



May 29, 2022

The Ascension of the Lord



Announcements and Upcoming Events

TO ALL PARISHIONERS CELEBRATING IN MAY!

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)

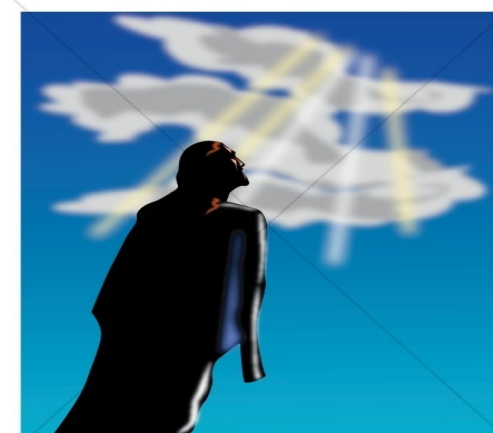


The Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign continues. Please claim and submit your pledge card to chairperson, Mrs. Darlene Elston. Your contributions make a difference in the lives of many throughout the Archdiocese. That is inclusive of our own parish. Thank you to those of you who are able to contribute and do so.

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS



Please pray for Mr. Walter Tobias and his family. Mr. Tobias transitioned to New Life on this past Thursday, May 25th which was also celebrated as the traditional Thursday of the Ascension of our Lord. May perpetual light shine upon him and all the faithful who have gone onwards to that light.



Archbishop Rozanski has lifted the dispensation of the faithful to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation as of July 1, 2021. It is noted that parishioners who are sick, homebound, immunocompromised and gravely concerned for their health retain the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass.

EVERYONE WHO IS ABLE TO RECEIVE THE INOCULATIONS SAFELY WITH THE RESPECTIVE COMPOUNDS IS ENCOURAGED TO BE VACCINATED AND RECEIVE BOOSTERS AS APPROPRIATELY GUIDED BY YOUR MEDICAL PERSONNEL.

Rev. Arthur J. Cavitt, Pastor
arthurcavitt@archstl.org

Pastoral Staff
Deacon Stanley Peterson (Retired)
Darlene Elston—Religious Education

Music Ministry Coordinator
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., **Now On Facebook**
<https://www.facebook.com/snfpstl/>
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
Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
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
On Holy Days of Obligation, 12:15 p.m.

St. Ann Novena
July 18-26

See www.stnickscatholicchurch.com for the link about the St. Ann Shrine and Novena

Church Parking also 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

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 Resurrection / Easter Season to you!

Thank you to the crew who participated in cleaning, sanitizing of the church in preparation for today's worship.

The ACA campaign continues. Please keep your pledges coming. Your fulfillment of them are greatly appreciated.

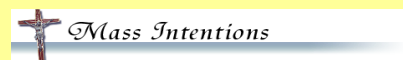
The "All Things New: Steadfast in Faith, Forward in Hope" initiative is moving into its next phase. This is the formation for the Archdiocesan Strategic Plan that I have spoken about. Recently, our parish leaders have been present for a webinar and we have more information to share with you about the next steps. Among the webinar's focus was interpretation of the recent surveys that you completed.

As I've noted regularly, part of the process is that we were asked to name a primary contact person and 5 key parish leaders all of whom will be working in assisting with the progression of this initiative. Don Elston is our primary contact person. Parishioners agreeing to serve as key leaders are Gene Baldi, Eloise Grimes, Bill McHugh, Jennifer Muzinic, and Jayne Thompson. Thank you, folks for this and your already continual service to the parish.

I will reiterate here as I have for months now and no less during this renewed season that to the extent that you can, everyone is urged to make financial contributions to the church in person at Mass, through on-line giving, or postal mail. Thank you to those of you who are doing so as well as being among those who are regularly attending Mass and are involved in parish ministries. In other words, thank you for your stewardship at this crucial time. Continue to know that aside from being in the midst of numerous structural problems, in order to continue operating, there are still bills to be paid on a regular basis.

Please stay "prayed-up" generally. Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us. St. Ann & St. Joachim 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.

