



December 6, 2020

**Second Sunday of Advent
Memorial of St. Nicholas, Bishop**



**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 WITH LIMITED SEATING IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTIVES. THIS INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO PERSONS NOT COMPROMISED THROUGH VULNERABILITES OF HEALTH AND OR AGE.

PLEASE REVIEW THE PASTOR'S CORNER FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF LIVE-STREAMED MASS, BUT ACCESS TO RECORDINGS.

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), 10:00 a.m.-12:30 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.

**1414 N. Taylor location
(Note Revised Hours)
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Closed Tuesday, December 22 & 29 through
January and February; Reopening March 2, 2021
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.

**St. Ann Novena Annually Scheduled For July 18 thru 26
Has Been Postponed Until Further Notice.**

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,

Last week I mentioned some notes about National Black Catholic History Month. Since that time, I note the passing last month of one of the contributors of the landmark *Lead Me, Guide Me* Hymnal. His name is Kenneth W. Louis. We've proclaimed his music here. The funeral and burial took place in Atlanta this past Friday. An additional fact claimed about him is that he was the first graduate of the Ethnic Music Gospel Studies program in the U.S. offered through the University of D.C., (an HBCU) and one of my former alma maters. I was enrolled when he was there was later exposed to his gifts at a professional conference in Texas and also when he served at times at my former parish in Washington. Although I was not a music major, we were classmates through the sharing of the same music professor's seminar. His historic legacy lives on and we thank God for it.

Thank you to Friday's crew who cleaned and sanitized the church in preparation for today's Mass.

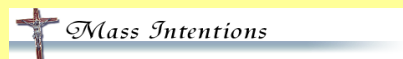
The suspension of the live-stream presentation of Mass continues as other technical options are being explored. However, still look for the recorded uploads on Facebook and YouTube under the title, St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church, referencing the date of the Mass and also feel free to sign on to the front page of our website, <http://www.stnickscatholicchurch.com>.

Please continue to log on to the parish website for the electronic copy of the bulletin and or let us know your email address for forwarding a copy. If you know a parishioner who does not have electronic access, let us know the appropriate postal address and we will send a copy from that list.

Thank you to those of you who have continued to make financial contributions to the church. Everyone is urged to continue to do so in person at Mass, through on-line giving, or postal mail.

Remember to stay "prayed-up" generally. Our Lady, Health of the Sick, 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 6 Taylor LaRue Jones

Sunday, December 13 Don & Kathy Ross

Stewardship

Financial Summary
For Weeks of November 29 & November 22, 2020

Source	November 29	November 22
Offertory/Drop Off Donation	\$ 1,594.00	\$ 721.13 \$20.00
Mass Intentions		\$ 10.00
Campaign For Human Development		\$ 245.00
On-Line Giving	\$ 265.00	\$ 975.00
Candles All Saints Day		\$ 2.00
Book of Life		
Total Offertory & Other	<u>\$ 1,859.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,973.13</u>
Church Mail-in	\$ 1,027.00	\$ 3,618.00
Total Parish Deposit	<u>\$ 2,886.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,591.13</u>



6-December 2nd Sunday of Advent Memorial of St. Nicholas	13-December 3rd Sunday of Advent
<u>10:30 a.m.</u> Lector: Carlton Prince Lector: Alice Prince	<u>10:30 a.m.</u> Sarah Peters Darlene Elston
Eucharistic Ministers: Don Elston Darlene Elston	Eloise Grimes Bill McHugh
Hospitality: Monica Feaman Frances Wilkes Judith McDuffie	Sylvia Deanes Monica Feaman Judith McDuffie
Commentator: TBD	
2nd Sunday of Advent Candle Lighting: Carlton/Alice Prince Family	
3rd Sunday of Advent Candle Lighting: Alex and Sarah Peters	



The Archdiocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministries

ST. CHARLES LWANGA CENTER NEWS



The 37th Annual Testimonial Dinner and Auction postponed from March has been rescheduled for April 25, 2021. Currently, tickets that have already been purchased will be honored for the rescheduled date. Please feel free to contact the Center as needed for information at **(314) 367-7929**.

Lwanga Center Bible Study remains 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. Please give attention to your **Stewardship Covenant Card**.



LET US PRAY AND ACT ACCORDINGLY IN RESPONSE TO THE RECENT ADDITIONALLY HARROWING EVENTS AND SUBSEQUENT UNREST IN OUR COUNTRY AND WIDER WORLD WITH LOCAL IMPLICATIONS.

Of particular interest to you might be the Bishops' statement in wake of the death of Mr. George Floyd found here: <http://uscgb.org/news/2020/20-83.cfm>
Also, a related statement by St. Alphonsus Rock Parish was supplemented with our July 12 bulletin.

The St. Nicholas SVDP Pantry at 1414 N. Taylor will be open Tuesdays, December 8th and 15th. That pantry will be closed December 22nd and 29th through February. They are scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Special greetings to our friends and visitors who have come to pray and worship with us here and on-line. We are glad to have you with us.

For those in the assembly today, 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.

For those with us on-line, more information about us including a bulletin link can be found through www.stnickscatholicchurch.com.

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.

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.

Although the dispensation from Mass for weekday Holy Days of Obligation is now in effect, Mass is still scheduled here on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception for Tuesday, December 8th at 12:15 p.m.

Our singular Mass on Christmas will be on Friday, December 25 at 9:00 a.m.

We will celebrated the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on New Years Day, January 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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
Calvin Davis
Geraldine Davis
Donald Gammon
Helen Gill
Tyrone Gill
Father Kevin Haines
Gregory Jenkins
Reign Brown-Jones



Queen Jones
Katie Johnson
Lucinda Kaid
Peggy Ledoux
Judith McDuffie
Barbara Parker
Stanley Peterson
Barbara Parker
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
Herbert Wheeler
Carole Willis