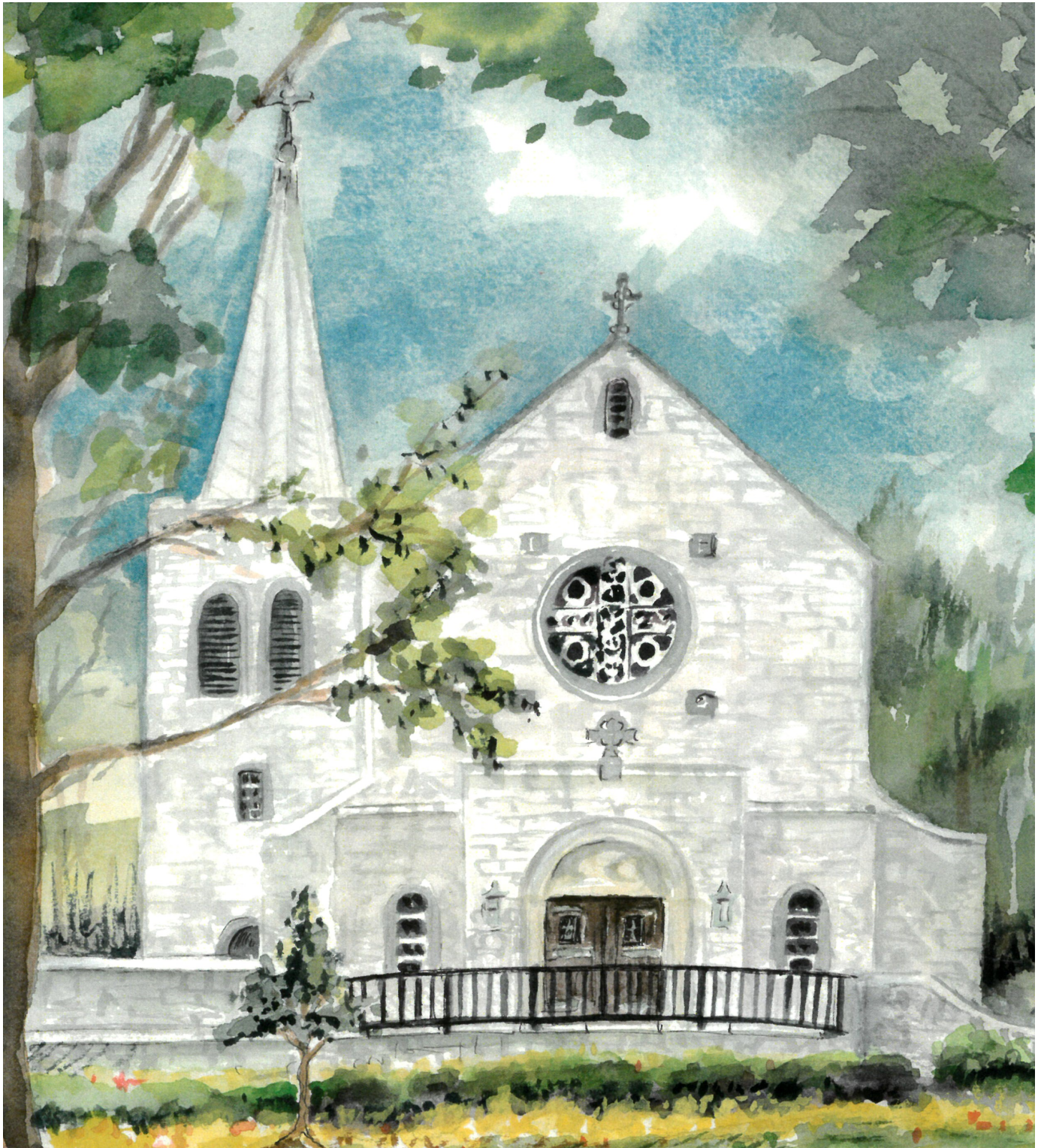


# *Church of the Annunziata*



**August 10, 2024—18th 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  
[www.annunziata.org](http://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 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:

The Church of the Annunziata through our Learning Center and our PSR program creates a Christ-centered community through spiritual, academic and social growth that will provide the foundation to serve a challenging society faithfully and well. Be it known to all who enter: Christ is the reason for our school. Christ is the unseen but ever-present teacher in our classes, the model of our faculty, and the inspiration of our parents and students.

