



February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent



Announcements and Upcoming Events

TO ALL PARISHIONERS CELEBRATING IN FEBRUARY!

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)



We offer prayers of peace for the family of Mr. Lynn Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler passed last week. See more in this week's Pastor's Corner. May perpetual light shine upon him. Additionally, we offer prayers of thanksgiving for his contributions of service to the parish.



WE ARE CONTINUING OUR CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC MASSES IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTIVES. THIS INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO PERSONS NOT COMPROMISED THROUGH VULNERABILITIES OF HEALTH OR AGE.

PLEASE REVIEW THE PASTOR'S CORNER ABOUT UPDATED INFORMATION OF WORKING TOWARDS THE RETURN TO LIVE-STREAMED MASS BUT UNTIL THOSE BROADCASTS ARE RESUMED, ACCESSING THE RECORDINGS.

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

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.
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
Closed January and February;
Reopening March 2, 2021
Serving Zip Codes 63108, 63113, 63115

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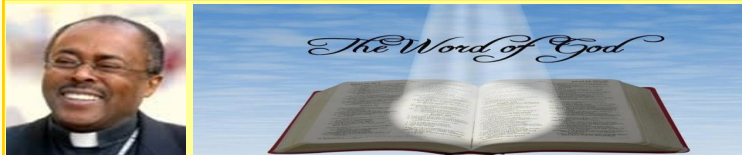
Sunday Mass
10:30 a.m.
Scheduled Weekday Masses
Holy Days of Obligation, 12:15 p.m.

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,
Greetings to you.

After last Sunday's liturgy, I confirmed the sudden passing of parishioner, Mr. Lynn Wheeler. I have since been in touch with his brother Patrick and family in conversation and prayer. As of this printing, arrangements are being finalized. Please continue to offer your intentions up for the family as we've already told you in recent times about Mrs. Mary Wheeler and extended family member, Ms. Alice Buchanan.

We remain in the investigation of upgrading equipment and connection in order to return to live-streaming. For the time being continue to look for the recorded uploads on Facebook and YouTube under the title, St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church, referencing the date and 10:30 time of the Mass and also feel free to sign on to the front page of our website, <http://www.stnickscatholicchurch.com>. We will announce when we are ready to resume the live-streamed liturgies.

Please continue to log on to the parish website for the electronic copy of the bulletin and or let us know your email address for forwarding a copy. If you know a parishioner who does not have electronic access, let us know the appropriate postal address and we will send a copy from that list.

Everyone is urged to continue to make financial contributions to the church in person at Mass, through on-line giving, or postal mail.

Remember to stay "prayed-up" generally. Our Lady, Health of the Sick, 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 February 7 & February 14, 2021

Source	February 7	February 14
Offertory/Drop Off Mass Intentions	\$ 553.00	\$ 867.48
St. Louis Review Candles		\$ 10.00
On-Line Giving	\$ 340.00	\$ 338.00
Total Offertory & Other	\$ 893.00	\$ 1,215.48
Church Mail-in	\$ 599.00	\$2,575.00
Total Parish Deposit	\$ 1,492.00	\$ 3,790.48



21-February 1st Sunday of Lent		28-February 2nd Sunday in Lent
10:30 a.m. Lector: Jennifer Muzinic Gene Baldi		10:30 a.m. Sharon White Rashonda Roundtree
Eucharistic Ministers: Eloise Grimes Alice Prince		Darlene Elston Don Elston
Hospitality: Sylvia Deanes Monica Feaman Judith McDuffie		Phyllis Allen Monica Feaman Judith McDuffie
Commentator: TBD		TBD



The Archdiocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministries

ST. CHARLES LWANGA CENTER NEWS



The 37th Annual Testimonial Dinner and Auction postponed from March has been rescheduled for April 25, 2021. Currently, tickets that have already been purchased will be honored for the rescheduled date. Please feel free to contact the Center as needed for information at (314) 367-7929.

Continue to Celebrate Black History Month!

See a miniature display about the African American Quilt tradition on our web page: <http://www.archstl.org/lwangacenter>

The Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative Presents Black Catholic History: Vision, Voice, & Vigilance, Sunday, February 28, 2021, 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Fr. Art Cavitt will facilitate. Register for the Zoom event on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212693>

Stewardship of your time and talent, and treasure is greatly appreciated for the maintenance of our parish. Please give attention to your Stewardship Covenant Card.



LET US PRAY AND ACT ACCORDINGLY IN RESPONSE TO THE RECENT ADDITIONALLY HARROWING EVENTS AND SUBSEQUENT UNREST IN OUR COUNTRY AND WIDER WORLD WITH LOCAL IMPLICATIONS.

Of particular interest to you might be the Bishops' statement in wake of the death of Mr. George Floyd found here: <http://uscgb.org/news/2020/20-83.cfm>
Also, a related statement by St. Alphonsus Rock Parish was supplemented with our July 12 bulletin.

The St. Nicholas SVDP Pantry at 1414 N. Taylor is closed through February. It is scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

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

For those in the assembly today, 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.

For those with us on-line, more information about us including a bulletin link can be found through www.stnickscatholicchurch.com.

Thank You and may the Blessings from our Lord 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

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.

2nd envelope donation for Black and Indian Missions is today, Sunday, February 21, 2021. Your contributions are appreciated.

Sick, Elderly, Home Bound & Prayer Requests

- Kenecia Allen
- Phyllis Allen
- Robert Anderson
- Eunice Atkinson
- Kate Baldi
- Vera Baird
- Anne Brown
- Angela Cherry-Carr
- Shirley Cherry
- Virginia Cavitt
- Brenda Cole
- John Cook
- Calvin Davis
- Geraldine Davis
- Donald Gammon
- Helen Gill
- Tyrone Gill
- Father Kevin Haines
- Eugene Harper
- Gregory Jenkins
- Reign Brown-Jones



- Queen Jones
- Lucinda Kaid
- Peggy Ledoux
- Judith McDuffie
- Lisa Musielak
- Barbara Parker
- Stanley Peterson
- Pamela Randall
- Rev. Robert Reiker
- Bar Robbins
- Derrick & Marilyn Ross
- Janie Shockley
- Irma Stallings
- Doris & Walter Tobias
- Nichole Thompson
- Brenda Ulmer
- Carol Wallace
- Albert Washington
- Mildred Washington
- Herbert Wheeler
- Carole Willis