

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 - Friday 7:00 and 7:45 a.m.
Saturday 7:00, 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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

Holy Days 7:00 and 7:45 a.m. *

Holidays 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. *

* Times subject to change

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4:00 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Our Church is open from 6:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel (located on
the west side of our Church's lower level) is
open on Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
and Thursday from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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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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



WHEN THEY'RE TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND IT, WHY BOTHER BRINGING KIDS TO MASS?

This article was sent to me a couple of days ago after I spoke about how inspired I was by our young parents with their babies and small children at the Masses last weekend. It is written by a wife and mother named, Anna O'Neil, and I find it thought provoking:

Mass is boring for my toddler – less so when he's being bad, but it's extremely boring when he's being good and staying fairly still. It was boring for me too at that age. I have early memories of trying to entertain myself by getting lost in the wood grain of the pew in front of me. I don't think I could even see the altar, much less understand what was going on.

I think a lot of parents don't want to subject their child to a weekly hour of something he can't possibly understand, and they wonder why a little child – especially a loud, distracting one – should even come along to Mass. What could he possibly be getting out of it?

This question only makes sense if the Mass is essentially just a classroom, a place we go to learn about our faith. And yes, the Mass absolutely teaches us about our faith. It will be nourishing our understanding our whole lives, and its symbols, rituals, and prayers are so rich with meaning that a lifetime of study couldn't exhaust its perpetual newness. Even just a good homily, just the readings from the Bible, can teach you so much.

But the Mass is not some advanced weekly CCD class, and knowledge, thank goodness, is not a prerequisite for a relationship with Jesus. Mass is an encounter. It's worship. It's the sacrifice of Christ's death on the cross, offered for the forgiveness of sins. Liturgy IS the work of the Church; the Church doesn't exist for charity, ministries, or other things, with Mass being secondary. It's the other way around. Priests are ordained FOR the Mass.

But back to the simple teaching element. Even though he can't follow along, I can name a few things that Mass teaches my toddler: It shows him other people, people of every age and culture, participating in the same faith. It shows him that his family is not the only one who believes. It shows him that there's something special about Sundays. The music tells him we are celebrating. He gets familiar with an environment that, I can only hope, will be a place he spends countless hours throughout his life.

But even if it didn't teach him any of that, I'd still take him. God made human beings with bodies. That wasn't a mistake. Then, when he became man, he took on a physical body too. And that body is still with us, in our tabernacles, physically there. It's one of the greatest miracles of our faith that we can physically sit in the presence of our God. So how could it be a waste to bring my children as close to Him as possible?

When Christ commands his apostles to "let the little children come to me," he means it quite literally. "Let them come," because after all, "The kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." The rest of us, we may get into heaven, but heaven belongs to the children. An adult who gets in, only does so by becoming like a child, Christ warns us. If anybody was going to be excluded (though nobody is) wouldn't it be us, the adults? We're the ones whose sin constantly tries to edge God out of our lives. Our little children haven't sinned, and in them, the grace of baptism is just as real as it is in us.

Asking "What does a little kid get out of Mass" is as silly as asking what an adult gets out of the Mass. Only God could answer – but in both cases, I think it's safe to say that we "get" more than we could possibly comprehend.



*Please Pray
for Our Men and Women in the Armed Forces*

CC William Boldt, USMAPS
1Lt. Winston Boldt, U.S. Army
Lt. Col. Michael Butler, Chaplain U.S. Army
LCDR Michael Collins, U.S. Navy
1SG Charles DuTart, U.S. Army
Captain Courtney Fox, U.S. Army
Soosan Good, U.S. Army
Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy
Captain Kate Lunsford, U.S. Army
1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army
Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army
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 Thomas J. Spearing, IV, U.S. Air Force
Captain August B. Valentine, U.S. Marine Corps
Sgt. Michael White, U.S. Army Rangers
Cpl. Robert Wigginton, U.S. Marine Corps
James Peterson, *retired* U.S. Marine Corps

*Almighty God, Our Father,
We ask that you bless the men and women of our Armed Forces,
Give them courage, hope and strength.
Grant strength and peace of mind to all the veterans who served and sacrificed for our
country. For all those suffering from the physical or spiritual wounds of war,
We pray Lord that you surround them, embrace them, lift them from darkness and despair and
heal them with your Merciful Love.
Be with the military families waiting for the safe return of their loved ones
sustaining them in faith, hope and love.
Hear us Lord as we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.*

**** Please contact the Rectory to add a loved one's name. ****

ANNUNZIATA
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION



*Sharing the great love of Jesus
through the beauty of our Catholic faith*

Just a Minute
can bring us closer to Jesus

Where Will They Go?

