



**Annunciation  
Catholic Church**  
CALIFORNIA, MO



*April 24<sup>th</sup> - April 30<sup>th</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

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<p><b>OUR MOTTO: JOY</b> <b>JESUS FIRST</b> <b>OTHERS SECOND</b> <b>YOURSELF LAST</b></p>	<p><b>Mission Statement</b> 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

**Divine Mercy Miracle:** Our Parish community has been praying for us. During a regular Holy Hour of Adoration, I knelt down with my eyes focused on the Lord and prayed for everything to go according to His Holy Will. The doctors have been telling worst-case-scenarios and I just knew that all the more I need to focus on our Lord who is above all things. The celebrant priest held up the Blessed Sacrament to give the final blessing and to my surprise, proceeded down the altar towards me! He held the Monstrance right up to my belly and blessed my womb. I knew God is reassuring me. At another time, the priest, Fr John Rea, with an international Healing Ministry, prayed over me with just 3 words "Speedy, Pain-free, Delivery". When I went home, I wondered about the 'pain-free' part and have never ever heard of anyone who had a pain-free delivery. But, I prayed to God for me to trust that a Pain-Free Delivery can happen, simply because God can if He wants to!

**The entire pregnancy was completely normal, healthy and trouble-free** despite my husband and I being in the 'high-risk' age group. At the delivery suite, **I could sense our Blessed Mother at the foot of the delivery bed. As in the old village days when all the women gather together, encouraging, coaching, and helping with the delivery. That's how I felt her presence.**

A healthy baby boy was delivered exactly on completion of 9 months and the **entire delivery from the first contraction took 55 minutes. And was literally pain-free! In fact, my husband's hand squeezing me was more painful than the contractions. Thanks be to God.** Our joyful child is turning 6 in July 2019. People who meet him comment on how bright and happy he is. We often marvel at how God fills in the gaps where we lack and how HE fathers our child better than we ever possibly can! We **prayed countless Chaplets of the Divine Mercy** during my pregnancy. And even until today, it continues to prove what JESUS told St Faustina, "**There is nothing you cannot obtain by praying the Chaplet**" and that there is nothing God will not do when we place all our trust in HIM and in HIS MERCY. Our constant prayer is for GOD's Grace and MERCY to be able to place all our trust in HIM and HIS MERCY. (Therese Choong-Perera, Australia, 4 March 2019)

**Many Thanks:** Once again, I would like to say '**many thanks**' to **Fr. Richard Frank** for doing the Holy Week Services and Easter Masses. I would also like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all who helped out with different services during the Holy Week and Easter Vigil. It was wonderful to get enough volunteers to do the readings, lead prayers, music, singing, and serving Mass and so forth. **Special thanks to Deacon Bob** for his dedicated services and **Eric Schroeter** for his timely assistance. **Very special thanks to Marian Fleischmann, Betty Pringer, Larry Dahler, Roger Pringer, Jacob and Darrell Hoellering, Bev Kleffner and Margaret Bieri** for the beautiful Easter decorations in the sanctuary which really stands out. I also extend thanks to those who donated the colorful flowers to the occasion. Finally, in a special way, I thank Margaret Bieri for filling the bottles with water and wrapped them with the prayer of blessing to be blessed at Easter Vigil and given out at the Vigil and

Easter Sunday Masses. Many thanks to **Evelyn Jobe** for organizing Easter Egg Hunt for our children after Easter Sunday Mass.

**'A big thank you' to Fr. Cesar Anicama** for doing Easter Sunday Mass for our Hispanic people and **the guitar choir** for the lively signing. He started offering Sunday Masses from April and will continue doing so till May until his new assignment. He is indeed a blessing for our people to get Holy Mass and do their confessions.

**Continuation of Stewardship Process:** Fr. Stephen Jones will celebrate the Weekend Masses and preach about stewardship way on May 7th and 8th. I thank all the group leaders and those participated in the Group Discussion on 'Grateful Living' during lent. It was a wonderful way of coming together as a group to share one's own thoughts in a prayerful atmosphere toward taking our Parish to Stewardship Way of Life.

**Virtus Training:** The volunteers serving in different councils, committees and picnic who have not done Virtus training are gently reminded once again to do it either online or in person which is mandatory by the diocese. On **Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 pm**, Connie Schepers will be here to conduct a training in person in our Hall. Please contact Letitia Sangster at 573 576 0300 for registration.

