



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)

PUBLIC LITURGIES REMAIN SUSPENDED AS OF THIS DAY IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARCHDIOCESAN MANDATES CONCERNING THE PANDEMIC.

PLEASE REVIEW THE PASTOR'S CORNER FOR UPDATED INFORMATION IN THIS PRINTING ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING RESUMPTION.

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,

Blessed Continual Easter/Resurrection Season to you!

As stated last week, Archbishop Carlson announced permission for public Masses to resume on Monday, May 18. We have received the guidelines but also noting that not all parishes will be resuming at the same time and that the decisions are subject to change based on any new data provided by health officials. We will resume at St. Nicholas after having been oriented with and demonstrating readiness to put into place the information about sanitation, hygiene, personal protective equipment and liturgical procedures. Until then, please check your listings for Masses on the EWTN network on television and <http://www.archstl.org/coronavirus> for locally streamed sources.

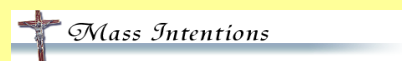
Unless otherwise advised, St. Nicholas Church will be open today, May 17 and May 24 at 10:30 a.m. for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, individual prayer, devotions and the Sacrament of Reconciliation upon request. Palms that we have are still available for you. Be mindful that the general dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will continue for all Catholics of the archdiocese until further notice as many people are still concerned about their health and safety and of those around them even as we practice the restrictions during public Mass. The directives and their highlights are quite involved and are being offered widely through communication with me. I will be asking a group of representatives from our ministries to help us coordinate the forward movement. We want to think through our particular circumstances and not move too hastily but appropriately.

Thank you to those of you who have continued to make financial contributions. We continue to thank God for you too!

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.

Publishing of the intentions will be rescheduled as Masses resume.

Stewardship

**Financial Summary
For Weeks of May 3, & May 10, 2020**

Source	May 3	May 10
Offertory/Mail In/Drop Off	\$ 774.00	\$ 370.00
Ascension	\$ 30.00	
Good Friday /Holy Land	\$ 10.00	\$10.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 5.00	\$5.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 0.00	\$ 5.00
On-Line Giving	\$ 285.00	\$ 240.00
Retired Priests	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Funeral Donation	\$ 150.00	
Facilities Use by Pantry for 2 Months		\$ 0.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$30.00	
Total Offertory & Other	<u>\$1,294.00</u>	<u>\$640.00</u>
Church Mail-in	\$ 2,909.96	\$2,213.95
Mass Intentions	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Parish Deposit	<u>\$ 4,203.96</u>	<u>\$ 2,853.95</u>



17-May 24-May
Sixth Sunday of Easter The Ascension of the Lord

NO MASS

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

Please note that the Food Pantry at the 18th St. church site and the church office will be closed on Monday, May 25 for the observance of Memorial Day.

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.