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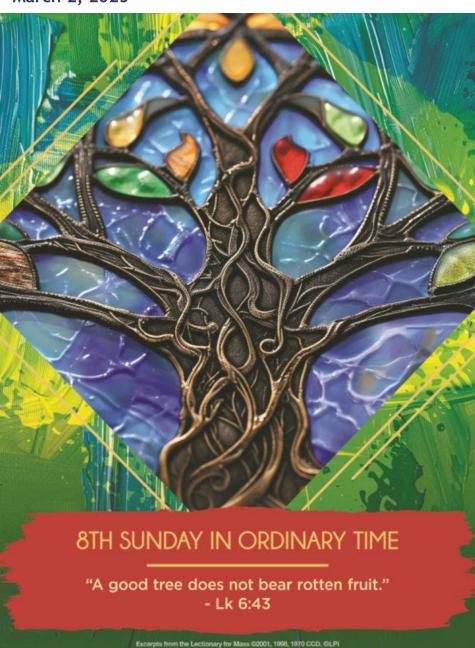


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Mass Schedule Sat: 5 pm Sun: 8 am and 10 am Mon-Thur: 8:30 am Reconciliation Sat: 4-4:30 pm Rosary Mon-Thu: 8 am

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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

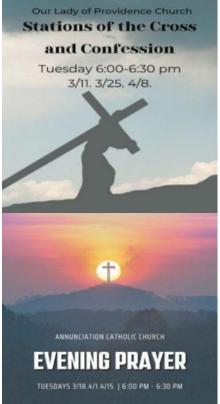
MASS INTENTIONS ANNUNCIATION

MON 3/3 8:30 am Beverly Kluba + **TUES 3/4** 8:30 am Cletus Henry & WED 3/5 8:30 am Matthew Soliz & **THURS 3/6** 8:30 am Mark Weber + FRI 3/7 No Mass Today **SAT 3/8** 5 pm Clyde Martini 🕆 **SUN 3/9** 8 am John Golom & 10 am People of the Parish **OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE** MON 3/3 7:30 am Dave Bramman + **TUES 3/4** 7:30 am Jim Splinter 🕆 WED 3/5

OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE MON 3/3 7:30 am Dave Bramman † TUES 3/4 7:30 am Jim Splinter † WED 3/5 8 am Deacon Dave Amelotti † THURS 3/6 7:30 am Kevin Colligan † FRI 3/7 7:30 am Souls in Purgatory † SAT 3/8 4:30 pm Tripi & Hamtil Families † SUN 3/9 8:30 am People of the Parish Hilda Hawkey †

LENT: A SEASON OF REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE





→≒● MAY THEY REST IN PEACE ©

From Annunciation, we pray for the repose of Darryl Lee, brother of Leslie Powers. May his 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Margie Anderson Julie Aufdenspring Gloria Aholt Carol Baumann Matt Beavin Fr. Jim Byrnes Patty Cabot James Casey Rich Cassani Jason Chambers Kerry Deacon Annette DeGreeff Vincent Deiters Deedee Dussold Virginia Everett Olivia Fenton

Tim Flasch
Cindy Galati
Peggy Springer Garcia
Francis Gasparovic
Julie Gibson
Judy Harig
Ruth Henry
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Peter Jabbour
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Laura Klages

Sue Knoll

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Barb Schopper Jim Schurk Jerry Schwartz Holly Stoltz Smith Til Smith **Beverly Spinner** John Stalinski Pat Steele **Bob Strong** Debbie Struckhoff Molly LaBarge Sublette Randy Thatcher Richard Timmerman **Doris Tucker** Margit Vincenz Mike Vonderharr

Gert Wegmann Joann Wills Irene Wirthlin Josephine Wren Rich Yates Beverly Zacher Anne Zimmermann

We are trying to update this list, please notify us if your family member or friend can be removed from the list. Contact: Jan Fabick at ladyprov@olpstl.org



Dear Friends,

This week begins Lent with Ash Wednesday. Please consult the bulletin for all of our Mass times for both parishes. Please be sure to take one of the little black books with you as well as consider other resources that we will continue to highlight in our bulletin and in our Sunday flocknote throughout Lent.

Important Update -

I want to share with you an update and a change on how our parish staff will be working to serve both Annunciation and Providence parishes more efficiently.

As you know, over the last year, a few changes in personnel have presented us with a unique opportunity to better align our staff to serve both of our parishes more efficiently. This shift allows each staff member to focus on their area of expertise while being available to support both parishes. For both parishes, Barb Koch is overseeing finance, Chris Lowe is managing facilities and maintenance, and most recently we are excited to have added Jan Fabick who is taking on parish support and communications.

