

CLASSES AT ST. ANN

ST. ANN PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION - PSR

- Confession for PSR students will be held after Mass on Dec 22nd at 11:30 AM. We encourage all parents to bring their children to confession during the Advent season.

ADULT CATECHISM CLASSES

If you are interested in the Catholic Faith, joining the Catholic Church or learning more about your Faith, please join us on Wednesday nights after the 6 pm Mass.

Topics for Wednesday, December 18th:

- Mary

The class is open to all persons. *Registration is not required.*
Questions - please contact Terry Miller at millert832@gmail.com.

Faith Comes by Hearing

ROMANS 10:17

TRANSLATIONS FOR MASS

Introit - Phil. 4:4, 5, Ps. 84

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Do not be anxious over anything; but in all manner of prayer, let your requests be made known unto God. Lord, you have blessed your land; you have put an end to Jacob's captivity.

Communion - Is 35: 4 V. Is 35: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7

Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is our God, he comes to save us. 1. The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. 2. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon. 3. They will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God. 4. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak. 5. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared. 6. Then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the dumb will sing. 7. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. 8. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

HANDMADE GOAT MILK SOAP



106 E Broadway St
Plattsburg, MO
Hours:
Tues - Fri 10-5
Sat 9-12

If you have reasonable cause to suspect sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult, you must call: The Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738, if the victim is under the age of 18. The Missouri Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1.800.392.0210, if the victim is a vulnerable adult. Local law enforcement or 911 if you believe the person is in immediate danger. If the suspected abuser is an employee, volunteer, priest or deacon in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, please report to the Independent Ombudsman at (816) 812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org.



Prayers for Our Parish Family

We pray for our elderly, infirm, and home-bound:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

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

Holiday Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24th

- 4:00 PM

- Midnight (Carols to begin at 11:30 PM)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25th

- 10:30 AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Vigil Mass, Tuesday, December 31st

- 5:00 PM

Holy Day Mass, Wednesday, January 1st

- 10:30 AM

PLEASE JOIN US

ROSARY & A POTLUCK HOSTED BY MATT & CARA GREEN
EVERY 1ST SATURDAY AT THEIR HOME @ 6 PM
CALL OR TXT CARA FOR MORE INFO :
816.752.1840



St. Ann Church

816.539.2634

December 15, 2024

700 W. Maple St. Plattsburg, MO 64477

3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudate Sunday

Pastor

Rev. Kevin Drew

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Music Director

Amie Friedl

Faith Formation

Madelaine Adams - Director

Teresa Koch

Terry Miller - Adult Catechism

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Eric Niemann

Cody O'Connor

Knights of Columbus

Vince Benedetto, Grand Knight

Frank Watton, Deputy

Eric Niemann, Recruitment Chair

Legion of Mary

Tom Kutz, President

Sherry Kutz, Vice President

Carleen Miller, Treasurer

Terry Miller, Secretary

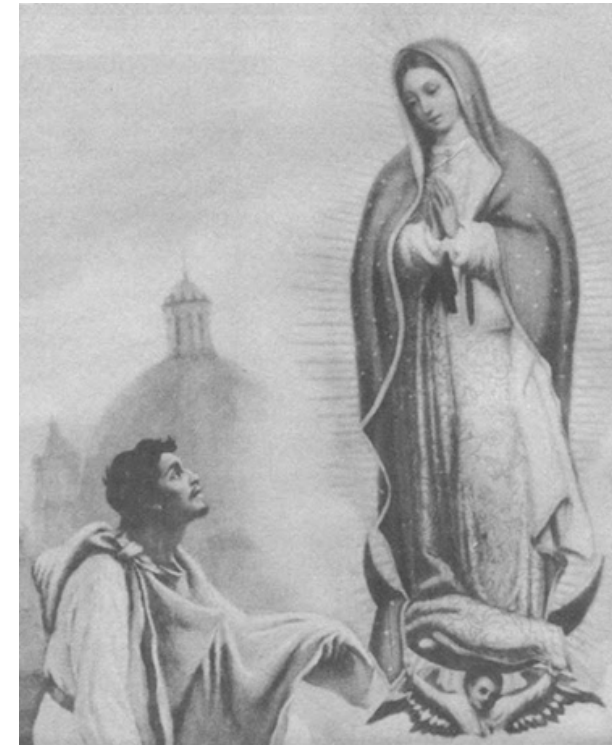
Visitation Sodality

Shannon Hansen, President

Gina Watton, Vice President

Mary Hale, Treasurer

Sam Finley, Secretary



Mary's Touch By Mail, Gresham, Oregon

"Dearest Lady of Guadalupe, fruitful Mother of Holiness, teach me your ways of gentleness and strength. Hear my prayer offered with deepfelt confidence to beg this favor... O Mary, conceived without sin, I come to your throne of grace to share the fervent devotion of your faithful Mexican children who call to you under the glorious Aztec title of "Guadalupe" the virgin who crushed the serpent. Queen of Martyrs, whose Immaculate heart was pierced by seven wounds of grief, help me to walk valiantly amid the sharp thorns thrown across my pathway. Queen of Apostles aid me to win souls for the Sacred Heart of my Savior. I plead this through the merits of your merciful Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

