



God of Justice, God of Mercy

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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.

Life is not fair. Even though we know this, we expect God to be fair, which may be what irks so many about the Parable of the Lost Son. There is a part of our skewed human nature that agrees with the older son in the story. It certainly seems that the younger son was able to have his cake and eat it too, while the older son could only sit by and watch, missing out on the devil-may-care part of life. It didn't seem fair, and the older son said so.

The point of the story does seem to be that God is both just and merciful, but if ever one of those virtues seems to give way to the other, then, from God's perspective, divine mercy always trumps worldly justice. We,

however, think that's not fair. We grow suspect of deathbed conversions, worried that the person is trying to have life both ways. But do we give thought to the suffering such a life without God might entail? The humiliation and near starvation of the younger son as he lived his self-indulgent life?

We think we want God to be fair, but do we really?

In C.S. Lewis' novel, *Till We Have Faces*, one character asks another if the gods are just, to which is replied, "Oh, child, pray that they are not!" Do we really want to be treated with justice, getting exactly what we deserve and no more?

Or do we want to let God be God and be treated with mercy? ●

Reflect

Does my life seem unfair? More fair or less fair compared with others?



"Now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

LUKE 15:32

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Our Church Motto is JOY
JESUS First
OTHERS Second
YOURSELF Third

Bishop McKnight's March prayer intention for our Local Church

For a spirit of humility and repentance, that we may confess our sins and seek reconciliation in preparation for the Easter feasts. May our hearts be purified and opened to the grace of God. We pray to the Lord.



LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, March 29, 4:00 pm

Mass Coord: Dale & Sandy Deraps
Lector: Paulette Fischer
Servers: Dale Deraps
Song Leader: David Garnett
Greeters: Jerry & Deanna Hoback
Rosary: Joyce Ziehmer
Gift Bearers: Floyd & Bev Cain

Sunday, March 30, 9:45 am

Mass Coord: Eric Schroeter
Lector: Addison Jobe
Servers: McCumber Family
Song Leader: Joann Bestgen
Greeters: Larry & Linda Imhoff
Rosary: Rita Henley
Gift Bearers: Judy Scott/Brenda Irely

Saturday, April 5, 4:00 pm

Mass Coord: Dale & Sandy Deraps
Lector: Joyce Ziehmer
Servers: Dale Deraps
Song Leader: Larry Dahler
Greeters: Mike & Alicia Taube
Rosary: Joyce Ziehmer
Gift Bearers: Mike & Regina Stock

Sunday, April 6, 9:45 am

Mass Coord: Elise Arnold
Lector: Gloria Heinen
Servers: Scott Jobe
Song Leader: Bev Kleffner
Greeters: Carol & Doug Distler
Rosary: Mary Lou Scheidt
Gift Bearers: Richard & Elizabeth Cotton Family

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. Jacob Hartman (from Holts Summit, MO)
Mundelein Seminary
1000 E. Maple Ave
Mundelein, IL 60060

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.

David Wilde; Kaitlyn Schlup; Janice Miller (sister-in-law of Jane McGill); Larry Stegeman; Sharon Belt; Misty Distler; Cory Bickel (Jim Hoback's nephew); Rob Johnson; Bill McConkey; Jacobo Garcia; 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; 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, March 29

TMass 4:00 PM *Annunciation and
St. Andrew Parishioners

Sunday, March 30

8:30-9:30 AM PSR Classes
TMass 9:45 AM *Fr. Bill Korte
Spanish Mass 11:15 AM *Souls in Purgatory

Monday, March 31

5:45 PM Prayer of the Holy Rosary
8:00 PM AA-ALNON

Tuesday, April 1

TMass 8:00 AM *Anna Mae & Elmer Holterman

Wednesday, April 2

6:30 PM Lenten Journey Program

Thursday, April 3

TMass 8:00 AM *Henry "Hank" Reinkemeyer
7:00 PM Holy Hour - Spanish

Friday, April 4

6AM-7PM First Friday Adoration
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Hispanic)

Saturday, April 5

TMass 4:00 PM *Fr. Mike Penn

Sunday, April 6

8:30-9:30 AM PSR Classes
TMass 9:45 AM *Dorothy Schoby
Spanish Mass 11:15 AM *Souls in Purgatory

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

Holy Week Ministry List – Please sign up as server, greeters, lector, etc., for Holy Thursday & Good Friday Masses on the list in the Church entrance.

Reconciliation – During Lent, Father will hear confessions every Thursday morning after the 8am Mass, before and after Saturday's Mass, and after Sunday's 9:45am Mass.