Stewardship

**Financial Summary
For Weeks of May 22 & May 15**

| Source | May 22 | May 15 |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Offertory/Drop Off | \$ 1,080.75 | \$ 716.20 |
| On-line Giving | \$ 355.00 | \$ 556.00 |
| Ascension SVPD Pantry Use of Facilities | \$ 300.00 | |
| Candles | \$ 6.00 | |
| Total Offertory & Other | \$ 1,741.75 | \$ 1,272.20 |
| Church Mail-in | \$ 820.00 | \$ 790.00 |
| Total Parish Deposit | \$ 2,561.75 | \$ 2,062.20 |



| | May 29 Ascension of the Lord | June 5 Pentecost |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 10:30 a.m. | | |
| Lectors: | Patrick Wheeler Connie Johnson | Carlton Prince Jalen Prince |
| Eucharistic Ministers: | Eloise Grimes Bill McHugh | Alice O'Bryant Albert Washington |
| Hospitality: | Monica Feaman Judy McDuffie | Frances Wilkes Monica Feaman Judith McDuffie |
| Commentator: | TBD | |



**The Archdiocesan Office of
Black Catholic Ministries**

ST. CHARLES LWANGA CENTER NEWS



38th Annual

Testimonial Dinner and Auction

Sharing the St. Nicholas Adult Honoree Recognition are Mr. Don and Mrs. Darlene Elston. Congratulations to them! Thank you to everyone who supported the event!

Save the Date for Mass on the Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Friday, June 3rd, 6:30 p.m. Here at St. Nicholas.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE COVID VACCINATION? CALL 877-435-8411 OR LOG-ON TO MOSTopsCovid.com for vaccination sites and related information. Also log-on to the church's web page for information from a public service announcement sponsored by the St. Louis City Department of Health.



**SAVE THE DATE
June 18, 9 A.M. TO 12 P.M.**

**THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS PRESENTS
Forgive Us Our Trespases Procession,
the Inaugural MAAFA Procession**

As part of its Forgive Us Our Trespases Initiative, the Archdiocese is hosting a Maafa Procession. A Maafa-Kiswahili for "Great Disaster", is a traditional procession memorializing lives lost during the Middle Passage of the Atlantic slave trade. Led by Archbishop Rozanski and other faith leaders, there will be a prayer service at the Basilica of St. Louis, King of France (the Old Cathedral), and journeying to historical downtown St. Louis sites related to the slave trade and local enslavement of Africans. Please join us as we attest to our broken past and ask God to lead us on a path of acknowledgment, penance, forgiveness and healing. For those unable to attend, the Maafa Procession will be live-streamed on the Archdiocese of St. Louis Facebook page.

Watch for additional details coming soon.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

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

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.

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

Please remember to submit your completed **Covenant Card** electronically or through postal mail or in-person at church.



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.

Our annual Mission Appeal Sunday is June 12th. Our appeal speaker is Sr. Mary Symphorosa Imbori from Tanzania. Your financial assistance and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Sick, Elderly, Home Bound & Prayer Requests

Debbie Allen
Kenecia Allen
Phyllis Allen
Eunice Atkinson
Kate Baldi
Vera Baird
Anne Brown
Angela Cherry-Carr
Shirley Cherry
Virginia Cavitte
Candice Burke
Chloe Burke
Jalen Burke
Brenda Cole
Calvin Davis
Geraldine Davis
Patricia Fleming
Mark French
Donald Gammon
Helen Gill
Tyrone Gill
Karen Gonnigan
Gregory Jenkins
Reign Brown-Jones



Queen Jones
Lucinda Kaid
Peggy Ledoux
Brenda Mahr
Teresa Mancuso
Thomas Newman
Bill McHugh
Barbara Parker
Deacon Stanley Peterson
Elouise Reed
Rev. Robert Reiker
Bart Robbins
Derrick Ross
Janie Shockley
Doris Tobias
Brenda Ulmer
Carol Wallace
Mildred Washington
Steve Washington
Carole Willis