



March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Announcements and Upcoming Events



TO ALL PARISHIONERS CELEBRATING IN MARCH!

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Receiving the Blessed Sacrament in the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith, but during these unprecedented times and to ensure the health and safety of all people, it is not always possible or desirable to receive the Sacrament publicly during this time. However, there are still opportunities to draw close to Christ and unite with the Church during these difficult times. We encourage all parishioners who would like to do so, to take the opportunity to receive the blessings bestowed upon us through a Spiritual Communion. Spiritual Communion is an opportunity to still be able to unite ourselves to the Sacrament. The basic elements of an Act of Spiritual Communion are an Act of Faith; an Act of Love; a desire to receive Christ; and an invitation to Him to come into your heart. Families or individuals can be encouraged to receive Spiritual Communion in the following manner.

STEPS FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

- Find a quiet space
- Begin with the Sign of the Cross
- Read the daily readings. These can be found at any of the following locations:
- <http://usccb.org/calendar/index.cfm?showLit=1&action=month>
- MAGNIFICAT: English: www.magnificat.com/free
- Take time to reflect on the readings
- Pray the Our Father; Pray the Prayer of Spiritual Communion
- Conclude with the Sign of the Cross

Prayer of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
(Attributed to St. Alphonsus Liguori)



JOIN US DURING HOLY WEEK

- April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion-Mass at 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday), April 6, 2023-Mass at 6:00 p.m.
- Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday), April 7, 2023
 - Stations of the Cross at 5:15 p.m.
 - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 6:00 p.m.
- The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Holy Saturday), April 8, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord, April 9, 2023-Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Archbishop Rozanski has lifted the dispensation of the faithful to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation as of July 1, 2021. It is noted that parishioners who are sick, homebound, immunocompromised and gravely concerned for their health retain the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass.



EVERYONE WHO IS ABLE TO RECEIVE THE INOCULATIONS SAFELY WITH THE RESPECTIVE COMPOUNDS IS ENCOURAGED TO BE VACCINATED AND RECEIVE BOOSTERS AS APPROPRIATELY GUIDED BY YOUR MEDICAL PERSONNEL.

Rev. Arthur J. Cavitt, Pastor
arthurcavitt@archstl.org

Pastoral Staff
Deacon Stanley Peterson (Retired)
Darlene Elston-Religious Education

Music Ministry Coordinator
John Reed

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Please see Fr. Cavitt or call the Rectory for an appointment.

Parish Center Rental and Roller Skating
Call the Parish Office for details.

Food Pantry (Note Revised Hours)
Monday (except holidays), 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
701 N. 18th St., **Now On Facebook**
<https://www.facebook.com/snfpstl/>
Serving Zip Codes 63101, 63102, 63103, 63106, & 63155

Two forms of ID to confirm residency are necessary.
The Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program is an equal opportunity provider.

1414 N. Taylor location
Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Serving Zip Codes 63108, 63113, 63115

701 N. 18th Street
Saint Louis, Missouri. 63103
Phone: (314) 231-2860 Fax: (314) 241-9823

Email: stnickscatholicchurch@gmail.com
Web Page: www.stnickscatholicchurch.com

Sunday Mass
10:30 a.m.
Scheduled Weekday Masses
On Holy Days of Obligation, 12:15 p.m.

St. Ann Novena
July 18-26

See www.stnickscatholicchurch.com for the link about the St. Ann Shrine and Novena

Church Parking also available on Sundays and special events on the lot at the northwest corner of 19th and Lucas. Entrance is on 19th Street.

St. Nicholas Catholic Church
Mission Statement

We, the community of believers of St. Nicholas Catholic Church are called by GOD to give living witness to the saving power of Jesus offered freely to all humanity. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit and sent into the world to recreate the face of the earth. In the light and the truth of the Gospel message, we are committed to: Grow in our faith, participate in and support our Church, to reach beyond ourselves to meet the needs of others who seek to better their lives by unashamedly living our Catholic Faith.

Pastor's Corner



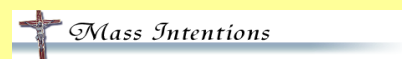
Dear People of God,
Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Elston who cleaned and sanitized the church Friday in preparation for today's liturgy.

Please see the revised note on page three about the All Things New Initiative. As I've noted regularly, Don Elston is our primary contact person. Parishioners agreeing to serve as key leaders are Gene Baldi, Eloise Grimes, Bill McHugh, Jennifer Muzinic, and Jayne Thompson. Thank you, folks your continual service to the parish.

I will reiterate here as I have for months now that to the extent that you can, everyone is urged to make financial contributions to the church in person at Mass, through on-line giving, or postal mail. Thank you to those of you who are doing so as well as being among those who are regularly attending Mass and are involved in parish ministries. In other words, thank you for your stewardship at this crucial time. Continue to know that aside from being in the midst of numerous structural problems, in order to continue operating, there are still bills to be paid on a regular basis.

Please stay "prayed-up" generally and close to the warmth during these trying weather days. Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us. St. Ann & St. Joachim pray for us. St. Nicholas, pray for us.

