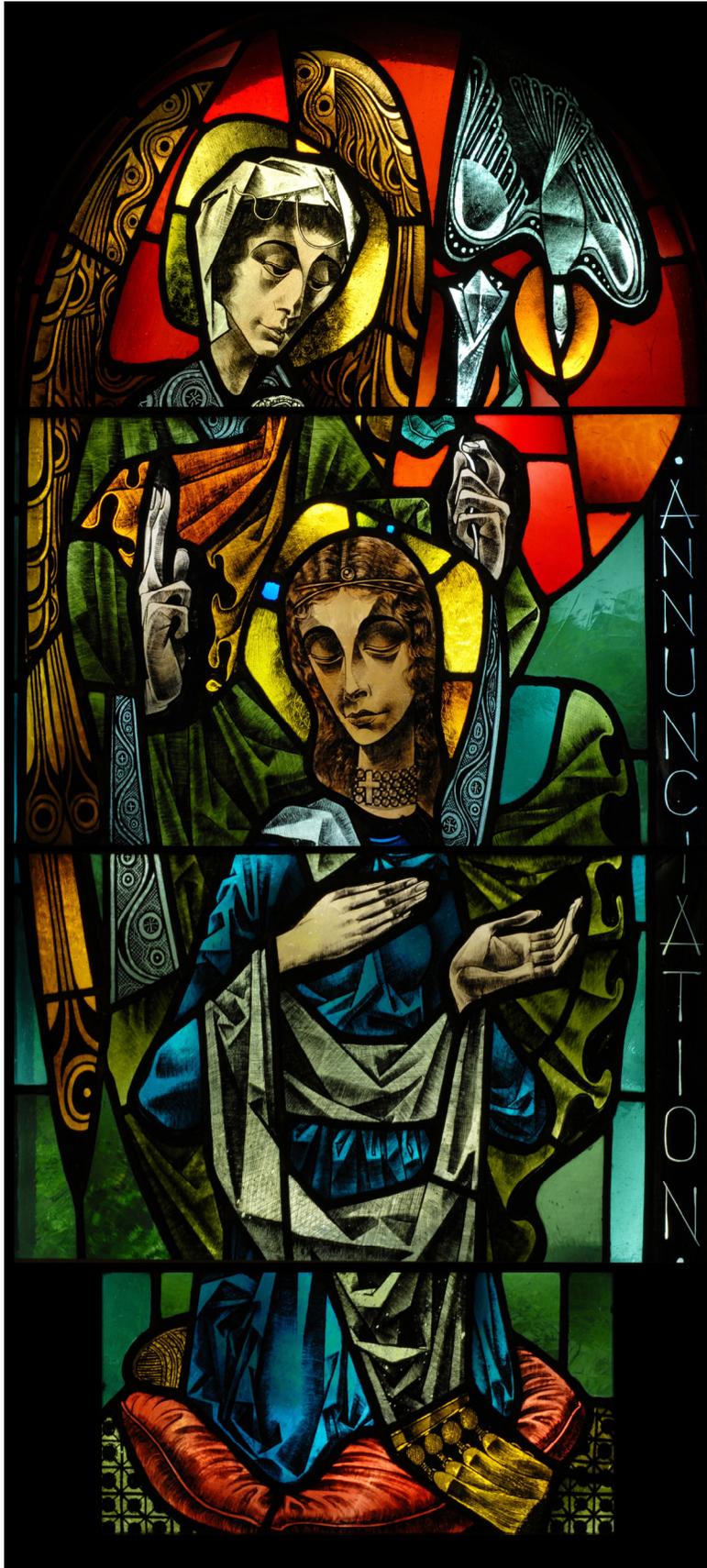


Church of the Annunziata



*Rev. Msgr. John Leykam,
Pastor*

Deacon Thomas J. Gottlieb

Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

Monday - Saturday 7:00

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

Holy Day Eve 5:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass) *

Holy Days 7:00 *

Holidays 7:00 *

* *Times subject to change*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Last Sunday of the month after all Masses
or anytime by calling one of your priests.