A challenge we have faced, however, has been the physical separation of our staff, as we have been working from two different locations: the Providence rectory and the Annunciation rectory. This separation made communication more difficult and challenging for us priests and staff to work as a team. To address this, after multiple conversations with Fr. Paul the staff and parish council, I have decided to bring all staff together at one location.

With Annunciation rectory being previously renovated and adapted as living quarters for me, it makes most sense for it to remain as the priest residence and for Providence rectory to now serve as the parish office for both parishes. Over the last few weeks, we have been getting things organized and ready for Barb, Chris, and me to set up our offices at Providence rectory along with Jan and Fr. Paul whose offices are already there.

In recent months we installed a new phone system which allows us to receive incoming calls for both parishes at one central location, while still recognizing which parish the call is intended for. This will make it easier for you to reach us and ensure that calls are directed to the appropriate parish personnel.

We are grateful for your continued support and patience as we make these adjustments. We believe that these changes will help us serve you better and strengthen the mission of both Annunciation and Providence parishes.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us in person or by calling us at the same number you have used in the past.

Have a blessed Sunday!

Father Mike

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Principal: Melissa Hunter MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS

AT ANNUNCIATION 314-475-3436

Principal: Rebecca Bickel

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: 314-289-6101 x2262

For assistance within Annunciation boundaries: 314-289-6101 x 2255

BULLETIN DEADLINE

8 am Mondays

To submit: Email Jan Fabick at

ladyprov@olpstl.org

STEWARDSHIP



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Ways you can contribute:

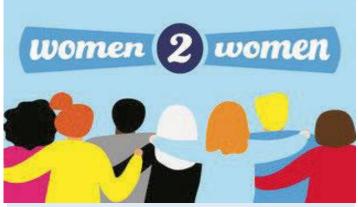
- 1. Set up automatic payments directly from your bank. Simply add Annunciation or Our Lady of Providence as a regular vendor in your checking account. It's a secure, easy way to make your Sunday envelope donation. 100% of your contribution goes to our parishes!
- 2. For Annunciation Online Giving, you can donate through the link on our parish website, go to 'Donate' then click on 'Online Giving' or go to https://www.goannunciation.com/annunciation-online-donations.html. Annunciation uses the Archdiocese of St. Louis for Online Giving.
- 3. For Our Lady of Providence Online Giving, you can donate through the link on our parish website, go to 'Parish' then click 'Online Giving' or go to https://osvhub.com/olpstl/giving/funds. Our Lady of Providence uses Our Sunday Visitor for Online Giving.
- 4. You can mail your donation or drop it off your parish office using the mail slots at your parish.

"Thank You" to all our parishioners who have been doing one of the methods above to continue to support Annunciation and Our Lady of Providence Parishes. Your donations are very much appreciated.

And just a Reminder: The finances for our parishes are separate. If you use your parish envelope at the other parish, the donation will be for the parish where you turned in your envelope.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE FY25: February 23, 2025

ANN Sunday Envelopes Loose Donations Online Donations Stock Donation Total	\$12,547.00 \$362.00 \$1,895.00 \$0.00 \$14,831.00	OLP Sunday Envelopes Loose Donations OSV Online Stock Donation Total	\$3,838.00 \$338.00 \$3,551.00 \$0.00 \$7,727.00
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS St. Vincent DePaul Society	\$150.00	SPECIAL COLLECTIONS St. Vincent DePaul Society School Support Repairs/Improvement Misc. Total	\$140.00 \$85.00 \$50.00 \$73.00 \$280.00



Fundraising Event: Monarch Jewelry Spring Bling Sale

Thursday, Mar. 20, 2025 @ 5:00 – 7:30 PM in the OLP Gym; in collaboration with the Justice Seekers

Annual Birthright Baby Shower:

Thursday, Mar. 27, 2025 @ 7:00PM in Annunciation's MPH room.

Easter Basket Making Event

Thursday, Mar. 27, 2025 @ 7:00 -8:30 PM OLp Cafeteria Filling & donating Easter Baskets for the Affton Food Pantry

National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal:

(in Perryville) Saturday, April 5, 2025 Carpooling from Annunciation Mass; tour of the shrine; lunch at a local restaurant.

Bishop's Easter Baskets: (for St. Martha's Hall) During Lent; item's delivered to Annunciation's bride room

Catholic Charities St. Louis:

Presentation by one of their rep's. Thursday, Apr. 24, 2025 @ 7:00 – 8:30 PM OLP Cafeteria

Food Truck Event for the Masses

(Mother's Day Weekend)

Saturday, May 10, 2025 Join us for 5:00 PM Mass at Annunciation followed by our Food Truck Event

OLP Cafeteria or Rosary Garden

(weather permitted)

Thursday, May 22,2025 @ 7:00 - 8:30 PM

* Event specific information will be provided in future bulletins in host parish section

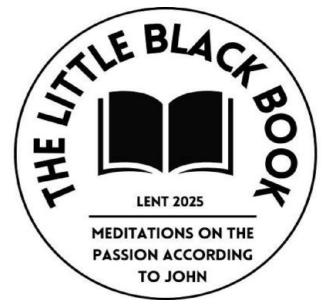
Deacon Diaper Drive!



