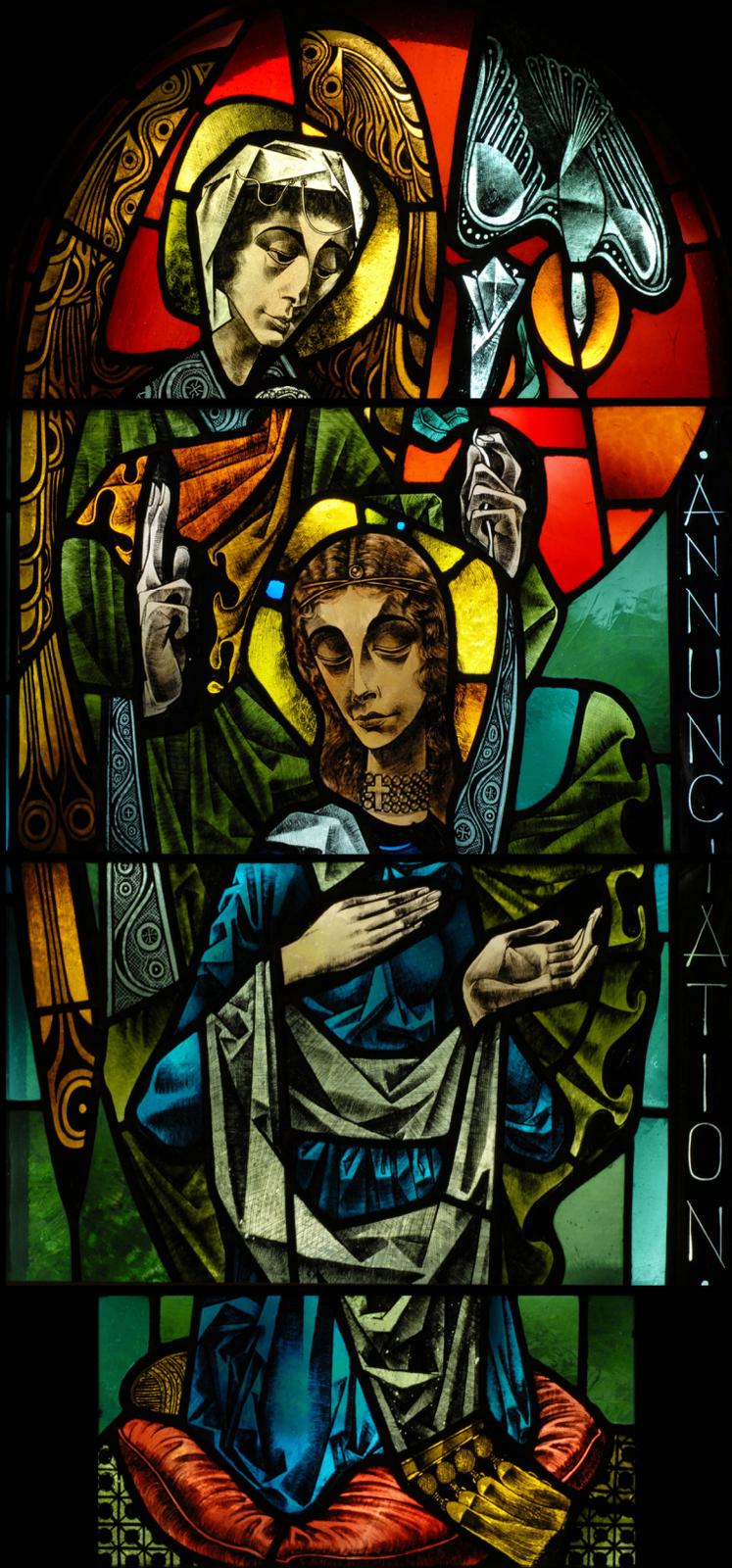


Church of the Annunziata



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Parish Feedback Form

Please use the enclosed form

or

*click here
to complete the
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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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*Our warm WELCOME to all!
If you wish to join our Parish Family, please contact the Parish Office.*

From Our Pastor...



PARISH FEEDBACK FORM

In last week's bulletin, I shared an extensive report on the "All Things New" strategic planning initiative. I have repeated that report in today's bulletin in the hope that as many parishioners as possible will read it. Towards the end of the analysis was the question, "So what's next?"