**Please Note: 1. Catholic Home Mission Collection** will be taken at both the Masses this weekend. For more details, please read the letter by the bishop given in the bulletin insert. **2. On the day of the feast of Divine Mercy this Sunday on April 24, special prayers and chanting of Divine Mercy Chaplets will be offered at 3 pm** with Benediction. **3. First Holy Communion** will be on May 1st at 10 am bilingual Mass.

**Update on Parish Rectory:** **El Puente**, a charitable organization from Jefferson City that runs different services to the Hispanic people and the poor has come forward to use our building on rent as an extension of their services to our area and around. Perhaps you are aware of their monthly food pantry program organized in our premises. With prior approval from the diocese, we have decided to give them the building on a minimum rent. Meanwhile, the Building & Ground Committee is working on getting the windows replaced and sealing the brick walls with water proof materials to prevent water seepage into the building which is considered to be an alternative to the tuck-pointing. I am glad that the building facility will be used for the charitable services to those in greater need which would bring some life into the building and blessing to our Parish.

**Feast of Divine Mercy:** On **Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**, we are having the chanting of Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. You are welcome to participate and obtain the mercy promised by Jesus.

Next Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> is **First Communion Sunday**. There will be 10 children receiving their First Communion at 10:00 mass. It will be done as a bilingual Mass and there will not be Spanish Mass at 12pm. Please keep all the families in your prayers.

May 1<sup>st</sup> is the last **PSR Class**. We look forward to seeing everyone at Totus Tuus the week of June 26 – July 1.



Donations received for Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones: They are beautiful! Frank Haller Family; Lenard Elliott, Special Intention; John & Rosalie Hentges; Mildred & Elliott McPherson; Margaret Strickfaden; Susan Dumsday; Joe & Mary Agnes Ernst;

Teresa Kirchoff; Clem, Rose, Arlene Distler; Bernie & Elva Dunn; Leon & Rita Vanderfeltz; Tony, Dorothy, Dick Scheidt; Earl & Margaret Scheidt; Madelyn Dahler; Art & Corene Schmitt; Denis & Edna Mae Hagedorn; Herman & Sylvia Loehnig; Paul Naros

#### **Virtus Training - May 4 at 6:30 pm**

In preparation for the Picnic we are offering Virtus training in the Church Hall on Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30pm. You can pre-register or just show up. This class will be in English, a Spanish class is being scheduled and will be announced shortly.

You can complete this training at home if you wish, visit [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and sign up as a First Time Registrant, the training videos will take about an hour to complete. Call Letitia, 573-576-0300, with any questions or to check your status.

#### **Mobile Food Pantry- Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 4:30-6:30**

The Ladies Sodality is coordinating the volunteers this month. Call Mickie Bolinger or Cindy Tuttle if you can volunteer.

**Ladies Sodality** will be celebrating an early Mother's Day on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the church basement. Members are encouraged to bring a friend,, daughter, mother, sister, or a special lady to the meeting. A dinner will be served by the officers. Refreshments are welcome. All ladies of the parish are welcome to come and join us.

**Picnic – June 5<sup>th</sup>** : There is a meeting of picnic chairmen on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> in the Annex basement at 6:00 pm. Placement of stands, finalization of flyers, dinner prices will be some of the issued discussed. All chairmen's input is valuable.

#### **Mark your calendars: El Puente Trivia Night**

Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 PM

Selinger Center – Jefferson City

\$160 table or \$20 per person

Register at [www.elpuentemo.org](http://www.elpuentemo.org)

## **Weekly Collections - April**

1<sup>st</sup> week: \$3,684.09      2<sup>nd</sup> week: 7,260.59  
3<sup>rd</sup> week: \$3,757.18      4<sup>th</sup> week:

Hispanic \$265.00      Missions \$20.00  
Infirmed Priests \$460.00      Rice Bowl: \$1,045.00

### **Liturgical Roles**

#### **Saturday – April 23, 4:00 PM**

Lector: Joyce Ziehmer  
Servers: Need Volunteer  
Greeter: Kaye Pearson/Tammy Korte  
Song Leader: Need Volunteer  
Organist: Jo Pummill  
Rosary: Margaret Reynolds

#### **Sunday – April 24<sup>th</sup> , 10:00 am**

Lector: Rita Henley  
Servers: Shane Bax/Clay Sangster  
Greeter: Linda McKee/Bev Cain  
Song Leader: JoAnn Bestgen  
Organist: Jo Pummill  
Rosary: Rita Henley