“Suffering is guaranteed. Where we go in our misery is something we learn.” I wrote that down on a post-it note and stuck it on the wall near my desk when I heard it--it’s one to remember, and so true!

About a year ago, my conversation with Jesus at Adoration was interrupted when a 17-20 year old young man trodded down the aisle, half-genuflected, and plopped down in the first pew. He was restless: one moment slumped with his head in his hands, then flinging himself up with his arms stretched out long on the back of the pew, then rather loudly pulling down the kneeler and praying... Throughout his brief visit he moved about abruptly, sighing. Considering we were in the real presence of Jesus, one might have thought his actions to be disrespectful, but the young man was clearly upset: sad, angry, frustrated, broken...some conglomeration of misery.

I began to pray for him, and I’m sure I wasn’t alone. We’ve all been there. We’ll all be there, again and again, until we die. This young man inspired me; he was not stealing liquor from the cabinet to get drunk, in some shady parking lot buying drugs, hanging with the wrong crowd, looking at pornography, physically harming himself... He was conversing with our Lord; he had brought his suffering before Jesus.

As a parent, I pray daily for my children. Part of that prayer is that they have a lifelong, unwavering faith. As we grow, mature, go away to college, work, marry and have our own families the way we see and understand the world continually changes. The constant stimuli of social media and the culture’s unrealistic definition of success and happiness: wealth, power, honor and pleasure adds an extra layer of disillusion and distraction, and the extra need to stay close to Jesus.

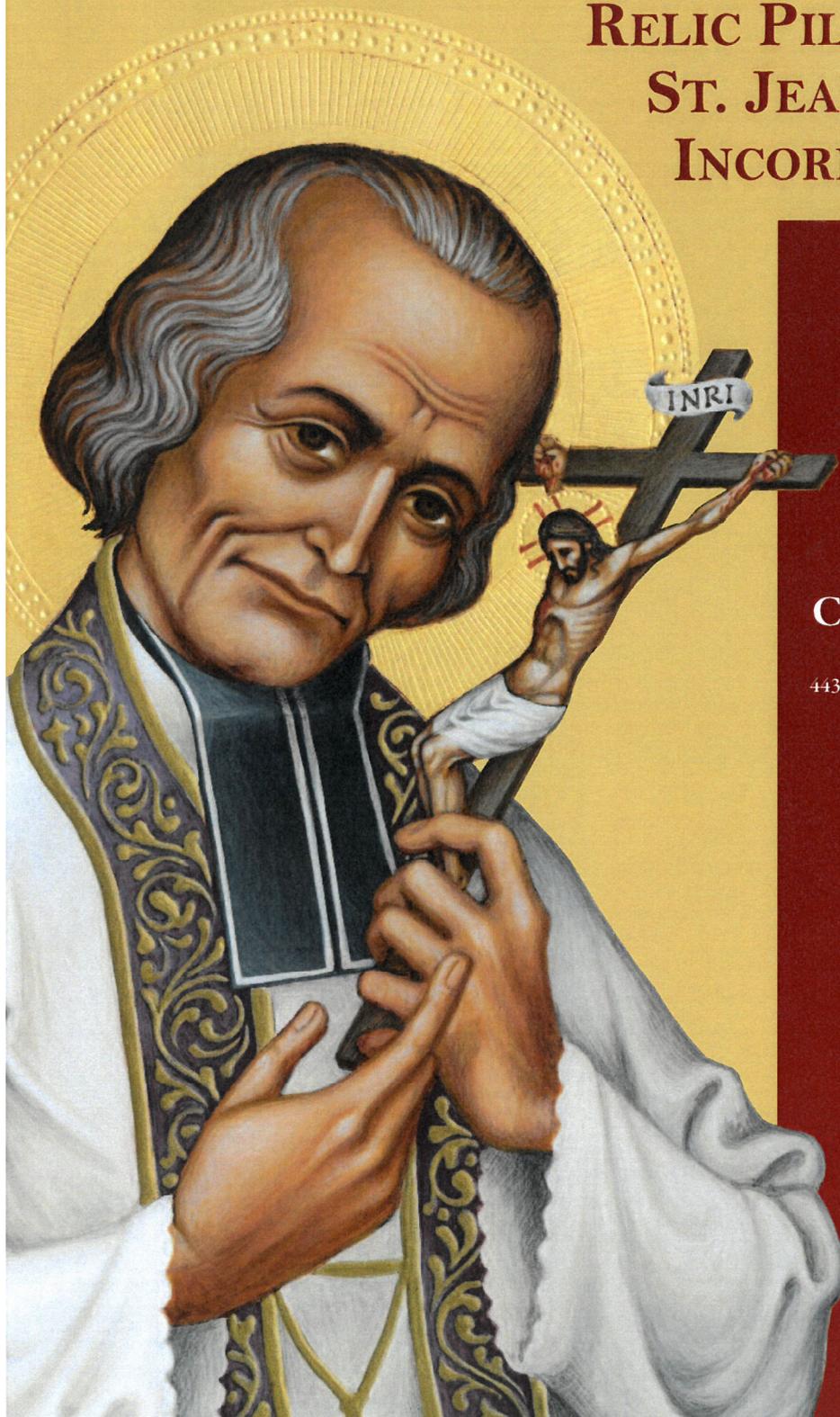
Our oldest is a sophomore in high school and will turn 16 next month. It feels like yesterday that we were chasing him away from the staircase. He would giggle, and it became a fun little game. As his parents, we knew he could climb up but did not yet have the skill to safely come back down. In two years, our son will have made a decision as to where he will continue his education. It is likely that it will not be here in St. Louis. “Suffering is guaranteed...,” and we will not be in the next room. I often ask myself, ‘Are we doing enough to teach him where to go in those inevitable moments of suffering?’

