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SAT. 4:00 PM  
SUN. 9:45 AM  
**Spanish Mass/  
Communion Service:**  
SUN. 11:15 AM

**Our Mission:**  
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.

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Saturday 3:15 – 3:45 PM, and by appointment.

**BAPTISMS:**  
By appointment. Contact Father Viviano

**WEDDINGS:**  
Please contact at least 6 months in advance.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**  
Please call any time, or by appointment.



## How Has God Shaped You?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**S**ometimes it seems as if life is a laboratory of designed experiments on how to become human, all of them allotted ten-year blocks.

Have you noticed how nine- and ten-year-olds can be easy to be around? Then about the time we've gotten being a kid down to a science, life begins to move us into adolescence. We want to be independent and responsible, but we don't yet have all the skills. We have sexual feelings, but we're expected not to act on them. About the time we reach adulthood and move into our twenties, it seems we can finally do what we want, but then we might drink too much, spend too much, drive too fast, and party too long. Once we begin to settle down around year thirty, we have to learn how to live with another person. One likes it warm, the other cool. One seeks to save, the other spends. One is a homebody, the other enjoys going out on the town. By the time we've gotten to our sixties and seventies, we may have figured out life, but by then we've used up most of our energy.

What's going on?

Faith suggests it's the hand of God shaping us into the sort of persons we're meant to be. "Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you our potter; we are all the work of your hand" (Isaiah 64:7). Advent may be a time to figure out how God is acting in your life now and look back to see that God was shaping you all along. ●

### Reflect

**What did you learn in your last ten-year block of life?**

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### Bishop McKnight's November prayer intention for our Local Church

For our family, friends and benefactors of our community who have passed from this world to the next; may they attain a share in eternal happiness through our Lord Jesus Christ risen from the dead.



## LITURGICAL ROLES

### Saturday, December 2, 4:00 pm

Lector: Elaine Anderson  
Servers: Need Volunteer  
Greeter: Tim Forck/Tim Baker  
Song Leader: Larry Dahler  
Organist: Betty Pringer  
Rosary: Russ Anderson

### Sunday, December 3, 9:45 am

Lector: Elise Arnold  
Servers: Nicki Frank  
Greeter: Jeff & Jessica Prettyman  
Song Leader: Bev Kleffner  
Organist: Betty Pringer  
Rosary: Rita Henley

### Saturday, December 9, 4:00 pm

Lector: Russell Anderson  
Servers: Need Volunteer  
Greeter: Joyce Ziehmer/Kaye Pearson  
Song Leader: Larry Dahler  
Organist: Ruth Ann Jobe  
Rosary: Margaret Reynolds

### Sunday, December 10, 9:45 am

Lector: Jill Moreland  
Servers: McCumber Family  
Greeter: Linda & Larry Imhoff  
Song Leader: Alicia Taube  
Organist: Ruth Ann Jobe  
Rosary: Ruth Ann Jobe

## VOCATIONS

Please pray for the men who are studying and discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. This week, please pray for:

**Mr. Gregory Clever** (from Hermann)  
Mundelein Seminary  
1000 E. Maple Ave.  
Mundelein, IL 60060

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## PRAYER LIST

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

Dana Bolin; Kylie Frank (serving in Syria); Seth Frank (serving in Niger); Special Intention; Logan family; J. Gattermeir; Austin Ahumada (serving in Jordan); Pat Roll; Sally Schepers; Janice Howard; Elaine Petree; Linda Rodick; Sharon (Imhoff) Dresel; Donna Arauz; Linda Reichel; Steve Gerlt; Mark Bardwell; Dylann Henley; Lanny Wingate; Vickie Schroeder; Marilyn Durk; Cody Schmidt; David Strickfaden; Ruth Ziehmer; Brenda Irely; Jamie Bax; Stephanie Marshall; Jim Imhoff; Barb Glenn; Darrell Bolin; Larry Hoback; Roger Borgmeyer; Carol Baker; Amanda Imhoff; Connie Sack; Jeff Johnson; Gary Fleischmann; John & Barbara Reichl (parents of Bill Reichl); Louis Forck (grandson of Tim & Pauline Forck); Terry Carlson; Bob Winkler; Rachel Frank; Abe Baepler; Andrea Tilbury; Carol Rackers; Keith Connell; Alfred Rhodus.

## THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION

### **Saturday, December 2**

TMass 4:00 PM Charlotte Baker

### **Sunday, December 3 First Day of Advent**

8:30 -9:30 AM PSR Class

TMass 9:45 AM Bill Ketterlin

11:15 AM Souls in Purgatory

### **Monday, December 4**

5:45 PM Prayer of the Holy Rosary

8:00 PM AA-ALNON

### **Tuesday, December 5**

TMass 8:00 AM Ferdie Lehman

6:00 PM Catechism Class

7:00 PM RCIA (Annex)

