



St. Nicholas Catholic Church
With St. Ann Shrine

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

Announcements and Upcoming Events



TO ALL PARISHIONERS CELEBRATING in **DECEMBER !!!**



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

Ladies Sodality will not sell Dinners in December.

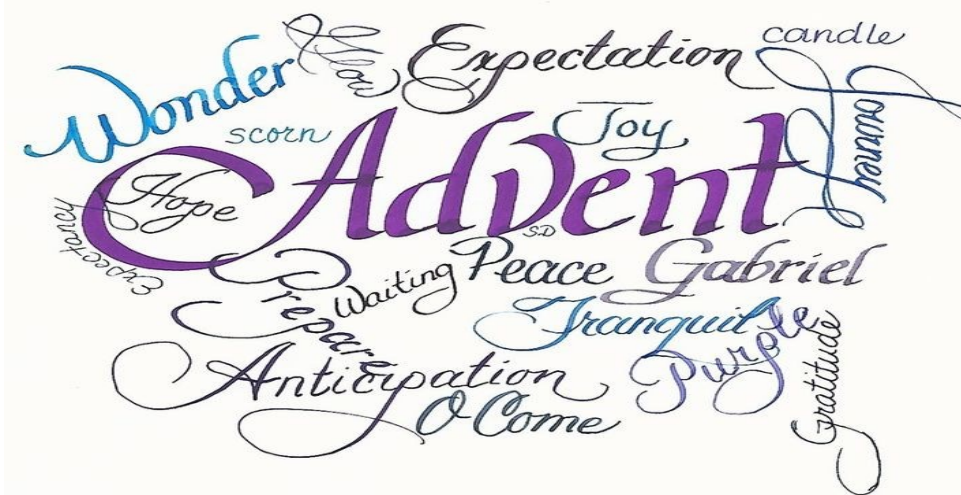
Ladies Sodality will appreciate any toy donations for the breakfast with Santa!
Thanks in advance for your GENEROSITY!



Ladies Sodality will meet on **December 18th** after 10:30 a.m. Mass. All members please plan to attend.
They would like to **THANK** all the Parishioners for their Generous Support on their MISSION!



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



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
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Sunday Mass
10:30 a.m.

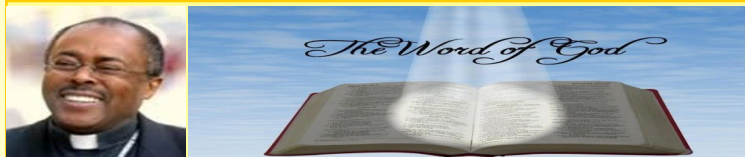
Scheduled Weekday Masses
Holy Days of Obligation 12:15 p.m.
July 18 thru 27 during Novena, 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Parking available on Sundays and special events on the lot at the 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



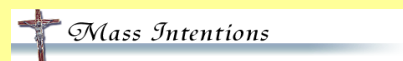
Dear People of God,
 Those of us who were at the Advent by Candlelight event at Assumption Parish, Mattese were exposed to a very nice gathering, not the least of which was their welcoming of us. Part of what I had to say as speaker was our commonality as Christians/Roman Catholics. We are nuanced by our ethnicity and distinct views on how to present things, but the true practice of Roman Catholicism particularly in liturgy is recognizable around the world.

I thanked the ladies and pastor who hosted us through a mid-week email. Perhaps we should all ask the Lord as I did for a blessing on some continual encounters to help bring us together.

We may continue to realize mutual benefits from this relationship. May God continue to order our steps.

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 November 24, & December 1, 2019**

Source	November 24	December 1
Offertory 10:30 am Mass	\$ 1,807.50	\$ 2,154.53
2nd. Collection Military Service & Human Development & Thanksgiving Day Mass	\$ 236.00	\$ 102.00
On-Line Giving	\$ 90.00	\$ 930.00
St. Ann Shrine Donation, Gift Shop & Oil	\$ 0.00	\$ 51.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 80.00	\$ 260.00
Book of Life	\$ 0.00	\$ 5.00
Total Offertory & Other	\$ 2,213.50	\$ 3,502.53
Church Mail-in	\$ 170.00	\$ 50.00
Skating	\$ 58.00	\$ 0.00
Funeral Donation	\$ 0.00	\$ 250.00
Total Parish Deposit	\$ 2,441.50	\$ 3,802.53



8-December Second Sunday of Advent	15-December Third Sunday of Advent
10:30 a.m. Lector: Alice O'Bryant Lector: Kellie Willis	10:30 a.m. Jennifer Muzinic Gene Baldi
Eucharistic Ministers: John Fleming Eloise Grimes Monica Feaman Alice Prince Lynn Wheeler	Jayne Thompson Nicole Thompson Ella Scott Don Elston Sylvia Deanes
Hospitality: Syndey Everett Rich Hrin	Nan Boone Evelyn Haney-Gammon
Commentator: Cantor	Cantor
Altar Servers: Makel Dailey & Kelvin Boyd	Jalen & Kalen Prince

Advent Wreath Lighting

Vola Washington-Harper /Albert Washington Families Kalila Jackson-Leachman & Family



The Archdiocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministries

ST. CHARLES LWANGA CENTER NEWS



Bible Study

After a couple of weeks hiatus, the recent cycle of the Center's Bible Study resumed on **Thursdays, 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.

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 21st and 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 next Second collection will be Christmas Day, **December 25th**, for Seminary Collection.



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!**



Mass Monday, December 9, 2019 at 12:15pm

Food Pantry will be **Closed** on **Monday, December 9, 2019**

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 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.

 Liturgy Committee will meet on **Thursday, February 6, 2020** at 6:30 p. 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.