It's back to school time and so let's return to the basics of our faith. We believe in God, Father, Son and Spirit and the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic faith that He established. He so loved us, that He makes us His children through baptism. As baptized, we have become Christ's own so profoundly that Christ's Spirit lives in us, luring us toward all that we can become through sharing life with Him. We cannot control the Spirit, but we are free to choose how much we wish to be open to God's constant offer of grace.

Since we usually baptize infants, parents commit to teach their children by their words and actions, assisted by the godparents. Parents promise to raise their children Catholic and allow the Spirit's gifts to be learned and fostered in their home.

All of us are to be teachers as well as learners. We are all called to be constant students of the faith. We adults are the ones who need to pass on our faith to our children. We can't teach what we don't know or understand and it all comes at a cost.

The grace of our baptism must be fed by our growth in the Word and the Sacraments. Let us grow together in our faith.

*This is what one parent shared with me about being "first teachers" of their child. Being "first teachers" has to begin with modeling, through our everyday lives, Christian values especially those of faith, hope and charity and by attending Mass as a family regularly and on Holy Days. Being "first teachers" is helping our children to develop a meaningful prayer life...and it's never too late to start.*

There are so many things and attitudes that are competing for our children's attention not to mention the popular notion that Jesus is irrelevant and that God, if he exists, is out dated. How can we help our kids learn our Catholic faith and grow in that same faith? First, we need to realize that the key to having a strong Catholic faith is to have a strong relationship with Jesus Christ. Do we, as parents, believe that Christ wants to be active in our everyday lives? Do we share that understanding with our children? Do we share our daily stories of encounter and conversion? Do we make daily prayer a priority? If we don't do these things, our children may never learn them.

The second key is to understand and live out the mission of the Catholic Church: to love and serve our neighbor, especially the poor and vulnerable, with the same intense love that Christ has for us. Do we model an active life of service in order to help build the Kingdom of God? Do we share our blessings with those in need in our community and outside of it?

It is too easy as a parent to pass on our responsibility as first teacher to others, such as grandparents, our schools or the parish's religious education program; but God endowed parents to be uniquely qualified to teach their children even if they don't think they know how. God will always provide the graces we need if we but ask him for those graces.

I pray that this school year will be a year of graces for our children, and I especially keep all of our parents in my prayers that they receive the graces they need to fulfill their responsibilities to their children.

*God Bless!*  
*Msgr. John Shamleffer*

## *Annunziata*

is open for private prayer Monday thru Saturday  
8:00 am — 3:00 pm (Please use east entrance.)



**Catholic Charities of St. Louis** is dedicated to providing compassionate care and support to individuals and families in need across the community. **LAMP** (Language. Access. Multicultural. People.) is a ministry of Catholic Charities that provides around-the-clock in-person and virtual interpreting and translation services – in courtrooms, hospitals, counseling sessions, and other critical settings – that empower people and build relationships by bridging cultural and linguistic divides.

LAMP offers a **free Community Interpreting Line** for limited English-speaking families in our community that is available 24/7 and 365 days a year. Call **1-888-260-3791** for assistance.

If you have language skills and want to make a difference in your community, interpreting and translation work ensures life-giving services are accessible. More information can be found at [ccstl.org](http://ccstl.org), or by contacting your Parish Ambassador Trow Meier at [trowmeier@gmail.com](mailto:trowmeier@gmail.com)

## The Annunziata Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

### Food Collection weekend of August 10-11th

### Meeting in Faris Hall Wednesday, August 7 5:00 PM



## It's Almost Back to School Time!!

Annunziata Learning Center is getting ready for this coming school year! We would appreciate any help you can give us with regular school supplies for our students. Below is a short list of needed items. Of course gift cards or monetary contributions will help us see that each student will have what he/she needs to get off to a good start! Thank you in advance!

