



Church of the Annunciation Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.

Holy Day:

Special schedule, as announced

Confessions:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. & by appointment

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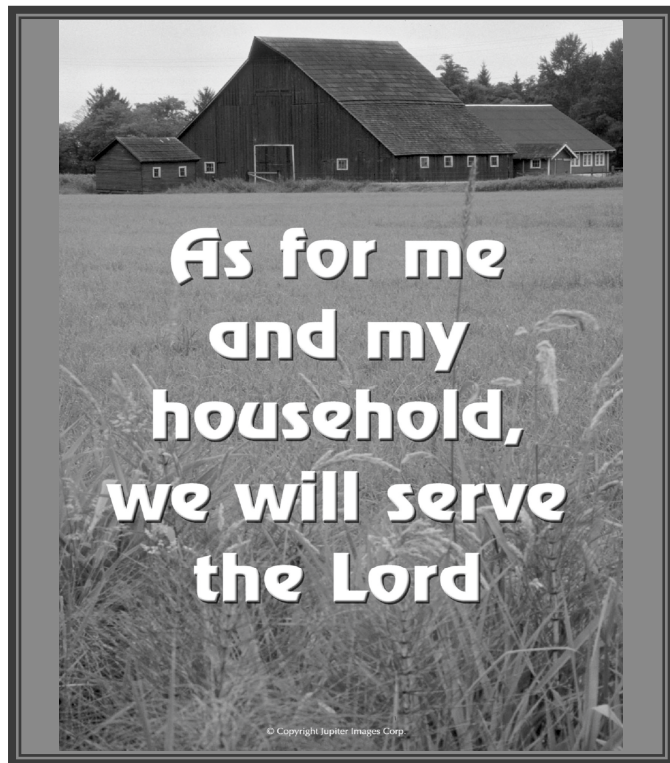
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August 26, 2018

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Mission

We, the Church of Annunciation, rooted in our belief in the Eucharist, accept the call of God to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our parish community and beyond. We strive to be witnesses to our faith through our responsible stewardship and by welcoming and caring for others as Jesus taught us.

New Parishioners

Please call the parish office for information on registering as a member of the parish. Pre-registration forms are also available on a table in the church narthex. Someone will be happy to help you with registration and information about the parish.

Baptism

Contact the parish office during pregnancy to register for a parent preparation session and to schedule the baptism of your children. Baptisms are normally celebrated during or after one of the Sunday Masses or Saturday Vigil Mass.

Marriage

Begin preparation at least nine months in advance. Call the office to register for the marriage preparation program. Date can be set only after preparation has begun.

Welcome to Church of the Annunciation

The bishop has written a letter to be shared with all the parishioners in the diocese. Instead of reading it at all the Masses I am choosing to include it in the bulletin, which you can read and share with whomever, whenever and wherever. I decided to share my personal thoughts about it in this short article. Yes, a lot of pain has been caused by many priests, religious and parish personnel. It is time for the Church to stop pointing fingers at others, when all of us should take the responsibility for what happens in our Church. Yes, seminary formation leaders should have addressed this aspect of formation from the beginning, and bishops and religious superiors should not have knowingly moved priests around or covered up problems. And it does not help when people say that if we did not accept homosexual priests and religious we would not have this problem. I know many priests and religious who are homosexual and I know they would never sexually abuse a child. We have to stop blaming sexual orientation or permissiveness in our young people. It is about choices people make, including people serving outside of the Catholic Church structure. I believe society, which includes church, has followed an unhealthy culture for a long time, and it does not look like we want to change our approach to the choices we make. It just seems that people have lived so competitively for a number of years that power and control seem to be the road to personal success. In other words, we seem to use and abuse others for one's own sexual, physical, emotional, and yes, spiritual gratification. No, it is not as simple as this response, but I hope that we can stop our complaining and stop thinking that we can pray it away. Prayer and sacraments are very important in my spiritual life, but it is more than just saying the words, it is about stepping up to wrestle the demons in a culture, which has been out of control in our society for a long time. Again, the leaders of Church should know and act differently, but so should parents who abuse, as should doctors, teachers, coaches and so on. I am not saying we should end all competitiveness, but I am saying, if one's ambition is to be greater than anyone else, then we are truly embodying the Original Sin. So how do we respond to the statement that we are all created equally, or that we are to live humbly, and truly profess and live servanthood? I do not have the answer to all the questions, but I know I have a part to play, the part that gets me off my knees and invites me to live fully in God. I encourage all of us to work together to bring peace and hope to all victims and perpetrators who live in terrible pain.

Fr. Al Ebach, C.P.P.S.

