



# St. Nicholas Catholic Church

With St. Ann Shrine

December 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



## Announcements and Upcoming Events



TO ALL PARISHIONERS CELEBRATING in **DECEMBER !!!**

January 2020



Ladies Sodality will sell Dinners: **\$8.50 per plate** dessert included!

**Menu:** Baked/Fried Chicken sides to be announced.

Thanks in advance for your GENEROISTY!

They would like to **THANK** all the Parishioners for their Generous Support on their MISSION!

Sodality will meet on **Sunday, January 12th** after 10:30 a.m. Mass



Sr. Mary Ann of the Benedictine Sisters of the Divine Will, and nurse practitioner at UMSL has called us through Archdiocesan referral to contact her for anyone wishing to attend a structured 8 week session on Natural Family Planning. Her number is **314-814-9980**.

Our on-site St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is scheduled to be open tomorrow, Monday, December 30 from 12:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m.

New Years Day, Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Mass on the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God, 9:00 a.m.

Parish Office will be closed.



**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

**Fourth Sunday- Friends and Family Sunday**  
Blessing of Grandparents in honor of  
Sts. Ann & Joachim  
Friends and Family Fellowship after Mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Please see Fr. Cavitt or call the Rectory for an appointment.

**Skating Hours**  
Monday, 8:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m. (Adults only)  
Call the Parish Office for hall rental.

**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.**

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.  
1414 N. Taylor  
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](mailto:stnickscatholicchurch@gmail.com)

**Web Page:** [www.stnickscatholicchurch.com](http://www.stnickscatholicchurch.com)

**Sunday Mass**  
10:30 a.m.

**Scheduled Weekday Masses**  
Holy Days of Obligation 12:15 p.m.  
July 18 thru 27 during Novena, 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**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 Christmas Season to you.

Although not a religious commemoration per se, the 4th day of Kwanzaa coincides with today's worship celebration inspired by the Holy Family. The celebration of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is on Wednesday, January 1. The date will also mark the 7th and final day of Kwanzaa. I note here the 4th and 7th principles for your reflection about how they correlate with our lives as Christians and in particular, our challenges within the parish:

**Ujamaa (cooperative economics)**—To build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together.

**Imani (faith)**—To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders, and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

Challenges indeed, but we are compelled to continually “co-op” together and regularly proclaim our faith in God, each other, and our individual selves.

I invite you to stop by the Kwanzaa kinara with the printed Nguzo Saba principles by the baptismal font to remind yourself of these sometimes fleeting virtues which are valuable to maintain and exemplify as we profess our Catholicism within Christianity.

Your pastor and brother in Christ,

*Fr. Art*

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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 December 15, & December 22, 2019**

Source	December 15	December 22
Offertory 10:30 am Mass	\$ 1,451.50	\$ 2,044.00
Human Development, Thanksgiving Day, Mass & Immaculate Conception	\$ 99.00	\$ 0.00
On-Line Giving	\$ 90.00	\$ 95.00
St. Ann Shrine Donation, Gift Shop & Oil	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 35.00	\$ 20.00
Christmas Donation	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00
<b>Total Offertory &amp; Other</b>	<b>\$ 1,675.50</b>	<b>\$ 2,384.00</b>
Church Mail-in	\$ 438.00	\$ 825.00
Skating	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Confirmation Fee & Use of Facilities	\$ 140.00	\$ 250.00
<b>Total Parish Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 2,253.50</b>	<b>\$ 3,459.00</b>



**29-December**  
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**10:30 a.m.**  
**Lector:** Brenda Ulmer  
**Lector:** Ella Scott

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Darlene Elston  
Albert Washington  
Nicole Thompson  
Don Elston  
Monica Feaman

**Hospitality:** Sylvia Deanes  
Frances Wilkes

**Commentator:** Cantor

**Altar Servers:** Makel Dailey & Kelvin Boyd

**5-January**  
**Epiphany of the Lord**

**10:30 a.m.**  
Kameron Player  
DeAndria Player

Darlene Elston  
Don Elston  
Sylvia Deanes  
Monica Feaman  
Bill McHugh

Jayne Thompson  
Albert Washington

Cantor

Jalen & Kalen Prince



**The Archdiocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministries**

**ST. CHARLES LWANGA CENTER NEWS**



**Bible Study**

The recent cycle of the Center's Bible Study group resumes on **Thursday, January 2nd at 1:00 p.m.** at the Center, 4746 Carter Ave., St. Louis, MO 63115. We are praying with and exploring the Book of Psalms. Please bring a Bible. New American Edition is preferred. There is no charge for the sessions. Free will offerings are always welcome. Call the Center for more information if needed at 314-367-7929.

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**Seeking Choir Members for Mass During Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday Weekend**

Please lend your voice to the choir being formed for the Archdiocesan Dr. King Holiday Weekend Celebration Mass being held on **Sunday, January 19, 2020**, at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica. Rehearsals will be held at Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory High School 701 N. Spring Ave. on the following **Saturdays: January 4th and 11th, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Final Rehearsal at the Cathedral Basilica will be on **January 18th at noon- 3:00p.m.**

Feel free to contact Fr. Art Cavitt at the Center (314) 367-7929 ext.15 if additional information is needed. See the flyers in the back of church about the January 19th event.



We appreciate everyone who continue to help around the parish by maintaining the building inside and out. A congregation that works together as well as prays together will stay together. God's continual blessing on each and every one of you.

**Stewardship** of your time and talent is greatly appreciated for the maintenance of our parish.

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2nd Collection, Sunday, January 19, 2020 per St. St. Louis Review subscription.

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Donations are being accepted for Altar Flowers for Christmas! Make checks payable to St. Nicholas. Mark all envelopes including cash donations with your name & "Christmas Flowers".

**Your Generosity is Appreciated!**

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**Complimentary 2020 JOSEPHITE** African American History & Educational calendars with our parish imprint are available in back of church. Along with complimentary calendars from C. W. Roberts Funeral Home, 1416 N. Taylor. **(1) of either or both per family.**

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!**

Special greetings to our friends and visitors who have come to pray and worship with us today. Whether you are just having a look, or searching for a permanent place to worship, we are glad to have you here. We trust that the worship will be joyful and encouraging to all and hope you find a warm welcoming community here at St. Nicholas Parish.

We would love to follow up with you as well, so please sign our guest book, complete one of the visitors cards and return it to one of the ushers.

Thank You... And may the Blessings of God 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](http://www.stnickscatholicchurch.com).

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Liturgy Committee will meet on **Thursday, February 6, 2020** at 6:30 p. m. Stewardship Committee will meet **Sunday, February 16th** after 10:30 a.m. Mass.

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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  
Charlean Armstead  
Eunice Atkinson  
Kate Baldi  
Vera Baird  
Anne Brown  
Angela Cherry-Carr  
Shirley Cherry  
Virginia Cavitte  
Brenda Cole  
Donald Gammon  
Tyrone Gill  
Gregory Jenkins  
Reign Brown-Jones  
Queen Jones  
Katie Johnson  
Lucinda Kaid



Peggy Ledoux  
Judith McDuffie  
Stanley Peterson  
Rev. Robert Reiker  
Pamela Randall  
Derrick & Marilyn Ross  
Janie Shockley  
Irma Stallings  
Doris & Walter Tobias  
Brenda Ulmer  
Carol Wallace  
Albert Washington  
Mildred Washington  
Mary & Herbert Wheeler  
Advertis Williams  
Juanita Williams  
Carole Willis

Please continue to pray for the sick, elderly, homebound, nursing home residents, and all of the vulnerable throughout our community.