



FROM OUR PASTOR . . . .



**MAY IS THE MONTH OF  
HONORING OUR BLESSED MOTHER, MARY –  
PLEASE PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE!**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 2019**

I join you in congratulating all our Second Grade Girls and Boys on receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday morning, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. I offer my gratitude to their wonderful Parents, their child's first Teachers in the ways of the Catholic Faith. Special thanks to Deacon Christopher Smith and Mary Yager, who co-taught second grade Parish School of Religion. Our appreciation to Mrs. Laura Gyawali, our PSR principal, and her assistant, Mrs. Michelle Goddard, for all their coordination, support, and hard work. May I introduce you to our children:

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Parker Grady Cabbabe</i>      | <i>Thomas Robert Goltermann</i> | <i>Louis Xavier Shipley</i>       |
| <i>Carl Logan Craft</i>          | <i>Grant Gummersheimer</i>      | <i>Leigh Meredith Stokes</i>      |
| <i>Carter Joseph Cusumano</i>    | <i>Mason Thomas Kuhn</i>        | <i>Margot Claire Todorovich</i>   |
| <i>George Patrick Danis</i>      | <i>Margaret Eugenia Mason</i>   | <i>Scarlett Elizabeth Wallace</i> |
| <i>John Whitaker Davis, II</i>   | <i>James Emerson Rafferty</i>   | <i>Landon Paul Williams</i>       |
| <i>Reese Hager Davis</i>         | <i>William Hamilton Rose</i>    | <i>Hunter Moore Wohlford</i>      |
| <i>Jace Brandon Eskridge</i>     | <i>Josephine Olivia Saleeby</i> |                                   |
| <i>Mary Margaret Fitzpatrick</i> | <i>Stella Moss Scanlon</i>      |                                   |

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

Thank you for all the positive comments regarding the video for the Catholic Appeal at Masses last weekend. Please know that your generosity to the Appeal has helped greatly in aiding the suffering, the weak, the abandoned, and those in dire need through the ministries that you support throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

For those who have given their gift, God Bless You. For those who cannot give this year, God Bless You. Please know that there is no gift too small. Your participation in this mission of the Church is a gift.

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## **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

We welcome Bishop Robert Hermann, the auxiliary emeritus of our Archdiocese, who comes to celebrate Mass at 7:00 p.m. on this Wednesday, May 8th, and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our Junior High Teens. Please know you are most welcome to come and worship God and pray for our teens and their families!

## **TIPS FOR NEW CATHOLICS**

Two weeks ago, at the Easter Vigil, we welcomed a new Catholic. Chelsea was welcomed into the Catholic faith, was Confirmed, and received her First Holy Communion. We pray for her and ask God to give us the grace to invite others to “come and see” whether living the Catholic Faith could help them draw closer to Christ and be more of a witness in serving others as Jesus did.

I recently read an article on tips for new Catholics by a convert to the Catholic faith:

### **PRAY CONSTANTLY**

You may be more primed for prayer right now than most of us, but the eagerness can wear off. Even then, St. Paul does not let us off the hook from praying without ceasing. Prayer is the start of an honest Christian life.

Memorize prayers. People don't memorize much anymore — can you even remember a phone number? — but the effort here is worth it. Aim for 10. Some of those can be the same in multiple languages, even ones you cannot speak. Some obvious ones, some not; some short, some long; some joyful, some penitential. Add some hymns to that as well. Then recite them to God and yourself whenever you can, when you are walking or waiting or sitting on the toilet, with the kind of foolish devotion that is sanity in God's eyes.

Also, pray your own words. Catholics can be bad at this. We rely so much on official liturgies that we do not practice speaking with God ourselves. Do it alone, with friends and in public. Make sure that if someone needs you to pray with them for what they need in that moment, you know how.

I start with prayer because, trust me, you are going to need it.





*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  
Lt. Col. Eric Carlson, 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. \*\***



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

## First Holy Communion with Jesus

This Saturday, our second graders celebrated their First Holy Communion. Before Jesus began his passion, we remember that he established the covenant of his body and blood that we might have life within us.

During the homily at my dear nephew, Mason's, First Holy Communion Mass last month, the Pastor shared something that brought tears to my eyes. He encouraged the children to stay close to Jesus and attend Mass every Sunday the way that God the Father asks us to in the Ten Commandments. He pointed out that if they do that, they will partake in the love of Jesus through the Eucharist almost 5,000 times throughout their lives! "It all starts today, right here, in just a few moments," he told them. "Today is the first time you will share in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This is your beginning, your First Holy Communion with Christ."

I haven't counted how many times I've shared in the love of Christ in Holy Communion, but I do know that I haven't made every time count. There have been many Masses when I've shared with Jesus with my mind in a million other places. Inspired by our sweet second graders, I renew my efforts to redirect my focus on Jesus during the Liturgy of the Eucharist when my mind begins to wander. I know that the angels and saints, present at every Mass, will help me; I need only ask.

The sheer awesomeness of what Jesus gave us when he established the covenant of his Body and Blood at the Last Supper is almost too big for our human minds to grasp. At the same time, we know enough of his love to understand that there is no greater gift than Jesus – the way, the truth, the life within us.

