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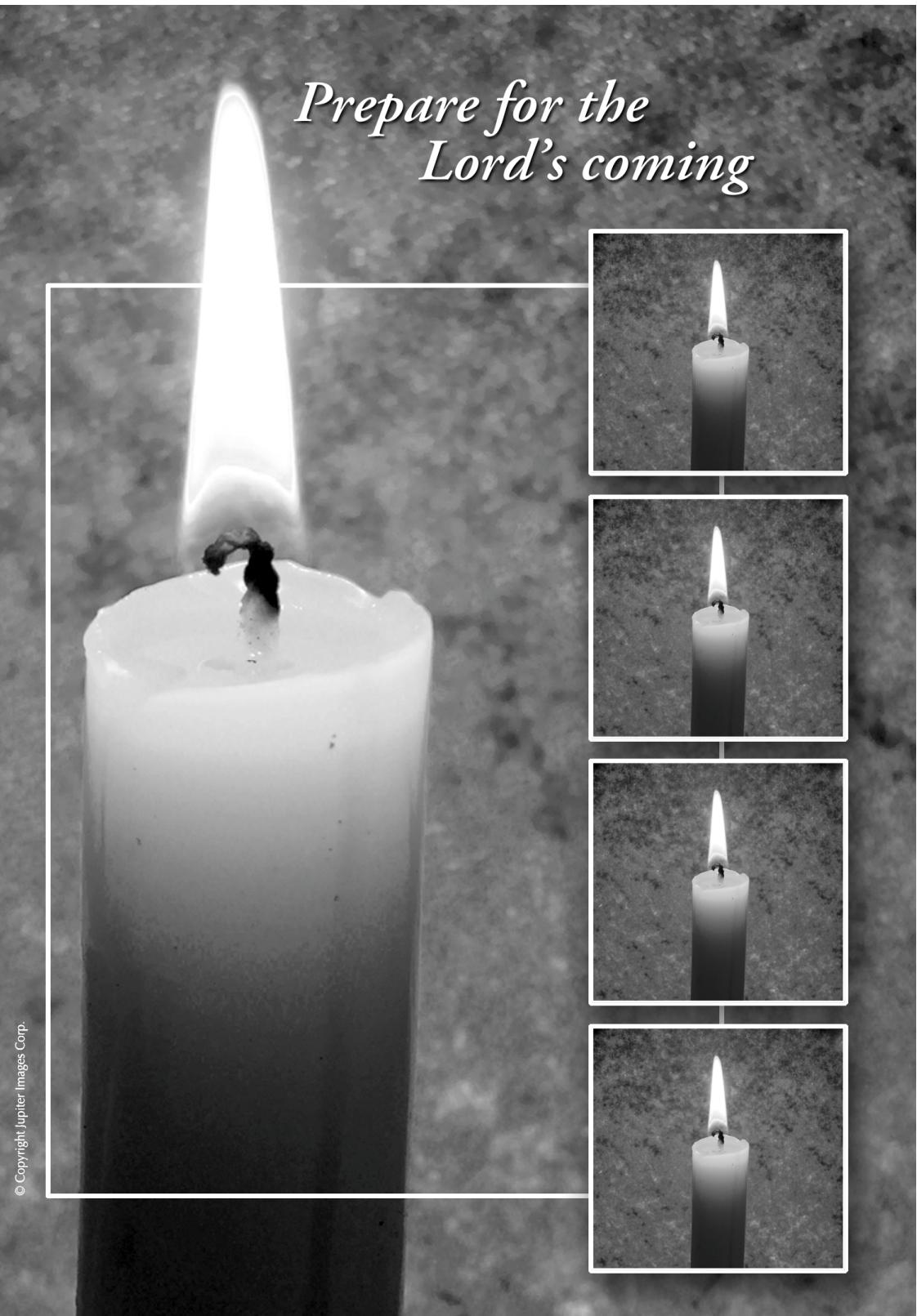
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Catholic Church Founded in Northeast St. Louis County 1908 - 2005 Holy Name of Jesus Parish Established

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

*Prepare for the
Lord's coming*



HOLY NAME of JESUS PARISH

We Are A MISSION PARISH With A Mission

COME SERVE WITH US & COME PRAY WITH US

PLEASE GIVE THIS YOUR ON-GOING ATTENTION

The Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic continues to affect many parish life activities and our worship together.
Our Parish Directory reflects our hope for schedules to return to something more normal.

