




**Annunciation  
Catholic Church**  
CALIFORNIA, MO



*February 20<sup>th</sup> - February 26<sup>th</sup>  
7th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

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<p><b>Bishop McKnight's February prayer intention for our Local Church</b></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;"><b>MASS INTENTIONS</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>Saturday</b></td> <td><b>February 19</b></td> <td><b>4:00 PM</b></td> <td><b>Dan Vanderfeltz</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Sunday</b></td> <td><b>February 20</b></td> <td><b>10:00 AM</b></td> <td><b>Parish</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Tuesday</b></td> <td><b>February 22</b></td> <td><b>8:00 AM</b></td> <td><b>Dolores Bestgen (100)</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Thursday</b></td> <td><b>February 24</b></td> <td><b>8:00 AM</b></td> <td><b>Jeanne Miller</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Saturday</b></td> <td><b>February 26</b></td> <td><b>4:00 PM</b></td> <td><b>Parish</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Sunday</b></td> <td><b>February 27</b></td> <td><b>10:00 AM</b></td> <td><b>Paul Hoellering</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 19</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Dan Vanderfeltz</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 20</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 22</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Dolores Bestgen (100)</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 24</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Jeanne Miller</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 26</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 27</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Paul Hoellering</b>
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<p><b>OUR MOTTO: JOY</b></p> <p><b>JESUS FIRST</b></p> <p><b>OTHERS SECOND</b></p> <p><b>YOURSELF LAST</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mission Statement</b></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

**Four Pillars of Stewardship:** I continue to write on Stewardship Way from different perspectives. This week, I am sharing the four pillars of Stewardship given by the diocese. They are Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service.

**1.Hospitality:** It is imperative that a parish nurtures a sense of community among parishioners. Welcoming and community building activities are essential for any parish to thrive and for stewardship to succeed. A parish must first examine if it is welcoming by doing a survey among the parishioners. Studies have shown the parishes that lack a sense of welcoming, will struggle with building a stewardship parish.

**2.Prayer:** Through participation in Mass (on weekends and holy days), we learn to recognize, receive and share God’s grace and gifts in love of God and neighbor. Through prayer, Christian stewardship grow closer to God – strengthening their relationship and growing in spirituality. Intentional prayer of sacrificial giving of one’s own first fruits.

**3.Formation:** It is an ongoing education in the faith. It helps ignite the soul for a life-long journey of conversion. It educates, engages and empowers individual stewards to love as God loves us, which in turn strengthens the parish community. Small groups that come in communion to prayerfully discuss faith topics.

**4.Service:** It is stewardship in action. It is giving of one’s own time and talent to support the life and ministry of the parish and wider community. Jesus came to teach us to serve through his greatest commandment to love one another.

**St. Andrew School News 4th Graders Feast Day:** On Friday, February 11, the 4th grade children celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes at 8 am Mass. They did different roles at Mass and at the end they put up a skit based on the apparition of the Blessed Mother to St. Bernadette in Lourdes in 1858. It was well presented highlighting the message of Lourdes – prayer, penance and repentance. For the skit they learned their dialogue so well, the congregation was really struck in awe and wonder how the 4<sup>th</sup> grade children learned so well and presented the skit true to reality.

**Congratulations to all the 4<sup>th</sup> graders for their excellent show.** (the 4th graders from California are: Shane Bax, Clay Sangster, Coen Drinkard, Adalena Kincaid and Jorge Bedolla) Very special thanks to Jessica Guymon, the class teacher for preparing them so well with the help of their parents.

**Dr. Erin Vader**, the Superintendent of Catholic Schools from the Diocese, was present at Mass and she was in high praise for our children. Thanks to their parents for their presence at Mass and providing them a good breakfast before their ice skating in Jefferson City.

**Lenten Group Study:** During lent, we have been asked to discuss the book titled ‘Grateful Living’. The books have arrived and we need people to sign up. The sign-up sheets are visibly placed on an easel at the back of church. We request you to put down your name under any group according to your convenience. Please remember this is in preparation for Stewardship Way of life that is promoted by the diocese. If there are others who are interested to lead a group, please contact Don Vanderfeltz.

**Prayer Request:** Please keep Vicky Schroeder in your prayers as she is being treated in the University Hospital in Columbia for serious burns.

