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MASS TIMES:
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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RECONCILIATION:
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.



Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

MATTHEW 2:1B-2

In Search of God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are always in search of something or other, it seems—an intangible something that tends to shift and change over the course of our lives, like the tumbling pieces of a kaleidoscope. Sometimes, it is love we seek. Other times, meaning. Or inner peace, freedom from anxiety or guilt. Or perhaps freedom from all that ties us down. And sometimes, it is God we seek. Like the Magi, we too are on a quest for the Holy One.

One afternoon, Tom, a high-school sophomore, stopped by. He asked if we could talk about God—or, more exactly, about what God was like. He had been in a study hall, waiting for the bell to ring, when the person behind him asked, "When you die, do you think you're going to see God?" Tom said he thought he would, but then the other student replied, "Well, you won't, because God doesn't have a body. There isn't something to see."

The bell rang, Tom said, and they never finished the conversation. Tom wondered whether God had a body or not, and, if not, then what was God like? Tom was searching for a God that made sense amidst galaxies and black holes and light years of time, but also a God who was personal and knowable and lovable. He wasn't sure how to put the two together. He had become one of the Magi on a journey to find God. ●

Reflect

Where are you on your journey to know and discover God?

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Our Church Motto is JOY
JESUS First
OTHERS Second
YOURSELF Third

Bishop McKnight's January prayer intention for our Local Church

For our civic leaders, that they may be guided by wisdom and integrity in their decisions. May they seek the common good, foster unity in our communities, and lead with compassion and justice.



LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, January 4, 4:00 pm

Mass Coord: Dale & Sandy Deraps
Lector: Becky Bloch
Servers: Dale Deraps
Song Leader: David Garnett
Greeters: Dale & Vicki Glenn
Rosary: Joyce Ziehmer
Gift Bearers: Patty & Clif Sampson

Sunday, January 5, 9:45 am

Lector: Addison Jobe
Servers: Scott Jobe
Song Leader: Bev Kleffner
Greeters: Lance & Jenny Cain
Rosary: Mary Lou Scheidt
Gift Bearers: Darrell & Tammy Hoellering

Saturday, January 11, 4:00 pm

Mass Coord: Russell & Lisa Anderson
Lector: Kristy Gump
Servers: Russell Anderson
Song Leader: Larry Dahler
Greeters: Tim Baker/Tim Forck
Rosary: John Higgins
Gift Bearers: Shawn & Shawna Bax family

Sunday, January 12, 9:45 am

Lector: Kalie Hoskins
Servers: Hezekiah Frank
Song Leader: Joann Bestgen
Greeters: Bernie & Brian Bestgen
Rosary: Charlie Roll
Gift Bearers: Ron & Janice Frank

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. Samuel Cramer (from Rhineland, MO)
Conception Seminary
P.O. Box 502
Conception, MO 64433-0502

SOULS IN PURGATORY PRAYER

Our Lord promised St. Gertrude the Great that 1000 souls would be released from purgatory each time this prayer is said devoutly.

Eternal Father,

I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family.
Amen.

PRAYER LIST

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

Vicky Hoback; Misty Distler; Jude Cain (niece of JoAnn Bestgen); Cory Bickel (Jim Hoback's nephew); Rob Johnson; Elise Arnold; Bill McConkey; Jacobo Garcia; Earlene Elliott; Pam Block; Helen Heinen; Shawn Bax; Suzy Allee; Linda Bardwell; Heather Kopczuk (niece of Janice Frank and Trish Brauch); Andrea Emilia Bernabey; Robert Garner; Glenda Williams; Lisa Anderson; Paula Volkmer; Tracy Davis; Beckie Dubbert; Beverly Cain; John Michael McCoy; Special Intention; J. Gattermeir; Sally Schepers; Janice Howard; Sharon (Imhoff) Dresel; Linda Reichel; Steve Gerlt; Mark Bardwell; Dylann Henley; Lanny Wingate; Marylin Durk; Cody Schmidt; Ruth Ziehmer; Jamie Bax; Jim Imhoff; Barb Glenn; Roger Borgmeyer; Carol Baker; Amanda Imhoff; Connie Sack; Gary Fleischmann; Barbara Reichl (mother of Bill Reichl); Louis Forck (grandson of Tim & Pauline Forck); Terry Carlson; Rachel Frank; Abe Baepler; Andrea Tilbury; Carol Rackers; Keith Connell; Alfred Rhodus.

THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION

*Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 4

TMass 4:00 PM *Madelyn & James Dahler

Sunday, January 5 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30-9:30 AM No PSR Classes

8:00AM-11:30AM Knights of Columbus Breakfast

TMass 9:45 AM *Annunciation and
St. Andrew Parishioners

Spanish 11:15 AM Prayer Service

Monday, January 6

5:45 PM Prayer of the Holy Rosary

8:00 PM AA-ALNON

Tuesday, January 7

TMass 8:00 AM **No Morning Mass**

Wednesday, January 8

6:30 PM Bible Study

Thursday, January 9

TMass 8:00 AM **No Morning Mass**

8:00 AM Take Down Christmas Decorations

7:00 PM Holy Hour - Spanish

Saturday, January 11

TMass 4:00 PM *Mary Jo Garnett

Sunday, January 12 The Baptism of the Lord

8:30-9:30 AM PSR Classes

TMass 9:45 AM *Liz Loeffelholz

Spanish Mass 11:15 AM *Engracia Torres y Jose Tenorio

Breaking Free from Pornography

Matt Fradd is a national Catholic podcaster and speaker. He has developed a powerful online program to help one break free from pornography. The program is **Strive21**. You can access this program at **Strive21.com**

PARISH NEWS

No Morning Masses = There will be no morning Masses on Tuesday, January 7th, or Thursday, January 9th.

