

I believe!



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL  
BUILD MY CHURCH

# *Church of the Annunziata*

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## *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, all the Sundays of Advent and Lent, or anytime by calling one of your priests at the rectory.

## *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.

### **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.

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I would like to speak with a Priest/Deacon

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**FROM OUR PASTOR . . . .****ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

The creed that we pray at Mass begins with *I Believe*. This two-word declaration has an eternal impact on our lives and sets the stage for all that we do, everything we say, and who we are. Saying *I Believe* is a personal proclamation and a bold promise to share our blessings with others. Our belief makes a difference in the lives of those served.

The *Annual Catholic Appeal* is an opportunity to come together to support those who are suffering or in need, the weak and the abandoned. As a parish, we have been invited by Archbishop Carlson to consider how we might say *I Believe* by sharing our gifts with others.

Our willingness to say *I Believe* creates in us a generous heart. Your generosity will help enliven programs and ministries like the Respect Life Apostolate, Catholic Charities, charitable services and many other works of mercy through our Archdiocese!

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

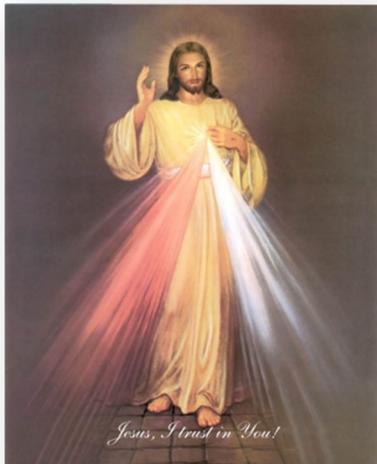
Pope Francis declares, "Mercy is what makes God perfect and all powerful! If God limited Himself to only justice, God would cease to be God, and instead be like human beings who ask merely that the law be respected."

Divine Mercy is the form God's love takes when it flows from the Trinity to His creatures. Divine Mercy reveals itself when God, who is Love itself, loves us. God loves us when He creates us. God loves us when He redeems us. And God loves us when He sanctifies us.



The Divine Mercy takes on human flesh in Jesus Christ. "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy," explains Pope Francis. So mercy is a particular kind of love. When love encounters suffering, poverty, brokenness, and sin, it mercifully takes action to do something about it. Mercy is love going out to misery, the poor, the weak, the broken, and to the least as St. Matthew tells us.

Mercy is two movements that take place within us when we see someone (or something) suffer. The first is an emotional movement, a movement of compassion that we feel in our hearts or even when the suffering of the other is particularly intense, deep in our guts. The second is a movement of action. As we see someone suffering and feel compassion for them, we reach out and alleviate their suffering to the extent, that by the Grace of God, we can.



**Just a Minute**  
*can bring us closer to Jesus*

## Retrospective Conditioning

"You know, the more I hear about "Ronny" making these rude and arrogant comments at school, the uglier he becomes!" What did God see in me when I said this to my friend during a conversation about the actions of a student at our daughters' school? Ronny's comments have surfaced as a source of conversation many times, as they are often inappropriate and mean, but in the end, he's a harmless, typical, 14 year-old boy. I have a low tolerance for anyone who hurts with words (or otherwise). But how did bringing up my opinion of Ronny's looks benefit the conversation? It was unnecessary. The person that God wants me to be, the person that I want to be, wouldn't do that.

After dropping off my friend, I knew I needed to visit Jesus in Adoration to contemplate my actions. Did I look ugly in God's eyes? God is Love. God is merciful. To be loving is to be merciful. No, I did not look ugly to God, but neither did Ronny. Jesus taught us to be merciful like the father, to love like the father.

I later learned from my friend that Ronny's mom left the family when he was a young boy and that his father is raising the two teenage boys alone. His father works a lot and is often not home. I did not know these things. Truly, these details are none of my business, and as a daughter of Christ, they should not matter. I need to condition myself to be merciful, to suspend judgment, to remember that we all present with a unique set of circumstances that form who we are. I have to condition myself to love like God, to be merciful like him. I need to condition myself to remember who Jesus wants me to be before opening my mouth! Conditioning ourselves to be merciful like Jesus is often a retrospective exercise, that why he offers us his Divine Mercy.

