



December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Announcements and Upcoming Events

TO ALL PARISHIONERS CELEBRATING IN DECEMBER!

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 ARE CONTINUING OUR CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC MASSES IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTIVES.

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,
Peace of Christ to you on this fourth weekend of Advent.

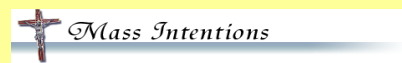
Thank you to the cleaning crew who participated in cleaning and sanitizing of the church in preparation for today.

This season is moving through just as I said it would, without hesitation. Christmas and the New Year will be here before we know it. The next bulletin will be dated for Sunday, December 26th, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. That Sunday also happens to be the first day of Kwanzaa. We are planning to have Christmas Morning Mass at 9:30 a.m. this coming Saturday, December 25th. Blessed greetings to you for then if you are not able to join us for the liturgy. The Sunday liturgy on the next day remains at the regular time, 10:30 a.m.

I will continually reiterate here as is appropriate, 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 remember to stay "prayed-up" generally. Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us. St. Ann, 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.

Sunday, December 19 Christine Casey & Family

Stewardship

Financial Summary
For Weeks of December 12 & December 5

Source	December 12	December 5
Offertory/Drop Off	\$ 515.00	\$ 1,591.73
Heat Maintenance	\$ 250.00	
On-Line Giving	\$ 165.00	\$ 526.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 180.00	
Total Offertory & Other	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 2,117.73
Church Mail-in	\$ 1,105.00	\$ 1,260.00
Total Parish Deposit	\$ 2,215.00	\$ 3,377.73



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December 26 The Holy Family

10:30 a.m.
Lectors: Jennifer Muzinic, Gene Baldi
10:30 a.m.
Alice O'Bryant, Kellie Willis

Eucharistic Ministers: Alice O'Bryant, Albert Washington
Eloise Grimes, Bill McHugh

Hospitality: Monica Feaman, Judy McDuffie
Monica Feaman, Phyllis Allen

Commentator: TBD
TBD

Wreath Rite: Gene Baldi, Jennifer Muzinic



ST. CHARLES LWANGA CENTER NEWS



SAVE THE DATES

46TH Annual Archdiocesan Celebration on the Holiday Weekend
Commemorating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. Sunday, January 16, 2022, Cathedral Basilica at 2:30 p.m.


38th Annual Testimonial Awards Celebration, Sunday, April 24th, 2022. Currently scheduled for the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel. Theme is "My Soul Is Anchored In the Lord". More information forthcoming.

For further inquiries, please feel free to contact the Center at (314) 367-7929.

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.



 **Christmas Morning Mass will be Saturday, December 25th at 9:30 a.m. Special donation is for our local Seminary. Thank you for your contributions.**


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

 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

Please remember to submit your completed **Covenant Card** electronically or through postal mail or in-person at church.

 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.

See your previous emails from the parish or inquire about how to participate in opportunity for Courtney Connors's continual education.

Sick, Elderly, Home Bound & Prayer Requests

Deacon Charles Allen
Kenecia Allen
Phyllis Allen
Eunice Atkinson
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
Mark French
Donald Gammon
Helen Gill
Tyrone Gill
Karen Gonnigan
Gregory Jenkins
Reign Brown-Jones



Queen Jones
Lucinda Kaid
Peggy Ledoux
Teresa Mancuso
Thomas Newman
Bill McHugh
Lisa Musielak
Barbara Parker
Stanley Peterson
Rev. Robert Reiker
Jeffrey Reynolds
Bart Robbins
Derrick & Marilyn Ross
Nancy Sciolino
Janie Shockley
Doris & Walter Tobias
Brenda Ulmer
Carol Wallace
Mildred Washington
Herbert Wheeler
Carole Willis