

Church of the Annunziata



*Annunziata
First Communion - 2022*

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PRAISED BE JESUS CHRIST!

As our Archdiocese of St. Louis prepares for Archbishop Rozanski to ordain a new Priest on Saturday, May 28th, I ask your prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood, for the good health of our Priests, and for the Seminarians at Kenrick/Glennon Seminary. The month of May is a special time of year: graduations, weddings, anniversaries, ordinations, Memorial Day, and so much more.

On May 20, 1972, Cardinal John Carberry, the Archbishop of St. Louis, ordained our class of ten transitional deacons to the Priesthood. Pope Francis, celebrating 52 years of Priesthood, recently spoke of four forms of “closeness” that are “decisive” in the life of a priest: closeness to God, closeness to the bishop, closeness to other priests, and closeness to people.

In these last fifty years I have been blest to know and admire believers who truly know Christ, love Christ, and serve Christ. Parishioners who value their Catholic Faith and do their best to share it. The People of God who faithfully, day by day, lay down their lives in loving, selfless service of their spouse, their children, their parents, their friends, the poor and the suffering, and the stranger. Men and Women of Faith who seek to serve and not be served, people of compassion and mercy, who realize that everything is a gift, all is Grace, and they want to share these graces and blessings in order that Christ may become visible.

On Sunday, May 22nd, I will celebrate the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses to give praise and thanksgiving to God for the privilege of being one of Christ’s Priests, to pray for you, the loving and faith-filled people of Annunziata, and to pray for all our deceased family and friends whose sacrifice, devotion, and hard work built a faith family in these 93 years since Monsignor Faris founded the parish at the direction of Cardinal John Glennon.

I hope that you and your family can join me at either the 9 or 11 Mass on Sunday, May 22nd.



From Our Pastor . . .

GOD BLESS OUR MOTHERS

A Mother carries her baby in her womb for nine months, and in her heart for the rest of her life! Mother stands for millions of things she gives to her children; it also stands for sacrifices, pain, grief, and sorrows which she undergoes to keep her Children happy and secure. On this Mothers' Day, we pray in love for our Mothers who are living and deceased. There is no greater love we can offer than the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our prayers and heartfelt congratulations to our Girls and Boys who received the Risen Christ for the first time in Holy Communion on Saturday, April 30th! May I introduce our Children: Bradley Beckman, Andrew Bush, Chiwetel Ezepue, Santiago Flores Tamayo, Nora Gilligan, Catherine Hall, Virginia Holton, Bennett Kamps, Lauren Miller, Lydia Mueller, Jacqueline Murphy, Peyton Wilber, Caroline (Keely) Williams, Liesl Wilson.

MESSENGERS OF PEACE

MISSIONARY PLAN OF COOPERATION

Next weekend, May 14&15, we welcome Monsignor Luis Mesa, founder of the Messengers of Peace in the country of Colombia. Co-founded with the help and support of Archbishop Robert Carlson, the former Archbishop of St. Louis, during a time of active insurgent groups, along with kidnappings in Colombia, there was a grace filled opportunity for a religious community to work with the poor and pray for peace! The community's charism is prayer, work, and spiritual direction.



**BLESSED
MOTHER'S
DAY**

May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter



**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	Clare Lane, U.S. Airforce
Captain Winston Boldt, U.S. Army	1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army
Lt. Col Michael Butler, Chaplain U.S. Army	Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army
Lt. Col. Eric Carlson, U.S. Army	James Peterson, retired U.S. Marine Corps
Major Courtney Collins, U.S. Army	GSgt. Ryan Rittenhouse, U.S. Marine Corps
LCDR Michael Collins, U.S. Navy	Master Sgt. Patricia Roddy, U.S. Marine Corps
Captain Molly Collins, U.S. Army	Maj. Rommel L. Romero, U.S. Air Force
2nd LT Norman Benedict (Buddy) Conley IV, U.S. Army	Chelsea Schaffer, U.S. Army
Major Patrick M. Cronin, U.S. Army	Frankie Schaffer, U.S. Army
William Donovan, U.S. Airforce	Sgt. Eric Secrease, U.S. Army
Martin Drakes, U.S. Marine Corps	SSgt. Anthony J. Smith, U.S. Army
John R. Driscoll, U.S. Navy	PFC. Nicholas Spangler, U.S. Army
Soosan Good, U.S. Army	Captain August B. Valentine, U.S. Marine Corps
Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy	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.

