



# St. Nicholas Catholic Church

With St. Ann Shrine

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

## Announcements and Upcoming Events



TO ALL PARISHIONERS CELEBRATING in **DECEMBER !!!**



**December 22, 2019** (after 10:30 a.m. Mass) \$5.00 12 and older.

Ladies Sodality will not sell Dinners in December.

Ladies Sodality will appreciate any toy donations for the breakfast with Santa!  
Thanks in advance for your GENEROISTY!



Sunday, December 1  
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Assumption Parish Center  
4725 Mattis Road  
St. Louis, MO 63128

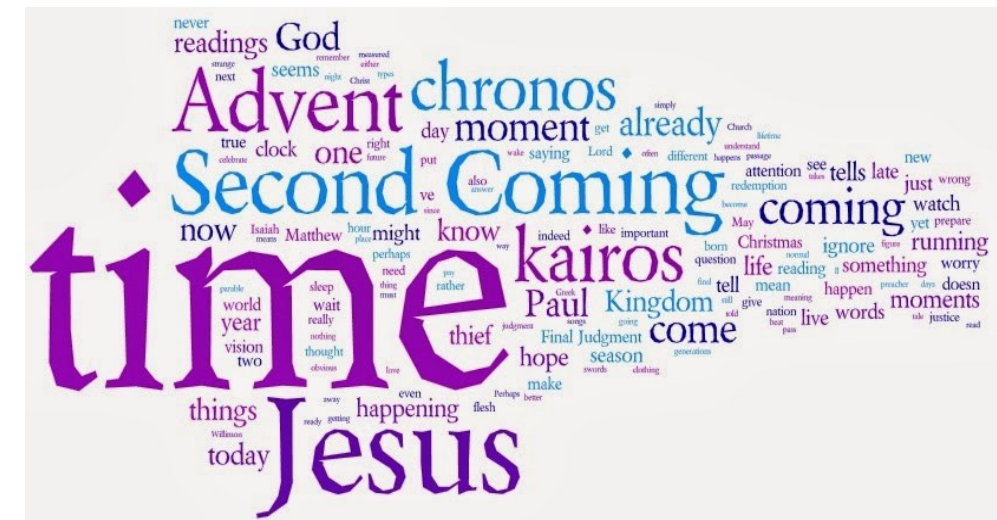
**Features:** Italian Dinner, Catered by Giuseppe's  
**Guest Speaker: Fr. Art Cavitt**  
*Pastor, St. Nicholas Parish (Assumption's Sister Parish)*  
*Chief Staff Officer for Archdiocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministry*

Ladies of St. Nicholas are being hosted by the Ladies of Assumption!

**Supports Assumption Youth Ministry**



Sr. Mary Ann of the Benedictine Sisters of the Divine Will, and nurse practitioner at UMSL has called us through Archdiocesan referral to contact her for anyone wishing to attend a structured 8 week session on Natural Family Planning. Her number is **314-814-9980**.



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

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

**Music Ministry Coordinators**  
Irene Franklin, John Reed

**Fourth Sunday- Friends and Family Sunday**  
Blessing of Grandparents in honor of  
Sts. Ann & Joachim  
Friends and Family Fellowship after Mass

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

**Skating Hours**  
Monday, 8:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m. (Adults only)  
Call the Parish Office for hall rental.

**Food Pantry**  
Monday (except holidays), 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.  
701 N. 18th St.  
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.**

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.  
1414 N. Taylor  
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.

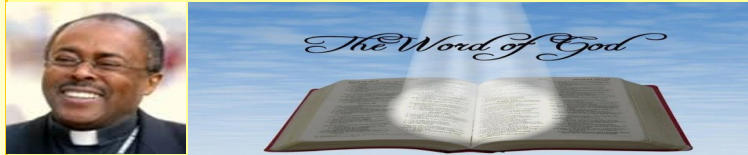
**Scheduled Weekday Masses**  
Holy Days of Obligation 12:15 p.m.  
July 18 thru 27 during Novena, 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Parking available on Sundays and special events on the lot at the north-west 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**



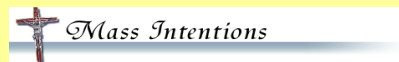
Dear People of God,

As I said in church last week, time is moving on all of us. Here we are on the first Sunday commemorating that waiting, watchful, prayerful period before the Nativity. That too will be here before we know it. Today's Holy Gospel According to Matthew is an advisory to live our lives in a state of readiness. Being aware of our values, actions and attitudes can define how much of a membership stake we claim as God's people. We are called to such vigilance for a fuller sense of holding on to our faith. God has been and still is with us through it all.

