



Wanting to Be Wanted

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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.

More than anything, we want to be wanted. As infants, we reach out, wanting to be wanted. When we begin school and discover others who might be friends, we want to be wanted. As teenagers discovering the stirrings of something new and deep, we want to be wanted. And when we grow old, then still we want to be wanted.

The parables Jesus told were always about how God moves in our lives, how God is powerfully intertwined in all that is. Jesus told parables to give us a hint of where to find God. This Sunday's parable is about a rich man with a steward about to be dismissed. The steward then finds ways to ingratiate himself into others' lives so when he is dismissed, he won't be left

out in the cold. It's not the rich man who is the God-person in the parable. The rich got rich by abusing the poor. Rather, it is the steward who is the image of God—a God who, like the steward, is desperate to be accepted, to find a way into our lives. We might say clever...or even sneaky. It is God who finds a way into our lives when we are afraid, when we face the loss of love, when our worlds are falling apart, when we go looking for him. There, then, is God, eagerly wanting to be wanted. ●

Reflect

*What do I do when I'm feeling unwanted?
Do I recognize that God wants me?*



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LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, September 20, 4:00 pm

Mass Coord: Tim & Pauline Forck
Lector: Becky Bloch
Server: Tim Forck
Song Leader: David Garnett
Greeters: Dale & Vicki Glenn
Rosary: John Higgins
Gift Bearers: Jeremiah & Nicole Bestgen Family

Sunday, September 21, 9:45 am

Mass Coord: Eric Schroeter
Lector: Jan Trachsel
Server: Gabe McCumber
Song Leader: Marian Fleischmann
Greeters: Mary Jo Ballenger & Judy Garner
Rosary: Rita Henley
Gift Bearers: Connor & Bailey McGill Family

Saturday, September 27, 4:00 pm

Mass Coord: Elaine Anderson
Lector: Mary Lou Porter
Server: Seth Bax
Song Leader: Larry Dahler
Greeters: Jerry & Deanne Hoback
Rosary: Joyce Ziehmer
Gift Bearers: Mary Lou Porter Family

Sunday, September 28, 9:45 am

Mass Coord: Mickie Bolinger
Lector: Mickie Bolinger
Server: Hezekiah Frank
Song Leader: JoAnn Bestgen
Greeters: Bernie & Brian Bestgen
Rosary: Charlie Roll
Gift Bearers: Josh & Joann Frank 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. Gage Neisen

We extend our deepest condolences to the following families. Please keep them close in your prayers during their time of loss...

The Roger Borgmeyer Family
The Teresa (Bolin) Dunham Rich Family
The Family of Joyce Heather



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**

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.

Emma Heise, Bill Embry, Wyatt Schmidt, Bill Buntin, Alex McGill; Ashley Kaplan (daughter of Tricia Brauch); John Bestgen; Marian Dorn; Wallace Maynard; Derrick Cleveland (Vickie Schroeder's nephew); Barbara & Charles Day (Barbara Brant's stepmom and father); David Wilde; Kaitlyn Schlup; Sharon Belt; Cory Bickel (Jim Hoback's nephew); Bill McConkey; Jacobo Garcia; Pam Block; Helen Heinen; Shawn Bax; Suzy Allee; Robert Garner; Glenda Williams; Lisa Anderson; Paula Volkmer; Tracy Davis; John Michael McCoy; J. Gattermeir; Sally Schepers; Janice Howard; Sharon (Imhoff) Dresel; Linda Reichel; Steve Gerlt; Mark Bardwell; Dylann Henley; Lanny Wingate; Jim Imhoff; Barb Glenn; Peggy Borgmeyer; Carol Baker; Amanda Imhoff; Gary Fleischmann; Barbara Reichl (mother of Bill Reichl); Louis Forck (grandson of Tim & Pauline Forck); Terry Carlson; Rachel Frank; Andrea Tilbury; Carol Rackers; Keith Connell; Alfred Rhodus

THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION

*Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 20

TMass 4:00 PM *Jeff Johnson

Sunday, September 21

8:15 AM – 9:30 AM PSR Classes

TMass 9:45 AM *Jerry Hessefort

Spanish 11:15 AM *Rafael Magana, Anabel Magana, Mayra Magana, Anakaren Corona, Erika Corona & Diana Corona

Monday, September 22

5:45 PM Rosary

8:00 PM AA-ALNON

Tuesday, September 23

8:00 AM *Annunciation Parishioners of Minneapolis, MN

6:30 PM Ladies Sodality Meeting

Wednesday, September 24

6:30 PM NO Bible Study

6:30 – 9 PM Tim Francis

**Do You Believe in Miracles?
Seeing Is Believing**

Thursday, September 25

8:00 AM *Jennifer Alberta Applegate

7:00 PM Hispanic Holy Hour

4:30 – 6 PM Mobile Food Pantry

Saturday, September 27

TMass 4:00 PM *Annunciation & St. Andrew's Parishioners

Hispanic Retreat Beginning at 4 PM

4:00 PM Mass at Cedron

Sunday, September 28

8:15 AM – 9:30 AM PSR Classes

TMass 9:45 AM *Rose & Clem Distler

Spanish 11:15 AM *Holy Souls in Purgatory
Hispanic Retreat

PARISH NEWS

We Encourage All Parishioners to Attend This Free Program Presented by Tim Francis on Wednesday Evening, September 24th, from 6:30 – 9 PM. There will be an intermission at 7:30 PM.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

~ SEEING IS BELIEVING ~



Can miracles stand up to the test of science?

- Exclusive film footage of a stigmatist who bleeds from her hands, feet, and head. Are these the wounds of Christ? *What does science have to say?*
- A consecrated Communion Host becomes living flesh and blood. Is it heart tissue? *What does science have to say?*
- A scientist (former atheist), an attorney and a famous TV Journalist witness stigmata of Jesus weeping real tears and shedding real blood. Are these claims true? *What does science have to say?*

St. Peter Catholic Church
216 Broadway St. Jefferson City
Saturday, September 20th
6:30 - 9pm (Intermission 7:30)
*In the Selinger Center

St. Martin Catholic Church
6750 Highway N, St. Martin
Tuesday, September 23rd
6:30 - 9pm (Intermission 7:30)
*In the Knights of Columbus Hall

Cathedral of St. Joseph
2305 W Main St. Jefferson City
Sunday September 28th
6:30 - 9pm (Intermission 7:30)
*Cana Hall

St. Thomas the Apostle
14814 Route 8, St. Thomas
Sunday, September 21st
1pm - 3:30pm (Intermission 7pm)

Annunciation Catholic Church
330 MIE St. California
Wednesday, September 24th
6:30 - 9pm (Intermission 7:30)

St. George Church
613 E Main St. Linn
Monday September 29th
6:30 - 9pm (Intermission 7:30)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
1206 E McCarty St. Jefferson City
Monday, September 22nd
6:30 - 9pm (Intermission 7:30)

St. Andrew Catholic Church
400 St. Andrews Ln. Holts Summit
Thursday, September 25th
6:30 - 9pm (Intermission 7:30)
*Church basement

St. Brendan Catholic Church
615 S Washington St. Mexico
Tuesday, September 30th
Wednesday, October 1st
6:30 - 9pm (Intermission 7:30)
*Parish Hall

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – September 2025

1st week: \$7,464.13 3rd week: \$
 2nd week: \$9,555.60 4th week: \$
 5th week: \$
 Candles: \$72.00 Stipends: \$
 Mustard Seed: \$330.00

Altar Flowers:

The flower arrangement this week is from Gerald Hartman in memory of Ralph Hartman.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

St. Michael's Fall Festival in Russellville Sept 21st serving from 11 – 5 PM.

