




**Annunciation
Catholic Church**
CALIFORNIA, MO



*February 13- February 19th
6th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

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<p>Bishop McKnight's February prayer intention for our Local Church</p> <p>For those who are ill, depressed, or forgotten in society; may the charity and mercy of the local parish community manifest the healing presence of God and counter the culture of indifference.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">MASS INTENTIONS</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Saturday</td> <td>February 12</td> <td>4:00 PM</td> <td>Lenard Elliott</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday</td> <td>February 13</td> <td>10:00 AM</td> <td>Parish</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>February 15</td> <td>8:00 AM</td> <td>Felix Mendoza</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td> <td>February 17</td> <td>8:00 AM</td> <td>Distler Family</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday</td> <td>February 19</td> <td>4:00 PM</td> <td>Dan Vanderfeltz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday</td> <td>February 20</td> <td>10:00 AM</td> <td>Parish</td> </tr> </table>	Saturday	February 12	4:00 PM	Lenard Elliott	Sunday	February 13	10:00 AM	Parish	Tuesday	February 15	8:00 AM	Felix Mendoza	Thursday	February 17	8:00 AM	Distler Family	Saturday	February 19	4:00 PM	Dan Vanderfeltz	Sunday	February 20	10:00 AM	Parish
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<p>OUR MOTTO: JOY</p> <p>JESUS FIRST</p> <p>OTHERS SECOND</p> <p>YOURSELF LAST</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mission Statement</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We, the family of Annunciation Parish desire to build a community of love and service to our community and those in need as we bear witness to the teaching of Jesus Christ.</p>
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FROM THE PASTOR

Feast of St. Valentine: The feast of St. Valentine falls on February 14. It is to honor the saint who went against the order of Emperor Claudius who had banned all marriages in 269 AD. Because the Emperor wanted to have a big army for which he made it compulsory for all the youth to join the military. Valentine was a priest and he defied the order and started blessing the weddings of young couples in secret with candlelight. One day as he was performing a marriage ceremony, he was caught and imprisoned. While he was in prison, many young folks who received marriage blessing threw flowers and notes of appreciation through his prison window as they walked by. One of these young people was the daughter of the prison guard. With the permission of her dad, she visited with him in his prison cell. She would sit and talk for hours and thus helped him to keep his spirits alive. This went on for a while. Finally, the day before he was going to be executed, he left her a little note thanking her for her friendship and loyalty signing it as, “**Love from your Valentine.**” In the recent years, the business world has made it ‘**lovers’ day** making all kinds of gifts and cards available. Now the younger generation not knowing the real meaning of Christian love is blindly carried away by glamorous things of the market. It is a love with sacrifice which is selfless. It always and everywhere seeks the good and wellbeing of others. I wish and pray that we all may understand the true meaning this love revealed by Jesus which inspired Saints like St. Valentine. **I extend you all ‘A Happy Valentine Day.’**

Biblical Base for Grateful Giving: In the context of stewardship way, this time, I am giving some references from the Bible to remind ourselves that grateful giving has been rooted in the Biblical tradition. Proverbs 3:9-10 states: “Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing ... your vats will brim over with new wine.” Sirach 35:6-15 exhorts: “With a generous spirit pay homage to the Lord ... Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means. For he is a God who always repays and will give back to you sevenfold. While the New Testament may not spell out a prescribed amount, it certainly emphasizes the principle of giving: “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you” (Lk 6:38). St. Paul gives a beautiful reflection on giving in 2 Corinthians 9:5-15, saying that, “he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly ... he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

A beautiful Prayer

“I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey . . .
I asked for health, that I might do great things.
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things. .
. . .
I asked for riches, that I might be happy.
I was given poverty, that I might be wise. . .
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men.
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God. . .
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life.
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things. . .
I got nothing I asked for – but everything I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoken words were answered.
I am, among men, most richly blessed.”

Satan’s Beatitudes: Blessed are those who are too tired, too busy, too distracted to spend an hour once a week with their fellow Christians in Church – they are my best workers.

Blessed are those who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked – I can use them in my business.

Blessed are those who are touchy. Soon they will stop going to Church – verily, they shall be my missionaries.

Blessed are those who sow gossip and trouble – they are my beloved children.

Blessed are those who have no time to pray – for they are my prey.

Blessed are those who gossip – for they are my secret agents.

Blessed are you when you read this and think it has everything to do with other people, and nothing to do with you – I’ve got room for YOU at my inn.

Reminder: Catholic Stewardship Appeal: In the CSA, our Parish goal has been **\$17,340.00** and the money that has been received by the diocese **\$14,420.00** as against the committed amount **\$19,635.00**. All those who have committed may kindly pay off the amount by March 15 so that our Parish can get the benefit from the diocese.

