

Baptism *of the Lord*

Heavenly Father,

For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, we pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.

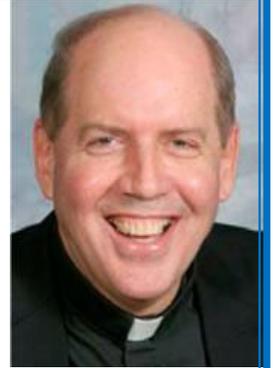
For public officials and decision makers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord.

Amen.



FROM OUR PASTOR.....



“I THINK MORE OF THE PLACE WHERE I WAS BAPTIZED THAN OF RHEIMS CATHEDRAL WHERE I WAS CROWNED. IT IS A GREATER THING TO BE A CHILD OF GOD THAN TO BE THE RULER OF A KINGDOM. THIS LAST I SHALL LOSE AT DEATH, BUT THE OTHER WILL BE MY PASSPORT TO AN EVERLASTING GLORY!”

- - - - St. Louis, King of France

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we conclude the Christmas Season, and are offered the opportunity to reflect on our own Baptism. At His Baptism in the Jordan river, Jesus heard His Heavenly Father, “You are beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

This is a Feast about energy. Jesus found a new Spirit in Himself after His prayer and He heard words He would never forget. Maybe you have heard words of love from someone you will never forget. They give energy to our heart and soul, making us people always on the go, ready for new life within us.

The Spirit pours the energy of God into bread and wine and they are changed forever. Jesus offers Himself in the Holy Eucharist, giving us the love and energy of God.

We know that we can get stuck. We all need new infusions of the Spirit to give new energy. Please recall your Baptism: imagine the water being poured over you, and allow this love of God to fill you today. God wants us to be the beloved daughters and sons we were created to be at Baptism: the person open to the Spirit of God, open to new life, new love, and the full potential of God’s Grace given at Baptism and nourished in Holy Communion.

“ DO NOT FORGET TO BAPTIZE YOUR CHILDREN”

- - - - Pope Francis

“Parents who prefer not to Baptize their children in the hopes that they will ‘understand and ask for Baptism’ as adults, lack faith that the Holy Spirit will act in their child’s life. While some believe there is no need to ‘Baptize a child that does not understand’ the meaning of the Sacrament, Pope Francis emphasizes, ‘parents deny the chance for ‘Christian virtues to grow within their child and blossom.’ Always Baptize your baby and give the child the opportunity to have within themselves the Holy Spirit who will guide them in life.”

Our Prayer Page

PLEASE PRAY

for doctors and nurses, first responders, and everyone impacted by the coronavirus.



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
2nd LT Norman Benedict (Buddy) Conley IV, U.S. Army
Martin Drakes, U.S. Marine Corps
John R. Driscoll, U.S. Navy
1SG Charles DuTart, U.S. Army
Captain Molly Collins DuTart, U.S. Army
Major Courtney Collins Fox, U.S. Army
Soosan Good, U.S. Army
Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy
1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army
Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army
James Peterson, retired U.S. Marine Corps
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

(Please call the rectory to add the name of a loved one who is serving in the military.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6;
Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9;
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12;
Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18;
Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
Mk 1:29-39

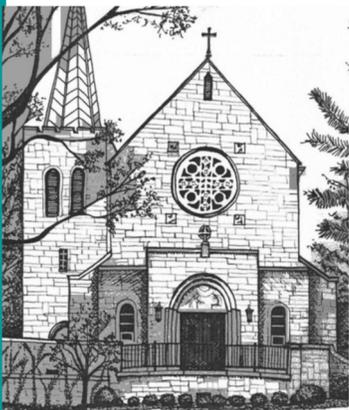
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11;
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11;
Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8;
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16;
Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19;
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20;
Jn 1:35-42

The Church of the Annunziata



**is open for
private prayer**

**Monday
through
Saturday**

**7:30 a.m.
until
3:00 p.m.**

From Death To New Life

Charles Lucas Hunt	January 10, 1987
Helen Susan Moss	January 11, 1993
Lucy Flynn O'Brien	January 11, 2013
Richard O. Roberts	January 11, 2010
Cicardi A. Bruce	January 12, 1981
Edward Lawrence Keyes, Jr.	January 12, 2013
Celeste L. Gunther	January 13, 1995
Zoe Buckley	January 14, 2020
Francis J. Fabick	January 15, 1992
Wayne B. Hoover	January 16, 2010
Jane Lambert Rehme	January 16, 2007
Louis C. Rotter	January 16, 1994
William S. Simpson	January 16, 2004

Confirmation Preparation for Parish Teens

PSR virtual classes resume this Sunday. In keeping with Annunziata tradition, parish family eighth graders who attend Catholic school join our PSR Confirmation class for this final semester of sacramental preparation. Registered parish families may enroll at **annunziata.psrenroll.com**.

