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NOVEMBER 15, 2020

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BAPTISMS: By appointment. Please call for Parental Sacrament Preparation

WEDDINGS: Please contact at least 4 months in advance

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 and by appointment

MASSES @ ANNUNCIATION: SATURDAY @ 4:00 PM; SUNDAY @ 10:00AM

SPANISH MASS/COMMUNION SERVICE: Sunday 12 - NOON

MASSES @ ST. ANDREW: TIPTON SATURDAY @ 5:30 PM; SUNDAY @ 8:00AM

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

For a greater sense of gratitude to God for all blessings received, and a Greater sense of our responsibility for the mission of the Church in our Parishes.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	November 14	4:00 PM	Teresa Kirchhoff
Sunday	November 15	10:00 AM	Dorothy Scheidt
Tuesday	November 17	8:00 AM	Bestgen Family
Thursday	November 19	8:00 AM	Lee & Joyce Murphy
Saturday	November 21	4:00 PM	Annunciation Parish
Sunday	November 22	10:00 AM	Kenny Fischer

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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OUR MOTTO: JOY

JESUS FIRST

OTHERS SECOND

YOURSELF LAST

Mission Statement

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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Instructions and Decree by Bishop: I am just sharing what the Bishop Shawn has sent us expressing his concerns over the rising COVID positive cases while giving some restrictions to arrest further spike.

Dear Fathers, Deacons and Parish Life Collaborators,
Here attached is a new decree that will be published in this Friday's Catholic Missourian. Please note in particular:

1. Extension of the current decree's dispensations, obligations and guidance 'until further notice.'
 2. Need for catechesis on the Ecclesiastical precept to attend Mass in person on Sunday (which is dispensed in these decrees), and the Divine precept to keep holy the Lord's Day (which cannot be dispensed). Note with the faithful obligation of participating in a live-streamed Mass, or prayerfully reflecting on the readings of the Mass and the praying of the rosary or Divine Mercy chaplet.
 2. Discouragement of any in-person seasonal gatherings beyond the Mass, including penance and vesper services.
 3. The allowance and requirement of all active priests to celebrate with the faithful a Vigil Mass of Christmas at 3pm for this year only. Parishes with more than one priest available are highly encouraged to celebrate more than one 3 pm Mass at the same time if another space would allow.
 4. Please remind the faithful to seek the anointing of the sick from their parish priest before going to the hospital, if at all possible. We cannot guarantee that a priest will either be available or allowed into the hospital because of pandemic protocols.
- Thank you for all you do to help the mission of our Church continue during this time of pandemic.

With much gratitude,
+Shawn McKnight

Bishop of Jefferson City (copy of his decree is given as bulletin insert)

PSR and Confirmation Classes: Considering the rising number of COVID cases in our county, we have suspended our Sunday religion classes till November 29 and they will resume on December 6. Meanwhile, I request all parents to take the necessary precautions to keep our children safe. However, bringing them to Holy Mass either on Saturday or Sunday will still keep them safe in the hands of God.

Angel Tree Support: Our dedicated volunteers have already hung Angel Tree poster on the back wall of the church filled with tags inviting generous souls to come forward to support 21 families with different requested items. After those things have been procured, they are requested to reach them to the annex basement by **December 12 & 13**. It is a wonderful way of sharing our Christmas joy with those in greater need.

Santa Workshop: It is new initiative taken by Letitia Sangster and her team to support the poorer children in our community and neighborhood. The noble idea behind this program is to invite children on a set day to our Church hall to do shopping for themselves and their families. Therefore, we need things more than children's toys to be useful for Grandparents, Dad, Mom and their siblings. The date of shopping is fixed for **December 12** and we need things much before than to get them arranged and organized. This is another noble way of sharing our joy through children with their families.