THE PARISHES OF THE MID COUNTY DEANERY HOST THE CONVERSATION: A Catholic Perspective on End-of-Life Issues PRESENTED BY THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

SATURDAY | MAY 14, 2022 — 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. (lunch provided)
Annunciation Parish • Mother of Perpetual Help Room

12 West Glendale Road • Webster Groves, MO 63119

TOPICS INCLUDE: *Principles of Catholic Bioethics*, Priest Theologian will present

Ordinary & Extraordinary Means of Preserving Life and Quality of Life & Dignity of the Human Person

Advance Directives & Estate Planning, Mike Dempsey, Baylard, Billington & Dempsey

Charitable Legacy Planning, Michael Weisbrod, Roman Catholic Foundation

Funeral & Cemetery Planning, Fr. Michael Esswein, VF, Pastor, Annunciation Parish

- Pastoral Care of the Sick & Dying

- Anatomical Donation & Cremation

To register call 314-918-2892 or visit <https://rcfstl.org/event-info/conversation-spring2022>

PSR



The Greatest Gift

I can picture my little Gram swallowed up in her pretty peach chaise, amid stacks of prayer books intermixed with crossword puzzles and cookbooks, surrounded by framed photos of the family, praying the rosary before her afternoon “siesta.” She was so much fun! We shared so many laughs, fine meals, rides in her convertible mustang, and long talks. She was cherished by all of us, and we miss her.

Before my mom retired, she asked the I.T. people to help her record a message that she'd saved on her office phone for years. It was my Gram, she said, “If I ever get to heaven, I'm going to ask God what I did to deserve all you kids. Why were you so good to me?” She and Grandpa had five children. My mom is the oldest. Gram converted to Catholicism when she married my Grandpa. They were devout Catholics. My mom talks often about how thankful she is that her parents gave her and her siblings the gift of faith.

Now in turn, my mom has passed that gift on to my sister and I. We have seen her dedication to the Mass and commitment to Adoration, her daily prayer time with the rosary, spiritual readings, affiliation with Opus Dei, and the general peace she feels in her heart because of her deep Catholic faith. Our mom will be a witness to the faith forever, because we know that even beyond life on earth our loved ones pray for us and we for them. Because of our Gram and now our mom, my sister and I are sharing the faith with our children. We do this directly with our words and indirectly by our actions.

Our faith is the greatest gift we will ever give or receive, because it will lead us to eternal life. God shows his love to us through the gift of our children, and we love God by imparting the gift of our faith to them. There is no greater love we can give our children than God's love, because God is love itself.

I thank God today for my Gram, my Mom, and the great gift of faith I have received from them. God's blessings to all mothers.



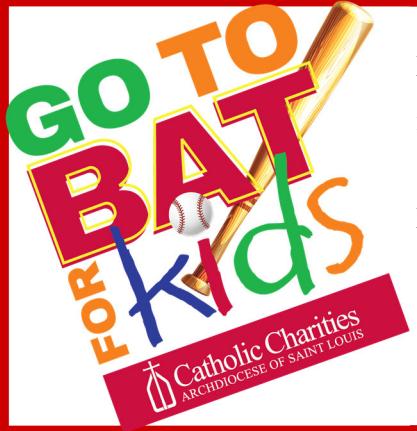
Congratulations to our

2nd graders who celebrated First Holy Communion last Saturday, and our
8th grade class who were confirmed on Thursday.

Please keep these students in your prayers.

**Our last day of PSR is
next Sunday, May 15th.**

Laura Gyawali
PSR Principal



Catholic Charities of St. Louis and its family of **eight** agencies serve people in need throughout the archdiocese.

Go to Bat for Kids is a Catholic Charities tradition that makes a memorable night at Busch Stadium possible for hundreds of children and families served by our agencies. At each of the four Go to Bat for Kids games, a child will experience the thrill of throwing out a ceremonial pitch. On August 6th, Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski will join us. Children served by our eight agencies will walk in a pregame parade.

Support Catholic Charities and the work of their agencies that serve people in need throughout the Archdiocese!



Lillian Sofia Freund
Daughter of
Kathryn and Michael (Nick) Freund
Baptized May 1, 2022

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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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May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;
Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7;
Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a;
Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25;
Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;
Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab;
Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
- Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13;
Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

From Death to New Life

Ruth Murphy	May 8, 1992
Caterina Scala	May 10, 1984
McRee L. Engler	May 11, 1986
Margaret Shepard Hoy	May 11, 2003
Robert Joseph Brown	May 12, 1987
Harry M. Rosenkoetter	May 12, 2004
Betty Luth	May 13, 2014
Angelo Insalaco	May 14, 2010
Barbara Hardy Warner	May 14, 2013



Pray the Rosary
Monday through Saturday
Immediately after the
7:00 a.m. Mass



Annunziata
is open
Monday through Saturday
from 8:00 am — 3:00 pm
for private prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 7

- 7:00 a.m. John Suarez Family
5:00 p.m. Florence Wicevic

Sunday, May 8

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

Monday, May 9

- 7:00 a.m. The Hebron Family

Tuesday, May 10

- 7:00 a.m. Lucy McCown

Wednesday, May 11

- 7:00 a.m. Margaret Keyes

Thursday, May 12

- 7:00 a.m. Timothy O'Grady

Friday, May 13

- 7:00 a.m. James O. Hacking, Jr.

Saturday, May 14

- 7:00 a.m. Bob Naunheim
5:00 p.m. Celebrant's Intention

Sunday, May 15

- 7:00 a.m. People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. James Hannon
11:00 a.m. Mark Shlanta



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