



Announcements and Upcoming Events

TO ALL PARISHIONERS CELEBRATING in APRIL!

ALL EVENTS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



NO NEW RESERVATIONS FOR SKATING AND OR HALL RENTAL ARE BEING ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME.

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 possible 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.

While we are unable to receive the Blessed Sacrament during the next several weeks, we encourage all parishioners 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. Francis)

**PUBLIC LITURGIES HAVE BEEN
SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE IN
COMPLIANCE WITH ARCHDIOCESAN MANDATES
CONCERNING THE RECENTLY
DECLARED PANDEMIC.**

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
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.

Food pantry service at the 1414 N. Taylor location has been suspended until further notice.

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

St. Ann Novena currently scheduled for
July 18 thru 26

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,

We are continuing to follow mandates with the suspension of public liturgies. I have been the celebrant at our private Masses and will do the prescribed services of Holy Week without our assemblies. Know that all of you are in my prayers. Please pray for me too.

Please check your local listings for Masses on the EWTN network on television and online for the live stream of 8:00 a.m. Mass from our Cathedral Basilica at <http://www.cathedralstl.org>.

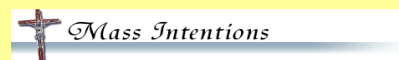
Here at St. Nicholas for the time being, the church will be open today, April 5 (Palm Sunday) and Easter Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for individual prayer, devotions and the Sacrament of Reconciliation upon request. Palms are available for you. The church will be open on Good Friday from noon-2:00 p.m. for individual prayer, devotions, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please keep in mind this is subject to change depending upon the number of people who are congregating at that time and our compliance with the Archdiocesan, and governmental orders. We want to adhere to the precautions. Be mindful that although the Sunday obligation for Mass attendance for the next few weeks has been suspended by Archbishop Carlson, please send your monetary contributions by mail or online if you are not able to drop them off at the office. Thank you to those of you who have done so. Last week's boost also reflects the generosity of persons who are not parishioners.

These are trying times, but God is with us. Continue to use this experience as an opportunity for more discipline in prayer, more awareness of maintaining our day to day functioning physically and spiritually, naming ways and acting on improvement of ourselves, and by all means naming the blessings that we have as we look towards a restoration of more regularity, more light, more clarity in the appreciation of our individual lives and each other. See the back page of the bulletin regarding Spiritual Communion excerpted from our Office of Worship's web page.

Feel free to call the office for inquiries and emergency needs. We will respond as we can. Take Care and remain "prayed-up".

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.

Publishing of the intentions will be rescheduled as Masses resume.

Stewardship

**Financial Summary
For Weeks of March 22, & March 29, 2020**

| Source | March 22 | March 29 |
|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Offertory | \$ 189.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Book of Life | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| On-Line Giving | \$ 173.00 | \$ 2,218.00 |
| Candles | \$ 0.00 | \$ 8.00 |
| Total Offertory & Other | \$ 362.00 | \$ 2,226.00 |
| Church Mail-in | \$ 200.00 | \$6,628.90 |
| Black & Indian Mission | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Mass Intentions | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Funeral Donation | \$ 250.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Total Parish Deposit | \$ 812.00 | \$ 8,854.90 |



5-April Palm Sunday/Lord's Passion **12-April** The Resurrection of the Lord

NO MASS

10:30 a.m. Lector: 10:30 a.m. Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Hospitality:

Commentator:

Altar Servers:



The Archdiocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministries

ST. CHARLES LWANGA CENTER NEWS



Due to the widespread mandates and precautions around the recently declared pandemic, the Lwanga Center's Testimonial Dinner and Auction that was scheduled for Sunday, March 22nd has been postponed. It is our hope to have a public announcement for a rescheduling of the celebration soon. However, please feel free to contact the Center for information at **(314) 367-7929**.

Bible Study

Similarly, the Bible Study is on recess until further notice. Call 314-367-7929 if more information is needed.

Stewardship of your time and talent, and treasure is greatly appreciated for the maintenance of our parish.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

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.

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
- Pamela Randall
- Rev. Robert Reiker
- Bart Robbins
- Derrick & Marilyn Ross
- Janie Shockley
- Irma Stallings
- Doris & Walter Tobias
- Brenda Ulmer
- Carol Wallace
- Albert Washington
- Mildred Washington
- Mary & Herbert Wheeler
- Advertis Williams
- Carole Willis

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