The Faith in Motion Group wants to thank everyone for supporting the Raffle. Because of your generosity we raised over \$800! This will be used to pay for shipping of our school library to Malawi Africa as well as fund several other service projects this spring. The raffle drawing will occur before 10am Mass on Sunday Feb 13th. We are now collecting and organizing children's books for reading levels Pre-K - 4th grade. If you have any gently used books you would like to donate, there is a container in the back of Church. Thanks again for supporting our youth!

Weekly Collections

1 st week:	\$8,420.59	2 nd week:	\$
3 rd week:	\$	4 th week:	\$
Hispanic: \$191.00		Seminary \$200.00	
Mustard Seed \$350.00		Bldg. Fund: \$190.00	

Liturgical Roles

Saturday – February 12th 4:00 pm

Lector: Pauline Forck
Servers: Need Volunteer
Greeter: Tim Baker/Tim Forck
Song Leader: Bev Kleffner
Organist: Betty Pringer
Rosary: Vickie Schroeder

Sunday – February 13th , 10:00 am

Lector: Youth Mass

Servers:
Greeter:
Song Leader: Alicia Taube
Organist: Betty Pringer
Rosary: Charles Roll

Saturday – February 19th 4:00 pm

Lector: Elaine Anderson
Servers: Need Volunteer
Greeter: Joyce Ziehmer/Denise Gert
Song Leader: Larry Dahler
Organist: Jo Pummill
Rosary: Russell Anderson

Sunday – February 20th , 10:00 am

Lector: J. Gattermeir
Servers: McCumber Family
Greeter: Scott/Evelyn Jobe
Song Leader: Marian Fleischmann
Organist: Jo Pummill
Rosary: Marian Fleischmann

The Diocese of Jefferson City is pleased to offer our parish families college scholarship opportunities through a generous donation from the families of William H. (Bill) Simon and John L. Warack
 To be considered for the following scholarships, you must meet the following criteria:

- Student must be a registered Catholic in the Diocese of Jefferson City
- Student must submit a completed application by March 31
- Student must demonstrate a financial need by submitting a copy of their Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Student must submit a letter or recommendation from: 1) School official (teacher, counselor, principal, coach, etc.) 2) Current or present pastor
- For the John L. Warack Scholarship, student must attend University of Missouri-Columbia and be active in the St. Thomas More Neman Center


All applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm on Thursday, March 31, 2022.
 Scholarship criteria and applications are available at diojeffcity.org/college-scholarship. If you have any questions regarding these scholarships or applications, please contact [Jessica Hooqveld](#) or [Denise Barnes](#).

The contribution sheets for 2021 are in the back of church for anyone to pick up.

Why is Stewardship so Important?

Stewardship is primarily about discipleship. Stewardship is a Catholic's active response to Jesus' call: "Follow me!" We mature as intentional disciples of the Lord by recognizing the many gifts He has given us (our lives, our talents and abilities, our material income, etc.) and we realized the need to give back of ourselves - sacrificially - as He has done for us. We give out of our need to give, because that's what a disciple and steward does!

Stewardship leads to active participation by pledging to pray (attend mass on weekends and holy days), participate (by giving of your time and talent to support the life and ministry of the parish), and sacrificially give (returning to God what is God's in financial support of the work of his church). By the power of the Holy Spirit, stewardship parishes build communities of faith who live out the gospel in their daily lives. **Don Vanderfeltz and the Stewardship Committee**



Sympathy to the *Loretta George* family. Loretta died on February 3 and was buried here at Annunciation this past week. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and comfort to her family at this time of loss.

Wednesday evening Religion Class: We plan to begin again on Feb. 23, 2022 and use the Lenten prayer program that will be supplied by the Diocese. This Lenten program is encouraged by the Diocese for all parishes. The program is designed for small groups and I know in the past there have been several groups in the Parish that would participate. Anyone who wants to join the group on Wednesday evenings is welcome. We will start on Feb 23, but will not meet on Ash Wednesday (Mar. 2) because of Mass that day. We will continue to meet every Wed. throughout Lent at 6:00 pm for about an hour in the church basement.

Mark your calendars:

Curbside Fish Fry – Annunciation California, MO
 March 11 & 25th - 4-6:30 PM
 Fried fish, fries, slaw, cornbread, baked beans, dessert - \$12

Prayer List

Please Pray for these and all who are in need of prayer. Call the office to add someone or take someone off.