Parish Council Meeting

### **Thursday, December 7**

TMass 8:00 AM No Mass

TMass 6:30 PM **Vigil Mass** - Dorothy Schneiders

### **Friday, December 8 Feast of Immaculate Conception**

TMass 8:00 AM Mass at St. Andrew in **Tipton**

TMass 6:30 PM Mass at St. Andrew in **Tipton**

### **Saturday, December 9**

TMass 4:00 PM Annunciation and St. Andrew Parishioners

### **Sunday, December 10**

8:30 -9:30 AM PSR Class

TMass 9:45 AM Earl Scheidt

11:15 AM Souls in Purgatory

## Our Church Motto is **JOY**

**JESUS** First

**OTHERS** Second

**YOURSELF** Third

## PARISH NEWS

**No Morning Mass** – There will be no morning Mass on **Thursday, December 7th.**

**FORMED Advent Calendar** – To get more out of this Advent season, visit the FORMED app each day for spiritual guidance and reflections. Go to this link for the FORMED Advent Calendar: [https://assets.website-files.com/608329ffdf3870c16e232542/65394e0a4f4ce66dd959a437\\_AdventChristmasCalendar2023.pdf](https://assets.website-files.com/608329ffdf3870c16e232542/65394e0a4f4ce66dd959a437_AdventChristmasCalendar2023.pdf)

**Poinsettias** – If you would like to make a donation towards a poinsettia that will be displayed at Christmas in memory of your loved one, please contact the Church Office.

**Christmas Ministry List** – There is a ministry list in the Church entrance for all of the December 23rd, 24th, 25th Masses. Please consider signing up for a position.

## HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH

**Choir Practice** - Choir Practice for Christmas will be Monday, December 4th and Monday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining us to sing during the Christmas season.

**Catechism of the Catholic Church Classes** – Our next class at Annunciation will be on **Tuesday, December 5th, from 6-7pm.** All are invited to come and learn more about our Catholic faith.

**Holy Day of Obligation** – Friday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and a holy day of obligation. There will be a **Vigil Mass at Annunciation on Thursday, December 7th, at 6:30pm.** Friday, December 8th, there will be an 8:00am and a 6:30pm Mass held at St. Andrew's Church in Tipton.

**Blessing of the Bambinelli "Baby Jesus"** – You are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figurines from your home Nativity sets to Masses on December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, for a blessing from Father.

*Yet, Lord, you are our father;  
we are the clay and you our  
potter: we are all the work of  
your hand.*

Isaiah 64:7

As we begin this holy season of Advent, let us turn our hearts and minds to God for our lives are not our own, they are a gift to be used to glorify God and serve others.



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## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS - November

1<sup>st</sup> week: \$5,025.15      3<sup>rd</sup> week: \$5,730.62  
2<sup>nd</sup> week: \$7,930.42      4<sup>th</sup> week: \$5,783.42  
Candles: \$45.00      Stipends: \$90.00

### Altar Flowers:

The flower arrangement this week is from Kay Connell in memory of Bill Ketterlin.



**Marriage Blessings**  
Congratulations to  
Floyd and Bev Cain on their  
50th wedding anniversary.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Unwrap the Gift** – St. Joseph Cathedral, Wednesday, **December 6, 2023, 5:30-7:30pm.** Visit [diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry](http://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry) for details/registration.

**Nativity at the Capitol** – Celebrating the real “reason for the season”. **Thursday, December 7th, from 11am to 3pm.**

**40 Days for Life** - National Night of Prayer for Life, at St Andrew Parish, Holts Summit, from 8 pm to Midnight, **December 8th..**

**Festival of Lights** – Christmas light display at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie, MO. It is free entry every night from 5-10pm through January 7th.

A special event, “O Holy Night”, on Sunday, December 10th, from 4-8pm, will feature a Live Nativity, refreshments, carolers, St. Nicholas, and a bonfire.

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# Dear Padre,

**Why are the Gospels Matthew and Mark so alike? Why did the Church keep both Gospels when so much of Mark seems to be a mirror image of Matthew?**

The Gospels were written over time and used by the faithful when they gathered for worship. They read the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus collected by Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

The Christian communities were often great distances from one another. A community may have had access to only one of these accounts. There is considerable similarity because the Gospel writers depended on one another. All three Gospels include some of the same incidents. Each also has incidents or details unique to that Gospel.

This first page of the Gospel of Mark is from a fourteenth-century Armenian illuminated manuscript painting by Sargis Pitsak.



These were not the only accounts written about the life and ministry of Jesus. At some point, the Church had to decide which should be considered the inspired word of God. There were four accounts that were widely used: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. With their similarities and differences, the Church accepted these four accounts as Gospel—the Good News. ●

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| MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   | SUNDAY  |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| December 4<br><i>Advent Weekday</i><br>Is 2:1–5<br>Mt 8:5–11 | December 5<br><i>Advent Weekday</i><br>Is 11:1–10<br>Lk 10:21–24 | December 6<br><i>Advent Weekday</i><br>Is 25:6–10a<br>Mt 15:29–37 | December 7<br><i>St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i><br>Is 26:1–6<br>Mt 7:21, 24–27 | December 8<br><i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i><br>Gn 3:9–15, 20<br>Eph 1:3–6, 11–12<br>Lk 1:26–38 | December 9<br><i>Advent Weekday</i><br>Is 30:19–21, 23–26<br>Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8 | December 10<br><i>Second Sunday of Advent</i><br>Is 40:1–5, 9–11<br>2 Pt 3:8–14<br>Mk 1:1–8 |

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*[Jesus] ...is at the door to our heart. He knocks. Do you know how to listen to the Lord...who has come today to visit you...? He came to Bethlehem, he will come at the end of the world, but every day he comes to us. Be attentive, look at what you feel in your heart when the Lord knocks.*

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