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

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 4 PM

SUNDAY - 10:30 AM

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

TUES, 12/24 - 4 PM

MIDNIGHT MASS

WED, 12/25 - 10:30 AM

TUES, 12/31 - 5 PM

WED, 01/01 - 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

TUESDAY - NOON

WEDNESDAY - 6 PM

THURSDAY - NOON

1ST SATURDAY MASS

JANUARY 4TH - 9 AM

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 Appointments

ADORATION

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

Please sign up in the back of the church.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Pastor

ANONING OF THE SICK

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

MATRIMONY

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



ALTAR SERVERS MASS INTENTIONS

SUN, DEC 15TH - 10:30 AM
 MC - Beau Metcalf
 T - Philip Richey
 A - Ambrose Green
 A - Samuel Richey
 Reader - Terry Miller
 Sacristan - Tyler Walock

TUES, DEC 17TH - NOON
 Frassati

THURS, DEC 19TH - NOON
 Frassati

SUN, DEC 22ND - 10:30 AM
 MC - Grant Schuster
 T - Jonathan Friedl
 A - Henry Richey
 A - Pierre Morraile
 Reader - David Woody
 Sacristan - Tyler Walock

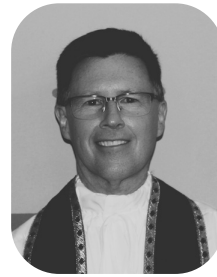
SUN, DEC 15TH - 10:30 AM
 Christine James
 By: Matt & Jami James

TUES, DEC 17TH - NOON
 Tommy Jarret
 By: Anne Friedl

WED, DEC 18TH - 6 PM
 Pro Populo

THURS, DEC 19TH - NOON
 Sherri Plathe
 By: The Plathe Family

SAT, DEC 21ST - 4 PM
 Mary Lipka



**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR
 FR. DREW**

Joy is a fact that only the true God can give, and so it is more than a transient feeling of happiness

A good Advent reflection from Fr George Rutler of New York ...

Gaudete!—Rejoice!—is the name for the Third Sunday of Advent. The rubrics say the Advent penances and discipline are somewhat mitigated on this day. Gaudete Sunday is a respite, rather like one of those “film trailers” that give a tantalizing glimpse of what is to come. Even so, the sonorous hymns and rose colors of Gaudete Sunday are awkward vaudeville rather than true drama, if there is no penance to lighten and no discipline to lessen. “But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently” (Romans 8:24-25).

Saint Thomas Aquinas spent a lot of ink describing joy, just as Bach set “the joy of man’s desiring” to music. Joy is a fact that only the true God can give, and so it is more than a transient feeling of happiness. At the heart of human nature is the longing for joy, and this is the case even with miscreants who are deluded in thinking that sensuality, sloth, and even suicide will bestow a fugitive kind of happiness.

Advent is the guide to true joy, and it has become a Lost Season, just as Confession has become a Lost Sacrament, because our culture is impatient for joy and tries to be satisfied with tinsel happiness. Dr. Seuss’s “Grinch that stole Christmas” has a twin in the Grinch that stole Advent. This means that the beautiful hymnody and literature of Advent is swept away. Even organizations that claim to be Christian have Christmas parties in Advent. Excuses for “rushing” Christmas would be amusing were they not so pathetic. That sober modern prophet, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn said, “Hastiness and superficiality are the psychic disease of the twentieth century.”

That disease has become epidemic in our new century. Patience is one of the seven fruits of the Holy Spirit. It should strengthen the soul that is tempted to celebrate Christmas before Christmas. The excuse for doing that—“But everybody expects it”—merely means that the “Long expected Jesus” is not really expected. In contrast, persecuted Christians in diverse lands keep a more profound Advent, learning and living “all endurance and patience with joy” (Colossians 1:11). This has significant results. While persecution has driven Christianity in Iraq almost to extinction, the Chaldean Archbishop Najib Mikhael Moussa, has said that his people “lost everything except our faith in Jesus Christ” and are stronger for it. Moreover, he said, “many thousands of Muslims discovered the Person of Jesus Christ” after seeing the patient endurance of Christians.