2025 Lenten Penance Services Southwest Deanery

Location	Church	Date	Time
Boonville	Sts. Peter and Paul	Sunday, April 6th	4:00pm
Pilot Grove	St. Joseph	Wednesday, April 9th	7:00pm
Camdenton	St. Anthony	Wednesday, April 9th	6:00pm
Eldon	Sacred Heart	Tuesday, April 8th	5:30pm
Mary's Home	Our Lady of the Snows	Thursday, April 10th	6:00pm
Sedalia	St. Patrick	Sunday, March 30th	4:00pm
Sedalia	St. Vincent		

Easter Lilies – If you would like to make a donation for Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one, that will be in Church on Easter, place the money in an envelope and drop it in the weekend collection. Or, bring it by the Church Office before April 11th.

Support Our Retired Priests & Religious

Through the Easter Special Collection



GIVE NOW AT
diojeffcity.org/Donate-Easter



Or, look for the envelope in the April 4th issue of *The Catholic Missourian* and bring it to Mass or the parish office



HELP NEEDED

For more information, call the Church Office.

Part-time Secretary - working approx. 15-18 hours per week.

Picnic Chairs -

Kitchen Chair for 2026

(2025 being a "follow and learn" year).

Silent Auction Chair for 2026

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So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

Lent is a time for self-reflection and spiritual renewal. By opening our hearts to Christ through the sacrament of reconciliation, we are renewed and transformed by his grace.



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – March 2025

1st week: \$4,980.45 3rd week: \$3,681.40
 2nd week: \$10,371.58 4th week: \$7,200.45
 Candles: \$90.00 Building Fund: \$10.00
 Easter Lilies: \$60.00

Sympathy to Andrea Tilbury, and the Bardwell family, on the passing of Andrea's sister, Delores Bardwell. Delores passed away on March 17th. May the Lord grant her eternal rest, and consolation and comfort to her family at their time of loss.

Please Pray for OCIA Candidates as they near the Easter Feasts, that they can stay strong in desire during this journey. Please pray for them by name: Cameron Bolin, Pamela Hill, Tyler Silvey, and Gabby Ross. If you see them, please encourage and welcome them.

HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH

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

Lenten Journey Program - Wednesday, March 26th, at 6:30pm, in the Church dining hall.

Patriotic Rosary - Thursday, April 3rd, after 8am Mass.

First Friday Adoration - This Friday, April 4th, is our monthly adoration of the Holy Eucharist from 6am-6:30pm.

Stations of the Cross - Fridays thru April 11th at 6:30pm; and April 18th (Good Friday) at 3pm..

(Hispanic) Stations of the Cross - Fridays thru April 11th at 7:00pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Fish Fries - Eldon K of C - April 4th, & 11th, 5-7pm.

Seafood Buffet - Most Pure Heart of Mary in Chamois. April 4th, from 4-7:30pm.

Confirmation Retreat - April 12th. 10:30am.

Cedron Masses: April 26th, and September 27th, at 4pm.

2025 Heart Of A Hero Men's Conference - Cathedral of St. Joseph, April 25th & 26th. (See flyer in Church entrance.)

K of C Breakfast - Sunday, April 27th, from 8-11:30am.

First Communion & Confirmation - May 4th.

K of C Mother's Day Breakfast - May 11th, from 8-11:30am.

Join us for The Chrism Mass

at our Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City on April 15 at 3:00 p.m.



Please join us for a light meal after Mass:



RSVP online at:
diojeffcity.org/Chrism-Mass-RSVP
or scan the QR code



Dear Padre,

***Is it OK if I receive holy Communion more than once a day?
Part of my routine is to go to early morning Mass in my parish,
even on days I know I'm going to another Mass, like a wedding
or funeral, or sometimes another Mass for that day.***

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that by the very nature of what the Eucharist intends and celebrates, those who participate in the great mystery of our faith should “receive the Lord’s Body” (1388). In other words, reception of holy Communion is strongly recommended and is understood as the ordinary practice for all who participate in the Mass. Proper preparation and disposition are presumed as both necessary and important.

In response to a specific “dubium” or question about this practice and expectation, in 1984 the Pontifical Commission on the Code of Canon Law issued an authentic interpretation of the Church’s understanding of this practice. It mandated that “the faithful may receive the Holy Eucharist only a second time on the same day” (CCC, 1388, footnote 222). This directive is intended to establish the general norm and practice for the reception of holy Communion. Your practice, as a result of this norm, is directly representative of the understanding of the Church. ●



Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
March 31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
Is 65:17–21	Ez 47:1–9, 12	Is 49:8–15	Ex 32:7–14	Wis 2:1a, 12–22	Jer 11:18–20	Is 43:16–21
Jn 4:43–54	Jn 5:1–16	Jn 5:17–30	Jn 5:31–47	Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30	Jn 7:40–53	Phil 3:8–14
						Jn 8:1–11



THE PRODIGAL SON, PETER PAUL RUBENS / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

There was a pop theatre production...about the prodigal son.... [The son writes a letter]: “Father, I have repented, I want to come back home.... If you want to welcome me, please put a white handkerchief in the window.” And when he was near home...what did he see? Not one handkerchief: it was full of white handkerchiefs, the windows, everywhere!

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