Continue to consult the **Parish Bulletin** for more specific real-time information
as well as listen for the most recent information being announced by **St. Louis County** and the **State of Missouri**.

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Human development is primarily a vocation, every person's calling from God 'to be more'.

Therefore, the Church teaches that the essential quality of 'authentic' development is to promote the good of every man (person) and of the whole man (person).

CELEBRATING MASS & SACRAMENTS

Liturgy of the Eucharist (Weekend & Weekday Masses)

Saturday 4:00 pm (CST) / 5:00 pm (DST)

Sunday 9:30 am

Tuesday – Friday 8:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

Civil Holidays See Bulletin Mass Intentions for Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

3:30-4:30 pm (Daylight Savings Time)

Day & Evening Times during Advent & Lent Weekdays
Anytime by Appointment with Fr. Mike at Home / Church

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

1st Saturday of Every Month—After Evening Mass

3rd Sunday of Every Month—After 9:30 am Mass

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 8:30 am -12:00 midnight

Perpetual Help Devotions

8:30 am—After Tuesday Morning Weekday Mass

Parish Rosary

8:30 am—After Weekday Mass

3:30 pm CST / 4:30 pm CDT—Monthly on 3rd Saturdays

7:30 am & 10:00 am—Monthly on 3rd Sundays

THE ONGOING PRIORITIES OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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mission notes

we are a mission parish with a mission

sunday, november 27th, 2022

father mike



Being True To Each Other

SOLEMNITY OF
THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

Mass on Thursday,
December 8th.

9:00am & 7:00pm

The mystery
of knowing and trusting
that God is with us

is always worked out in the
context of human relationships.

We live most days
in the absence of angels.

We learn to be
True to Each Other
even as we are often
tempted to be silent with
our doubts, fears, and questions.

Join us once again today at the
Table of the Lord
as we celebrate the saving,
redeeming love of God.

Honest To God INTEGRITY IN CATHOLIC LIFE

After being visited by the Archangel Gabriel, the Gospels are pretty clear about the fact that neither Mary or Joseph fully understood what was happening in their lives. With the hindsight of our own faith, we believe that God was doing something important through each of them, if only they would cooperate.

This “wonderful” good news slowly but surely came to life for them as they dealt with their ignorance, their fears, and all the practicalities of their pregnancy, much less the social customs of their day which often were not kind to them.

Lately, I’ve been wondering about what their private conversations with each other must have been like. There’s nothing in the New Testament about this. But surely they must have talked with each other about their questions, concerns, and hopes. They must have tried to find the meaning of all this, much less where things might be headed. **“Why does God have to be born into our world?”** The world of their lives and our humanity as a whole. Could this have been their driving question?

I am sure—for all kinds of reasons—these must have been difficult conversations. In their willingness to have them, I believe Mary and Joseph model for us what **“fidelity”** looks like. They **“stayed with the conversation”**. Even when the hardships of doing so tempted them to walk away from it all. Just think about that census obligation to be in Bethlehem. Or their flight to Egypt.

When we first began the *All Things New* pastoral planning initiative, all of us were asked to consider a similar question, **“Why does the Church exist?”** **“What’s our purpose and part in this on-going story of God coming into our world?”** Late last year the parishes of North County were invited first to pray for the Holy Spirit to visit us. Then everyone was asked to begin “wondering” about and “talking with each other” about the challenges and the opportunities ahead of us as we keep this mystery moving forward.