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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**All Masses are streamed at
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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...

“HEART TO HEART”



Whoever put the odd idea into our heads that something has to happen when we pray? Right from childhood, we start off on the wrong track when well-meaning adults regularly ask us, “Have you finished your prayers?” As though prayer was something to “do.” Other verbs convey a certain image or ideal we have of prayer, such as “feeling,” “hearing,” “understanding things.” But in reality, those things are rarely experienced.”

Prayer can often feel arid, or in any case not always live up to our expectations. We feel let down. That’s when we are tempted to blame God because, if God really loved us, God would answer our prayers. Or we blame ourselves because, if we really loved God, we ought to be able to get through to Him. If the connection is poor on one end of the line or the other, doesn’t it make more sense just to hang up? So too often, after several attempts, we give up on prayer.

Great spiritual writers suggest that the correct verb to use in speaking of prayer is “to be.” To pray is to be — to be with. That’s what prayer is all about. St. Augustine understood this well when, with sadness he asked: “My God, you who are everywhere, how is it that I find you nowhere?”

The problem is not the absence of Christ or His distance from human history. As St. John Paul II said, “There is one problem only that exists always and everywhere: the problem of our being present to Christ.” What is the point of insisting on the real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist as well as in the other Sacraments, in God’s Church, in fraternal love, in the service of the poor, if we ourselves are not also present?

When Jesus sent His Apostles out bearing the Good News to all nations, He emphatically stated: “I am with you always, to the end of the ages!” (Mt. 20:28) But “to be with” takes at least two. This is the very heart of faith as an experience, a living faith: to be with Jesus, with Jesus who wished to be with us.

The Saints teach us that the quality of our prayer is not measured by the number of lovely thoughts or wonderful sensations we derive from it. But by the fact that, in this world we live in, in the moment of our life in which we find ourselves, we dare to open ourselves up to being with God. The Bible calls it “face to face.” Some spiritual writers call it “heart to heart.” It is essential that God find us waiting!

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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 23, 2022

WATCH

THE BIBLE COLLECTION - PAUL THE APOSTLE

The story of Paul's life acts as an incredible witness to God's mercy and love as he went from persecuting the Church to proclaiming it to all the nations! This film brilliantly captures and portrays this great missionary saint!



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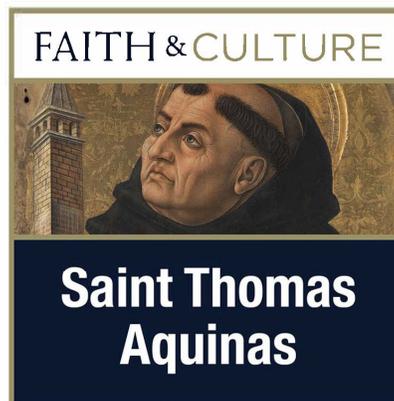
Outside of Jesus, the greatest teacher of the faith was Paul the Apostle. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the great theologian known as the Apostle.

LEARN

LISTEN

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS WITH RANDALL SMITH

The Angelic Doctor is often associated with his Summa Theologica among his other great works. Join Drs Christopher Blum and Randall B. Smith as they explore some of the lesser known works of St. Thomas Aquinas.



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Growing Up In the Church

PSR



At Sunday's 9:00 a.m. Mass, our 8th grade PSR students will renew their baptismal promises as an official beginning to their journey toward confirmation.

My youngest child is in this class of confirmandi. I remember when her father and I asked for her baptism. I can still see her tiny little fingers extending past the beaded trim of the baptismal gown that her sister had worn before her. I can hear her little coos and the laughter of her brother and sister running around on the church lawn. I remember the warmth of the family gathered around and the dear words of Fr. John Ditenhafer, God rest his soul. Fourteen years...it seems like a lifetime ago and like yesterday all at once.