Milinda Hoecker, Angie Hoecker (sister-in laws of Tammy Strein) Lisa Anderson, Glenda Williams, Dr. Conrad Balcer; Jamie Bax; Don Aggeler (father of Chris Hurt & Carolyn Aggeler; Guadalupe Agüero; Amanda Gorham; John Higgins; Stephanie Marshall; Jim Imhoff; Sharon (Imhoff) Dresel (Sister of Vince Imhoff & Nancy Martin); Barb Glenn; Darrell Bolin; Chris Schoenthal; Larry Hoback; Kim (Gailey) Moss; Sister Leona Bax; Roger Borgmeyer; Carol Baker; Thomas Imhoff (son of Jim and Lita Imhoff); Hazel Boss (mother of Pauline Forck); Frankie Bolinger (mother of Jake Bolinger); Cody Schmidt; Amanda Imhoff; Connie Sack; Shirley Sack; Jeff Johnson; Gary Fleischmann; John & Barbara Reichl (parents of Bill Reichl); Louis Forck (grandson of Tim & Pauline Forck); Terry Carlson; Bob Winkler; Gary Rackers (Margaret Reynolds son-in-law); Special Intention; Rachel Frank; Abe Baepler; Andrea Tilbury; Carol Rackers; Keith Connell; Alfred Rhodus (father of Melody Fischer)

THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION

Saturday , Feb. 12	BVM
⌄Mass 4:00 PM	Lenard Elliott
Sunday , Feb. 13	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:45 AM	Religion Classes
⌄Mass 10:00 AM	Parish
12:00	Spanish
Monday , Feb. 14	
5:45PM	Prayer of the Holy Rosary
⌄ 8:00 PM	AA-Alon
Tuesday , Feb. 15	
⌄ 8:00 AM	Felix Mendoza
6:30 PM	K of C Meeting
Thursday , Feb 17	The Seven Holy Founders of The Servite Order
⌄Mass 8:00 AM	Distler Family
⌄ 7:00 PM	Holy Hour
Saturday , Feb 19	BVM
⌄Mass 4:00 PM	Dan Vanderfeltz
Sunday , Feb 20	7 th Sunday Ordinary Time
⌄Mass 10:00 AM	Parish
8:45 AM	Religion Classes

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary time, February 13,2022

Introduction: Today's readings teach us that true happiness, or beatitude, lies in the awareness that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father and that we will be happy only when we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need, and when we work to uplift them, thus declaring our "*option for the poor*," as Jesus did. Contrary to the popular belief, wealth, health, power, and influence are not the sources of true happiness. The word "beatitude" means "blessedness" in a double sense: both enjoying God's favor and enjoying true or supreme happiness. (A homily starter anecdote may be added here)

Scripture lessons: In the first reading, Jeremiah tells us that true happiness consists in our placing our trust in God and in putting our trust in His promises. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 1) finds beatitude in keeping God's Law. In the second reading St. Paul warns us that true beatitude is obtainable only in Heaven, and that Christ's Resurrection gives us our assurance of reaching Heaven for an everlasting life of happiness. In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples in the paradoxical blessedness of poverty, hunger, sorrow, and persecution. "*Blessed are those who are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, excluded, insulted and denounced*," because in poverty, we recognize our dependence on God; in hunger, God's providence; in sorrow for sins, reconciliation with God; and in persecution, the true joy of standing for the Faith with heroic convictions. What makes one blessed is not simply poverty or hunger or sadness or suffering for the Faith but living these in the context of one's commitment to Jesus and his spirit of sharing. Beatitudes consist in humble selflessness and compassionate, generous sharing of our blessings with the needy. The beatitudes must be understood as eschatological statements which see and evaluate the present in terms of the future glory and everlasting happiness.

Life Messages: 1) **We need to respond to the challenge of the Beatitudes in our daily life.** Millions are starving, persecuted, homeless, and leading hopeless lives. The only way the promises of the Beatitudes can become a reality for them is through the efforts of people like us. Hence, let us remember that each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick, or the oppressed, we share with them a foretaste of the promises of the Beatitudes here and now.

2) **Let us light a candle instead of blaming the political set-up.** God knows that 50% of His children are hungry, 80% live in substandard housing and 70% have no education. If over half our children were hungry, cold and uneducated, how would we respond to their suffering? God wants us to live as brothers and sisters who care for one another. 3) **We must take care to choose our way wisely.** "*There are two Ways, one of Life and one of Death, and there is a great difference between the two Ways.*" These are the opening lines of the "*Didache*" a first century Christian catechism used to teach new Christians the essence of the Christian Faith. The way of life and true happiness is the way of Jesus, the way of the beatitudes, the way of rendering loving service to God by serving our brothers and sisters. (Fr. A. Kadavil)