Altar Flowers – There are weekends open in February for anyone who is interested in purchasing flowers in celebration of something, or in memory of someone.

Year-end Tithing Statements – If you would like a statement for your taxes, please contact the Church Office at 573-796-4842. A statement will be printed for you and left in the Church entrance.

Please welcome Fr. Alex Eeka from India. He is our visiting Priest this weekend since Fr. Viviano will be visiting his daughter and family.

Next weekend - please welcome Rev. George Knab O.M.I. who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 17 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.

HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH

K of C Country Breakfast – The Knights of Columbus will be having a breakfast in the Church Hall next Sunday, January 5th, from 8am to 11:30am. Donations accepted. Proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund.

Holy Rosary - every Monday evening at 5:45pm.

Bible Study – Wednesday, January 8th, at 6:30pm.

Help Needed – Anyone who is available, your help is needed to take down the Christmas decorations on Thursday morning, January 9th, at 8am.

PSR Classes – Classes will resume on January 12th.

FORMED – Catholic Faith on Demand

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- 4) Enter your name and email address

Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
Isaiah 60:1

Christ, be our light! As we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, when the divinity of Jesus was revealed to all, let us remember that we are called to be the light of Christ for those around us as his disciples.



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – December

1 st week: \$7,012.26	3 rd week: \$4,408.60
2 nd week: \$9,325.38	4 th week: \$8,394.40
Christmas: \$2,703.40	5 th week: \$13,666.95
Candles: \$106.00	Mustard Seed: \$40.00
Stipends: \$120.00	Christmas Flowers: \$50.00
Building Fund: \$25.00	Christmas Collection: \$50.00

Finance Statement for December

Receipts	
Weekend Collections:	\$46,378.66
Additional Income: Reimbursements, stipends, candles, Mustard Seed, vocation collection, other	\$ 2,963.00
Total Receipts	\$49,341.66
Expenses	
Salary, FCIA	\$13,193.25
Liturgy & Worship Exp.	\$ 821.57
Repairs, Utilities, Grounds Upkeep, (supplies)	\$ 2,027.75
School Tuition & PSR Expenses	\$ 7,616.51
Mustard Seed, Diocese reimb, parish software, envelopes, misc.	\$ 7,571.95
Total Expenses,	\$31,231.03
Overall Total	\$18,110.63

PRAYER FOR THE RETURN OF NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS

O Good Shepherd, you never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded. I ask you to bring (names) back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of your holy Church.

Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints and the ever-prayerful St. Monica, may you pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come Home. For you, O Good Shepherd, have loved us to the end and offered yourself to the Father for the salvation of all. Amen.

MARRIAGE RETREAT
Living in the Trinity with Mary

MARCH 14-15, 2025
CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH
JEFFERSON CITY, MO

Inspiring talks,
prayer experiences,
and quality reflection time for
married couples

Register online at
diojeffcity.org/marriage-retreat

Register by March 1
to receive
free childcare
during the event!





Dear Padre,

I'm into horoscopes. A friend told me that astrology is nonsense and against the Catholic faith. What do you say?

Stargazing is as old as the human race. We know with certainty that ancient Chaldea was known for its stargazers. Many of the constellations' names originated during that time. Some scholars believe that the three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the newborn Savior were themselves Chaldean stargazers.

Astrologers believe that the zodiac signs under which we were born largely control our human destiny. The Christian objection to astrology is that it insults almighty God, who alone knows the future. God alone, in cooperation with the free will of humans, controls the future. To suppose that stars, planets, animals, or inanimate objects can, independent of God, direct or influence our lives opposes the first commandment: "I am the LORD your God.... You shall not have other gods beside me" (Exodus 20:2-3).

The Old Testament clearly spells out that it is vain to imagine "either fire, or wind, or the swift air, or the circuit of the stars, or the mighty water, or the luminaries of heaven" as "the governors of the world" (Wisdom 13:2).

Don't give credit to or blame the stars for what you do and who you are. See past them to the God who made them, and who made us, and who cares for all creation. ●



TANYA ANTUSENOK / SHUTTERSTOCK

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

God made us: brimming with desire, directed, like the Magi, towards the stars.... We are what we desire. For it is our desires that...drive our lives forward, beyond the barriers of habit, beyond banal consumerism, beyond a drab and dreary faith, beyond the fear of becoming involved and serving others and the common good.

HOMILY, ROME, JANUARY 6, 2022



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

January 6
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 3:22-4:6
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

January 7
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:7-10
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

January 8
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:11-18
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

January 9
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:19-5:4
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday

January 10
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5-13
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

January 11
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14-21
Jn 3:22-30

Sunday

January 12
The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7
or Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Acts 10:34-38
or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22