Every parish in the Archdiocese is now asked to provide feedback on two critical questions which are essential to carrying out the Mission that Jesus gives to all of us. You may offer your feedback online at our website, or you may tear out the insert, fill it in, and place the "Parish Feedback Form" in the collection boxes in Church or drop it by the rectory. As with the Disciple Maker Index, there is no need to sign your name. Please, let your voice be heard.

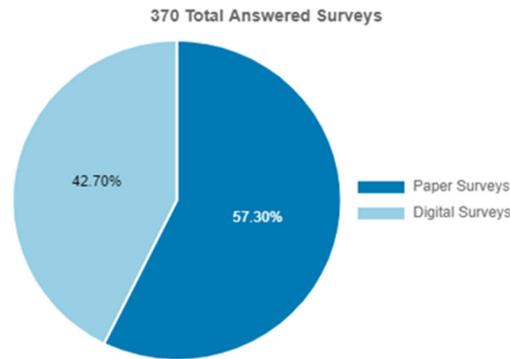
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith ----- the Lord's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

When you find Jesus, and your heart is enamored, and you realize that other people do not recognize Him, your heart breaks. It doesn't break because Jesus is not there. It doesn't break because the person is bad. It breaks because there is such a possibility for a beautiful relationship with God!

Mother Teresa has been quoted as saying that if you are not able to see Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, you won't be able to see Jesus in the poor or the immigrant or the unemployed. The Eucharist is incredibly social, because even the word that we use when we receive the host, "Communion" conveys this. That communion is not only with God, but with each other.

Some Key Results of the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey Church of the Annunziata



Belief: Scripture is word of God

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Belief: Eucharist is body/blood of Christ

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Belief: Church critical in relationship with God

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In addition to strong core beliefs in Scripture, the Real Presence and the Church as the center of one's relationship with God, 75% of parishioners Strongly Agreed/Agreed that they would recommend their pastor and 81% Strongly Agreed/Agreed that the parish made information easily available.

Conversations: Sharing personal story

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Conversations: Confidence in teachings

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The focus of All Things New is evangelization! We have an opportunity as Catholics to excel in that respect. It's often difficult to feel confident enough to explain our faith to others, to share personal stories about our faith experience or even stories about Jesus. Most of our parishioners responded by neither agreeing or disagreeing when asked if their parish equipped them in this regard. Likewise, the majority of parishioner respondents do not invite others to Mass or parish activities, or go on a retreat. Our music ministry scored largely neutral with regard to adding to one's spiritual growth, so we need to find a balance that appeals to all Mass goers. We are blest to have opportunities to respond to Christ's call to re-energize and reshape our efforts to share His saving message.

From Your Pastor

about **ALL THINGS NEW**



Dear Parishioners,

January 25, 2022, was the launch of the St. Louis Archdiocesan strategic pastoral planning initiative known as “All Things New.” The purpose is to make the necessary adjustments to our ministries and supporting structures to reflect the needs of our Catholic communities for the next century.

On March 2, 2022, every Catholic in the Archdiocese was asked to take a survey, known as the Disciple Maker Index. This was an important opportunity for each Catholic to be heard. The results for individual parishes were sent to the pastor and parish representatives to provide analysis and feedback to the Archbishop.

Transparency is very important! This is a multi-year initiative focused on evangelization. All Baptized Catholics are called by Christ to spread His Gospel message and ensure a Catholic presence in every square mile of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. For the first time in over 50 years, the total number of Catholics in the Archdiocese has dropped below 500,000. This is due, in part, to a significant decline in the number of births and baptisms within the Archdiocese. Also, as many as 5,000 Catholics leave the local Church annually or do not re-engage after high school or college.

Currently, we have 178 parishes and 210 active priests, including both diocesan and religious order priests. Significantly, 35% of diocesan priests are 65 years old or older and could retire within 10 years, such that by 2026, we may have more parishes than priests to serve them. This is especially the case in the largest parishes, such as the 21 large parishes with only one priest per 3411 Catholics. While All Things New is not driven by a projected priest shortage, that is a major concern looking to the future.