So what does that mean in this case? Love Ronny. Pray for him. Pray for his family. Go to confession. Ask forgiveness for my words and actions. Accept God's Divine Mercy and Trust in Jesus.

## First Holy Communion

Please join us in praying for our Parish School of Religion Second Graders as they receive Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of Holy Communion this Saturday, May 4, at 11:00 a.m. They have prepared throughout the year under the direction of Mary Yager and Seminarian Christopher Smith to partake in the Divine Supper with Christ and are very excited to make their First Holy Communion.

**CONGRATULATIONS SECOND GRADERS!**  
**WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!**

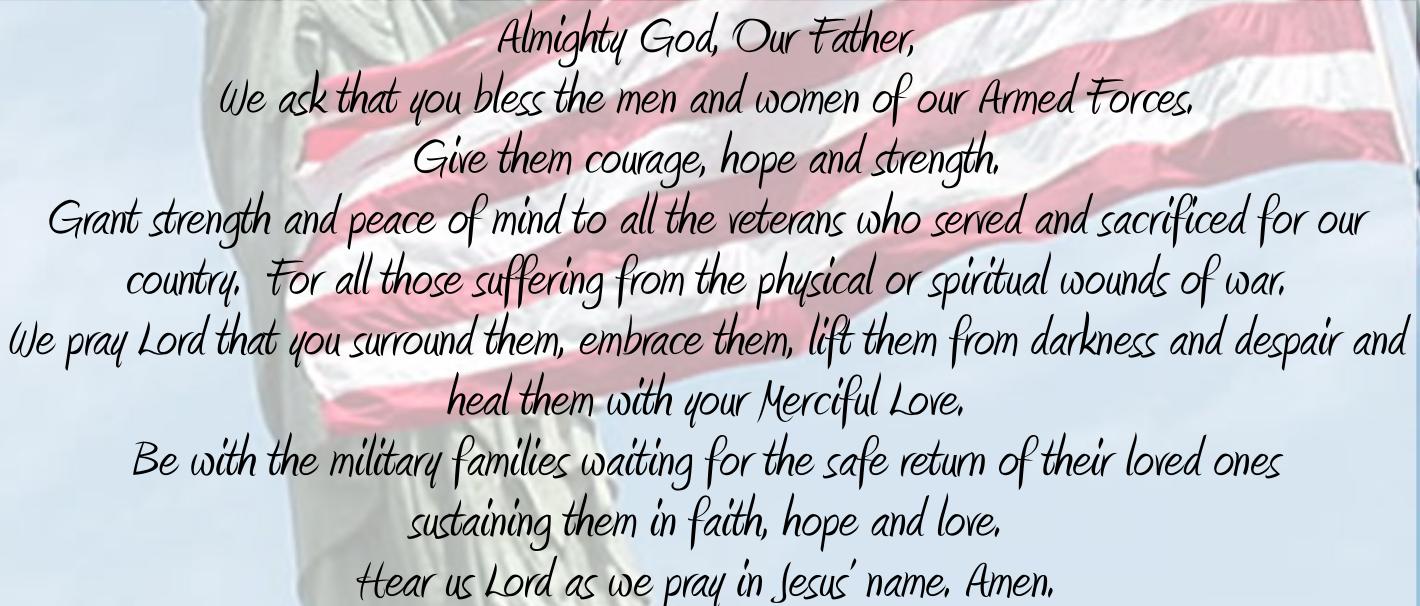
*Blessings,  
Laura Gyawali,  
PSR Principal*



# *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. \*\***

**WEDDING BANNS**

Lindsey Edmonds  
and  
Matthew Sears  
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**Financial Blessings****March 2019**

|                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Monthly</b> Offertory:      | \$ 45,797.45          |
| <b>Monthly</b> Budget:         | \$ 66,033.33          |
| Deficit for the <b>Month</b> : | <b>-\$ 20,235.88</b>  |
| Deficit Year-to-Date:          | <b>-\$ 132,742.47</b> |

\*based on fiscal not calendar year.