Your pastor and brother in Christ,

*Fr. Art*

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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.

**Sunday, December 1** Taylor LaRue Jones 10:30 a.m.

**Stewardship**

**Financial Summary**  
For Weeks of November 17, & November 24, 2019

Source	November 17	November 24
Offertory 10:30 am Mass	\$ 2,572.02	\$ 1,807.50
2nd. Collection Military Service & Human Development	\$ 55.00	\$ 236.00
On-Line Giving	\$ 50.00	\$ 90.00
St. Ann Shrine Donation, Gift Shop & Oil	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 0.00	\$ 80.00
Book of Life	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Offertory &amp; Other</b>	<b>\$ 2,677.02</b>	<b>\$ 2,213.50</b>
Church Mail-in	\$ 1,008.00	\$ 170.00
Skating	\$ 419.00	\$ 58.00
<b>Total Parish Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 4,104.02</b>	<b>\$ 2,441.50</b>



**1-December** First Sunday of Advent      **8-December** Second Sunday of Advent

**10:30 a.m.**  
Lector: Sharonda White      Alice O'Bryant  
Lector: Kalila Jackson      Kellie Willis

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sylvia Deanes      John Fleming  
Darlene Elston      Eloise Grimes  
Don Elston      Monica Feaman  
Bill McHugh      Alice Prince  
Albert Washington      Lynn Wheeler

**Hospitality:** Nicole Thompson      Syndey Everett  
Judith McDuffie      Rich Hrin

**Commentator:** Cantor      Cantor

**Altar Servers:** Jalen & Kalen Prince      Makel Dailey & Kelvin Boyd

**Advent Wreath Lighting**

Tyrone & Ramona Gill & Family      Vola Washington-Harper /Albert Washington Families



**The Archdiocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministries**

**ST. CHARLES LWANGA CENTER NEWS**



**Bible Study**

After a couple of weeks hiatus, the recent cycle of the Center's Bible Study resumed on **Thursdays, at 1:00 p.m.** at the Center, 4746 Carter Ave., St. Louis, MO 63115. We are praying with and exploring the Book of Psalms. Please bring a Bible. New American Edition is preferred. There is no charge for the sessions. Free will offerings are always welcome. Call the Center for more information if needed at 314-367-7929.



We appreciate everyone who continue to help around the parish by maintaining the building inside and out. A congregation that works together as well as prays together will stay together. God's continual blessing on each and everyone of you. **Stewardship** of your time and talent is greatly appreciated for the maintenance of our parish.



The next Second collection will be Christmas Day, **December 25th**, for Seminary Collection.



Donations are being accepted for Altar Flowers for Christmas! Make checks payable to St. Nicholas. Mark all envelopes including cash donations with your name & "Christmas Flowers". **Your Generosity is Appreciated!**

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!**

Special greetings to our friends and visitors who have come to pray and worship with us today. Whether you are just having a look, or searching for a permanent place to worship, we are glad to have you here. We trust that the worship will be joyful and encouraging to all and hope you find a warm welcoming community here at St. Nicholas Parish.

We would love to follow up with you as well, so please sign our guest book, complete one of the visitors cards and return it to one of the ushers.

Thank You... And may the Blessings of God be with you.

**Church Announcements**



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.com](http://www.stnickscatholicchurch.com).

**Covenant Cards are in back of church.** Please consider how you will continue or enhance your commitment of stewardship to our parish.



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.

**Sick, Elderly, Home Bound & Prayer Requests**

Kenecia Allen  
Phyllis Allen  
Robert Anderson  
Charlean Armstead  
Eunice Atkinson  
Kate Baldi  
Vera Baird  
Anne Brown  
Angela Cherry-Carr  
Shirley Cherry  
Virginia Cavitte  
Brenda Cole  
Donald Gammon  
Tyrone Gill  
Gregory Jenkins  
Reign Brown-Jones  
Queen Jones  
Katie Johnson  
Lucinda Kaid



Peggy Ledoux  
Judith McDuffie  
Stanley Peterson  
Rev. Robert Reiker  
Pamela Randall  
Derrick & Marilyn Ross  
Janie Shockley  
Irma Stallings  
Doris & Walter Tobias  
Brenda Ulmer  
Carol Wallace  
Albert Washington  
Mildred Washington  
Mary & Herbert Wheeler  
Advertis Williams  
Juanita Williams  
Carole Willis

Please continue to pray for the sick, elderly, homebound, nursing home residents, and all of the vulnerable throughout our community.