DATE/INTENTIONS	READINGS	PARISH ACTIVITIES
Monday, August 27 <i>St. Monica</i>	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22	
Tuesday, August 28 <i>St. Augustine</i> 8:00am: † Jim Martin	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26	
Wednesday, August 29 <i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i> 6:00pm: † Vincent Stuhrenberg	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mk 6:17-29	
Thursday, August 30 8:00am: † Richard Brown	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51	
Friday, August 31 8:00am: † Alfred & Cynthia Heeke	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13	
Saturday, September 1 <i>22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time-Vigil</i> 5:00pm: † Henry & Stella Rasutek	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30	
Sunday, September 2 <i>22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> 8:00am: Parish 10:30am: the unborn	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
Saturday, September 1 5:00pm	
<i>S</i> -	J. Long
<i>AS</i> -	L. Gaik; L. Gaik
<i>U</i> -	S. DeWald; D. DeWald
<i>L</i> -	J. Muehlbach; R. Muehlbach
<i>EM</i> -	R. Smith; K. Mycanka; N. Mycanka; J. Long; J. Hayes
Sunday, September 2 8:00am	
<i>S</i> -	S. Morehouse
<i>AS</i> -	C. Burgess; S. Adcock
<i>U</i> -	B. Borushko; J. Wilson
<i>L</i> -	V. Fort; D. Pieper
<i>EM</i> -	S. Burgess; M. Masters; P. Connery; J. Hill; K. Vanfossan
Sunday, September 2 10:30am	
<i>S</i> -	Hank & Eileen Lagermann
<i>AS</i> -	P. Peacock; H. Foltz
<i>U</i> -	E. Barrow; J. Schmitz
<i>L</i> -	T. Taylor; K. Keim
<i>EM</i> -	B. Dolan; D. Barrow; S. Latz; J. Thomas; M. Thomas
If you are unable to minister, please call a substitute	
<i>S</i> - Sacristan, <i>AS</i> - Alter Server, <i>U</i> - Usher, <i>L</i> - Lector, <i>EM</i> - Eucharistic Minister	

Remember in Your Prayers

Parishioners: **Dan Smith**, husband of Rose Smith; **Carolyn Knipp**; **E Dian Kunce**; **Martha Hayes**; **Rachel Adcock**; **Trisha Greenwood**, daughter of John & Mary Greenwood; **Roy Harmon**, **Art Barrette**; **Josefina & Lee Prewitt**; **Tyler Sumption**, son of Donna Sumption; **Chuck Sohm**; **Jim & Dorothy Self**; **Suzy Amberg**.

Family & friends of parishioners: **Tim Bednarek**, uncle of Jamie Haas; **Angela McCarthy**; **Ruth Moyer**, mother of Patty Pagel; **Art Sanchez**, son of Tony Sanchez; **Don Pittier**, son of Cecilia Roberts; **Kris Kerrigan**, mother of Angee Simmons.

DIGGING INTO THE SCRIPTURES!

The **Book of Psalms** is the only book of the Bible read in every Mass! Experience the riches of this beautiful book on Thursday evenings beginning September 6th.

A study on **First Corinthians** begins on Monday morning, September 10th. How did the early Church deal with their struggles to live the Christian life?

Do we face similar problems today?
(What do you think?!)

Details and sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the narthex!

Questions? Mary Baehr 628-4671 or maryclareb22@gmail.com.

Ministry Training to Begin Soon!

Did you realize that we schedule 36 people every weekend for all the roles necessary for Mass? More information to come on an invitation to train to become a Sacristan, Altar Server, Hospitality Minister, Lector or Eucharistic Minister. Volunteering your time just once a month truly enhances the faith of our parish. Please contact Ellen with any questions you might have!

Communion Minister Training for the Sick & Homebound:

Eucharistic Ministers may receive specialized training for bringing Holy Communion to the sick and homebound at the Catholic Center in downtown Kansas City on September 29th from 8:30am - 12:30pm. Please email Ellen if you are interested in attending.



August

29th: 7:00pm: Youth Group

September

5th: 7:00pm: Youth Group

K - 8 begins Wednesday, September 12th!

PSR ENROLLMENT

Please stop by the office anytime during business hours to sign your children up! Classes begin on Wednesday, September 12th. Contact the office with any questions you might have.



Are you thinking about joining the Catholic church and don't know where to start? Do you know someone who is interested in joining the Catholic church and may just need an invitation?

Please email Elizabeth at emadeo.coa@gmail.com or call 816-628-5030.

Sessions start in the fall, but inquirers can begin any time, even now.

The social group is planning an evening activity in September. It is open to all parish members (singles, couples, families). The group is planning to attend *Nonsense*, at the Slightly Off Broadway theater in Excelsior Springs. The date chosen is Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018. If you are interested in attending, please let Karen Mycanka know so she can notify the theater. Please contact her to RSVP or with any questions: 816-628-6617 or nk20204@embarqmail.com. We are hoping for a nice size attendance!

Growth Update on our Spiritually Adopted Babies Month Seven:

We are in the home stretch! I now weigh about three pounds and I can use four of my senses - seeing, hearing, tasting and touching. My eyelids can now open and close and I can look around and respond to light. I also have a grip that is strong enough to support my body weight with one hand. Please continue to pray for me!

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the Lord your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and Jacob, to give them." Deut.30:15-20

Respect Life

Don't forget to wear your t-shirt to Mass next weekend, as well as the first weekend of each month!



The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

- 1.) Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
- 2.) Contact your local laws enforcement agency or call 911, and
- 3.) After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more info.


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