One thing I know for certain, our children will learn from us until the day we die. The greatest gift my mother has given me is the faith. She continues daily to grow in her faith and share her insights with me. I do the same with my children. The Father will never deny our desire to have a deep relationship with him, and when we have the joy of his loving friendship, it is impossible not to share it with those we love. Our children will learn by our lifelong actions. The greatest, most valuable example we will ever show them is the practice of our Catholic faith--in doing so, they will always know where to go.

*Blessings,
Laura Gyawali,
PSR Principal*

HEART OF A PRIEST

RELIC PILGRIMAGE OF ST. JEAN VIANNEY'S INCORRUPT HEART



CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. LOUIS

4431 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63108

Friday, March 15

Mass
12:05 PM

Confessions
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Reflection
3:30 PM

Vespers
5:30 PM

Closing Blessing
6:00 PM

*Public veneration of the relic
will be available following Mass.*



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS
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#HeartofaPriest



THE VINCENTIAN CORNER

By Geoff Morrison

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church was established in the Soulard area in 1849. Over the years, the parish has served immigrant and ethnic communities that are now an assimilated part of St. Louis. Today, the still vibrant parish serves the needs of the homeless and poor. The basement of the old church has been transformed into a shelter for up to 70 homeless men per night. The men check into the shelter at 6:00 p.m. and must depart each morning.

The Annunziata Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society aids in the mission of the shelter in several ways. The conference purchases food each month and the children of the PSR make 100 packets of sandwiches and cookies. These are distributed to the men in the morning as they depart the shelter. The conference sponsored a clothing drive this winter to gather long underwear and socks for the men. Annunziata Vincentians purchase and serve dinner to the men once each month.

Sts. Peter and Paul is one of eleven ministries of the Annunziata SVDP conference. We contribute food and funds to several area food pantries. We help several dozen families with rent and utility support each month. We provide vouchers to SVDP Thrift Stores to enable clients to purchase clothing, household goods and furniture. Our ministries are scattered from north to south St. Louis and extend to East St. Louis.

All of this activity is possible because of the continuing generosity of the parishioners of the wonderful Annunziata family. Your financial contributions to the 2018 Thanksgiving drive will enable us to maintain our ministries until next Thanksgiving. Your many, many donations of clothing, food and household items are distributed throughout the area.

On behalf of the hundreds of the poor and needy people helped each year, **we thank you, Annunziata, for all that you do.** With your continuing support, our conference is inspired to fulfill our mission.

