



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 PUBLIC LITURGIES WILL REMAIN SUSPENDED UPON PREPARATION FOR RESUMING THEM IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTIVES.

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

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,

Continual Blessed Season to you with the Ascension of the Lord. Celebrated in our Archdiocese/Province it coincides on the liturgical calendar with the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Time continues to move on!

A very productive meeting was held this past Thursday with some of our ministerial representatives. We referenced the archdiocesan guidelines for the resumption of public Masses but also noted that not all parishes will be resuming at the same time. We will resume the public liturgies at St. Nicholas with more limited accommodations according to the archdiocesan directives about readiness to put into practice the mandates about sanitation, hygiene, personal protective equipment and liturgical procedures. Those of you on our email listing were sent copies of the requirements. We want to be thorough in the compliance for everyone's protection. We project the new limited accommodations for Mass to be in place by late June. However, until then, please stay abreast for announcements concerning a date for us to start live streaming Masses on Facebook and possibly You Tube before the June date. The streaming will likely continue as a part of our parish's culture primarily for those who are unable or encouraged not to attend for a while because of age (60 years +) and or a high level of physical vulnerability in light of the pandemic. In the meantime, check your listings for Masses on the EWTN network on television and <http://www.archstl.org/coronavirus> for locally streamed sources. Please note the Archbishop's dispensation from the obligation for Sunday liturgies still continues. More details about all of this will follow.

Unless otherwise advised, St. Nicholas Church will be open today, 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. Beyond this Sunday, we are looking for the possibility of beginning the live streaming. In lieu of being able to accommodate the inside attendance of other people besides the principal ministers of the live streamed Mass, it comes with an invitation for precautionary distribution of Communion to take place outside afterward for those who want to receive in the Lucas Ave. lot or street or on 18th street. Again, there are details to be worked out. Thank you to those of you who were in attendance and participated in sharing the wisdom at our meeting on Thursday.

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

Stewardship

**Financial Summary
For Weeks of May 17 & May 10, 2020**

| Source | May 3 | May 10 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Offertory/Mail In/Drop Off | \$ 1,050.00 | \$ 370.00 |
| Ascension of the Lord | \$ 90.00 | |
| Good Friday /Holy Land | \$ 0.00 | \$10.00 |
| Catholic Home Mission | \$ 0.00 | \$5.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$ 0.00 | \$ 5.00 |
| On-Line Giving | \$ 200.00 | \$ 240.00 |
| Candles | \$ 5.00 | \$ 10.00 |
| | | \$ 0.00 |
| Total Offertory & Other | \$ 1,345.00 | \$640.00 |
| Church Mail-in | \$ 1,100.00 | \$2,213.95 |
| Mass Intentions | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Total Parish Deposit | \$ 2,445.00 | \$ 2,853.95 |



24-May
Sixth Sunday of Easter

31-May
Pentecost

LIVE STREAMING ANNOUNCEMENT PENDING

10:30 a.m.

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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.