**Congratulations, Second Graders!**

***We share in your joy as you come to the table of the Lord  
and pray for your lifelong Communion with Christ.***

## Prayers for Our Eighth Graders

This Sunday's 9:00 a.m. Mass will be hosted by our faith-filled eighth grade students. This group of young men and women are truly a special group of young Catholics. Each of them has done an extensive amount of preparation and made the decision to live and witness the faith throughout their lives. Each have studied and thoughtfully chosen the name of a saint to help them along life's journey.

Please pray for the lifelong faith of Ashley, Elizabeth B., Annie, Kendall, Coen, Timothy, Peter, Millie, George, Elizabeth K., Cecelia, Emma, Sophya, Hope, Isaac, Cate, and Charlie as they are Confirmed in the Holy Spirit this Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

*Blessings,  
Laura Gyawali,  
PSR Principal*

# 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.

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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



**WEDDING BANNES**

*Lindsey Edmonds*  
and  
*Matthew Sears*  
III



If interested, please contact:  
**Laura Gyawali, PSR Principal**  
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(314) 993-4422, ext. 209

or

**Clarie at the Rectory**  
clarie@annunziata.org  
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**Thank you!!!**



In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples in their struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim, "It is the Lord!" Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor recognize the Lord in their life?"

You can help a Neighbor in Need like Charlotte . . . this single mother of a teenager broke her ankle and had to stay off it, which means she could not work. She's hoped to get a doctor's release to return to work, but bills were due, including her rent.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul through Vincentian volunteers helped pay her rent so she could focus on healing that foot and keeping her family current with the bills.

***Join Society of St. Vincent de Paul!***  
***To learn more, call Annunziata's SVDP***  
***Hotline at (314) 993-8133, ext. 225.***

**FROM DEATH TO LIFE**

Melva S. Hartkopf	May 6, 2005
William F. Kistner, M.D.	May 6, 2013
Frank Joseph Niesen	May 6, 2015
Margaret Shepard Hoy	May 11, 2003
Harry M. Rosenkoetter	May 12, 2004



**The Deacon Drive for Diapers raised over 5,200 diapers, baby wipes, and adult incontinence products from the parishioners of Annunziata alone.**

As you know, these products are an important component to fighting poverty and restoring dignity to those most in need. On behalf of the deacons of the Archdiocese, thank you for your kindness and generosity.

--Deacon Tom

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF  
MAY 6 - 12, 2019:**

- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30



## ROSARY

- ✠ On the first Saturday of every month, the Rosary is said for the intention of the Purification of the Church.
- ✠ Every Saturday, the Rosary will be recited after the 9:00 am Mass.
- ✠ The Rosary is said after the 7:00 a.m. Saturday Mass, as well as after the 7:45 a.m. daily Mass.

*Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.*

Matthew 11:28-29

**“Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in adoration. Let our adoration never cease.”**

### Hours of Adoration

#### **Mondays:**

7:30 a.m. through the final  
7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Holy Hour

#### **Thursdays:**

1:00 p.m. through the final  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Holy Hour

To respond to this Sacred invitation or for more information, please call Pat Carmody at (314) 991-0818.

## 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 at (314) 993-4422.**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

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

Monday, May 6

7:00 a.m. Sam & Pearl Gubin  
7:45 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. A. Genovese &  
Family

Tuesday, May 7

7:00 a.m. Holy Souls  
7:45 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Louis Maginnis

Wednesday, May 8

7:00 a.m. David Wilson  
7:45 a.m. John Shields

Thursday, May 9

7:00 a.m. Richard Green  
7:45 a.m. Robert J. Mosher

Friday, May 10

7:00 a.m. Don C. Musick, Jr. &  
Family  
7:45 a.m. James Good

Saturday, May 11

7:00 a.m. Special Intention (C.O.)  
9:00 a.m. Richard "Dee" Hawes  
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, May 12

7:00 a.m. Erin Ahearn  
9:00 a.m. Mary Darst Donnelly  
11:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention

Saturday, May 4

5:00 p.m.

**Lectors:**

Bill McDowell  
Chrissy Nardini

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Mike Nardini  
Suzie Weiss

**Servers:**

Lucia Berglund  
Mackenzie Murphy  
Harry Nardini

Sunday, May 5

7:00 a.m.

**Lector:**

Jackie Naunheim

9:00 a.m.

**Lectors:**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade PSR

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Marty Bickel  
Gil Bickel

**Server:**

Claire Benoist

11:00 a.m.

**Lectors:**

John Cronin  
Kathy Driscoll

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Stella Alexander  
Rick Manley

**Servers:**

Luke Cacciabando  
Annabelle Reagan

Saturday, May 11

5:00 p.m.

**Lectors:**

Marty Bickel  
Gil Bickel

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Pat Carmody  
Don Carmody

**Servers:**

Matthew Hardin  
Audrey Mahoney  
Chase Murphy

Sunday, May 12

7:00 a.m.

**Lectors:**

David Holton  
Larry Tyksen

9:00 a.m.

**Lectors:**

Marilyn Morrison  
Geoff Morrison

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Rick Holton, Jr.  
Jan Tines

**Servers:**

Eddie Gatch  
Peter Gatch  
Sean Goddard

11:00 a.m.

**Lectors:**

Rick Manley  
Max Nicolais

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Jane Garvin  
Charles Nicolais

**Servers:**

Catherine Farley  
Owen Farley  
Robert Rose