- Orange or Black 2 Pocket Folders
- Green, Red, Yellow or Orange Wide Rule Spiral Notebooks
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Washable markers (thick or thin)
- 24 Count Crayons
- Highlighters
- 12 Count Colored Pencils



**You are Invited to the 2024**  
*Night for Life*  
**and**  
*Crash the Ball*  
**September 7, 2024 | 6:00 PM**  
**Hilton St. Louis Frontenac**  
**DELICIOUS DINING, SPIRITS, LIVE MUSIC & DANCING**  
Purchase your tickets here: <https://auctria.events/NIGHTFORLIFE2024>  
Proceeds from these events support Birthright Counseling, St. Louis benefiting local women in need of pregnancy counseling and support.

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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.





# PSR Registration Now Open

**Annunziata PSR Registration is now open! Join your classmates and teachers for a faith filled year! Open to Parishioners in grades kindergarten through eighth grade.**

Register at: <https://annunziata.psrenroll.com/>

Sign up before August 15 to avoid a late fee.

PSR begins on Sunday, September 8

Scholarships are available for those that need financial assistance.

Questions email: [julie@annunziata.org](mailto:julie@annunziata.org).

## ONLINE GIVING NOW at *Annunziata*

Go to [Annunziata.org](https://Annunziata.org) and click on the blue **"DONATE NOW"** button to sign up for *one time, weekly or monthly* offering. Click on the light blue **"Register"** button to get started. Or scan the code to the right.



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### Gala Dinner Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Social Hour 6:00 p.m. | Dinner and Program 7:00 p.m.

St. Charles Convention Center  
1 Convention Center Plaza  
St. Charles, MO 63303

**Register by August 15 ~ [MRLBanquet.com](https://MRLBanquet.com)**

For Questions: Call 314-434-4900 or email [mrl.eastern@yahoo.com](mailto:mrl.eastern@yahoo.com)



**Featured Speaker**  
Michael R. Pompeo

*Champion of Life  
Award Recipients*

Brian Westbrook with Coalition Life  
Bridget VanMeans with Thrive+  
Peggy Forrest with Our Lady's Inn

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Readings for the week of August 4, 2024

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35  
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21  
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10  
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28  
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23  
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28  
Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26  
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

## From Death to New Life

Eugene T. Burns	August 4, 1996
Kathleen C. Donelan	August 4, 2002
Garvin, John	August 4, 2020
Joy Wilmering Green	August 6, 2018
Jean Miller Bartels	August 7, 2008
Ann M. Sullivan	August 7, 1987
Eugene F. Williams, Jr.	August 7, 2013
Joseph Patrick Frayn	August 8, 2013
William D. MacDonald, M.D.	August 8, 1998
Cornelius "Neil" Ryan	August 8, 2012
William J. Murphy	August 9, 1989
J. Garneau Weld, Jr.	August 9, 1980
Ana Maria Kuhlman	August 11, 2010
Helen Loughman Phelan	August 11, 1989
Dr. Robert P. Kloecker	August 11, 2019

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*One click to connect to current Mass or to view past Masses.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, August 3

7:00 a.m. The Holton Family  
5:00 p.m. Deborah Szymanski

### Sunday, August 4

9:00 a.m. John Garvin  
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

### Monday, August 5—The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

7:00 a.m. Frank & Rosie Ledbetter

### Tuesday, August 6—Feast of The Transfiguration

7:00 a.m. Anthony Sansone

### Wednesday, August 7—Feast of St. Sixtus & Companions and St. Cajetan

7:00 a.m. Joan Leykam

### Thursday, August 8—St. Dominic

7:00 a.m. Edwards Thaman

### Friday, August 9—Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

7:00 a.m. Cindy Shaw

### Saturday, August 10—Feast of St. Lawrence

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

### Sunday, August 11

9:00 a.m. Lois Jones  
11:00 a.m. Henry, George & Caroline Wegman

## Lector Schedule

### Saturday, August 10

5:00 pm—Katie Ackerman

### Sunday, August 11

9:00 am—Suzie Weiss  
11:00 am—Gene Cunningham

## Server Schedule

### Saturday, August 10

5:00 pm—Matthew & Hannah Hardin

### Sunday, July 11

9:00 am—Nina & Evie Holton  
11:00 am—Connor & Ryan Jouris