



Announcements and Upcoming Events

TO ALL PARISHIONERS CELEBRATING IN MAY!

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. Alphonsus Liguori)

OUR LITURGIES WILL REMAIN SUSPENDED THROUGH TODAY UPON PREPARATION FOR RESUMING PUBLIC MASSES IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTIVES.

PLEASE REVIEW THE PASTOR'S CORNER IN THIS EDITION FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ABOUT OUR GRADUAL IMPLEMENTATION.

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), 9:30 a.m.-12:00 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.

On site 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,

Blessed Pentecost Sunday to you! It has arrived along with the dawning of a resumed Ordinary Time before day's end up to the beginning of Advent. My! Oh, my! Can you feel the presence of the Lord with us, even through the bad news in our country and world that we've come to know since last week's bulletin?

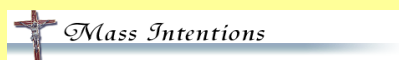
Our plan is to resume the public liturgies at St. Nicholas with more limited seating accommodations according to the archdiocesan directives about readiness for sanitation, hygiene, personal protective equipment and liturgical procedures. We project the new limited accommodations for Mass to be in place by late June. We are about to embark on a relatively new journey by offering live streamed Mass on Facebook and access to their recordings also on You Tube. Tentatively, we will begin that on next Sunday, June 7. Until we are able to accommodate more people according to the mandates, the on-site liturgy presence is limited to the ministers of the Mass including the videographer. However, the Eucharist will be offered following Mass in the Lucas parking lot adjacent to the west wing. We anticipate the distribution to be approximately 11:15 a.m. Please practice social distancing while awaiting reception. We have to do this a few times to get a better sense of the logistics. The intention is to continue the procedure for people even after the church reopens for more in the assembly with those in mind who are unable or encouraged not to attend inside for a while because of age (60 years +) and or a high level of physical vulnerability in light of the pandemic. Please note the Archbishop's dispensation from the obligation for Sunday liturgies still continues for the time being.

Unless otherwise advised, St. Nicholas Church will be open today, May 31 at 10:30 a.m. for the last time in this mode for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, individual prayer, devotions and the Sacrament of Reconciliation upon request.

Thank you to those of you who have continued to make financial contributions.

Call the office as needed. I will respond as I can and attempt to keep us informed. Keep being cautious in your daily life as you stay "prayed-up". Our Lady, Health of the Sick, 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, June 7th Helen Sloan, 10:30 a.m.

Stewardship

**Financial Summary
For Weeks of May 17 & May 24, 2020**

| Source | May 17 | May 24 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Offertory/Mail In/Drop Off | \$ 1,050.00 | \$ 75.00 |
| Ascension of the Lord | \$ 90.00 | |
| Catholic Communications Campaign | \$ 0.00 | \$5.00 |
| On-Line Giving | \$ 0.00 | \$ 1,195.00 |
| Total Offertory & Other | \$ 1,345.00 | \$ 1,275.00 |
| Church Mail-in | \$ 1,100.00 | \$1,159.64 |
| Mass Intentions | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Total Parish Deposit | \$ 2,445.00 | \$ 2,434.64 |



**31-May
Pentecost**

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

**Eucharistic
Ministers:**

Hospitality:

Commentator:

Altar Servers:

**7-June
Most Holy Trinity**

**10:30 a.m.
Darlene Elston**

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(LIVE STREAM/RECORDING RESTRICTIONS)



**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. The Center is anticipating a gradual return to on-site operations, beginning Monday, May 18.**

Bible Study

The Bible Study will remain 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.



LET US PRAY AND ACT ACCORDINGLY IN RESPONSE TO THE RECENT ADDITIONALLY HARROWING EVENTS IN OUR COUNTRY AND ITS LOCAL IMPLICATIONS.

Of particular interest to you might be the Bishops' statement in wake of the death of Mr. Floyd found here:
<http://usccb.org/news/2020/20-83.cfm>

Also, the perspectives in an article found here:
<https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2020/05/killing-of-george-floyd-exposes-blind-spot-on-racism-catholic-advocates-say/>

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
- Eunice Atkinson
- Kate Baldi
- Vera Baird
- Anne Brown
- Angela Cherry-Carr
- Shirley Cherry
- Virginia Cavitte
- Brenda Cole
- John Cook
- Donald Gammon
- Tyrone Gill
- Father Kevin Haines
- 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.