

# *Church of the Annunziata*



**June 23, 2024—12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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## *Celebration of the Eucharist*

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.  
Monday - Saturday 7:00 a.m.

**All Masses are streamed at  
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## *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 noon.  
Please call the Rectory for more information.

## *Sacrament of Matrimony*

Please call the Rectory for information.

*Our warm*

**WELCOME** *to all!*

*If you wish to join our  
Parish Family, please contact  
the Parish Office.*

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Dear Parishioners:

At the heart of our Catholic Faith is our relationship with our God. With this in mind I would like to present to you for reflection some principles of the spiritual life. A wonderful and readable book in this area is by Ralph Martin: *The Fulfillment of All Desire*.

“Spirituality” or being “spiritual” means nothing more, but also nothing less, than being animated and guided by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus which is received at baptism. This is what St. Paul means by “living according to the Spirit” or being “spiritual.”

Perhaps the most helpful way we can understand the spiritual life is to see our goal as the reformation by grace (particularly by the Holy Spirit, often called “uncreated” Grace) of the image of God within us, wounded by original and actual sin. Grace purifies our intellect in knowing the truth and rectifies our will in loving the good. Essential to spiritual health – maintaining the health and vigor of the Holy Spirit’s life within us – are prayer, silence and nourishment through reading. All of these require dedication, discipline and the development of habit.

Prayer, according to Clement of Alexandria (A.D. 212) is “conversation with God” or, according to St. John of Damascus (A.D. 749), “the lifting of the heart and mind to God,” or, according to St. Teresa of Avila (A.D. 1582), “nothing else than a close sharing between friends ... taking time to be alone with Him who loves us.” All prayer begins with God’s initiative: It is never merely the product of our efforts, although fruitful prayer does require our effort. There are three expressions, or types of prayer: vocal or verbal, meditative and contemplative. Verbal prayer uses words (e.g., form prayers, prayers in one’s own words, the “Jesus prayer”); meditation engages the imagination as it ponders and considers the mysteries of the faith or the words of Sacred Scripture (e.g., the rosary or *lectio divina*); contemplative prayer is the prayer of union, often wordless, achieved in silence and is the gift of God to the soul, involving an intense awareness of God’s presence to the soul.

Nourishment through solid spiritual reading is also essential. Pride of place belongs to the inspired text of Sacred Scriptures. Scripture must be read Christologically: Christ is the key to unlocking the meaning of the Scriptures as a whole – including the Old Testament. He is the Word mediated through words. He is the lens through which all of the Scriptures are to be read. If you plan on reading the Scriptures, always start with the Gospels, which create the “lens” for the rest of the Bible. Small bits of Scripture each day over which we can mull or meditate are the basis. Also helpful is to read the Scriptures along with the whole Church: Following the Lectionary cycle, we can follow the daily Mass readings and make them a source of real nourishment. Another source of nourishment is the Liturgy of the Hours, the official prayer of the Universal Church. Comprised of psalms, canticles and passages from the Scriptures, it is designed to become the hinge, or pivot, and foundation of our daily prayer life. The cycle of Morning Prayer, or “Lauds,” and Evening Prayer, or “Vespers,” can structure and mold our day-to-day existence. The lives and writings of the saints are also another excellent source of spiritual nourishment. The more we see ourselves as part of a living Tradition of spiritual practice, the more we can appropriate the best of it for ourselves.

All of these practices are predicated upon self-discipline: the ability to shut off the TV, computer, cellphone and iPod and set time aside every day for God. The secret is to start small and let it grow. All of these practices have to be in accord with one’s state in life. A mother of seven cannot be expected to live like a Trappist; one has to discover what works for oneself, based upon the formula outlined above. Like everything else in

life, balance is important. These practices will be helpful only if you are striving to live fully the sacramental life of the Church, in particular through faithful and regular celebration of the Eucharist — which the Church teaches is the most effective thing we can do — and the regular celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation.

In the end, it is all about habit: not simply as repetitive behavior, but as a firm and reliable disposition of the will; inculcating good habits and rooting out bad habits, assisted all the while by grace. This is why regularity is more important than volume. It is more than mere willpower or self-discipline — that alone is insufficient, because it means we are relying primarily upon our own efforts and not upon the grace of God.