In Advent, has your example brought anyone closer to the deep joy of Christ? “Therefore, you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you” (John 16:22).

CATHOLIC MONTH OF DECEMBER

DECEMBER DEVOTION

The Immaculate Conception

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 O Most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession. O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God. O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.
 Our Lady Queen of Christendom, pray for us. Amen



VIRTUE: UNION

ECCE EGO VOBISCUM SUM—BEHOLD I AM WITH YOU.—MATT. 28:20
 THE CONDITION OF UNION SEEMS TO BE NOTHING ELSE THAN DYING, SO TO SPEAK, ENTIRELY TO ALL THE THINGS OF THE WORLD, AND LIVING IN THE ENJOYMENT OF GOD.—ST. TERESA

ADVENT

Blessing of the Advent Wreath:

O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The wreath is then sprinkled with holy water by the father if possible).

THE 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

Incline Thine ear to our prayers, O Lord, we beseech Thee; and make bright the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen. (The pink and two of the purple candles are lit today, and throughout the week).

Hymn: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine Advent here.

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death’s dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice, rejoice! O Israel, to thee shall come Emmanuel.

**COMMANDMENT OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER
 THE 4TH COMMANDMENT
 “HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.”**



WEEK 3

As you continue teaching the Commandment of the Month, “Honor your father and mother.” to your children, explain to them the natural consequences of disrespect and disobedience. Explain how disobeying causes them to lose trust, limiting their privileges/freedoms and resulting in heartache, disappointment and frustration. Conversely, explain to them how, when they make it a habit of obeying, showing respect, and honor to others, they build trust, expand their privileges/freedoms, pave the way for friendship, happiness and good times.

To get the conversation started, you might ask them the following questions.

1. What does it mean to trust someone and why is trust helpful and good?
2. When you disobey, what happens to the trust your parents and teachers have in you?
3. What are some other consequences of disobeying?
4. What are some ways that you can build trust?

An easy way to teach children the 4th Commandment is to tell them to hold up four fingers on their right hand. Then, holding the four fingers just above their right eye, as though they are saluting, have them say, “The 4th Commandment is, Honor your father and mother.”



REV. DENIS KEILY COUNCIL #9401

A fraternal organization that seeks to serve our parish, assist the pastor in his ministry, and serve our wider community in a spirit of dedication to our Catholic Faith and to its mission.

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

JOIN US!

AFTER MASS ON SUN, DECEMBER 15TH
 FOR HOT BREAKFAST AND GOODIES
 IN HONOR OF ST. NICHOLAS!

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.

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

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



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 9:00 AM in the Rectory.

Questions: call Sherry Kutz (217) 260-7338



Congratulations to Collene Cole who has become the newest active Legion of Mary member! We now have 5 active members and 15 auxiliary members. We look forward to having others join Mary's army praying and working for souls. Please join us Sundays at 9AM in the Rectory.

MASS INTENTION REQUEST

If you have a Mass intention, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex. Place your Mass intention envelope with your \$10 stipend in the basket. If you add your phone number or email address, we will confirm the date your Mass is scheduled. Thank you!



PLEASE NOTE, THERE WILL BE NO FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR DURING ADVENT.

THE FLOWER DONATIONS RECEIVED DURING ADVENT WILL BE PUT TOWARDS THE POINSETTIAS AND TREES FOR CHRISTMAS. THE INTENTIONS WILL BE POSTED IN THE BULLETIN DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUBMIT YOUR DONATIONS TO THE VISITATION SODALITY IN THE ENVELOPES IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. THANK YOU!



Weekend Collection

November 24, 2024		December 4, 2024	
Offertory:	\$ 1,774.00	Offertory:	\$ 4,636.00
Online:	\$ 450.00	Online:	\$ 1,119.48
Holy Day:	\$	Holy Day:	\$
Mass Stipend:	\$ 80.00	Mass Stipend:	\$ 10.00
Maintenance:	\$	Maintenance:	\$
Cap. Campaign:	\$ 1,390.00	Cap. Campaign:	\$ 1,620.67
Total :	\$ 3,694.00	Total :	\$ 7,486.15

LOAN DUE AT DIOCESE : \$ 177,000.00

\$3718.56 needed weekly to meet our budget. The monthly operating budget is distinct from the capital campaign. Thank you for your generosity!