**A Good News:** Last Sunday when I offered Mass for Hispanic Community, I was delighted to see guitar music. There were 4 guitarists playing music for different songs. It made the Holy Mass lively. Now there is a growing interest in the community as more people are coming forward to learn. They practice every Friday from 6 – 8 pm. It was initiated by Deacon Enrique. Many thanks to Deacon Enrique for his guidance and service.

**A Light Heart:** The preacher and the doctor: There’s a story told of a husband and wife both of whom were doctors – one a Doctor of Theology and the other a Doctor of Medicine. When their doorbell was rung and the maid answered, the inquirer would often ask for “the doctor”. The maid’s interesting reply was: “Do you want the one who preaches or the one who practices?”

**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 **\$14,075.00** as against the committed amount \$19,635.00. All those have committed may kindly pay off the amount **by March 15** so that our Parish can get the benefit from the diocese.

**Stewardship Prayer:** It is so meaningful that when it is recited. It makes each one aware of one’s own responsibility and helps us to build up our parish family on the model of Stewardship Way. This can be used by individuals and groups to receive enlightenment from above for our journey. It is as following:

Dear Heavenly Father,  
My parish is composed of people like me;  
I help make it what it is.  
It will be friendly, if I am.  
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.  
It will do great work, if I work.  
It will make generous gifts to many causes,  
if I am a generous giver.  
It will bring people into its worship and fellowship,  
if I invite and bring them.  
It will be a parish of loyalty and love,  
of fearlessness and faith,  
and a parish with a noble spirit,  
if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same  
things.  
Therefore, with Your help, O God,  
I shall dedicate myself to growing our faith by being all  
things  
that I want my parish to be.

**The Faith in Motion Group** Congratulations to the winners of the baked goods. Hope you enjoyed them. 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!

**Ladies Sodality:** The Ladies Sodality will meet on Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> in the parish hall. A social time will begin about 6:15. Dinner will begin at 6:30. There will be a brief meeting about the plans for the Fish Fry Nights of March 11th and March 25th...many cookies and brownies will be needed. We ask that the cookies/brownies be wrapped individually. Call Mickie Bolinger(353-3547) or Vickie Schroeder (913-669-2979) if you can donate and how many you will donate. Also...bring a **ROCK** to paint. We are going to have some fun!!

**Potluck Night:** This gathering will take place in the parish hall on Saturday, (February 25) after the 4:00 Mass. Bring a dish to share! Tim and Pauline Forck will host this event. You may bring your dish to the parish hall any time after 3:30 to be kept warm or cold. Visiting and games happen after supper is done. Come join the group. We are small, but we are welcoming!!

**Mark your calendars:**

Curbside Fish Fry – Annunciation California, MO March 11 & 25<sup>th</sup> - 4-6:30 PM

Fried fish, fries, slaw, cornbread, baked beans, dessert - \$12

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

**Pillars of Stewardship:**

The four pillars of stewardship are Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service. These pillars invite parishioners to experience, witness and live the stewardship way of life in response to their baptismal call to discipleship. Each baptized person is called to give of time, talent and treasure to strengthen these four pillars that support the parish community -- your parish community.

**Don Vanderfeltz and the Stewardship Committee**

**Mobile Food Pantry – Thursday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 6:30 PM**

Please consider volunteering so we can rotate personnel in and out of the cold and keep our volunteers comfortable as they serve our neighbors. Deliveries are available by contacting the parish office. Volunteer information is available by calling Letitia.

**Weekly Collections**

1 <sup>st</sup> week:	\$8,420.59	2 <sup>nd</sup> week:	\$3,030.09
3 <sup>rd</sup> week:	\$	4 <sup>th</sup> week:	\$
Hispanic:	\$207.00		
Mustard Seed	\$ 20.00		

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**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday – February 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

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

**Sunday – February 20<sup>th</sup> , 10:00 am**

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

**Saturday – February 26<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

Lector: Tammy Korte  
Servers: Need Volunteer  
Greeter: Kay Pearson/Vickie Schroeder  
Song Leader: Need Volunteer  
Organist: Ruth Ann Jobe  
Rosary: Margaret Reynolds

**Sunday – February 27<sup>th</sup> , 10:00 am**

Lector: Dale Glenn  
Servers: Nicki Frank  
Greeter: Linda McKee/Bev Cain  
Song Leader: Jo Ann Bestgen  
Organist: Ruth Ann Jobe  
Rosary: Margaret Bieri

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**Wednesday evening Religion Class:** This Lenten program is encouraged by the Diocese for all parishes. 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.