Being Confirmed at “Home”

Confirmation, together with Baptism and Eucharist, form the Sacraments of Initiation and are all intimately connected. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is “sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit” and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ and welcomed fully into the life of the Church.

Teenagers are at a significant point in their faith journey and are beginning to establish a personal faith identity. Through sharing their own journey and interacting with others, the candidates are assisted in identifying and understanding how God is working in their lives, and come to a new realization of faith within the context of the parish community. Therefore, the significance of being Confirmed in one’s *own* parish family is significant.

It’s easy to remember the baptism of a child, their cries during Sunday Mass, their walks up the aisle to meet Ms. Liza for Children’s Liturgy, their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion, the Christmas Eves, Easters, and all of the significant milestones leading up to today. Annunziata is home for our parish eighth graders, and at Confirmation our young adults begin their personal life in our Church family. In a sense, they get our own metaphorical key to the Church, as they truly *own* their faith and begin a life of service in the parish.

Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory. This book is direct-mailed to each family at no cost to Annunziata. It is provided by businesses advertisements. If you have or know of a business that would like to learn more about advertising in our Guide Book, please contact the Parish Office by phone 314-993-4422 or email dodie@annunziata.org.

A recent survey showed that 92% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It “will pay” to advertise in Annunziata’s new Guide Book & Directory.

Update Your Information

Have you discontinued your land-line?

Do we have your correct phone number, email and mailing addresses?

Our 2021 Guide Book and Directory is scheduled to go to the publisher in February and be delivered in early spring. (This is an annual publication which was delayed in 2019/2020 because of Covid-19.) If your information has changed or if it is not correct in the 2020 edition, please notify the Parish Office (314-993-4422) before the end of January.

MARRIAGE CHALLENGES?

Retrouvaille (a French word meaning rediscovery) is a program to help couples heal & renew their marriages that offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship.

It has helped thousands of couples with marital problems & crises, even couples who are separated and divorced.

**RETROUVAILLE STL - VIRTUAL WEEKEND
THURSDAY, JAN 28 - SUNDAY, JAN 31, 2021**

For further information, call 314.453.0110, **1-800-470-2230** or visit
www.HelpOurMarriage.com



**Please remember
to support our
St. Vincent DePaul
Society.**

**We are accepting donations!
Food Clothing
Monetary Contributions
are needed at this time!**

**These are extremely difficult times
for so many people!**

**Our help extends to people in our
neighborhood and throughout the
Metropolitan St. Louis area.**

**THANK YOU FOR
sharing your blessings!**

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Remember — FORMED is FREE!

Go to Annunziata.org to enroll
and enjoy the opportunity to have a
great selection of inspiring films
available on demand!



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ONE CLICK
TO CONNECT
TO THE
CURRENT MASS OR
VIEW PAST MASSES

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 9

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

Sunday, January 10

7:00 a.m. Emily Stock
9:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
11:00 a.m. Mary & Tom Fox

Monday, January 11

7:00 a.m. Betsy Barbieri Family
Living and Deceased

Tuesday, January 12

7:00 a.m. Kenneth Hohl

Wednesday, January 13

7:00 a.m. The Hebron Family

Tuesday, January 14

7:00 a.m. Zoe Buckley

Friday, January 15

7:00 a.m. Don C. Musick, Jr.
and Family

Saturday, January 16

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Remmert
5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Francis, Jr.
and Family

Sunday, January 17

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs.
Anthony Genovese
and Family

Church of the Annunziata

9305 Clayton Road - St. Louis, MO 63124 - (314) 993-4422 - Fax (314) 994-7877 - www.annunziata.org

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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(314) 993-8133 ext. 225**

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