Reminders

Time and Talent Survey: Last weekend, time and talent survey forms with synopsis on different ministries/services have been placed in a box at the entrance of the church in alphabetic order of family names. Please spare a little time before or after Holy Mass to pick up yours. Then at home after a brief prayer, you are requested to sign up the ministries/services that God inspires you to do for the good and growth of our church and parish giving your time and talent. It is a family based survey which includes our children. The filled-in forms may kindly be returned either to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket. Your prompt response will be highly appreciated. For those who are not able to make to Mass, they will be mailed after this weekend.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2021: The CSA drive has already been launched in our diocese. Our Parish has been given the target of \$17,000. By this time, you would have received an envelope from the diocese by mail with a request letter by our Bishop for turning in your contribution. We have also placed envelopes at the back of the church to use in case you did not get one by mail. You can donate on-line also, using the gold "Donate Now" button at the top right corner of every page on www.diojeffcity.org. Hence I request you all to respond to the appeal positively, so that our Parish continues to remain in good standing with the diocese in supporting the common ministries. Please remember if we have reached the set target, we will get a rebate from the diocese. Please also check an update in the bulletin on our contribution till this date.

Food Collection

The month of November is the **Food Collection** for Moniteau Christian Ministries Center -- Need canned fruits and vegetables.

The Catholic Stewardship Appeal -- We thank all you that have given generously to the annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal. As we look at our lives and the many blessings God has given us, let us give a portion to the CSA as a way of saying thank you to the Lord. Through the CSA, we make known the Kingdom of God by helping each other to live our faith and share our Gospel belief. Our gifts to the CSA and its ministries are our grateful offerings to God.

Parish Goal:	\$17,000.00
Pledged	10,850.00
Diocese Goal	\$2,450,000.00
Pledged	\$1,262,285.00

Congratulations to Ava Benne, daughter of Tyler and Alayna (York) Benne who was baptized on Sunday, November 8. God's blessings to all of you.

Angel Tree: We will have Angels available for adoption Sunday, November 15th and Sunday November 22nd. If you would like an angel and are unable to attend Church, please contact Judy Scott (573-619-3916) scottjudy599@gmail.com; or Lori Heather (573-338-3756) loriheather@gmail.com; or Margaret Bieri (573-230-5495) bieri.margaret@yahoo.com.

Deadline for delivery of both the Food Certificates and the Angel Tree gifts will be Sunday, December 13. Drop off at the Annex between 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 pm. Thank you for participating in the Angel Tree program again this year!

Time/Talent sheets are in the back of church for everyone to pick up. Please take it home and fill it out and return in the collection box or mail it or bring to office.

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1st week: \$ 2,470.09 2nd week: \$ 7,158.59

Hispanic Fund: \$ 185.00 Mustard Seed: \$ 200.00
World Mission: \$ 5.00 Human Dev: \$ 35.00

MINISTRY LIST – NOV 21-22

Saturday, November 21

Lector: Pauline Forck
Servers: Volunteer Needed
Song Leader: Larry Dahler
Organist: Betty Pringer
Rosary: Joyce Ziehmer

Sunday, November 22

Lector: J. Gattermeir
Servers: Brody Schuster/Jaxon Scrivner/
Boden Wasser
Song Leader: Marion Fleischmann
Organist: Betty Pringer
Rosary: Marion Fleischmann

Project Share, the resale clothing store which benefits less fortunate people in our county, is in need of people willing to volunteer once a month. California staffs the store on Thursdays and Saturdays. Shifts are about two to three hours long. Volunteering at Project Share is a rewarding way to "feed the hungry" or "clothe the naked". Proceeds from Project Share help to fund the Food Pantry. Please contact Ruth Ann Jobe (rjobe82782@aol.com) or 573-239-6625 for more information or to sign up for a shift once a month. We are in dire need of workers!! Ask a friend if they would be willing to share a shift with you.

DONATIONS for Santa's Workshop

Help children in need give presents to their family members by donating new or gently used items for Women, Men, Teens, Children, and Infants. No clothes or shoes please. We also need donations of wrapping paper, tape, boxes, and bows! Place your donations in the wrapped box in the vestibule. Financial contributions are also helpful! The sooner we have the donations the more children we can serve. Many thanks from the Santa's Workshop Committee!
Letitia Sangster 573-576-0300