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

David Holton - President

Rick Hagedorn - Vice President

Cindy Cunningham - Treasurer

Jane Garvin - Secretary

SHARING THE JOY

by Gerre Book, Annunziata Day School Principal

“ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so you may abound in hope by the power of the holy spirit.” Romans 15:13

The winter months seem to give us limited sunshine, but your giving hearts have brought much light and love to our school. As the second semester of classes began last month, we welcomed six new students to our school. It has been quite a busy and very exciting time. You should be so proud of the way the teachers and students have welcomed our new students and made them feel “at home.” Thanks to your collection, we have school supplies for everyone! Your support is very much appreciated and we continue to pray for you.

Please know you are welcome to attend any of these upcoming events:

JCLUB BOOK FAIR:

Sr. Laura from Pauline Books & Media will be here on Wednesday, February 27th during the morning hours if you wish to purchase Christian-based books.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Students will be leading the Stations of the Cross during the Friday afternoons in Lent (except March 29th) in Church if you wish to join us.

Call 314-997-7727 with any questions.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

**The next meeting is Monday, March 4,
7:30 - 8:10 a.m. in Faris Hall.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 3, 2019:

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

FROM DEATH TO LIFE

Thomas Byrne Fox	February 25, 2018
Jeanne M. Kuehne	February 26, 1980
Mary Frances Hennigan Jantzen	February 26, 2006
Thomas Lavery Martin	February 26, 2004
Margaret Houlihan Stucki	February 26, 1980
Ester Vilar	February 26, 1999
Grace Woerner	February 26, 1989
Ruth F. Kistner	February 27, 2009
Grace Agnew Slack	February 28, 1980
Gordon M. Wiegand	February 28, 1981
Lorraine "Mitzi" Dorr	March 1, 2006
Christy Johnson Hawes	March 1, 2006
Fristoe Mullins	March 1, 1997
Florence Josephine Veranth	March 2, 2011
Lucille J. Dewes	March 3, 1984
Louise Nadine Lawler	March 3, 1984

MASS INTENTIONS

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, February 23

7:00 a.m. Rev. Thomas Le Van Thien
9:00 a.m. Martin Hennessey
5:00 p.m. Allison Reed

Sunday, February 24

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
11:00 a.m. Richard Baker

Monday, February 25

7:00 a.m. Richard Green
7:45 a.m. Holy Souls

Tuesday, February 26

7:00 a.m. Michael Gubin
7:45 a.m. Fr. Theodore M. Hesburgh,
CSC

Wednesday, February 27

7:00 a.m. John Shields
7:45 a.m. Tom Donahue

Thursday, February 28

7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. William Francis,
Jr. & Family
7:45 a.m. Jack Overman Family

Friday, March 1

7:00 a.m. Mitzi Dorr
7:45 a.m. Michael Donio

Saturday, March 2

7:00 a.m. Thomas J. Niemann
9:00 a.m. Raymond Saleeby, Sr.
5:00 p.m. Francis Mercurio

Sunday, March 3

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
9:00 a.m. Linda Hawkins
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Saturday, February 23

5:00 p.m.

Lector:
Kathy Driscoll

Eucharistic Ministers:

Marty Bickel
Gil Bickel

Servers:

Jack Hayes
Paige Hayes

Sunday, February 24

7:00 a.m.

Lector:
Jackie Naunheim

Servers:

9:00 a.m.

Lector:
Chris Griesedieck

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jan Tines
Suzie Weiss

Servers:

James Palanca
Keira Palanca

11:00 a.m.

Lector:
John Cronin

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sally O'Hallaron
Cindy Cunningham

Servers:

Chase Murphy
Annabelle Reagan

Saturday, March 2

5:00 p.m.

Lector:
Bill McDowell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Madeleine Cole
Anne Woods

Servers:

Jack Hayes
Paige Hayes

Sunday, March 3

7:00 a.m.

Lector:
David Holton

Servers:

9:00 a.m. - Family Mass

Lector:
Geoff Morrison

Eucharistic Ministers:

Meg Griesedieck
Chris Griesedieck

Servers:

Keira Palanca
James Palanca

11:00 a.m.

Lector:
John Cronin

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jane Garvin
Sally O'Hallaron

Servers:

Annabelle Reagan