

# ADULT CATECHISM CLASSES

Please join us on Wednesday nights  
in the parish hall  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

## This week's topics:

Divine Providence

For Whom, When, & Where to Pray (A.C.T.S)

Questions - please contact Terry Miller at  
[millert832@gmail.com](mailto:millert832@gmail.com).

# RORATE MASS, DECEMBER 6, 6:30 AM EXCELSIOR SPRINGS

The Rorate Mass takes its name from the opening words of the Introit, which comes to us from Isaiah 45:8: *"Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem."*

*"Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour."*

The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in Mary's honor, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ.

# FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS TIMES

Sunday, 12/7 @ 5:00 pm (Excelsior Springs)  
Monday, 12/8 @ 8:30 am (Excelsior Springs)  
Monday, 12/8 @ 7:00 pm (Plattsburg)

# LISTEN TO FR. DREW'S DAILY MASS ON CATHOLIC RADIO - 1090 AM

MONDAY - FRIDAY 11:00 AM

FR. DREW'S HOMILIES AIR AT 3:50 PM

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# Commandment of the Month for November

## The 3rd Commandment

*"Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day"*

Would you like to take back Sundays as they were enjoyed by generations past? Start with freeing up your Sundays by committing to doing all your chores on Saturday or letting them wait until Monday. Next, make a list of friends you would like to reconnect with and, each week, invite them over for an afternoon slice of pie or a game of cards. Reach out to them by a phone call or a video call. Let them know that on Sundays, the welcome mat is always out, and they are welcome to drop by. Think of all the friends you will enjoy over the course of a year, and how grateful they will be for making them feel appreciated.

# PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Thank you to all the families who came to have their pictures taken for the parish directory. If you missed the opportunity, Universal Directories is offering another day IF we get enough interest. That day would most likely be Monday, December 22. If this works for your family, please contact Sharon Ousley at [stannplattsburg@gmail.com](mailto:stannplattsburg@gmail.com) this week so we can proceed.

You may also submit a digital photo of your family via email along with \$15 (marked DIRECTORY) to be included. Please identify the names in the photo.

# ADVENT ROSARY

We will be gathering to pray the rosary on Monday evenings during Advent starting at 7:00 pm.

Please join us!

Questions? Contact Heather Boddicker 319-541-3750

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# ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

## PASTOR

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[kevindrew11@yahoo.com](mailto:kevindrew11@yahoo.com)  
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## MUSIC DIRECTOR

Amie Friedl

## FAITH FORMATION

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Teresa Koch  
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Tom Morgan  
Eric Niemann  
Cody O'Connor

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Vince Benedetto, GK  
Frank Watton, D  
Eric Niemann, RC

## LEGION OF MARY

Tom Kutz  
Sherry Kutz  
Carleen Miller  
Terry Miller

## VISITATION SODALITY

Shannon Hansen  
Gina Watton  
Mary Hale  
Collene Cole

## CALVARY CEMETERY

Cody O'Connor



# HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

*This is my body given for you.* Luke 22:19

## WEEKEND MASSES

Sunday - 10:45 AM  
Saturday - 4 PM

## DAILY MASS

Wednesday - 6 PM  
Tues/Thu - 12 PM

# CONFESSION

*Repent, therefore and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.* Acts 3:19

WEDNESDAY  
5:30 PM

SATURDAY  
3:00 PM

Contact Fr. Drew for Appts

# ADORATION

*The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host.* - Sheen

DECEMBER 3-4, 2025

Please sign up in the narthex.

# BAPTISM

Please contact the Pastor

# ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office  
816-539-2634  
follow instructions.

# MATRIMONY

Please contact the Pastor 6-9 months before the proposed date.

[stannplattsburg.org](http://stannplattsburg.org)  
816-539-2634  
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PLATTSBURG, MO  
64477



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ALTAR SERVERS

SUN, NOV 30 - 10:45 AM  
MC - Grant Schuster  
T - Brogan Noll  
A - Jonathan Friedl  
A - Pierre Moraille  
S - David Woody

R - Terry Miller

SUN, DEC 7 - 10:45 AM  
MC - Angelo Moraille  
T - Jonathan Friedl  
A - Brogan Noll  
A - Ambrose Green  
S - Tyler Walock

R - Tyler Walcok

MASS INTENTION REQUEST

Mass intention envelopes are in the narthex. Place your Mass intention envelope with your \$10 stipend in the basket. Thank you!

