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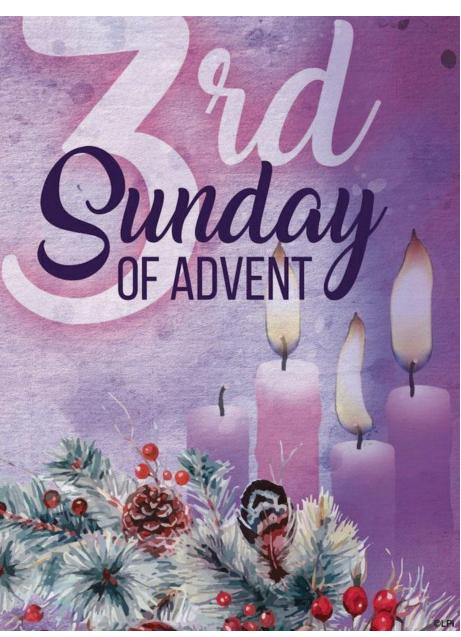
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December 15, 2024



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Mass Schedule Sat: 5 pm Sun: 8 am and 10 am Mon-Thur: 8:30 am Reconciliation Sat: 4-4:30 pm Rosary Mon-Thu: 8 am

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Mass Schedule
Sat: 4:30 pm
Sun: 8:30 am and 10:30 am
Mon-Fri: 7:30 am
Except Wed: 8 am

Reconciliation Sat: 3:30-4 pm Rosary Mon: 7:30 pm

PRAYER

MASS INTENTIONS ANNUNCIATION

MON 12/16 8:30 am	J. B. Moore 🕆
TUES 12/17 8:30 am	Mike Berra ⊕
WED 12/18 8:30 am	Jim Couhig &
THURS 12/19 8:30 am	Cletus Henry 🕆
FRI 12/20	No Mass Today
SAT 12/21 5 pm	Ben & Eleanor Gerker 🕆
	People of Parish Darrell Weis &

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	Tripi & Hamtil Families Living & Deceased &
TUES 12/17 7:30 am	Jeff Hansen 🕆
WED 12/18 8 am	Deacon Dave Amelotti 🕆
THURS 12/19 7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory 🕆
FRI 12/20 7:30 am	Fern & Otto Vogts & Bob Isenmann &
SAT 12/21 4:30 pm	Hilda Hawkey 🕆
SUN 12/22 8:30 am 10:30 am	



You are invited to bring your baby Jesus from your family's Christmas Nativity scene to any Mass at Annunciation or Our Lady of Providence on Saturday, Dec. 21,

or Sunday, Dec. 22, for a special blessing by Fr. Mike and Fr. Paul.



Advent Holy Hour on December 17 at 7 pm at Our Lady of Providence

Need a moment of peace and stillness during the days leading up to Christmas? All

are welcome to join us for an hour of prayer, peace, and reflection during the Advent Season. Each week will begin with a short reflection on the scriptures featuring our Blessed Mother in the Annunciation narrative, the Visitation narrative and the Presentation narrative, followed by a period of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and closing with Benediction. There will also be an opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation anytime during the Holy Hour. Please, come spend an hour with us in prayer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Julie Aufdenspring Carol Baumann Matt Beavin Fr. Jim Byrnes Patty Cabot James Casey Rich Cassani Jason Chambers Kerry Deacon Annette DeGreeff Vincent Deiters Virginia Everett Olivia Fenton Tim Flasch Cindy Galati Peggy Springer Garcia Julie Gibson Judy Harig

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We are trying to update this list, please notify us if your family member or friend can be removed from the list. Contact: Barb Koch at parishsecretary@goannunciation.com



Dear Friends,

Rejoice! I shall say it again, rejoice!