**March Special Collections**

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Church Building Maintenance        | \$ 1,110.00 |
| Church in Central & Eastern Europe | \$ 230.00   |
| Black & Indian Missions            | \$ 1,335.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services           | \$ 92.00    |

**\* REMINDER \***

*St. Patrick's Center Casseroles*  
should be dropped off at the Rectory  
**THIS FRIDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>,**  
**no later than 10:00 a.m.**

**FROM DEATH TO LIFE**

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Robert Emmett Barton      | April 30, 2016 |
| M. Moss Alexander, Jr.    | May 1, 1995    |
| Sam A. Amato              | May 1, 2002    |
| Donald Henry Sanders      | May 2, 2006    |
| Nancy Josephine Mulvihill | May 3, 2002    |
| Theodore P. Desloge       | May 3, 2003    |
| Angela Beljik             | May 3, 2006    |
| Lillian Labash Musial     | May 3, 2012    |
| Peter Ellis Brown         | May 4, 2011    |
| Mary Michael "Mike" Voges | May 4, 2011    |

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Everyone is invited to participate in this lively discussion of the Bible, which meets every other Monday,  
7:30 - 8:10 a.m. in Faris Hall.  
For more information, please call  
Don Carmody at 314-854-8600.

**THE NEXT MEETING IS  
TOMORROW APRIL 29.**

**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, call the Rectory (314-993-4422).**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF  
APRIL 29 - MAY 5, 2019:**

- Monday:** Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8  
**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21 or  
(for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or  
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;  
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21  
**Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;  
Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

MASS INTENTIONSSaturday, April 27

7:00 a.m. Joy Wilmering  
 9:00 a.m. Kenrick Jones  
 5:00 p.m. Randy George

Sunday, April 28

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention  
 9:00 a.m. Rev. Bonaventure Cumiskey O.C.S.O.  
 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, April 29

7:00 a.m. Lydia & William Lackland  
 7:45 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Louis Maginnis

Tuesday, April 30

7:00 a.m. Marjorie Green  
 7:45 a.m. Joe White

Wednesday, May 1

7:00 a.m. Tom Fox  
 7:45 a.m. James A. Gunn

Thursday, May 2

7:00 a.m. Sue George & Family  
 7:45 a.m. Margot Schenk

Friday, May 3

7:00 a.m. Joe Thomas  
 7:45 a.m. Bruce Selkirk, Sr.

Saturday, May 4

7:00 a.m. John Shields  
 9:00 a.m. Fr. John Ditenhafer  
 5:00 p.m. Claire Travis

Sunday, May 5

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

LITURGICAL ROLESSaturday, April 275:00 p.m.

**Lector:**  
 Gil Bickel

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Anne Woods  
 Pat Carmody

**Servers:**

Luke Cacciabando  
 Avery Henriksen  
 Charlie Cusumano

Sunday, April 287:00 a.m.

**Lector:**  
 Jackie Naunheim

9:00 a.m.

**Lector:**  
 Meg Griesedieck

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Marilyn Morrison  
 Geoff Morrison

**Servers:**

Andrew Bryan  
 Peter Grace  
 William Grace

11:00 a.m.

**Lector:**  
 Carol Donelan

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Jane Garvin  
 Sally O'Hallaron

**Servers:**

Halliden Brown  
 Robert Rose

Saturday, May 45:00 p.m.

**Lectors:**  
 Bill McDowell  
 Chrissy Nardini

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Mike Nardini  
 Suzie Weiss

**Servers:**

Lucia Berglund  
 Mackenzie Murphy  
 Harry Nardini

Sunday, May 57:00 a.m.

**Lectors:**  
 Veronica McDonnell  
 Jackie Naunheim

9:00 a.m.

**Lectors:**  
 Chris Griesedieck  
 Meg Griesedieck

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Marty Bickel  
 Gil Bickel

**Servers:**

Claire Benoist  
 Owen Farley  
 Sarah Kuhlman

11:00 a.m.

**Lectors:**  
 John Cronin  
 Gene Cunningham

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Stella Alexander  
 Cindy Cunningham

**Servers:**

Luke Cacciabando  
 Charlie Cusumano  
 Annabelle Reagan