For purposes of the All Things New initiative, Annunziata is grouped into a “parish planning area” that includes: Immacolata and Little Flower (Richmond Heights), Our Lady of the Pillar (Creve Coeur), St. Joseph (Clayton), St. Genevieve DuBois (Warson Woods), St. Clement of Rome (Des Peres), St. Mary Magdalen (Brentwood), Most Holy Redeemer and Mary Queen of Peace (Webster Groves), St. Gerard Majella and St. Peter (Kirkwood).

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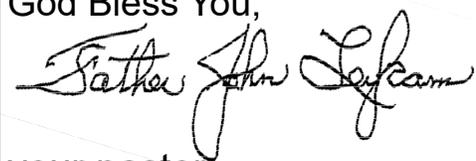
Prayer, Tradition, and Service define our parish! Annunziata is a stable parish, with slightly declining parish membership. Mass attendance pre-Covid was 21-24% and post-Covid is around 20-21%--both below the Archdiocesan average of 27%-29%. These figures do not include homebound and vulnerable parishioners watching via livestream. Baptisms have been stable, but PSR numbers have declined in the past two years. The parish is in solid financial condition and has used reserves for some parish building maintenance. Though the offertory has declined over the past decade, reserves have been maintained. The median household income is \$182,500, which is well above the archdiocesan average and second highest in the diocese, and 31% of our resident area population is Catholic, versus the archdiocesan average of 18% and 29% for the parish planning area as a whole.

The major themes that emerged from the DMI survey are that our parish is very much alive, in a good place/on the right track, financially secure and blest with well-maintained facilities and an older, devout and affluent demographic of stable, long-term generational households. Our parishioners are heavily invested in missionary discipleship, adopting Catholic Special Education for 35 years, and seeking to expand knowledge of how to share our Catholic faith on a one-on-one basis.

Annunziata is a closely-knit community that fosters philanthropy. Families have occupied the same residences for generations. This has driven strong relationships between parishioner families, meaning there is a certain dynamism that propels our parish when it comes to cooperation and stewardship—not just at the parish level but with any needs within the Archdiocese and our community overall. For this, we are very grateful and blessed.

So what's next? Please complete the Parish Feedback Form that is on the next page of this bulletin or click on the QR code below to complete the Form online. In the coming months there will be further opportunities to provide feedback on your aspirations for the Archdiocese. Preliminary draft models for reorganization will be presented to all the parishes this fall for input. The final models will be announced in May of 2023, with implementation to take place over the next three to five years. Please continue to pray unceasingly to the Holy Spirit for discernment, pastoral vision, and Biblical Stewardship.

God Bless You,



your pastor



ALL THINGS NEW

Evangelization & Outreach Parishioner Feedback Form

Please use this paper form (or) the URL link at the bottom of the page to complete this Parishioner Feedback Form online.

Based on what you have heard so far about our parish and Archdiocesan Disciple Maker Index (survey) results—as well as some of the demographic, financial and sacramental data regarding our parish—we would like you to respond to the following two questions.

1. Moving forward, what do you think should be the top priorities to invest in for evangelization in our parish?

2. What do you think are the top priorities/opportunities for our parish to provide outreach in our community?

Please add your comments regarding the **All Things New** Strategic Pastoral Planning process.

Please drop this completed form in a collection box in church or return it to the parish office, or use this QR link to complete and submit the questionnaire online.

Thank you for your participation!



July 24, 2022

WATCH

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA: SOLDIER FOR CHRIST

At the end of this week, we celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the “Soldier for Christ.” While Martin Luther’s interior troubles plunged Europe into a maelstrom of controversy, Ignatius of Loyola set out on an extraordinary interior pilgrimage of grace. Taught directly by God, Ignatius offered the Church a new spirituality of devoted service to Christ and founded a religious order dedicated to evangelization, the Jesuits.



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FORMED NOW! DOES FAITH TAKE A VACATION?

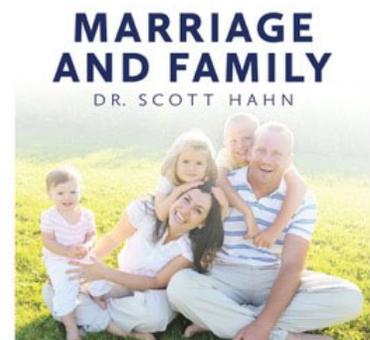


As many of us embark on sunny vacations, it’s important to make sure our faith remains front and center in our lives. Since it’s easy for us to be distracted by the excitement of the summer rhythm, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger discuss what we can do to make sure we don’t let the spiritual life take a back seat.

