

Second Sunday of Advent

Peace

Psalm 72

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 8, 2022

Masses at
7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.



Church of the Annunziata

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT is not a miniature version of Lent. In fact, the two seasons are extremely different. Advent stresses hope and joy, Lent stresses penance and sorrow. Advent emphasizes what we need to add to our lives (e.g., grace, light, joy), while Lent emphasizes what we need to remove (sin). Advent stresses preparation with festivity! Advent features the Prophet Isaiah. In this season, read a chapter of Isaiah each day and be inspired!

THE HOLYDAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

In the first chapter of the Gospel of St. Luke, the angel Gabriel, speaking on God's behalf, addresses Mary as "full of grace". In that context this phrase means that Mary is receiving all the special divine help necessary for what lies before her. The Holy Spirit led the Church to the insight that Mary had to be the most perfect work of God next to the Incarnation. The People of God believe that Mary was full of grace and free of sin from the first moment of her existence. This great privilege of Mary is the highlight of all that God has done for us in Jesus!

**MASSES ON THE HOLYDAY,
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8th,
are at 7 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.**

CONFESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

The Sacrament of God's Loving Mercy and Forgiveness is offered during this Season of Advent every Saturday from 3:30 to 4:45, Advent Sundays after Masses, and on Monday, Dec. 19th, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (There will be two priests available on Dec. 19th)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

***MASSES ON CHRISTMAS EVE — SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th
5 P.M. and 10 P.M.***

***CHRISTMAS DAY, MASSES — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th
7A.M., 9A.M., and 11A.M.***



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass will be at 7 am and 5:30 pm.

*(The Parish office will be closed on Thursday, December 8th
in celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.)*

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS

Christmas Eve masses will be at 7 am, 5 pm & 10 pm.

Christmas Day masses will be at 7, 9 & 11 am.

New Year's Eve masses will be at 7 am and 5 pm.

New Year's Day masses will be at 7, 9 and 11 am.



*Please remember to pray for the sick
Especially for Mico Barkofske*



***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.

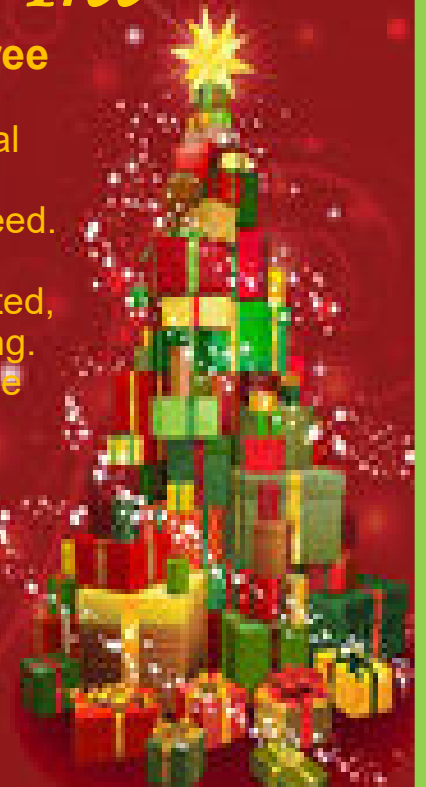
Annunziata Christmas Giving Tree

Something Special for this Year's Giving Tree

Our 8th grade confirmation class has spent the past several weeks learning about the loving heart of Jesus and the importance of following His example by helping those in need. After being visited by a representative from Marygrove, a Catholic Charities agency in Florissant that helps neglected, abandoned, oftentimes abused, youth find hope and healing. Our 8th graders felt moved to grant Christmas wishes to the residents of Marygrove through our parish giving tree!

This year's giving tree will be covered with wishes our class received from residents and youth served at Marygrove. Our 8th graders have been busy organizing everything and will be speaking at Masses next weekend to explain their project.

We hope you will consider supporting this year's giving tree and granting the Christmas wishes of some of our community's most "in need of love" youth.



About MARYGROVE

Marygrove, a non-profit Catholic organization, is an agency of Catholic Charities of St. Louis. In the year 2021, Marygrove served 674 youth providing Therapeutic Residential Treatment, Transitional & Independent Living Programs, Therapeutic Foster Care, Marygrove School and Educational Programs. Of the youngsters served by Marygrove,

85% are homeless or wards of the state

95% live under the Federal Poverty Line

85% have survived Sexual Physical or emotional trauma

30% experienced failed adoptions

85% have severe mental health issues

We are proud that our 8th Grade Confirmation Class is coordinating the Annunziata Giving Tree to benefit the youngsters at Marygrove as their service project.

THANK YOU!

for providing Christmas gifts for the special youngsters at Marygrove.

**Please Pray
for the repose of the souls of**

John (Jack) Fedak
Brother of Nancy (Don) Ross

Roger Arthur Altvater

Martin W. Schwarze
Father of Julie (Jeff) Linihan



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CHRISTMAS AS “CHRIST’S MASS” THE MANGER AND THE EUCHARIST

Dr. Michael Barber

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See interesting and inspiring programs you can link to your smart TV.
This is a great way to prepare for Christmas with the whole family!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10;
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

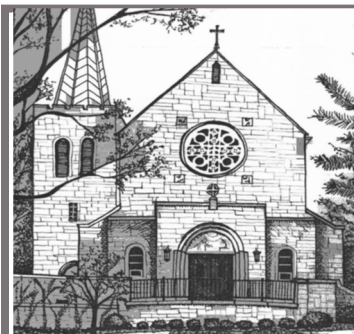
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11;
Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10;
Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

From Death to New Life

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
Cecile J. Schaefer	December 10, 1981



Annunziata

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 3

7:00 a.m. Dr. William Sasser
5:00 p.m. Celebrant's Intention

Sunday, December 4

7:00 a.m. Richard Beckmann
9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Leo C. Grillo

Monday, December 5

7:00 a.m. Sue Naunheim

Tuesday, December 6

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

Wednesday, December 7

7:00 a.m. C. James Good

Thursday, December 8

FEAST of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish
5:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Friday, December 9

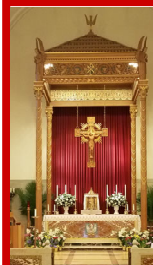
7:00 a.m. Dan Sheehan

Saturday, December 10

7:00 a.m. Clarence A. Sweets
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, December 11

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
9:00 a.m. Mary Beth Chik
11:00 a.m. Sally Landy



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