Prayer List

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

Norbert Kolb (Kristy Gump's father); Don & Loretta George; Kurt Oidtman (brother of Sherrie Walter); Thomas Imhoff (son of Jim and Lita Imhoff); Hazel Boss (mother of Pauline Forck); Frankie Bolinger; (mother of Jake Bolinger) Diane Munsterman; Guy Newkirk; Sandy Crawford; Keith Connell; Fr. Mike Coleman; Fr. Aubuchon; Loretta Brauner; Misty Distler; Cody Schmidt; Amanda Imhoff; Diane Offerman; Connie Sack; David Schubert; Jeff Johnson; Gary Fleischmann; John & Barbara Reichl (parents of Bill Reichl); Parker Wood (grandson of Tim & Pauline Forck); Terry Carlson; Melissa Cox; Bob Winkler; Gary Rackers (Margaret Reynolds son-in-law); Special Intention; Rachael Frank; Abe Baepler; Myrene Hoellering; Andrea Tilbury; Delores Bardwell; Carol Rackers; Carol Baker; for all those affected by the Corona Virus.

THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION

Saturday , Nov. 14	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
☪Mass 4:00 PM	Teresa Kirchhoff
Sunday , Nov. 15	
☪Mass 10:00 AM	Dorothy Scheidt
Monday , Nov. 16	<i>Saint Margaret of Scotland</i>
	<i>And Saint Gertrude</i>
☪ 5:45-6 PM	The Holy Rosary
☪ 8:00 PM	AA-ALNON
Tuesday , Nov. 17	<i>Saint Elizabeth of Hungary</i>
☪Mass 8:00 AM	Bestgen Family
☪ 6:30 PM	Knights of Columbus Mtg
Wednesday , Nov. 18	<i>The Dedication of the Basilicas</i>
	<i>Of Saints Peter and Paul</i>
	<i>Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne</i>
☪ 6-7:00 PM	Theology Class
☪	Mustard Seed
Thursday , Nov. 19	
☪Mass 8:00 AM	Lee & Joyce Murphy
☪	Quilting
☪ 7:00 PM	Holy Hour
Friday , Nov. 20	
Saturday , Nov. 21	<i>The Presentation of the</i>
	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
☪Mass 4:00 PM	Annunciation Parish
Sunday , Nov. 22	
☪Mass 10:00 AM	Kenny Fischer

33rd Sunday Readings Reflections

This Sunday of the liturgical year reminds us, not only of the end of the liturgical year, but also of the end of all things and of the preparations we need to make to reach Heaven. The main theme of the three readings is an invitation to live in such a way that we make the best use of the talents God has given us, so that at the hour of our death Our Lord will say: "Well done, my good and faithful servant! ... Come and share the joy of your master" *Matthew 25: 21*).

The Scripture readings summarized: The first reading suggests that we should be as diligent and industrious as a loyal and faithful wife, in the use of our God-given gifts and talents with "the fear of the Lord." Unlike the one-talent man, she takes her gifts and "brings forth good, not evil"; she "reaches her hands to the poor and extends her arms to the needy," and she is a portrait of responsible readiness. In today's Responsorial Psalm, Ps 128, the Psalmist echoes the concept of the blessedness of the faithful servant of the Lord. The Psalm affirms that the fear of the Lord is the key to human happiness and joy.

In the second reading, Paul advises us as "children of the Light" to "stay alert and sober," living in such a way that we will be ready when Jesus does come, and will encourage and build each other up as we wait for the "Day of the Lord."

Today's Gospel asks us if we are using our talents and gifts primarily to serve God and doing everything, we can to carry out God's will. The parable of the talents challenges us to do something positive, constructive and life-affirming with our talents here and now.

Life messages: 1) We need to trust God enough to make use of the gifts and abilities we have been given. We may be especially talented in teaching children or cooking meals or repairing homes or programming computers. So, we should ask ourselves how we are using our particular gifts in the service of our Christian community and the wider society.

2) We need to make use of our talents in our parish. In addition to our homes and families, the best place to do this is in our parish. This means that we should be always willing to share our abilities in creative worship in the Church and in various ministries of our parish, such as Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Lector, Usher, Sunday school teacher, singer in the choir, volunteer and member of one or more parish organizations and community outreach programs.

3) We need to "trade" with our talent of Christian Faith: All of us in the Church today have received at least one talent namely, the gift of Faith. Our responsibility is not just to preserve and "keep" the Faith, but to work with it. We need to promote and add value to Faith by living it out. The way to preserve the Faith, or any other talent that God has given us, is to put it to work and help it bear fruit. (Fr. Anthony Kadavil)