Let us all pay close attention to the characters and conversations of the scriptures during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Imagine what the talk between the lines must have been. And keep thinking about what all this has to do with us now.

Post Listening Session Survey Steadfast in Faith * Forward in Hope

Thanks again to all who participated in our Parish Listening Sessions. As we continue to plan for the future of our Catholic Church in this part of St. Louis County, your ideas and your voice are important and will make a difference. **Whether or not you were able to attend a Listening Session**, I encourage you to go to our parish website www.holynamestlouis.org and click on the link for the **Post Listening Session Survey**. Review the material presented at our Listening Sessions and then complete the on-line survey to give your feedback on what you have learned.

Please come to
Vespers
At Saint Angela Merici Parish
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On each of the four Sundays of Advent
(November 27 & December 4, 11, & 18)

Starting at 7:00pm

“Vespers” are the official Evening Prayer
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On Advent’s four Sundays.

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(Eucharistic exposition and Benediction included.)

**Monthly Candlelight Community
Peace/Social Justice Vigil**

Our monthly candlelight community peace/social justice vigils are held outdoors on the front steps of our church on the last Sunday of each month. Our next vigil will be held on November 27, at 7 pm. In case of inclement weather, we will gather in the Church vestibule. This monthly vigil is sponsored by the Holy Name of Jesus Social Justice group, Justice Grows, and lasts 30 minutes. The purpose of these monthly vigils is to pray for unity in our community, to raise awareness of social justice issues in our greater metropolitan community, and to pray for an end to violence, especially gun violence. These vigils consist of music, a time of silent reflection, and group prayer. **All are welcome** to join us every month or whenever you’re available to pray with us. We hope to see you on November 27, at 7 pm!

FROM ADVENT TO ACTION

Open a door of hope to others

Recently, there was an article from Alban Weekly, put out by Duke Divinity School. The article, From Advent To Action called us “to look beyond advent as a historical event and called us to faithful action.” Rather than viewing this season as awaiting a return to the past, we can embrace it as an invitation to transformation and action,

Since our recent, “Do small things with great love” initiative, we are more aware that we are an evangelizing community by what we model and what we do each day, we now see the opportunity to consider what actions we can take that might truly inspire hope in those who live in darkness.

We can prepare and declare the good news that the Messiah is coming by sharing with others where we find our hope, peace, love and joy.

“What if we approached this advent by intentionally connecting the good news of the long-awaited Messiah to the current crisis and conflicts that confront our persons, families, parish, communities, archdiocese, and world”

What does *hope* look like?

How can we embrace *peace*?

How do we embody *love*?

Why is the gift of *joy* a necessity?

We would again like to use our door display in the back of church during advent to share what you think about these questions. How do the questions touch you personally? Share on just one or more if you like. The Greeters will be handing out cards to you at the end of Mass today. Please take these cards and answer one or more of these questions and return them in the collection basket next weekend or turn them in at the office. We will then display on our doors until the end of the Christmas season. There will be extra cards in the back if you would like to add more comments.

Also, Deacon George has provided us with the Little Blue Books with reflections for Advent. You will find them at the church doors.

MASS INTENTION

Tuesday 8:00am	November 29 Loretta Klostermann
Wednesday 8:00am	November 30 Lloyd & Darlene Imhoff
Thursday 8:00am	December 1 John Romano
Friday 8:00am	December 2 Joseph Walde
Saturday 4:00pm	December 3 Virginia Nordmeyer
Sunday 9:30am	December 4 Kathy & Gert Uhlenbrock



Stewardship of Treasure
**Your Gifts of Support for
Our Parish Mission**

November 20, 2022

Online Giving (included above)

Budgeted weekly offertory \$8,028.00

This week's <loss>

Budgeted weekly expenses \$12,843.00

This week's <loss>



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**LECTORS**

December 3

4pm **Donna Forrest**

December 4

9:30am **Bess Arends**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

December 3

Joan Aslin

December 4

9:30am **Bea Okohson**

PRAYER CHAIN

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call Betty Kondracki @ 868-0176

**IMPORTANT
HOSPITAL NEWS**

If you **or** a friend, relative, neighbor, etc. are being admitted to a hospital please contact the Parish Office to let us know.