Mass at Assumption Church in Cedron Sept. 27th, 4:00 PM

40 DAYS FOR LIFE BEGINS AGAIN

Join us on Tuesday, September 23rd at Our Lady of Lourdes, Flanagan Hall, 903 Bernadette Dr, Columbia at 6pm for an Opening Rally with speaker, Mary Browning, Legal Advisor, Operation Outcry, sub sandwiches served. Please rsvp so we may prepare enough food! 573 821 5130. All are invited. Candlelight prayer vigil follows at 7:15pm to 8:00pm at Columbia Planned Parenthood. **From September 24 to November 1**, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life. 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood abortion facility, 711 N Providence Rd, Columbia, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. **If you would like more info – and especially if you'd like to volunteer, please contact: Kathy Forck, 573 821 5130 or www.columbia40daysforlife.com/columbiamo**

Let Us Pray Together for a Just Peace

O God of Peace, "You are the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8). You have said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (Jn. 14:27).

We lift our weary hearts to You, Lord, Longing for Your light amid the shadows of fear and unrest. Teach us to be peacemakers, For "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God" (Mt. 5:9). Sow in us the seeds of reconciliation, and make us instruments of Your peace in a wounded world.

Grant us the grace to live as You have commanded: "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all" (Rom. 12:18). Let there be in our cities and lands: "Peace within your walls and security within your towers" (Ps. 122:7). In the midst of trouble, we proclaim: "The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?" (Ps. 27:1). "I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety" (Ps. 4:8).

We trust in Your everlasting promise: "Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Mt. 28:20). Amen.

HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH

Holy Rosary: every Monday evening at 5:45 PM

Every Tuesday During the School Year: Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotion Novena to Our Lady at St. Andrew's from 6:00 PM – 6:30 PM. Those families with children attending St. Andrew's are encouraged to attend.

Ladies Sodality Meeting – Tuesday, September 23rd- Social hour begins at 6:15 PM. Please bring an appetizer or snack of your choice. Also we ask that attendees bring a small fall-themed wrapped gift to share – something that reminds you of the season!

Bible Study: No Bible Study on Wednesday Sept. 24th

Mobile Food Pantry – Thursday, September 25th from 4:30 – 6 PM. Volunteers arrive around 3:45 PM to set up. This service is for anyone in Moniteau County with no income restrictions.

Dear Padre,

At a recent gathering, a relative questioned my family's continued participation in the Catholic Church because of the sexual abuse cover-up. What is the best way to address this question?

Resist the temptation to argue or make any response that is not respectful. Choose to respond with empathy and understanding; perhaps something like this: "I understand and respect your feelings. Some have made the difficult choice to leave the Church. Others find the choice to remain also difficult.

"As a mature and discerning person, I am not making excuses for behaviors that are inexcusable. I cannot and will not defend behavior that should not be defended. I choose to remain in the Church because I choose to remain in a relationship with Jesus, and that relationship includes my reception of the sacraments of the Church. I value the sacraments even as I remain vigilant about the conduct of those who have been entrusted with celebrating those sacraments. I retain my practice of the sacraments and, at the same time, I retain my responsibility to be alert to abusive behavior. This is not acceptance or approval of what most certainly happened. It is continuing to participate in what is beautiful and wise and true so that, in the company of other believers, I may become more like Christ." ●



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*.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world. [We see] too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest.

HOMILY, ROME,
MAY 18, 2025



JULIA M-CAMERON / PEXELS

Monday

September 22
Weekday
Ezr 1:1-6
Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

September 23
St. Plus of
Pietrelcina, Priest
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b,
14-20
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

September 24
Weekday
Ezr 9:5-9
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

September 25
Weekday
Hg 1:1-8
Lk 9:7-9

Friday

September 26
Weekday
Hg 2:1-9
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

September 27
St. Vincent de Paul,
Priest
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

September 28
Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Am 6:1a, 4-7
1 Tm 6:11-16
Lk 16:19-31