Please mark your calendars! During the weeks of Lent, Wednesday, March 5 through Sunday, April 13, 2025, the Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese

of St. Louis, in conjunction with the Respect Life Apostolate, will be collecting diapers for infants, toddlers and adults as part of our tenth annual diocesan-wide Pro-Life service project to assist families in need. Last year we collected over (225,000) thousand diapers for those in need and we'd like to exceed that total this year. We would ask that you please consider adding the purchase of infant, toddler or adult diapers to your shopping list and bring them to Annunciation and Our Lady of Providence. All diapers collected will be donated to assist families in our community. Organizations who benefit from our drive include, Our Lady's Inn, Our Little Haven, Good Sheperd Home and the **Affton Food Bank.** For more information, speak to one of our permanent deacons, Pat or Rob. We would like to stress the need for larger size diapers, 3's, 4's and 5's as well as for adults. We ask you to pray for the success of this project and to contribute if possible.

Available now in church vestibules!



2025 Lenten Offering

The 2025 Lenten Offering will support our ongoing Tree Currency program to promote reforestation, soil renewal, and better farming practices in the St. Jean area. Here are the results of the program after 18 months:

Donate here

- 1) 41,937 trees were transplanted in farmers' plots, on degraded hillsides and in forest gardens (Goal: 22,500)
- 2) 49 forest gardens were established on non-agricultural land enabling the co-cultivation of valuable trees and crops
- 3) Agronomic training and farming tools were provided to >400 farmers
- 4) High-quality black bean- and maize seeds were shared with >400 farmers
- 5) A community seed bank was established as a future community resource for high-quality seeds

In order to fully fund this 5-year program into 2028, we need to raise an additional \$33,000. A donation of \$75 will sponsor a farmer for 1 year and enable the planting of ~40 trees. A donation of \$200 will sponsor a farmer for 2 1/2 years and enable the planting of ~100 trees. Of course, any donation amount is welcome!

In the back of church, we have a poster that provides more details about the Tree Currency program. The QR code below will enable online donations. In addition, we have provided envelopes for those who would prefer to mail a check to the Holy Redeemer office. We thank you for your past support of our Haiti mission work and ask that you consider giving to this cause during Lent.

Encounter Youth Ministry

Encounter Youth Ministry is growing, and you should be part of it! Our high school youth group meets every other Monday at Seven Holy Founders. We are looking for adults to assist our core team on occasion. No experience necessary – just an enthusiasm to support teens in their faith. Reach out to us at encounterymstl@gmail.com to learn more.







HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

As we prepare to bid farewell to Terry Cochran, we are beginning the search for our next President of HCA. Please join us in this effort by reaching out to people you know who might be interested in this critical role.

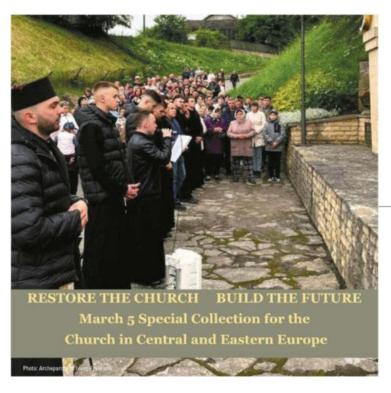
PRESIDENT OF HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

We are seeking experienced and faith-filled candidates for the role of President of Holy Cross Academy. The role reports to Fr. Mike Esswein and serves as the Chief Administrative Officer and a spiritual leader of the Academy. The role is

responsible for the Academy's academic and faith formation programs and directly manages finance, operational efficiency, advancement, marketing, enrollment and related organizational affairs. The ideal candidate is an experienced and inspiring leader who has the proven ability to effectively lead multiple groups and/or communities. They are an experienced fundraiser, who will build institutional capacity by securing resources through development and partnerships.

To apply for the role, please submit a resume/CV, Pastor letter of reference and 3 Professional References to hca-presidentsearch@hca-stl.org. Telephone inquiries are welcome at 314-283-5713.

