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Church of the Annunziata

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.....

BIBLES AND CELL PHONES

Last Sunday, our fourth grade girls and boys in our Parish School of Religion were presented with their own personal Bible. In a sense, it is a rite of passage: they have completed their primary grades and now move on to the middle grades where they can mature at a deeper level in the understanding and the practice of their Catholic Faith.



Our fourth grade children have a cell phone, some for emergency purposes only, others for the full range of communication features. Properly used, it can open to them new horizons of learning. We all know people who have gone back home because they forgot their cell phone. For many, the cell phone is an absolute necessity and no longer just a luxury.

However, a cell phone is like a grain of sand on the beach, compared with a Bible, which is the whole beach, and then some. The Inspired Word of God not only opens our minds and hearts to infinite possibilities, but gives to all the Graces of a New Life in Christ!

If someone wrote you love letters and you loved that person, would you read those letters or just let them catch dust? As believers we must never neglect God's love letters to His children. Many Christians ask why they should read the Bible? We have time to do just about everything else, but when it comes to reading Sacred Scripture, we say, "well, look at the time, I have to go."

God invites us to set a daily time when we open God's Holy Word. Instead of watching TV in the morning, get into God's Word. Instead of scrolling up and down Facebook and Instagram, open your Bible because it is more important. We literally cannot live without God's Word!

Starting today, God invites you to make 5 minutes of your time available, to let God speak to your heart. Where to start? Begin with the Gospel of St. Matthew which we will focus on beginning **with the New Church Year and the start of Advent.** Please set a regular time for your 5 minutes and stick with it, no matter what.

PRAISE GOD RELIGIOUS SISTERS AND BROTHERS

As we have grown up in our Catholic Faith, I believe we come to understand more and more the huge debt of gratitude that we, and all of our society, owes to our Religious Sisters and Brothers. In many ways they are the unsung heroes who have devoted themselves to Christ and His Church. They pray for us, they sacrifice for us, they are great leaders! As Archbishop Carlson states, they need our help in their retirement years. The second collection today is for them.

Thank you for your generosity.



A GREAT IDEA FROM THE MEMBERS OF YOUR ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

BLESSING BAGS

Have you ever been at an intersection or an exit ramp where you see someone with a hand painted sign asking for help? Most of us have mixed thoughts about how to react. We have often been warned not to give money for any number of reasons. We also feel selfish if we ignore a fellow human being.

You might want to consider Blessing Bags, an idea that was introduced by a member of our St. Vincent dePaul Society. Blessing Bags are plastic zip-lock bags to keep in your car. They can contain some foods, such as cheese and cracker packets; a bottle of water; a couple of band aids; tissue packets; a box of raisins, maybe some soap or hand sanitizer or whatever you would like to put in your bag. There is no wrong way to make a blessing bag! Here are some pictures used by one family.

We share this idea and would like to know if you decide to make your own Blessing Bags!





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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In the United States today, numerous Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests past age 70 benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Donations to this special collection provide funding that helps religious communities care for senior members and plan for long-term retirement needs.

On the weekend of November 3, all parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis will take up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an opportunity for you to acknowledge the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests for their faithful service.

Whether or not we realize it, we are all beneficiaries of the tremendous contributions these women and men have made to the Church in the United States. Through hard work, prayer, and sacrifice, they built Catholic schools and hospitals, initiated programs to promote social justice, and ministered to the neediest among us.

Today, many religious communities struggle to care for their elderly members. Elder sisters, brothers, and religious order priests dedicated their lives to service and prayer, and some lack adequate retirement savings. Increasing health-care costs and decreased income make it difficult to provide necessary medical care, costly medications and basic services.

Please consider making a financial gift to assist with the care of our senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Many thanks for considering this request.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis

ANNUNZIATA'S PARISH HELPERS... HERE FOR YOU

We want to remind all of our parishioners that we are here for you.
Just some of the things we can do:

- ✚ drive you to doctor appointments
 - ✚ drive you to hospital visits
 - ✚ visit the lonely, sick, or elderly
 - ✚ housesit for funerals, etc.
 - ✚ retired nurses to act as patient advocates
 - ✚ volunteers to make meals
- ✚ No job is too small & There is no request that we won't try to fulfill.

For confidential assistance, please call the Rectory at 314-993-4422.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All men are invited to join in this discussion of the Bible, which meets every other Monday, 7:30 - 8:10 a.m. in Faris Hall.

