



July 2, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announcements and Upcoming Events



**TO ALL PARISHIONERS
CELEBRATING IN JULY!**

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)

SAVE THE DATES JULY 18-26, 2023 FOR THE 97TH ANNUAL ST. ANN NOVENA. THIS IS ANTICIPATED TO BE THE FINAL NOVENA DESIGNATED IN ST. NICHOLAS AS WE CURRENTLY KNOW IT. THE ONGOING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALL THINGS NEW INITIATIVES BEGINS IN AUGUST. WEEKDAY NOVENA MASSES ARE SCHEDULED FOR 12:15 P.M. AND 6:30 P.M.; SATURDAY AT 4:00 P.M.; SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. WE ARE STILL WELCOMING PARISHIONER PARTICIPATION IN A RANGE OF LITURGICAL MINISTRIES. PLEASE INQUIRE WITH CAROLE JOHNSON, FR. ART OR THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NOVENA COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING AGAIN ON THIS TUESDAY, JULY 11TH IN THE CHURCH AT 5:30 P.M. AGAIN, YOUR PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION ARE WELCOME.

ST. ANN, PRAY FOR US.



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
Monday (except holidays), 10:00 a.m.-12:00 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,

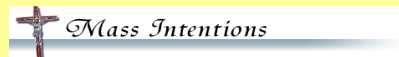
Thank you to the crew who cleaned and sanitized the church on Friday for today's liturgy.

Please see the reflection from Fr. Mitch Doyen on page 3, at the All Things New caption.

Thank you to those of you who have been making financial contributions to the church in person at Mass, through on-line giving or postal mail. Thank you too for those among us who are regularly attending Mass and are involved in parish ministries. In other words, thank you for your stewardship at this crucial time.

Please stay "prayed-up" generally and close to an awareness of the presence of God during the coming times. 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 June 18 & June 11**

Source	June 18	June 25
Offertory/Drop Off	\$ 943.00	\$ 873.00
On-line Giving	\$ 625.00	\$ 763.00
Total Offertory & Other	\$ 1,568.00	\$ 1,636.00
Church Mail-in	\$ 1,092.00	\$ 1,060.00
Total Parish Deposit	\$ 2,660.00	\$ 2,696.00



July 2
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m.

Lectors:
Alice Prince
Carlton Prince

Eucharistic Ministers:
Don Elston
Darlene Elston

Hospitality:
Amoni Gill
Monica Feaman
Judy McDuffie

Commentator: TBD

July 9
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m.

Lectors:
Sharonda White
Kellie Willis

Eucharistic Ministers:
Albert Washington
Jayne Thompson

Hospitality:
Monica Feaman
Frances Wilkes
Judy McDuffie

TBD



The Archdiocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministries

ST. CHARLES LWANGA CENTER NEWS



The Lwanga Center Bible Study is now on recess until further notice. We will continue with our exploration of "The Book of the Wisdom of Ben Sira (also known as the Book of Sirach)" at a yet to be determined time and place. Thank you to those of you who have been in attendance.



ALL THINGS NEW

Reflection from Fr. Mitch Doyen to us:

FINDING ETERNAL LIFE

As I was returning from vacation last Sunday night I crossed the Stan Musial Bridge and as I surveyed the horizon, my heart leaped for joy and I could not stop grinning. I had always known it, but I paid closer attention this time. The beautiful twofold witness to Christ, the front steeples of Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church are so prominent, even at night, that no one can enter our holy city without seeing one of our churches. When we gather to pray in any of our three churches we are in the midst of tourists, travelers, residents and the poor who are all longing for love. Because of our faith in Jesus Christ we can share the deepest love in the world with all whom we encounter. Today, Elisha and Jesus teach us how to love.

When the faithful couple in the story of Elisha sacrifice to offer him a home, they may be inviting Elisha to be their "son." Then, in response to their love, Elisha calls upon God to answer their prayer for a child of their own. It is the self emptying love of the couple which leads to new life from God coming into the world. Then Jesus invites us into eternal life, and all that is required of us is...EVERYTHING. Perhaps this Gospel speaks to us in a new way today. All of you have sacrificed so much, remaining faithful through one merger after another. Each time you have persevered, prayed for your brothers and sisters who left in sorrow and hoped for the true dawn of a new creation, for justice and mercy to flow more deeply into your community; and God has remained faithful throughout. Yet again Jesus is inviting us to lose our lives, to trust in the truth of dying and rising. As we lose our parish identities, Jesus promises us again that "whoever loses their life for my sake will find it."

Together we will find this new life in Christ. For each one of us and for our whole community this new life will emerge in varied ways. Let us love one another and let God's love and mercy flow through us into our city, that the gift of eternal life might be known by all who see the love we have for one another. God bless you.

St. Nicholas, St. Teresa of Avila and St. Bridget, pray for us. May the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in us.

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.

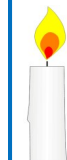
Feel free to view the link on our website:

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.

Today's 2nd contribution will be for Peter's Pence, the support of ministries of the Holy Father.

Your support is greatly appreciated.



Please offer prayer for the family of former parishioner and recent benefactor, Jack Thomas who passed away in Houston, TX on June 18th. Arrangements for a Memorial Service in St. Louis are pending. May perpetual light shine on him.

Sick, Elderly, Home Bound & Prayer Requests

Debbie Allen
Kenecia Allen
Phyllis Allen
Kate Baldi
Vera Baird
Anne Brown
Angela Cherry-Carr
Shirley Cherry
Virginia Cavitte
Candice Burke
Chloe Burke
Jalen Burke
Brenda Cole
Lonnell Cole
Larry Costello & Family
Calvin Davis
Geraldine Davis
Warren Davis
Patricia Fleming
Donald Gammon
Addie Gill
Helen Gill
Tyrone Gill
Valerie Gill
Karen Gonnigan
Pearline Hawkins
Gregory Jenkins



Everlyn Jones
Reign Brown-Jones
Queen Jones
Virgil Kaleem
Peggy Ledoux
Brenda Mahr
David Mancuso
Teresa Mancuso
Hannah Moll
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