LISTEN

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

Strong relationships and marriages are of vital importance to individuals, the Church, and society as a whole. In this focused presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn shares key principles that he has lived out in his own life. His advice is practical, challenging, and sometimes requires sacrifice, but it is sure to bear fruit and bring forth many blessings in your family. In honor of Sts. Joachim and Anne, please enjoy this powerful talk!



Go to [ANNUNZIATA.ORG](https://www.annunziata.org)
to sign up for free!



Since 1912, Catholic Charities has served those in need throughout our community. Last year alone, we impacted over 100,000 lives.

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- Good Shepherd Child and Family Services*
- Marygrove*
- Queen of Peace Center*
- Saint Louis Counseling*
- Saint Martha's Hall*
- St. Francis Community Services*
- St. Patrick Center*

For more information or to get involved, please contact one of your Parish Ambassadors

Lyn Grace 314-997-4848
Trow Meier 847-778-9867

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion"

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Respect Life
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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce the following schedule for IN-PERSON weekend experiences for the summer and fall of 2022. We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants. For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm (314) 649-7317.

August 5th-7th
Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO

September 30th-October 2
Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO



St. Louis Weekend
August 19 thru 21, 2022

Healing Your Marriage—Retrouvaille (French for "Rediscovery") is a 3-phase program designed to give you the tools to restore your marriage and rebuild a loving relationship.

For more information or to register, call (314) 453-0110 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org. Fully Confidential and affordable. Space is limited with Covid-19 precautions. Register early.

Questions: Tom & Kerry Marsh (314) 753-2022

PSR



PSR Registration is Open

go to Annunziata.org and click the button
REGISTER FOR PSR

Our Catholic faith is a roadmap to a peaceful life, which is why God gave it to us. But, practicing it isn't always easy, because life is hard, especially these days. Jesus told us,

"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take up my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Mt. 11: 28-30

Annunziata Parish School of Religion provides Catholic faith formation to parish children grades K-8.

The school year begins Sunday, September 11, 2022 and ends May 21, 2023.

Classes are held Sundays from 10:00 AM to 10:55 AM.

Please Note: *Annunziata Parish School of Religion is solely for families who are registered, active parishioners of the Church of the Annunziata.*



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
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 Benedict (Buddy) Conley IV, U.S. Army
Major Patrick M. Cronin, U.S. Army
William Donovan, U.S. Airforce
Martin Drakes, U.S. Marine Corps
John R. Driscoll, U.S. Navy
Soosan Good, U.S. Army
Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy

Clare Lane, U.S. Airforce
1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army
Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army
James Peterson, *retired* U.S. Marine Corps
GSgt. 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

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.

July 24, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6;
Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21;
Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab;
Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14;
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24;
Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34;
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23;
Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 23

7:00 a.m. The Hebron Family
5:00 p.m. Jack Leykam

Sunday, July 24

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Gene & Ruth Peterman

Monday, July 25

7:00 a.m. Lucy McCown

Tuesday, July 26

7:00 a.m. Carol Dubuque

Wednesday, July 27

7:00 a.m. Bonnie Shafer

Thursday, July 28

7:00 a.m. Charles Pollnow

Friday, July 29

7:00 a.m. Annie Bailey

Saturday, July 30

7:00 a.m. Collette Overman
5:00 p.m. Celebrant's Intention

Sunday, July 31

7:00 a.m. Jim Mathews
9:00 a.m. Don C. Musick, Jr. & Family
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

From Death to New Life

Mary Agnes "Aggie" Krause	July 25, 2017
Robert Alexander Britt	July 26, 2008
Jessie C. Hertslet	July 26, 1994
Frederick "Hank" Schwetye	July 27, 2018
Andrew J. Tobin	July 28, 1985
Harry F. Harrington	July 30, 1993



Annunziata

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

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

is an international Catholic lay organization dedicated to providing service to those in need. We help by providing housing, clothing and food, utility and prescription drug assistance, vehicle repairs and more. You can help by donating to Annunziata's Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



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Pray the Rosary

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

