



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

With St. Ann Shrine

December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

Announcements and Upcoming Events



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



December 22, 2019 (after 10:30 a.m. Mass) **\$5.00 a plate for 12 and older.**

Ladies Sodality will not sell Dinners in December.

Ladies Sodality will appreciate any toy donations for the breakfast with Santa!

Thanks in advance for your GENEROSITY!

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



Skating volunteers: Please check your calendars. We will need volunteers for the upcoming special event.

Saturday, December 28th. 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Thanks in advance for your help!!!



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**.



Tuesday Evening, December 24th, 11:30 p.m. Musical Presentation

Wednesday, December 25th, 12:00 a.m. Mass at Midnight

Wednesday Daytime, December 25th 9:00 a.m. Christmas Daytime Mass



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

Web Page: www.stnickscatholicchurch.com

Sunday Mass
10:30 a.m.

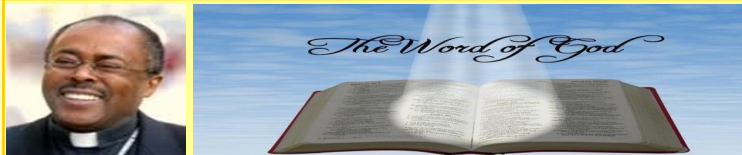
Scheduled Weekday Masses
Holy Days of Obligation 12:15 p.m.
July 18 thru 27 during Novena, 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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,

As we continually prepare for the upcoming celebration of the Nativity, we remain mindful of what it is that we have been given and what we can give of ourselves. This applies to our families, jobs, schools, and the least of which ought not be your church. Consider how that can happen as you are contacted by ministers who have reviewed responses from the Covenant Cards that were distributed a couple of months ago. We are dependent on God's grace and the initiatives of each other to keep navigating through these vulnerable times at St. Nicholas.

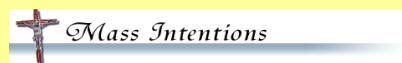
May the gift of our parish continually inspire you to give of yourself to it.

Continual Blessed Advent Season to you.

Rejoice! This third Sunday of Advent signals the closeness of the coming birthday celebration.

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.

Sunday, December 22nd Carole Johnson & Family 10:30 a.m.

Stewardship

Financial Summary
For Weeks of December 1, & December 8, 2019

Source	December 1	December 8
Offertory 10:30 am Mass	\$ 2,154.53	\$ 2,021.45
Human Development, Thanksgiving Day, Mass & Immaculate Conception	\$ 102.00	\$ 182.00
On-Line Giving	\$ 930.00	\$ 50.00
St. Ann Shrine Donation, Gift Shop & Oil	\$ 51.00	\$ 0.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 260.00	\$ 185.00
Book of Life	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.00
Total Offertory & Other	\$ 3,502.53	\$ 2,438.45
Church Mail-in	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00
Skating	\$ 0.00	\$ 309.00
Funeral Donation	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00
Total Parish Deposit	\$ 3,802.53	\$ 2,947.45



15-December Third Sunday of Advent	22-December Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:30 a.m. Lector: Jennifer Muzinic Lector: Gene Baldi	10:30 a.m. Vola Washington-Harper Alice Prince
Eucharistic Ministers: Jayne Thompson Nicole Thompson Ella Scott Don Elston Sylvia Deanes	Alice O'Bryant Lawrence McHaynes John Fleming Bill McHugh Eloise Grimes
Hospitality: Nan Boone Evelyn Haney-Gammon	Monica Feaman Charles Feaman
Commentator: Cantor	Cantor
Altar Servers: Jalen & Kalen Prince	Makel Dailey & Kelvin Boyd
Advent Wreath Lighting	
Kalila Jackson-Leachman & Family	Carlton, Alice Prince & Family



The Archdiocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministries

ST. CHARLES LWANGA CENTER NEWS



Bible Study

The recent cycle of the Center's Bible Study group resumed on **Thursdays, 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.

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: December 21st and 28th, 2019, 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- 3:00 p.m.**

Feel free to contact Fr. Art Cavitt at the Center (314) 367-7929 ext.15 if additional information is needed.



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



The next Second collection will be Christmas Day, **December 25th**, for Seminary Collection.



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!**



Join us next **Sunday, December 22nd** for (Friends and Family Sunday) and Breakfast with Santa after 10:30 a.m. Mass.

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.

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.



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.