On this Third Sunday of Advent, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. The name for this Sunday comes from the first word of the Introit prayer for Mass. The Introit prayer is the entrance antiphon for Mass that is recited when there is not an opening song. Gaudete is Latin and means, "Rejoice!" The Church rejoices each year on the Third Sunday of Advent recognizing that the Lord is drawing ever near, more and more with each passing day. The color rose became associated with the expression of joy and, subsequently, the candle for this week became rose, or what more often is referred to as pink. We are reminded that as we wait for the coming of our Lord, we cannot forget that we are to be waiting in 'joyful hope'! Although, there are plenty of things to cause us worry and concern in life, as a people of faith, we are never to forget we have every reason to wait for our Lord in joyful hope!

Today let us be encouraged to consider those things in life that are reasons for to have joy.

I pray that your Advent be filled with the love, joy, and peace of Christ.

Father Mike

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FOR BAPTISMS: Contact parish office to schedule baptisms and to sign up for baptism preparation class (for first family member being baptized)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Contact the parish office to request a hospital visit or for communion to the sick or home-bound or to add a name to the prayer list.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

For assistance within OLP parish boundaries: 314-843-3570 x21

BULLETIN DEADLINE

8 am Mondays

To submit: goannunciation.com/bulletin-submissions.html

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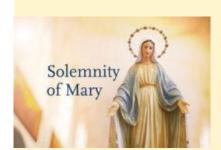


Christmas Eve December 24, 2024

- Mass at 4 pm Annunciation in the Gym
- Masses at 4:30 pm & 10 pm Our Lady of Providence

Christmas Day December 25, 2024

- Mass at 9 am Annunciation
- Mass at 9 am Our Lady of Providence



Solemnity of Mary January 1, 2025

- Mass at 9 am Annunciation
- Mass at 9 am Our Lady of Providence

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE FY25: December 8, 2024

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Sunday Envelopes Loose Donations Online Donations Holy Day Donations **Total**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

St. Vincent DePaul Society Retired Religious Human Development Misc. Due to the early printing of this bulletin, offertory figures for December 8th will be in the December 22nd bulletin.

Did you know? You can set up automatic payments through your own bank. | To donate stock or securities to your parish, contact **Patricia Griffaw** in the Archdiocesan Finance Office, Securities Department, 314-792-7123, or email SLAF@archstl.org.

JOIN US!

We are searching for two roles to join our staff! Please pass the word - inside and outside of the parish - as we invite qualified candidates to consider joining our team.

DIRECTOR OF PARISH ENGAGEMENT & DISCIPLESHIP

We are seeking an experienced and faith-filled person to be our Director of Parish Engagement & Discipleship. This role will serve the mission of our two parishes by actively engaging parishioners in the life of the parish whose focus is missionary discipleship. The role is responsible for creating opportunities for parishioners to grow in faith through faith formation, prayer experiences, and service to neighbor. Qualifications for the role include: Bachelor's degree in Theology or related field, prior relevant ministry experience, living in full sacramental communion with the Catholic Church. The role's mission will be carried out in collaboration with parish staffs and under the direct leadership of the Pastor.

PARISH SUPPORT & COMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATOR

We are also seeking a new staff member to be our Parish Support & Communications Administrator. The role will be the initial face of parish support to parishioners and all others seeking to interact with Annunciation and Our Lady of Providence. The role is additionally responsible for ensuring parishioners receive regular and timely information regarding parish activities and opportunities, while also creating / enhancing external-facing communication platforms such as the parish website(s), Flocknote, FB, Instagram, etc. Qualifications for the role include: General knowledge of the Catholic Church – sacraments and liturgies, well-developed people skills, experience in website content creation. The role's mission will be carried out in collaboration with parish staffs and under the direct leadership of the Pastor.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in one of these roles, please send a letter of interest and resume to annolpcareers@gmail.com.

Wanted: Old Yarn

Deacon Rob Shipp is seeking donations of all and any old yarn that parishioners may have to be used by the Restorative Justice Program at Potosi Correctional Center. The inmates use the yarn to make Afghans, blankets, stocking caps, prayer shawls, etc. to be donated back to communities in need. Please leave donations in the OLP cry room. Not everyone can go inside a prison to minister to those incarcerated but through your generosity and kindness you can share the Gospel and bring the love of Jesus to them. Questions: **Deacon Rob Shipp** at majashipp@gmail.com. God bless us everyone...

