## Announcements and Upcoming Events



#### TO ALL PARISHIONERS CELEBRATING in DECEMBER !!!



#### JOIN us today for BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!!!!



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

Thanks in advance for your GENEROISTY!

They would like to **THANK** all the Parishioners for their Generous Support on their MISSION!



**Skating volunteers:** Please check your calendars. We will need volunteers for the upcoming special event.

Saturday, December 28th. 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Thanks in advance for your help!!!

# RESPECT LIFE



Sr. Mary Ann of the Benedictine Sisters of the Divine Will, and nurse practioner 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**.



Tuesday Evening, December 24th, 11:30 p.m. <u>Musical Presentation</u>
Wednesday, December 25th, 12:00 a.m. <u>Mass at Midnight</u>
Wednesday Daytime, December 25th 9:00 a.m. <u>Christmas Daytime Mass</u>



### Mass at Midnight

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Lector: Sharonda White & Rashonda Roundtree

Hospitality: Phyllis Allen

Eucharist Ministers: Ella Scott, Alice Prince, Jayne Thompson, Nicole Thompson, &

John Fleming

Altar Servers: Jalen & Kalen Prince

#### Mass Christmas Morning 9:00.am

**Lector:** Ella Scott & Faye Combs

**Hospitality:** 

Eucharist Ministers: Glenda Hardin - Miller

**Altar Servers:** 



## St. Nicholas Catholic Church With St. Ann Shrine

## December 22, 2019

## **Fourth Sunday of Advent**



## 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 northwest corner of 19th and Lucas. Entrance is on 19th Street.

## St. Nicholas Catholic Church Mission Statement

Ve, 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,

To everyone who reads this, continual Blessed Advent Season and Merry Christmas when it comes. I urge those of you who are in regular attendance and involved in parish activities to continue to do so. Prayer is in order for that to continue to occur. The holidays often bring people to church who have not been in a long time. I urge you to make a stronger connection with this parish if you are registered here or to commit yourselves to a faith community of your desire.

In times like these we need the Savior. In times like these we need to proclaim it and exemplify it with each

God bless you and your families.

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.

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Sunday, December 22nd Carole Johnson & Family 10:30 a.m.

## Stewardship

#### **Financial Summary** For Weeks of December 8, & December 15, 2019

For weeks of December 6, & December 15, 2019			
ľ	Source	December 8	December 15
	Offertory 10:30 am Mass	\$ 2,021.45	\$ 1,451.50
	Human Development, Thanksgiving Day, Mass & Immaculate Conception	\$ 182.00	\$ 99.00
	On-Line Giving	\$ 50.00	\$ 90.00
		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
	St. Ann Shrine Donation, Gift Shop & Oil	\$ 185.00	\$ 35.00
	Christmas Flowers	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
	Book of Life	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
	Total Offertory & Other	<u>\$ 2,438.45</u>	<u>\$ 1,675.50</u>
	Church Mail-in	\$ 200.00	\$ 438.00
	Skating	\$ 309.00	\$ 0.00
	Confirmation Fee	\$ 0.00	\$ 140.00
	Total Parish Deposit	\$ 3,802.53	<u>\$ 2,253.50</u>
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22-December			
Fourth Sunday	of Adven		

29-December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Lector: Vola Washington-Harper Lector: Alice Prince

10:30 a.m. Brenda Ulmer Ella Scott

Eucharistic Alice O'Bryant **Ministers:** Lawrence McHaynes John Fleming

Bill McHugh

**Eloise Grimes** 

Darlene Elston Albert Washington Nicole Thompson Don Elston Monica Feaman

Hospitality: Monica Feaman Charles Feaman

Sylvia Deanes Frances Wilkes

Commentator: Cantor

Cantor

Altar Servers: Makel Dailey & Kelvin Boyd

Makel Dailey & Kelvin Boyd

**Advent Wreath Lighting** 

Carlton, Alice Prince & Family



## The Archdiocesan Office of **Black Catholic Ministries**

#### ST. CHARLES LWANGA CENTER NEWS



#### **Bible Study**

The recent cycle of the Center's Bible Study group resumes on **Thursday**, January 2nd 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. \*

#### Seeking Choir Members for Mass During Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday Weekend

Please lend your voice to the choir being formed for the Archdiocesan Dr. King Holiday Weekend Celebration Mass being held on Sunday, January 19, 2020, at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica. Rehearsals will be held at Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory High School 701 N. Spring Ave. on the following Saturdays: December 28th, 2019, January 4th and 11th, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Final Rehearsal at the Cathedral Basilica will be on January 18th at noon- 3:00 p.m.

Feel free to contact Fr. Art Cavitt at the Center (314) 367-7929 ext.15 if additional information is needed.



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

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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!



Join us today Sunday, December 22nd for (Friends and Family Sunday) and Breakfast with Santa after 10:30 a.m.

## 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**

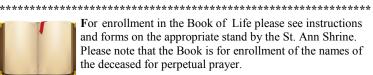


Our church is now offering online giving. All households Comme giving. An nouself received information in the postal mail about this option. Feel free to view the link on our website:

www.stnickscatholicchurch.com.

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Liturgy Committee will meet on **Thursday**, **February 6**, **2020** at 6:30 p. m. Stewardship Committee will meet Sunday, February 16th after 10:30 a.m.



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.