

Church of the Annunziata



Lent

February 18, 2024 - First Sunday of Lent

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From Our Pastor . . .

Dear Parishioners:

What are you going to do this Lent to grow closer to Christ?

Lent is a beautiful time to experience the transforming power of mercy in the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*. **Besides our regular confessions times the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* will be celebrated on the Sundays of Lent after the morning masses and on *Good Friday following the Service that evening*.** No matter what you have done, no matter how long you have been away, Jesus is waiting for you with open arms this Lent!



As we begin this Lenten journey the key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: **Baptism**. Preparation for Baptism and for renewing baptismal commitment lies at the heart of the season. Since the Second Vatican Council, the Church has reemphasized the baptismal character of Lent, especially through the restoration of the Catechumenate and its Lenten rituals. Our challenge today is to renew our understanding of this important season of the Church year and to see how we can integrate our personal practices into this renewed perspective.

Why is Baptism so important in our Lenten understanding? Lent as a 40-day season developed in the fourth century from three merging sources. The first was the ancient paschal fast that began as a two-day observance before Easter but was gradually lengthened to 40 days. The second was the catechumenate as a process of preparation for Baptism, including an intense period of preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation to be celebrated at Easter. The third was the Order of Penitents, which was modeled on the catechumenate and sought a second conversion for those who had fallen back into serious sin after Baptism. As the catechumens (candidates for Baptism) entered their final period of preparation for Baptism, the penitents and the rest of the community accompanied them on their journey and prepared to renew their baptismal vows at Easter.

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. The key to renewed appreciation of these practices is to see their link to baptismal renewal.

Prayer: More time given to prayer during Lent should draw us closer to the Lord. We might pray especially for the grace to live out our baptismal promises more fully. We might pray for the elect who will be baptized at Easter and support their conversion journey by our prayer. We might pray for all those who will celebrate

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the sacrament of Reconciliation with us during Lent that they will be truly renewed in their baptismal commitment.

Fasting: Fasting is one of the most ancient practices linked to Lent. In fact, the paschal fast predates Lent as we know it. The early Church fasted intensely for two days before the celebration of the Easter Vigil. This fast was later extended and became a 40-day period of fasting leading up to Easter. Vatican II called us to renew the observance of the ancient paschal fast: "...let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind".

Fasting is more than a means of developing self-control. It is often an aid to prayer, as the pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God. Fasting should be linked to our concern for those who are forced to fast by their poverty, those who suffer from the injustices of our economic and political structures, those who are in need for any reason. Thus fasting, too, is linked to living out our baptismal promises. By our Baptism, we are charged with the responsibility of showing Christ's love to the world, especially to those in need. Fasting can help us realize the suffering that so many people in our world experience every day, and it should lead us to greater efforts to alleviate that suffering.

Almsgiving: It should be obvious at this point that almsgiving, the third traditional pillar, is linked to our baptismal commitment in the same way. It is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all God has given to us. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life we began when we were baptized.

Let us continue to pray for each other and in special way for those whom are preparing to enter the Church this Easter, as we together make this Lenten retreat.

Lenten Blessings!
Msgr. John Shamleffer

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.**

ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE at *Annunziata*

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.

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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
Shamleffer@archstl.org or 314-314-606-4181



**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



Church of the Annunziata Lenten Events 2024

Lenten Fast and Abstinence

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

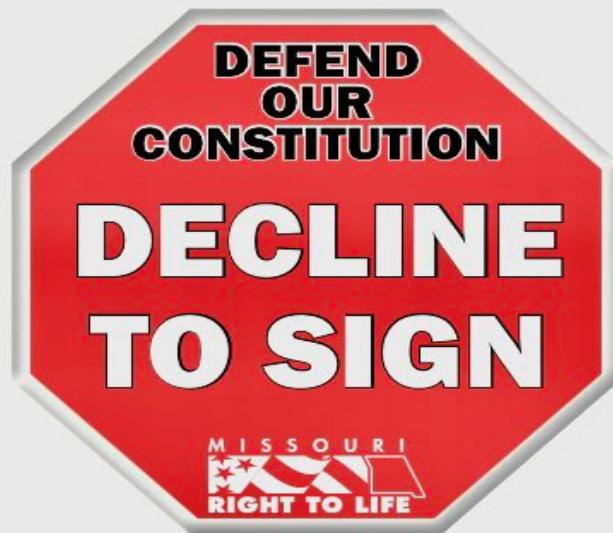
Good Friday Service March 29: 7 pm (Confessions following service)

Holy Saturday Vigil March 30: 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday March 31 Masses: 9 & 11 am

Through May 5, pro-abortion supporters are attempting to collect signatures for a ballot initiative to insert abortion language into the Missouri Constitution.

Committed to saving preborn children and protecting Missouri women, the Archdiocese of St. Louis invites Missouri Catholics and other pro-life advocates to unite in prayer before our Lord to stop these efforts!



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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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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9); Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

From Death to New Life



Barbara Barton Corley	February 18, 2012
Martha Woerner	February 18, 2014
Eleanor Busch Condie	February 19, 1998
John S. Ford	February 20, 1981
Harry G. Greditzer	February 20, 2006
Jeanette Bernice Rogers	February 20, 2015
George Phelan Budke	February 22, 2004
Jack Jones	February 23, 1981
Jimmie Wells Dolan	February 24, 1981



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

(Please use east entrance.)

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, February 19

7:00 a.m. Patricia Meyer

Tuesday, February 20

7:00 a.m. Ivel Reed

Wednesday, February 21

7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Wm. M. Francis, Sr.
& Family, Living and Deceased

Thursday, February 22

7:00 a.m. Marilyn Morrison

Friday, February 23

7:00 a.m. Charles Disbrow

Saturday, February 24

7:00 a.m. Mary Lee Edna Griffin
5:00 p.m. Jaxxon & Lennox Busch

Sunday, February 25

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Barbara Mahoney



Pray the Rosary

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



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current Mass or to view past Masses.