Special Collection





Join us for Little Lambs this spring on the following Fridays: March 7, April 4, & May 9

Little Lambs meets
9-10:30AM at the gym at Saint Michael's. Little
Lambs invites children (birth to preschool) and
their caregivers. No signup needed, just come
ready to play! Questions? Contact Marie Laury,
marielynnlaury@gmail.com



Mass Intentions

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention or pick up a Mass card for either Annunciation or Our Lady of Providence, please visit Jan at

Our Lady of Providence Rectory M-F, 8-4pm.

Fellowship and Fish!

Join fellow Annunciation and Our Lady of Providence parishioners at their annual Fish Fry. Annunciation will hold their fish fry on Friday March 7th. Our Lady of Providence will hold a fish fry every Friday during

Lent starting on March 7th! All are welcome!







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 February. Everyone and their families are welcome. Jeanne Place, (314-420-5834) or Mary Hittler, (314-277-5116).



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! If you want to learn more or you are interested in signing up, feel free to contact Colton Steiner at coltonsteiner@kenrick.edu.



SOULCORE at OLP! **Next SOULCOURE** is THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 7th!

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.

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WOA's Annual **Birthright Baby Shower!**

Date: Thursday, March 27, 2025

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: MPH Room at Annunciation Contact: Jeanne Place-314-918-0783 Come join us for a very special evening. A representative of Birthright will be present to share their story with us. Gifts of layettes or monetary donations for the purchase of layettes are suggested. Monetary donations can also be given for the cost of utilities and rent. Suggestions are below and can be purchased for a girl or boy.

1 Onesie size 0-3

1 Onesie size 3-6

1 Sleeper Size 0-3

1 Sleeper size 3-6

2 Receiving blankets 1 Pair of socks

1 Pacifier

1 Heavier blanket

24 Newborn or size 1 diaper

1 Container of wipes

1 Hat

1 Toy



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.

Help work the school garden this summer!

Hello Annunciation Parishioners, We're reaching out for your help this summer to tend to the school garden, which will be installed



sometime in March! Each week, volunteers will have the opportunity to care for the plants, and in return, you can harvest and keep any fruits or vegetables that are ready during your week of service. It's a wonderful way to give back to the community and enjoy the fruits of your labor. Email Gigi at gmahfood@hca-stl.org to sign up today and join us in this rewarding effort! Week 1: May 25th-31st Week 2: June 1st-7th Week 3: June 8th-14th Week 4: June 15th-21st Week 5: June 22nd-28th Week 6: June 29th-July 5th Week 7: July 6th-12th Week 8: July 13th-19th Week 9: July 20th-26th Week 10: July 27th-August 2nd Week 11: August 3rd-9th Week 12: August 10th-16th Blessings, Gigi Mahfood (teacher) and Seamus O'Neill (8th grade student).

ANN 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.

Need a Ride to Mass or a Holy Communion Visit

The Annunciation's Visiting Companions are people in our parish



who volunteer to bring Holy Communion to home bound parishioners and are available to provide transportation to Mass. If you or any other parishioners need this help, please contact Jill Prebil, 314-603-0970 or jilllauman0@gmail.com

OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE

Friends of Honduras Update!



New uniforms and shoes to begin the school year!





We were able to fund the building of three houses over the last 6 months! This is Dona Isidra, her four children. In addition to their home, they received mattresses and new clothing. Thank you to Our Lady of Providence and your continued -Marilyn Hock, President support!

Jewelry Boutique Sale

Mark your calendars! Thursday, March 20, 2025 From 5-7:30 pm



OLP School Gym

Dust off those jewelry boxes and donate your unused, broken & outdated jewelry!

Baskets will be in the back of OLP & Annunciation churches.

Go to monarchiewelry.org for more information.

Drop In Choir for Holy Week

We are in need of choir members to sing for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Please prayerfully consider joining us for the 3 rehearsals and the liturgies during this most holiest of celebrations. The choir will meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM for a ONE hour rehearsal on April 2, 9 and 16. It's a wonderful way to make new friends, learn new music and participate in the Sacred Triduum for an experience like no other.

<u>All are Welcome</u> - reading music is not a requirement!

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at: nancyjdeacon@sbcglobal.net

DRIVERS NEEDED for Reach Out Weekends



We are looking to update our drivers list. Drivers will be asked to take donated food and water to St. Josephine Bakhita (formerly St Bridget's and Teresa's Parish)

on Sunday of the first full week of the month after the 10:30 AM Mass. St. Josephine Bakhita is located at 2401 N. Grand Blvd. If you are interested in driving, please email Robin Diehl at crobindiehl@yahoo.com or Mary Rath at mrsrath@att.net



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Rosary Repair

Rosary donations and rosary parts can be placed in the blue rosary boxes in the back of church. Please remember your name and number for rosary repair. You will be contacted when repairs are made. Marisue Stoll-314.960.6831 (call or text)



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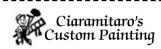
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