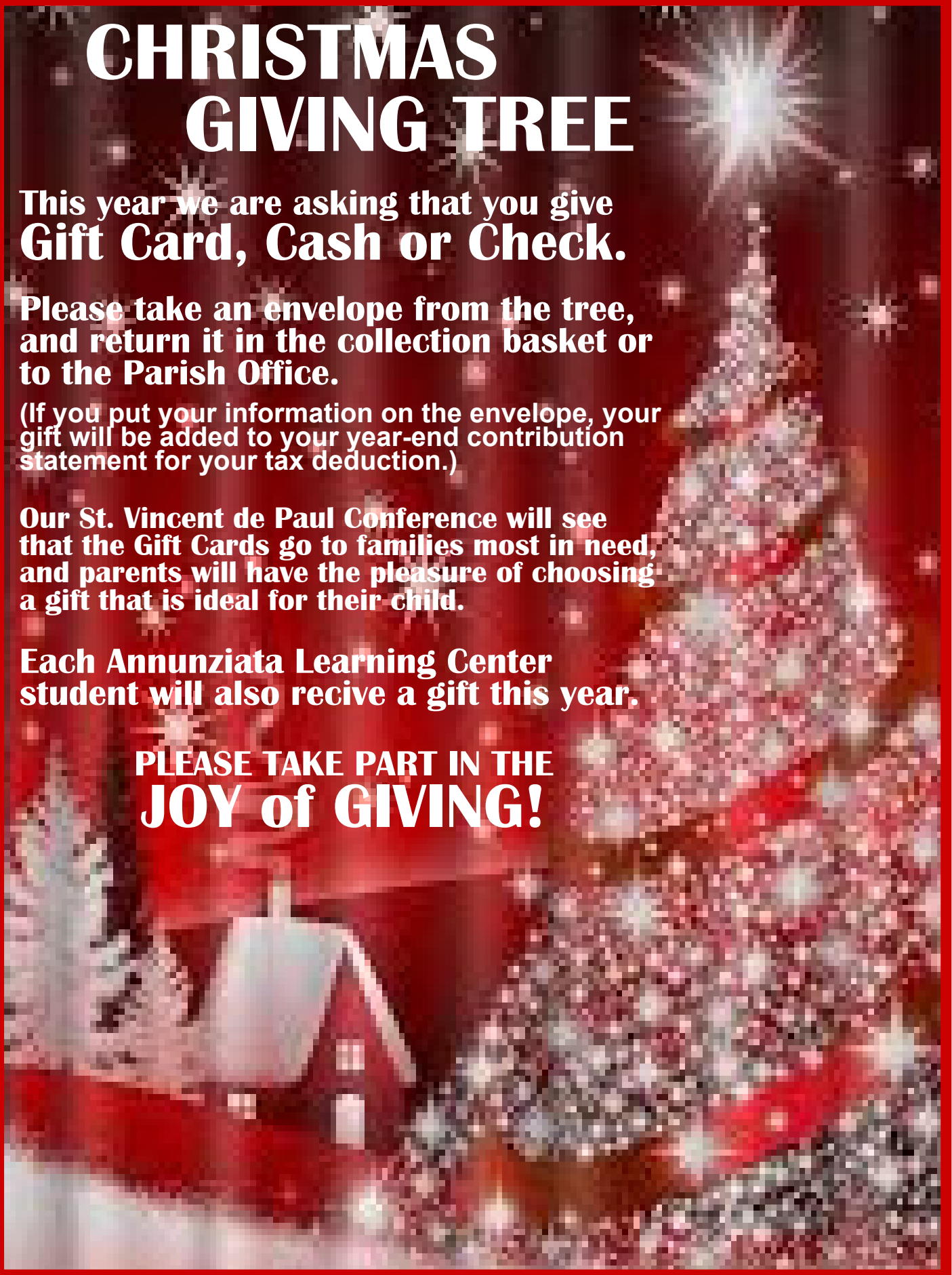
**Please take an envelope from the tree,
and return it in the collection basket or
to the Parish Office.**

**(If you put your information on the envelope, your
gift will be added to your year-end contribution
statement for your tax deduction.)**

**Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference will see
that the Gift Cards go to families most in need,
and parents will have the pleasure of choosing
a gift that is ideal for their child.**

**Each Annunziata Learning Center
student will also receive a gift this year.**

**PLEASE TAKE PART IN THE
JOY of GIVING!**



Installation of Msgr. John Shamleffer

Msgr. John Shamleffer will be installed
as pastor of the Church of the Annunziata
by

Fr. Scott Jones, V.E.