#### **Saturday – April 30, 4:00 PM**

Lector: Russ Anderson  
Servers: Need Volunteer  
Greeter: Tim Baker/ Tim Forck  
Song Leader: Larry Dahler  
Organist: Ruth Ann Jobe  
Rosary: Russ Anderson

#### **Sunday – May 1<sup>st</sup> , 10:00 am**

Lector: First Communicants  
Servers: Nicki Frank/Preslee Marriott  
Greeter: Charlie/Pat Roll  
Song Leader: Bev Kleffner  
Organist: Ruth Ann Jobe  
Rosary: Need Volunteer

### **Anyone Who is Currently a Eucharistic Minister...**

There is a great need for anyone in our parish who is currently a Eucharistic Minister to visit the shut ins here in California. If you are interested, please contact Pauline Forck at 573-619-2597.



**Knights of Columbus Scholarship**  
**It is time for the Knights of**  
**Columbus Scholarship.**

**Applications are available in the**  
**back of church or contact Glen Bayne at**  
**(573) 796-3630**

## 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; Ruth Ziehmer, Brenda Irej; Tagen Higgins, Bondorant Family; Mariah Mills; 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; 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; Hazel Boss (mother of Pauline Forck); Frankie Bolinger (mother of Jake Bolinger); Cody Schmidt; Amanda Imhoff; 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> , April 23	Saturday – Octave of Easter
☪Mass 4:00 PM	Emil/Agnes & Jimmie Bax
<b>Sunday</b> , April 24	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter
☪Mass 10:00 AM	Annunciation Parish
12:00	Spanish
<b>Monday</b> , April 25	St. Mark
5:45PM	Prayer of the Holy Rosary
☪ 8:00 PM	AA-Alon
<b>Tuesday</b> , April 26	Paul/Connie McConkey
☪ 8:00 AM	Ladies Sodality
6:30 PM	St. Peter Chanel
<b>Thursday</b> , April 28	Aileen Coleman
☪Mass 8:00 AM	Spanish Holy Hour
7:00 PM	St. Pius V
<b>Saturday</b> , April 30	Parish
☪Mass 4:00 PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter
<b>Sunday</b> , May 1	First Communion Families
☪Mass 10:00 AM	Religion Classes
8:45 AM	Spanish
12:00	

### The Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24, 2022

**Introduction** The readings for this Sunday are about God’s mercy, the necessity for trusting Faith, and our need for the forgiveness of our sins. The opening prayer addresses the Father as “*God of everlasting Mercy.*” In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118), we repeat several times, “*His mercy endures forever!*” God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, in sending His only begotten Son to become our Savior and Lord through His suffering, death, and Resurrection. Divine Mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments (all instituted to sanctify us), especially that of Reconciliation.

by our daily and meditative reading of the Bible. b) Next, we must strengthen our Faith through our personal and community prayer. c) Third, we must share in the Divine Life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments **Scripture lessons summarized:** The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, explains how the Risen Lord continued to show His Divine Mercy to the sick through the healing and preaching ministry of the apostles in the early Church. The Faith of the apostles enabled them to minister to the people, giving them the Lord’s healing love in “*signs and wonders.*” The second reading, taken from the *Book of Revelation* (given by Jesus to the Apostle John in exile on Patmos), was intended to comfort and bolster the Faith of persecuted Christians for all time. Today’s selection assures us of the presence of the merciful Lord in our lives and encourages all of us to fight fear with Faith, and trepidation about the future with trust and Hope. Today’s Gospel recalls Jesus’ institution of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Sacrament of Divine Mercy. The Risen Lord gave his apostles and their successors the power to forgive sins with the words, “*Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained*” (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas’ famous profession of Faith, “*My Lord and my God,*” the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith.

**Life messages:** 1) We need to accept God’s invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives: One way the Church celebrates God’s mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. But it is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God’s merciful judgment.

2) Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and that leads us to serve those we encounter with love. Living Faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each our loving service. The Fathers of the Church prescribe the following traditional means to grow in the living and dynamic faith of St. Thomas the Apostle: a) First, we must come to know Jesus personally and intimately of Reconciliation and receiving the Holy Eucharist. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) presents it this way: “If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action.” (Fr. A. Kadavil)