Mathew 25:36, "I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me,"

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more details.

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→ MAY THEY REST IN PEACE €

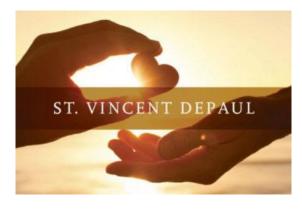
From Our Lady of Providence, we pray for the repose of Robert Muldoon, husband of Margaret.

From Annunciation, we pray for the repose of Lorraine Smith, mother of Carol Link; and Alexander Daus, father of Michelle Daus. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. May the families know the compassion and comfort of the Risen. Amen.



Join a Small Group!

Want to grow in your relationship with God and others? Want to learn more about the faith? Scared of big crowds? Consider joining a small group! Beginning at the end of October, our parishes will begin small faith-sharing groups focused on the person of Mary. Meeting times are flexible depending on what works for those who are interested. If you want to learn more or you are interested in signing up, feel free to contact **Colton Steiner** at coltonsteiner@kenrick.edu.



Hand & Feet Warmers

Due to an enormous response, we have already received many donations. If you already purchased warmers, we will still accept them. And if you did not buy any yet, St. Vincent DePaul Parish could also use women and men's socks. We appreciate your generosity.

HCA Boy Scout Christmas TreeLot

Support HCA Scouting by purchasing your Christmas tree at the Troop 914 Christmas Tree Lot at MacKenzie Point Shopping Center, 7279 Watson Rd. With a selection of beautiful, fresh-cut trees, you'll find the perfect tree to celebrate the season. Every purchase helps fund Scouting activities at HCA. The tree lot is open from Nov. 29 until the last tree is sold. Questions: **CJ Banks**, 314-605-2140



Let's Talk about Catholic Social Teaching Dec. 2024

Topic—Personal and Societal Commitment: Love in Action

Next session (held in **MPH Room at Annunciation**) Tuesday, Dec. 17, 7pm Prior to the session, read pages 275-301 in

DOCAT: What to Do? The Social Teaching of the Catholic Church.

(Books may be obtained at no charge from Fr. Mike or Fr. Paul). We ask that you prayerfully consider these questions and invite you to share about at least one of them at the dialogue session:



- When have you had the strongest sense of belonging and commitment to the Church and what facilitated that experience?
- What are some criteria for appropriate or constructive criticism within the Church?
- What are some things that Christians can do to be the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world" (Mt.5:13-14)?

REMINDER: This month is the last opportunity to join the discussion. IF you missed any of the prior sessions, do not let that stop you from joining us. ALL ARE WELCOME at the table!



This Weekend OLP Christmas Cookie Sale

The OLP Women's League and the Women of Annunciation are

again sponsoring a Christmas Cookie Sale the weekend of December 14-15 after all Masses at OLP or until sold out. 1 pound boxes of delicious homemade cookies will be for sale. Any cookie donations can be dropped off in the Providence Room between 10 am and 11 am on Saturday December 14. Questions?? **Lesley Nebuloni** 314-730-7052 (home) or 314-809-4456 (cell)



WOA Events Future Event

Ladies of ANN & OLP if you have any questions or for more infor please contact **DeeDee ebler**, rskdrk1985@ sbcglobal.net

January 17 —Pinots Pallette, 6:30 to 8:30 pm Cost is \$42.00 and you will go home with your own Masterpiece. Drinks will be provided.

Dear ANN & OLP,

For our joint ANN & OLP bulletin, for both parishes, please temporarily send your bulletin announcements to parishsecretary@goannunciation.com by 8am Mondays except for the bulletins in the notice below. When the OLP secretary position is filled, both parishes will be sending their bulletin announcements to the OLP secretary. We will kept you updated!

Early Bulletin Submissions

Due to early deadlines from our bulletin company:

- \Rightarrow Bulletin items for Dec 29 are due by 8am on Thursday Dec. 19
- ⇒ Bulletin items for Jan. 5 are due by 8am on Friday, Dec. 20.