Episcopal Vicar of the Northern Vicariate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

The ceremony will take place at Annunziata on
Sunday, December 17, 2023, during the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

There will be coffee and donuts in Faris Hall on December 17th following the
9:00 a.m. Mass, and light refreshments will be served after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Please join us for this historic parish event.



*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

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8, 2023

MASS TIMES

Thursday, December 7, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, December 8, 7:00 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.

NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed Friday, December 8th, in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.



“You did it to me.”

Jesus tells us “I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”

Matthew 25:35-40

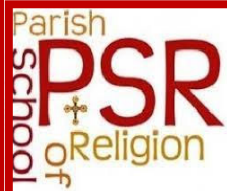
If you’ve been blessed with the ability to give a helping hand to a neighbor in need today, please consider a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Please help those who need **food, diapers, medicine and help to pay their electric bill.**

Your gift will help neighbors facing some of the toughest times of their lives.

God bless you for doing what you can for them by giving today!

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



REGISTER NOW for CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Annunziata 8th graders who attend Catholic schools join the Confirmation class for the second semester, which begins January 7th, to complete Confirmation preparation. In order for us to purchase materials for each student and have them ready to participate in class. Please register **NOW** at

Annunziata.psrenroll.com

(PSR Confirmation preparation is limited to registered Annunziata parish families only.)



John Christopher Roberts
Son of Christopher & Kelly Roberts
Baptized November 25, 2023

Jaxxon & Lennox Busch
Sons of William & Kirra Busch, Jr.
Baptized November 25, 2023

Caden & Cameron Sheldon
Sons of Michael & Claire Sheldon
Baptized November 26, 2023.



Annunziata

is open
for private prayer
Monday thru Saturday
8:00 am — 3:00 pm

(Please use the east entrance.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5;
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6;
Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26;
Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11;
Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8);
2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

From Death to New Life



James P. Bick	December 3, 2007
John E. Cramer	December 3, 1981
Kenneth Hall Grant	December 3, 2004
Gloria Marie Ehrler	December 3, 2016
Bernadette G. Williams	December 3, 2007
Vita Viviano D'Artega	December 5, 2002
John Shields	December 5, 2016
Zale R. Stratmeyer	December 5, 1981
Charles Cella	December 6, 2017
Mary Ann Cowhey	December 6, 2002
Benjamin W. Lowell	December 7, 2009
Carlos Reese	December 7, 1998
James H. Meredith	December 8, 1988
Mary Frances Horgan	December 8, 2020
Gale Ester Dean	December 9, 2011
William Peter dePenaloza	December 9, 1991
Frances Ryan Hardy	December 9, 1990
Florence Moore	December 9, 1987
Daniel Frances Sheehan, Jr.	December 9, 2008

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2

7:00 a.m. Maria Musick Brennan
5:00 p.m. William Stemmermann

Sunday, December 3

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Dennis Cavin

Monday, December 4

7:00 a.m. Richard & Rita Beckmann

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 a.m. Sue Naunheim

Wednesday, December 6

7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. James C. Good

Thursday, December 7

7:00 a.m. Carol Dubuque

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

5:30 p.m. Ted Dubuque

Friday, December 8

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

8:30 a.m. Patricia Meier

(with the Annunziata Learning Center students)

Saturday, December 9

7:00 a.m. Dan Sheehan
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, December 10

9:00 a.m. Marilyn Griesedieck
11:00 a.m. Benedict Viviano, O.P.

Annunziata

LIVESTREAMS ALL MASSES

Go to ANNUNZIATA.ORG

*One click to connect to the
current Mass or to view past Masses*



Pray the Rosary

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