Your pastor and brother in Christ,
Fr. Art



You are invited to submit Mass Intentions to the Parish Office or to Fr. Art for scheduling. Only one submission is accepted for each Mass. The submission should include \$10.00 for each Mass Intention. We will list them in the bulletin for that upcoming week.

Stewardship

**Financial Summary
For Weeks of March 12 & March 19**

Source	March 12	March 19
Offertory/Drop Off	\$ 1,615.00	\$ 1,110.50
On-line Giving	\$ 125.00	\$ 223.00
Ladies Sodality Donation		\$ 3,500.00
Catholic Relief Services		\$ 249.00
Total Offertory & Other	<u>\$ 1,740.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,082.50</u>
Church Mail-in	\$ 1,155.00	\$ 3,175.00
Total Parish Deposit	<u>\$ 2,895.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,257.50</u>



March 26
Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:30 a.m.

Lectors:
Comrie Johnson
Alice O'Bryant

Eucharistic
Ministers:
Eloise Grimes
Bill McHugh

Hospitality:
Monica Feaman
Judy McDuffie

Commentator: Carlton Prince

April 2
Passion-Palm Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Lectors:
Alice Price
Carlton Prince

Eucharistic
Ministers:
Don Elston
Darlene Elston

Hospitality:
Monica Feaman
Judy McDuffie
Frances Wilkes

TBD

Passion Narrator: Kellie Willis
Christ: Fr. Art
Other: TBD



**The Archdiocesan Office of
Black Catholic Ministries**

ST. CHARLES LWANGA CENTER NEWS



The Lwanga Center Bible Study continues with our exploration of "The Book of the Wisdom of Ben Sira (also known as the Book of Sirach)" on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m., currently at St. Nicholas.

Save the date for April 23, 2023, the 39th Annual Testimonial Dinner. Archdiocesan Honorees are Deacon Charles Allen (Posthumously), Simeon Layne, Jr. and Mathews-Dickey Boys' and Girls' Club of Greater St. Louis. Mrs. Eloise Grimes is our parish honoree. Mrs. Helen Gill remains the Lwanga Board Representative and liaison for such. Please be advised that tickets have sold briskly. There is currently a waiting list.



ALL THINGS NEW

We made our deadline for the submission of the feedback to the proposed pastorate area on Friday, the 17th. The summary compilation of all into one document by the parish was sent in then. Thank you for your participation previously and now. Also due on the same date was statistical information to the Archdiocesan Office of Planning. That was sent in a day earlier.

Lent Unless otherwise advised, Stations of the Cross continues this coming Friday at 6:30 p.m.

On Good Friday the Stations will begin at 5:15 p.m.

**ARE YOU READY FOR THE COVID VACCINATION?
CALL 877-435-8411 OR LOG-ON TO MOSTopsCovid.com
for vaccination sites and related information.
Also log-on to the church's web page for information from a
public service announcement sponsored by the St. Louis City
Department of Health.**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS


Special greetings to our friends and visitors who have come to pray and worship with us. We are glad to have you with us.


Please feel free to sign our guest book and or complete one of the visitors cards and return it to one of the ministers of hospitality.

Thank You and may the Blessings from our Lord be with you.

**Church
Announcements**

Stewardship is HEART WORK
Our church is now offering online giving. All households receiving regular church envelopes should have already received information in the postal mail about this option. Feel free to view the link on our website:
www.stnickscatholicchurch

 For enrollment in the Book of Life please see instructions and forms on the appropriate stand by the St. Ann Shrine. Please note that the Book is for enrollment of the names of the deceased for perpetual prayer. Please feel free to offer Mass Intentions for the living and deceased through instructions under the Pastor's Corner.

 To light candles across from the St. Ann Shrine is \$4.00. To purchase a candle it is \$5.00, please see one of the church ministers. Place your money in an envelope and insert it in the canister stand across from the chapel. Candles on the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Altar are lit for \$1.00. The canister is in that area on the Altar.

Contribution for the Holy Land is scheduled for Good Friday, April 7. Easter contribution for Retired Priests is scheduled for Easter Vigil, April 8th and Easter Sunday, April 9th. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Today is Friends and Family Sunday. Welcome to all in attendance.

Sick, Elderly, Home Bound & Prayer Requests

Debbie Allen
Kenecia Allen
Phyllis Allen
Kate Baldi
Vera Baird
Anne Brown
Angela Cherry-Carr
Shirley Cherry
Virginia Cavitte
Candice Burke
Chloe Burke
Jalen Burke
Brenda Cole
Calvin Davis
Geraldine Davis
Warren Davis
Patricia Fleming
Donald Gammon
Addie Gill
Arnetta Gill Riley
Helen Gill
Tyrone Gill
Karen Gonnigan
Gregory Jenkins
Everlyn Jones
Reign Brown-Jones



Queen Jones
Virgil Kaleem
Peggy Ledoux
Brenda Mahr
David Mancuso
Teresa Mancuso
Hannah Moll
Thomas Newman
David O'Bryant
Bill McHugh
Barbara Parker
Deacon Stanley Peterson
Elouise Reed
Bart Robbins
Derrick Ross
Charles Sams
Janie Shockley
Doris Tobias
Brenda Ulmer
Carol Wallace
Mildred Washington
Steve Washington
Carole Willis