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY  
We pray for our elderly, infirm, and homebound:

**O God, your Son accepted sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease realize that they are chosen to be saints, and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen**

Vicki Anseume, Allen Bence, Kenneth Carey, Etta Mae Carlson, Pat Clingan, Edward Cook, Nancy Conley, Paul Daily, Lori Echols, Janice Fristoe, Cindy Gaines-Walter, Martha Gerling, Cara Green, Jean Harris, Tom Kutz, Sylvia McColleston, **Tom Morgan**, Don Price, Lee & Barbara Schwery, Amy Spriesterbach, Bob Swope, Steve VanHorn, Marie VanHorn, Tonia Vigilante, William Wolford Jr, Meryle Young, Claudia Ziegler, Lindsay Plathe

*In Loving Memory*  
**Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.**

To add or change a name please email - stannplattsburg@gmail.com.

COLLECTION	
NOV 22, 2025 - NOV 23, 2025	
Offertory:	\$ 2,542.00
Online:	\$ 365.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,907.00</b>
\$3718.56 needed weekly to meet our budget. The monthly operating budget is distinct from the capital campaign. Thank you for your generosity!	

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, NOV 29- 4 PM  
Joe Kish  
By: Terry & Carleen Miller

SUN, NOV 30 - 10:45 AM  
Ella Holden  
By: Anne Friedl

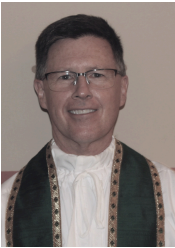
TUES, DEC 2 - 12:00 PM  
Conversion of Hardened Dying Sinners  
By: Anonymous

WED, DEC 3 - 6:00 PM  
Benjamin Vogel  
By: Abigail Krysak

THURS, DEC 4 - 12:00 PM  
Aidon & Robert Carpenter  
By: Anonymous

SAT, DEC 6 - 4 PM  
Marilee Altenhofen +  
By: Matt & Jami James

SUN, DEC 7 - 10:45 AM  
James Urbanski +  
By: Matt & Jami James



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR  
FR. KEVIN DREW



Never forget that there are only two philosophies to rule your life: the one of the Cross, which starts with the fast and ends with the feast. The other of Satan, which starts with the feast and ends with the headache.

That is a quote from Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen (d 1979), who grew up outside of Peoria, IL. A young man discerning a call to the priesthood cited the quote from Sheen in a recent column about Advent. The young man has some good points. He writes:

Contrary to popular protestant belief, we are not yet entering into the joy of the Christmas season. The materialism that leaves so many of our friends and family dry and burnt out by December 25 has no place for the Catholic soul.

I think of my good friend who worked in a grocery store for several years. As soon as Thanksgiving was over, his manager put on the Elvis/Mariah Carey Christmas mixtape. Needless to say, it wasn't a holly jolly time of the year for him.

The Church expresses the true mood of these times liturgically by wearing purple vestments. Can you think of another time when the Church is bedecked in purple vestments? Lent.

The purple (in actuality "violet") vestments denote penance, sorrow, and contrition. Historically Advent was known as "Little Lent." Advent was (and theoretically still is) a penitential season, albeit not as severe as Lent, in which the focus is on Christ's passion and death.

In Advent the focus is on the two comings of Christ. And for the first three weeks of Advent – that would be 75 percent of Advent – we focus more on Christ's second coming. That is the one that involves our judgment. So, in the dark of winter we meditate on this and do the wise thing by turning our penitential practices up a notch. We get to Mass more often, we go to Confession, we pray more and give alms.

Another good practice is to fast a bit. That can be quite difficult in a post-Christian world. It can be challenging at office parties or family get-togethers to constrain ourselves from overdoing it on food, drink, and festivities. The added challenge comes when we consider that Christ warned us not to call attention to ourselves when fasting or giving alms.

With all that said, we should find creative ways to do so anyway. Just because Christ told us not to call attention to ourselves in regards fasting and almsgiving is no reason to forego it altogether. And doing so will help us remember the actual reason for the season in a world that has long forgot it.