National Black Catholic History Month

This week we high-light **Julia Greely**

Julia Greeley, Denver's Angel of Charity, was born into slavery, at Hannibal, Missouri, sometime between 1833 and 1848.

Freed by Missouri's Emancipation Act in 1865, Julia subsequently earned her keep by serving white families in Missouri, Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico—though mostly in the Denver area. Whatever she did not need for herself, Julia spent assisting poor families in her neighborhood. When her own resources were inadequate, she begged for food, fuel and clothing for the needy. One writer later called her a “one-person St. Vincent de Paul Society.” To avoid embarrassing the people she helped, Julia did most of her charitable work under cover of night through dark alleys.

Julia entered the Catholic Church at Sacred Heart Parish in Denver in 1880 and was an outstanding supporter of all that the parish had to offer. The Jesuits who ran the parish considered her the most enthusiastic promoter of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus they had ever seen. Every month she visited on foot every fire station in Denver and delivered literature of the Sacred Heart League to the firemen, Catholics, and non-Catholics alike.

A daily communicant, Julia had a rich devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin and continued her prayers while working and moving about. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1901 and was active in it till her death in 1918.

As she lived in a boarding house, Julia's body was laid out in church, and immediately many hundreds of people began filing pass her coffin to pay their grateful respect. She was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery and to the present day many people have been asking that her cause be considered for canonization, a request which was finally granted in the Fall of 2016.

We leave you this month with a resource to ponder further:

Denunciation of Racism

In 2018 American bishops once again issued a Pastoral Letter on Racism: "[Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love](#)".

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord's house (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

The Season of Advent

What are we really waiting for during Advent? The longstanding tradition of the Church is that the Advent season really marks not one but three comings of Christ: his coming into history two thousand years ago, his coming in glory at the end of time, and his coming into our hearts here and now. Advent starts with a focus on the future coming of Christ so that we might see the big picture. If Christmas is to make any sense at all, we have to ask the question, “What are you doing to get ready for the (final) coming of Christ?” This perspective opens us up to the sense of anticipation experienced by the Jewish people on the eve of the first coming of Christ. This Advent, we will hear John the Baptist tell them (and us) how best to prepare. He urges repentance and an examination and reform of our way of life.

Then on the Fourth Sunday, we are drawn in to the history of Jesus' arrival as the child of Joseph and Mary. Our work of spiritual preparation brings us to the point of the whole season. What good is it that Christ comes into my heart if I don't then carry that presence out into the world, just as Mary did?

Room at the Inn

Room at the Inn is a charity assisting homeless women and children in the St. Louis County area. They provide a safe place for the clients to stay and many other resources and services.

To help them out we will be collecting much needed supplies for Room at the Inn from now until December 18.

Please leave your donations in the box marked "***Room at the Inn***" located in the back vestibule of the church. If you would prefer to make a monetary gift or a gift card donation, please place it in an envelope marked "***Room at the Inn***" and put it in the collection basket in church or drop it off at the Parish office.

Thank you for your generous support.

Room at the Inn Wish List

Bath tissue	Laundry Detergent	Bath Towels (new)
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Paper cups	Hand & Body lotion	
Foil	Shampoo & conditioner	
Plastic wrap		
Storage bags, qt. & gal. size	Cleaning Products	
Food storage containers		
Trash bags, 13 & 44 gal. or larger		

Women's sweat pants, pajama bottoms and colored T-shirts (Med, Lg, XL, XXL, XXXL)

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