

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)



St. Nicholas Catholic Church With St. Ann Shrine

April 19, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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 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,

Blessed Continual Easter/Resurrection Season to you!

We are continuing to follow mandates with the suspension of public liturgies. During our private Masses all of you are in my prayers. Keep me in your prayers too. Thank you for them. Please check your local listings for Masses on the EWTN network on television and http://www.archstl.org-streamed-and-televised-masses for local sources.

Unless otherwise advised, St. Nicholas Church will be open today, April 19 (Divine Mercy Sunday) and April 26 (3rd Sunday of Easter) at 10:30 a.m. for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, individual prayer, devotions and the Sacrament of Reconciliation upon request. Palms that we have are available for you. 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.

I was asked by the Archdiocesan Director of Evangelization to be a part of the Be Not Afraid Campaign, a series of brief messages by our priests. I recorded and submitted one on Saturday. If and when it is uploaded to the Archdiocesan website I will let you know. In the mean time you are invited to log on to https://www.archstl.org/be-not-afraid to review what has already been posted.

Call the office as needed. I will continue to respond as I can. Keep being cautious in your daily life as you stay "prayed-up".

Your pastor and brother in Christ,

Mass Intentions

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 April 5, & April 12, 2020

For weeks of April 5, & April 12, 2020		
Source	April 5	April 12
Offertory/Mail In/Drop Off	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,368.74
Good Friday /Holy Land	\$ 25.00	\$ 175.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00
On-Line Giving	\$ 551.00	\$ 285.00
Retired Priests	25.00	\$130.00
Candles	\$ 18.00	\$ 14.00
Catholic Home Appeal	\$95.00	
Total Offertory & Other	<u>\$ 719.00</u>	<u>\$ 1978.74</u>
Church Mail-in	\$ 3,075.00	See First Entry
Mass Intentions	\$ 0.00	\$ 10.00
Total Parish Deposit	<u>\$ 3,794.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,988.74</u>



19-April Second Sunday of Easter

26-April Third Sunday of Easter

NO MASS

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

Eucharistic Ministers:

Hospitality:

Commentator:

Altar Servers:



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.

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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:

 $\underline{www.stnickscatholicchurch.com.}$

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.