Behind the memory of her baptism comes all of the snapshots of watching her grow up here at Annunziata: carrying the gifts up in procession after Children's Liturgy, performing in the Christmas Pageant, receiving First Holy Communion, reading in the PSR Children's Masses, going to Mass before school on Ash Wednesdays, dressing for Easter Sunday and Christmas Morning Mass, etc... But, what stands out most is seeing her sit on her daddy's lap at an "ordinary" Sunday Mass. Celebrating Mass together has always been when we feel closest as a family. Even though we aren't facing one another or playing a game or talking. When we are gathered together to celebrate God's great love for us and share in Christ's divinity, our love for one another is magnified.

I will admit that the experience of the Mass is different with grown children than it is little ones who sit on your lap. There is something of sweetness lost. But that's to be expected. As parents, we ask for the gift of baptism for our children so that the Holy Spirit will come upon them, wipe away the stain of original sin, and make possible the reception of God's divinity, direction, and mercy as they grow. Essentially, we prepare them for a life dedicated to Christ and his teachings and foster that life by raising them in the Church. Confirmation is closely linked to baptism as it is the final sacrament of Christian initiation during which we are *transformed* by the Holy Spirit and are called to begin our ministry as adult disciples of Christ.

Please pray for our parish 8th graders as they begin this very important step in their lives as Catholic adults. If you know someone who is preparing for confirmation, please share the faith with them. This can be ANYTHING—tell them about your confirmation saint (or any saint), show them your special rosary, tell them about a little prayer you say, share a memory, let them know you're praying for them, smile at them... Sometimes I think we forget what a difference even the littlest things can make.

Parent/Student Confirmation Orientation will begin after Mass in Faris Hall. It is important that at least one parent be represented with each student.

Laura Gyawali
PSR Principal

2022-2023 GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY

It is time for us to update our parish information with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past two years.

Does Annunziata have YOUR family membership record correct? Have you changed your phone number? Do we have your correct e-mail address? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all your children still at home, and are they all included in your parish registration? Do you want your name, address, and telephone number published?

For any requested changes, please e-mail Linda at

linda@annunziata.org

or call the Rectory, (314) 993-4422. Thank you!



*Welcome
Annunziata*

is open
Monday through Saturday
from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
for private prayer.



Special Thanks

Thank you for remembering the less fortunate with your support of the Annunziata Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Remember, hunger never takes a holiday!

God bless you for your generosity.



***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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
 Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-18 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
 Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 22
 7:00 a.m. William R. Wirtel
 5:00 p.m. John Francis Sullivan

Sunday, January 23
 7:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 9:00 a.m. Michael Andreas
 11:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention

Monday, January 24
 7:00 a.m. Dolores Florence Hanson

Tuesday, January 25
 7:00 a.m. Grace Savage

Wednesday, January 26
 7:00 a.m. Marjorie Behan

Thursday, January 27
 7:00 a.m. Mary Rose & Ben Selkirk

Friday, January 28
 7:00 a.m. Margot Schenk

Saturday, January 29
 7:00 a.m. Msgr. James Ramacciotti
 5:00 p.m. Bernard C. Huger

Sunday, January 30
 7:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 9:00 a.m. Charlotte Laventure
 11:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention

From Death to New Life 

Richard D. Gilroy	January 23, 1997
George Arthur Lexow	January 23, 2011
Don Carr Musick, Jr.	January 23, 2003
Timothy Doyle Sheahan, Sr.	January 23, 2019
George S. Graff	January 24, 2016
Patricia Kelley	January 24, 2020
John J. Horgan, Sr.	January 25, 2001
Jos. Holt "Tippy" Tipton	January 25, 2015
Josephine McWilliams	January 26, 1995
John W. Broderick	January 28, 1983
Kenneth H. Grant	January 28, 1999
Margot Cecilia Schenk	January 28, 2003
Michael Joseph Gittins	January 29, 2011



**Pray
 the Rosary
 with us!**

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



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