**World Day of Prayer:** The California United Church of Christ extends an invitation to all women to join as they celebrate World Day of Prayer, beginning at 1PM on Friday, March 4, 2022 in their Friendship Hall. Refreshments will be served. We will learn about the countries of Northern Ireland and England, Wales.

## Prayer List

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

*Vickie Schroeder; Mary Menke; (mother of Ruthie Adams) 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 Aguero; 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

<b>Saturday</b> , Feb. 19	BVM
☪Mass 4:00 PM	Dan Vanderfeltz
<b>Sunday</b> , Feb. 20	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
	No Religion Classes
☪Mass 10:00 AM	Parish
12:00	Spanish
<b>Monday</b> , Feb. 21	St. Peter Damian
5:45PM	Prayer of the Holy Rosary
☪ 8:00 PM	AA-Alon
<b>Tuesday</b> , Feb. 22	Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
☪ 8:00 AM	Dolores Bestgen (100 yrs old)
6:30 PM	Ladies Sodality
<b>Thursday</b> , Feb 23	St Polycarp
☪Mass 8:00 AM	Jeanne Miller
☪ 7:00 PM	Holy Hour
<b>Saturday</b> , Feb 26	BVM
☪Mass 4:00 PM	Parish
<b>Sunday</b> , Feb 27	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time
☪Mass 10:00 AM	Paul Hoellering
8:45 AM	Religion Classes

### **The 7th Sunday in ordinary time, February 20,2022**

**Central theme:** Today's Scripture readings challenge us to make three types of correct choices in life. First, we are advised to choose the love in the "golden rule" instead of selfishness and insensitivity to the feelings and needs of others. Second, we need to choose unconditional, agape love instead of jealousy and hatred in our relationships with others. Third, we must choose graceful forgiveness instead of harboring revenge and planning retaliation.

**Scripture lessons:** The first reading shows us how David made the right choice, respecting God's anointed king by forgiving his offenses, while Saul continued to make the wrong choices, perpetuating his own misery in seeking his revenge. In the Responsorial Psalm, Ps 103, the Psalmist reminds us of the mercy of God and His compassion which we should practice in our choices. In the second reading, St. Paul tells us how the "First Adam" made a wrong choice of disobedience, bringing death into the world, whereas Jesus, the "Second Adam," made the right choice of fulfilling his Father's saving plan for mankind by accepting acute suffering and heinous death. [Today's Gospel \(Luke 6:27-38\)](#) gives us Jesus' revolutionary moral teaching about correct choices in our human relationships, based on the necessity of our following the "Golden Rule" and our obligation to behave like the children of a loving, forgiving, merciful, and compassionate Heavenly Father. Our relationships in our communities become truly Christian when we follow the Golden Rule, "*Do to others as you would have them do to you.*" Jesus amplifies the golden rule by giving additional commands for us to follow as God's children, by explaining Christian love: "*Love your enemies...Do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you and pray for those who maltreat you.*" Jesus orders us to love our enemies and to be merciful and compassionate to everyone as God our Father is loving, merciful, and compassionate. He concludes by instructing us to stop judging others and start forgiving all who offend us.

**Life Messages:** 1) We need to practice the Golden Rule: The Golden Rule asks us to do to others what we would like them do to us. If we obey, loving others and expressing that love by loving words and deeds, we will start receiving the same love from others in higher intensity. Further, if we want others to forgive our offenses, our words of criticism, and our thoughtless judgments against them, then we should start forgiving their offenses against us and start appreciating their good qualities while encouraging them and supporting them in their needs.

2) We need to pray for the strength to forgive. At every Mass we pray the "Our Father", asking God to forgive us as we forgive others. Our challenge is to overcome our natural inclination to hate family members, co-workers, neighbors and all who offend us. To meet that challenge, we need to ask God for the strength to forgive each other. We must forgive, because only forgiveness truly heals us. If we remember how God has forgiven us, it will help us forgive others. Let us start forgiving right now by curbing the sharp tongue of criticism, suppressing the revenge instinct and bearing patiently the irritating behavior of a neighbor. (Fr. Anthony Kadavil)