For information, call Don Carmody at (314) 854-8600.

THE NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH.

ANNUNZIATA'S EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

(located on the west side lower level of Church)

Mondays from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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.
Call the Rectory (314-993-4422).**

PSR NEWS



**50 Minutes Flies By... Join Us
PSR Parent Coffee
Sundays during PSR classes in Faris Hall**

Lost Treasure

I recently tagged along with my husband on a business trip to Barcelona. While touring the city with one of the other accompanying wives, I suggested we visit the Holy Cross Cathedral, in the Gothic part of the city.

The young woman I was sightseeing with happened to be Catholic too. In fact, she had attended Catholic schools from Pre-K all the way through college. What a blessing! As we strolled through the Cathedral, she shared with me that she and her husband were not sure they would choose the same educational path for their daughter. She said that growing up, her Parish was not “welcoming,” that families were made to feel badly if they arrived late, and that it was all very “rigid.” Her little family of three is currently attending an unaffiliated church where you can “show up whenever with a cup of coffee in hand.” She went on to say that she thought it was cool to let kids choose a religion later in life rather than baptize them when they are young; “that way they know.”

My heart sank. In more than 20 years of Catholic education, had she lost the treasure of our faith, or had she never found it to begin with? I couldn't help but remind her why Catholic parents baptize their children as infants. We do it out of love. Without the Holy Spirit, what direction will our children's decisions take? “It is at Confirmation that the choice is *theirs alone*,” I assured her. She thought about it and nodded.

Work on the Barcelona Cathedral began in the late 13th century and was completed in the 15th century. A few miles away, construction on Antoni Gaudi's grand Basílica de la Sagrada Família (Basilica of the Holy Family) began 1822 and is not scheduled to be completed until 2026! Ornate, glorious Catholic Churches are found throughout the world and continue to be built, maintained and restored today. Even more, pilgrims still flock to visit them. Why is that? It's certainly not for a casual entrance and a cup of coffee. But is it for the the great treasure of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament like I've always assumed? I pray so.

I thank God for making the real treasure of our faith known to me through the gift of my mother, who turns 70 today. She was given the gift of faith from her parents, and they learned it from theirs. I pray for the guidance to pass it on to my children, so like the branches of a great vine it continues to grow and can never be lost.

November Dates to Remember

Sunday, 10th

7th Grade Family Mass

3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Safe Touch

Sunday, 17th Thanksgiving Food Drive

Sunday, 24th **NO PSR** Thanksgiving



God Bless You,

Laura Gyawali

OSR Principal



**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
a loved one's name.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 -- 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]



From Death to New Life



Nancy R. Dooley	November 3, 2009
Eugene A. Jantzen	November 4, 2001
Barbara Lee Muckerman	November 5, 2004
Claire Nester Travis	November 5, 2018
Janet Theresa Stephens	November 6, 2001
Susan Meier	November 6, 2011
Rolf Gustav deLeuw	November 8, 2003
Betty J. Farrell	November 8, 2018
Stanley Joseph Ciapciak, Jr.	November 9, 2010



40 HOURS DEVOTION

Reigniting the Flame of that First Love

By Gregory Hilzendeger, Theology III–Bismarck

Gregory is one of our two seminarians assigned to Annunziata for the 2019-2020 school year.

J.R.R. Tolkien, renowned 20th century author and devout Catholic, once wrote of the Eucharist:

"Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament... There you will find romance, glory, honor, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves on earth..."

Acknowledging this great treasure of the Church, Christians have expressed their love for the Eucharist in the form of various devotions throughout the centuries. The 40 Hours Devotion is one such practice in which the faithful have approached the Blessed Sacrament, trusting that the Lord longs to pour out graces upon each soul, the whole world, and the souls in Purgatory.

Beginning in Milan, Italy, the 40 Hours Devotion spread in part through the influence of popular saints such as St. Philip Neri, St. Ignatius of Loyola, and St. John Neumann. This devotion consists of forty continuous hours of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed upon the altar. The length symbolically represents the forty hours in which our Lord's body was reposed in the tomb before His resurrection.

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary's annual participation in this devotion takes place in February. Seminarians adore the Blessed Sacrament from Friday night until Sunday evening, some rising even in the night to come before our Lord in the Eucharist.