Advent Lessons & Carols SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 2 PM

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Let Jesus Feed Your Marriage!

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The following upcoming weekends are available in 2025. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call **Terry & Eric Engholm** at 314-649-7317.

1/31/2025 - 2/2/2025, St. Peters, MO 4/4/2025 - 4/6/2025, St. Peters, MO 6/13/2025 - 6/15/2025, St. Peters, MO

Rosary Repair

The blue rosary boxes are back in both churches. Broken rosaries, beads, center pieces and crucifixes of rosaries are requested to repair and donate to organizations needing rosaries for their ministries. Personal rosaries are repaired at no cost and returned to the rosary box. For repairs, please leave in an envelope with your name and telephone number. You will contacted by text or call when repairs are completed. For more info contact, **Marisue Stoll** at 314-960-6831.

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"Thank you" From The Giving Tree

A big **Thank You** to all who participated in the Giving Tree this year. Your response was amazing! (All items for the Giving Tree were due back today, December 15, before the end of 10am Mass).

Ladies Tuesday Evenings 6pm

Rosary Ladies of the parish are invited to come say the rosary on Tuesday evenings at 6 pm in front of church. No need to sign up, just bring your rosary and anyone interested in praying for the intentions of our parish community. If the weather is questionable, the alternate plan will be to encourage everyone to pray the rosary at home. Contact: Mollie Lucchesi: lucchesimollie@gmail.com or 314-304-5887.

Men's Wednesday Evenings Rosary

Men of the parish are invited to come say the rosary on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 pm in front of church. All men are welcome. Contact: **Rick Wedel**, 314-456-9300 or mriwedel@att.net



The Catholic Community of Annunciation welcomes with great joy into our Parish Family:

Amy Bischoff & Lincoln Emma Gandolfo



Instant white or canned sweet potatoes, green beans, mushroom soup, French

fried onions, muffin/cornbread mix, entrée of your choice. Optional Items: Pancake mix, syrup, any toiletries



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Each week a theme that correlates to the Sunday readings and Gospel is presented to the children using age

appropriate materials. The children depart from the front of church after a blessing from the priest prior to the first reading, gather in the school building for the lesson, and return during offertory. Parents and students interested in helping or volunteering, please contact **Kristen Dawson** at 314-650-6721.

Future Dates that we will not have Children's Liturgy of the Word: 12-22, 12-29, & 1-5.



Grief Support

All are invited to the Annunciation Grief Support Group meet on Mondays at 7pm in the Klocker House, 43 Short Ave. Has someone who you love died?

Please join us. We will meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays in December, January & February. Everyone and their families are welcome. **Jeanne Place**, (314-420-5834) or **Mary Hittler**, (314-277-5116)

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Save the Date for OLP's Winter Blood Drive

Please join us in the OLP gym on

Sunday, January 19, from 7:30 am - 12:30 pm as we come together to help save lives. Let's help our friends, family, neighbors and coworkers as they treat cancer, chronic diseases and traumatic injuries. To make an appointment: https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/ Thank you! Questions: **Patti Loehnig** 314-843-6097



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SOULCORE at OLP

SOULCORE is a movement to nourish body, mind, and soul while meditating on the life of Christ. It pairs core

strengthening, stretching, and functional movement with prayers of the rosary. No fitness level or experience required. All are welcome! When: **First Fridays of the month at 6 AM** in the Our Lady of Providence gym. There is no cost but a suggested donation of \$5-\$10 for those who are able. Dress in comfortable clothing or sportswear and bring a fitness mat, light hand weights optional. Questions: **Mary Randant** at 314-359-0576.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul honors Mary as a Model of Humility and Service

Monday as we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we celebrate Mary's purity and her role in God's plan for salvation. Mary's "yes" to God demonstrates profound humility and service, qualities reflected in the mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Members of SVdP say "yes" to serving Christ in the poor and marginalized. Just as the Blessed Virgin Mary answered God's call with love and humility, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul follows her example by serving those in need, embodying Christ's love in action.

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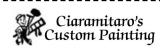


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