*God Bless!*

*Msgr John Shamleffer*

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## Hospitalized Parishioners

Because of the Federal Privacy Act there is no longer a "clergy list" at any of our hospitals. If you are admitted to a hospital, and they ask you if you would like your priest to be notified, **please say: "yes call my parish priest at Annunziata at 314-993-4422."**

If you know ahead of time you will be admitted, please call your priest at the Rectory and he will readily offer you the Sacrament of the Anointing.

**If you know of a parishioner who is hospitalized,  
please do not assume we know. Please call the  
Parish Office 314-993-4422.**



*Please pray  
for all who have served or are  
serving in the U.S. Military  
and for all First Responders.*

LTJG Haydn Boldt, U.S. Navy  
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Dear Parishioners:

It has been great seeing so many parishioners at our weekday masses this summer, thanks to all of you for your faith-filled lives. I also want to encourage us all to invite others to the faith. Our RCIA process begins this fall if you know of anyone interested in joining the church please invite them or contact the parish office and we will get in touch with them.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS—RCIA

This September we will again start the process for men and women who are inquiring about the Catholic Faith. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process through which adults enter into the Catholic faith. RCIA is a spiritual journey designed in phases and implemented through various rites. The participants' spiritual growth is encouraged and enhanced through weekly reflection on God's Word and the teachings of Catholic doctrine and traditions. If you have any questions, please contact the rectory at: 314.993-2932.

Becoming a Catholic is one of the most profound and joyous experiences of life. Some are blessed enough to receive this great gift while they are still infants, and over the course of time they grow into a recognition of the enormous grace that has been bestowed upon them, of the dignity and wonder of their identity as Catholics. Others come into the Catholic fold while they are older children or adults. In these cases it is important for people to have a grasp of the joyful process by which one becomes a Catholic.

If you know someone who might be interested in joining the Church, be that family member, fellow worker, or neighbor, please contact the parish office with their name and phone number. Our parishioners are always the best evangelists. Your faith and how you live it will speak volumes to those around you.

Let us pray for those who are contemplating joining the Catholic faith and encourage them through our words, actions and prayers. God bless you for sharing your faith!

Msgr. John Shamleffer



### **Ten top reasons to come to RCIA—not in any particular order.**

1. You want to become Catholic.
2. You are marrying someone outside the faith and they desire to know more about our faith.
3. You are Catholic, and did not receive all of the Sacraments of Initiation—Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
4. You have children to teach and don't know the faith well enough.
5. You have a friend or family member interested in learning more about the faith, who would be more comfortable if you came with them.
6. You have experienced a loss of some kind in your life and need a small faith community.
7. Your spouse is not Catholic, and might be interested in joining our Church as your children are receiving first communion or confirmation.
8. You are Catholic, and would like to learn current Church teaching and practice.
9. You've heard it is a great experience.
10. God is calling you.



## *READINGS FOR THE WEEK*

Readings for the week of June 23, 2024

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Monday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/

## *MASS INTENTIONS*

Saturday, June 22—Feasts of St. Paulinus of Nola  
& SS. John Fisher & Thomas More

7:00 a.m. Marilyn Morrison

5:00 p.m. Anthony F. Sansone, Sr.

Sunday, June 23

9:00 a.m. Nancy Rohlfing

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, June 24—Feast of the Nativity of St. John  
the Baptist

7:00 a.m. Charles Disbrow

Tuesday, June 25

7:00 a.m. Marilyn McCaffery

Wednesday, June 26—Feast of St. Romuald

7:00 a.m. Cheryl Erman

Thursday, June 27—Feast of St. Cyril of Alexandria

7:00 a.m. Sue Naunheim

Friday, June 28—Feast of St. Irenaeus

7:00 a.m. Mary Jane Thaman

Saturday, June 29—Feasts of SS. Peter & Paul

7:00 a.m. Grace Savage

5:00 p.m. Jim O'Brien

Sunday, June 30

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Mary Beth Chik

## *From Death to New Life*

Marianne Sommer Beer	June 23, 2011
Lawrence F. Stika	June 24, 2016
John R. Weatherly	June 24, 1992
Olga Zignago	June 24, 1985
Donald A. Doheny	June 26, 1995
Mary E. Lasater	June 26, 2010
Mary Genevieve Hughes	June 28, 2019
Madelyn Maher	June 29, 2018
Dorothy Lowell	June 29, 2007
James Timothy O'Brien	June 29, 2010
Eva Thomas	June 29, 1987

## *Lector Schedule*

Saturday, June 29

5:00 pm—Katie Ackerman

Sunday, June 30

9:00 am—Geoff Morrison

11:00 am - Ray Steitz

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