



December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent



Announcements and Upcoming Events

TO ALL PARISHIONERS CELEBRATING IN DECEMBER!

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)



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th CHRISTMAS DAY MUSICAL PRELUDE: 10:00 a.m.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, MASS TIME: 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, MASS TIME: 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, MASS TIME: 10:30 A.M.



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

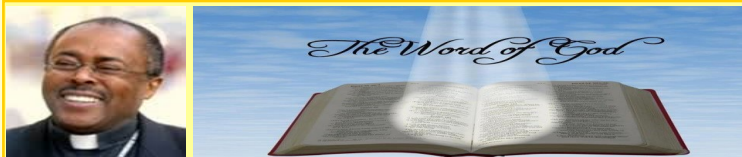
See www.stnickscatholicchurch.com for the link about the St. Ann Shrine and Novena

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,

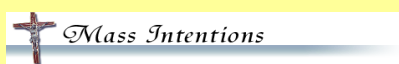
Please see the updated note on page three about the All Things New Informational Session. As I've noted regularly, Don Elston is our primary contact person. Parishioners agreeing to serve as key leaders are Gene Baldi, Eloise Grimes, Bill McHugh, Jennifer Muzinic, and Jayne Thompson. Thank you, folks your continual service to the parish.

The Archdiocesan Steering Committee of the All Things New Initiative is presenting: **SHARING OUR VISION: A CATALYST FOR HOPEFULNESS LISTENING SESSION FOR BLACK CATHOLICS** on Saturday, December 17th. Pastors have been asked to invite a designated number of Black Catholic parishioners to the event. Thank you to those of you who have said yes to being in attendance, as you have been diligent in your presence and participation here, but not necessarily as vocally amplified as some of us are. I decided on another attempt at diverse representation of St. Nicholas Parish for this event. Thank you, again.

I will reiterate here as I have for months now 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 December 4 & November 27

Source	December 4	November 27
Offertory/Drop Off	\$ 1,647.20	\$ 968.74
Ascension SVDP Use of Facilities		\$ 300.00
On-line Giving	\$ 330.00	\$ 328.00
Campaign for Human Development		\$ 10.00
Gift Shop	\$ 20.00	
Total Offertory & Other	\$ 1,997.20	\$ 1,606.74
Church Mail-in	\$ 270.00	\$ 550.00
Total Parish Deposit	\$ 2,267.20	\$2,156.74



December 11
3rd Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m.
Lectors
Kalila Jackson-Leachman
Patrick Wheeler

**Eucharistic
Ministers:**
Eloise Grimes
Bill McHugh

Hospitality:
Monica Feaman
Judy McDuffie

Commentator: TBD

Advent Wreath Lighting:
The Stephens Family

December 18
4th Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m.
Lectors
Jennifer Muzinic
Gene Baldi

**Eucharistic
Ministers:**
Albert Washington
Eloise Grimes

Hospitality:
Monica Feaman
Judy McDuffie

TBD

Advent Wreath Lighting:
The Tyrone & Ramona Gill Family



**The Archdiocesan Office of
Black Catholic Ministries**

ST. CHARLES LWANGA CENTER NEWS



The Lwanga Center Bible Study continues with our exploration of "The Book of Wisdom" on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. Until otherwise advised it will continue to happen here at St. Nicholas.

Save the Date, January 15, 2023 for the 47th Archdiocesan Celebration over the upcoming Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday Weekend. Mass is in the Cathedral Basilica at 2:30 p.m. We will be honoring youth from high schools and parishes as Dr. Martin Luther King Models of Justice.



ALL THINGS NEW

We had an informational gathering including a synopsis of the listening session for the benefit of parishioners who were not in attendance on Tuesday October 25th. It occurred on Sunday, November 6th after Mass. Feedback survey information about the proposed options was sent to those on our electronic list and our postal mailing list. The electronic surveys are due by December 31st. Those who have received them via postal mail and want us to input your responses at the office, please turn the copies in to us by Christmas Day.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE COVID VACCINATION?
CALL 877-435-8411 OR LOG-ON TO [MOSTopsCovid.com](https://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.

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



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.

The Ladies Sodality is serving complimentary breakfast for parishioners on December 11th (today) after Mass. Thank you to them in promotion of our continual fellowship.

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
Donald Gammon
Helen Gill
Tyrone Gill
Karen Gonnigan
Gregory Jenkins
Everlyn Jones
Reign Brown-Jones



Queen Jones
Peggy Ledoux
Brenda Mahr
Teresa Mancuso
Thomas Newman
David O'Bryant
Bill McHugh
Barbara Parker
Deacon Stanley Peterson
Elouise Reed
Bart Robbins
Derrick Ross
Charles Sams
Janie Shockley
Doris Tobias
Brenda Ulmer
Carol Wallace
Mildred Washington
Steve Washington
Carole Willis