This devotion strikes at the heart of our mission at the seminary of preparing for the priesthood of Jesus Christ. In the awe of adoration, we experience the love of God in this great gift of mercy. After this time of abiding with Jesus, I find myself more firmly centered in Christ who is the source of strength and love. Eucharistic adoration has played a pivotal role in my vocation and those of many seminarians. Thus, this time of focused prayer reignites the flame of that first love, giving increased fervor for the journey which the Lord has set before us.

We also see in the Eucharist our mission as future priests. Kneeling before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we are in attendance at the school of sacrificial love. We learn from the One who gives of Himself unto death. We learn of a love which knows no bounds, which pursues the beloved heedless of the cost. Following Jesus on the way of the cross, we learn what it means to make a total gift of self. In the Eucharist, we see the priest and victim who we are called to become. +

HOW TO BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE

Our Christian Identity

To understand more fully how to defend and protect human life, we must first consider who we are, at the deepest level. God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God: "*We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son.*"^[1]

We are called to divine intimacy, true communion with God, and we can grow in this closeness with him through daily prayer, reading the Scriptures, and frequent participation in the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist.

Identity Crisis

As a society and as individuals, we often measure ourselves by false standards: by what and how much we do, our successes or failures, how others treat us, the degree of our pleasure or independence, etc. And when these changeable substitutes prove to be insufficient, or when we are faced with challenges and suffering, we may feel helpless, alone, or abandoned; we may be tempted to feel as though our lives have decreased value or worth.

But God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather *whose* we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.

A Culture of Life

This is how we answer our missionary call. This is how we build a culture of life, a culture that joyfully proclaims the truth of God's love, purpose, and plan for each person. Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts and includes a willingness to be instructed and a desire to be close to Jesus—the source of joy and love.

When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.

Let us go, therefore, and not be afraid. God is always with us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 26

7:00 a.m. A. Genovese Family
9:00 a.m. Maria Musick Brennan
5:00 p.m. Edward & Margie Mannion

Sunday, October 27

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Special Intention

Monday, October 28

7:00 a.m. Melba & Larkin Gamble
7:45 a.m. Edward Mannion

Tuesday, October 29

7:00 a.m. Richard "Dee" Hawes
7:45 a.m. Michael Collins

Wednesday, October 30

7:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Holton
7:45 a.m. Margaret Stewart &
Douglas Morrison

Thursday, October 31

7:00 a.m. John Simon, Sr. Family
Living and Deceased
7:45 a.m. Special Intention
10:30 a.m. Mass with Archbishop Carlson

Friday, November 1

7:00 a.m. Edward O'Neill
7:45 a.m. James Good
5:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Saturday, November 2

7:00 a.m. David Wilson
9:00 a.m. Deceased of the Parish
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, November 3

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
9:00 a.m. Holy Souls
11:00 a.m. Vincent Bommarito, Sr.

LITURGICAL ROLES

October 26th and 27th

LECTORS

5:00 p.m.
Carol Donelan
Larry Tychsen
7:00 a.m.
Jackie Naunheim
9:00 a.m.
Charles Nicolais
Seminarian
11:00 a.m.
John Cronin
Seminarian

EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTERS

5:00 p.m.
Suzanne Collins
Bill McDowell
9:00 a.m.
Geoff Morrison
Gil Bickel
11:00 a.m.
Charles Nicolais
Jane Garvin

SERVERS

5:00 p.m.
Halliden Brown
Matthew Hardin
John Hawkins
9:00 a.m.
Evelyn Craft
Jorie Gyawali
Audrey Raibley
11:00 a.m.
Eddie Gatch
Peter Gatch
Annabelle Reagan

November 2nd and 3rd

LECTORS

5:00 p.m.
Madeleine Cole
Kathy Driscoll
7:00 a.m.
Jackie Naunheim
9:00 a.m.
Chris Griesedieck
Seminarian
11:00 a.m.
Rick Manly
Seminarian

EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTERS

5:00 p.m.
Madeleine Cole
Stella Alexander
9:00 a.m.
Chris Griesedieck
Meg Griesedieck
11:00 a.m.
Carol Donelan
Jane Gavin

SERVERS

5:00 p.m.
Lucia Berglund
Chase Murphy
Mackenzie Murphy
9:00 a.m.
James Palanca
Keira Palanca
Sean Goddard
11:00 a.m.
Audrey Mahoney
Emmett McIntosh
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