For the next two Sundays at Mass the Church has us out in the desert with John the Baptist – just like in Lent. Isn't that interesting? The Baptist's message was "repent," as in "penance." So let us do that. Let us go out to the desert darkness during this "Little Lent" and fast a bit and give alms.


And let's do so joyfully – because a light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it (Jn 1:5). Let us make Advent Catholic and spare ourselves the headaches. Let us joyfully start with the fast, and end with the feast.

CATHOLIC MONTH OF NOVEMBER

HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise.

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." We know that a defiled soul cannot enter into heaven.



VIRTUE: CHARITY

THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREATEST COMMANDMENT: THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH THY WHOLE HEART, BUT THE SECOND IS LIKE UNTO IT: THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF.---MATT. 22:38

MY GOD AND MY LORD! WHAT NEED WAS THERE OF COMMANDING US TO LOVE THEE? ART THOU NOT MOST LOVELY IN THY INFINITE PERFECTIONS? AND FOR THE INFINITE LOVE THOU BEAREST TO US, DOST THOU NOT DESERVE OUR LOVE? HOW, THEN, IS IT POSSIBLE THAT ANYONE SHOULD NOT LOVE THEE? IF THERE IS SUCH A PERSON, IT MUST BE BECAUSE HE HAS NOT DESERVED TO KNOW THEE. FOR, A SOUL THAT KNOWS GOD, CANNOT HELP LOVING HIM, AND LOVING HIM IN PROPORTION TO HIS KNOWLEDGE OF HIM; SO THAT IF HE LOVES HIM BUT LITTLE, IT IS A SIGN THAT HE KNOWS HIM BUT LITTLE; AND THE MORE HIS KNOWLEDGE INCREASES, THE MORE HIS LOVE WILL GO ON GROWING. ---ST. TERESA

**Bishop Johnston's Prayer intentions for the month of NOVEMBER**

For married couples who desire children and suffer with challenges of infertility.


**The Holy Father's Prayer intentions for the month of NOVEMBER**

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

**SOUP SUNDAY, ST. NICK PARTY, ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES**

Mark your calendars for **December 14, 2025**

Knights of Columbus will be hosting a St. Nick's Party, Visitation Sodality will be providing soup, and Fr. Drew will be offering additional confessions AFTER Mass.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
REV. DENIS KEILY COUNCIL #9401

Upcoming Events:

**December 14 - St. Nicholas Party**

Business meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month - 9AM

For more info please contact :  
Eric Niemann, Recruiter, at eniemann@1791.com

**VISITATION SODALITY**

The Visitation Sodality is an organization made up of all age ladies, dedicated to serving the parish and our Priest. We strive to support the liturgy and the altar, social functions and funerals. Please consider joining us in our mission to serve our parish family.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**DECEMBER 14 - SOUP SUNDAY MONTHLY MEETING - NO DECEMBER MEETING**

**Come check out our store located in the Parish Hall. We have sacramentals, gifts, books, veils, and more! All proceeds go to serving our Church and our Parish Family.**

Contact Shannon Hansen for more info :  
hansenfamily1999@gmail.com

ALTAR FLOWERS AT ST. ANN

You can sponsor flowers for \$40 a week in honor or memorial of a loved one. Their name and yours will be listed in the bulletin. Please make your checks payable to the Visitation Sodality and in the memo write flowers. Your gift will be assigned the next available week, unless you have a specific week in mind. Envelopes for flowers are in the back of the church and can be placed in the collection basket.

**PLATTSBURG NURSING HOME APOSTOLATE**

Members of our parish are currently visiting residents at Oakridge and Nick's Healthcare Center here in Plattsburg.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Terry and Carleen Miller at (816) 930-2976

**LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary is a world wide lay apostolic association of Catholics dedicated to praying and working for Mary for the salvation of souls.

The parish needs people willing to give a little of their time to Mary.

There's not a better person to pray and work for but Mary, and not a better reason to pray and work than for the salvation of souls.

**Meetings are Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM in the Rectory.**

Questions: call Sherry Kutz (217) 260-7338