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MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekdays	7:00 or 9:30 a.m. (Convent)
	8:00 a.m. (St. Ann Church)
Saturday	7:00 or 9:30 a.m. (Convent)
	5:00 p.m. (St. Ann Church-Sunday
	Fulfillment)
Sunday	8:00 a.m. (St. Ann Church)
	11:00 a.m. (St. Ann Church)

BAPTISMS: By appointment. (Instruction classes for Parents and God-parents on Monday evenings by appointment. Contact the Rectory early in pregnancy.)

CONFESSIONS: Sat. 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

WEDDINGS: Prepare for your marriage. Archdiocese guidelines must be followed. Contact the Pastor at least 6 months in advance to assist you. You must be attending Sunday Mass.



PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: If you

are unable to attend mass for a prolonged period of time, call the rectory to arrange for Holy Communion at your residence. Likewise, please inform the rectory staff if you will be hospitalized so we can attend to your spiritual health.

NEW PARISHIONERS: A warm welcome to new parishioners. Please stop at the Rectory and register. If you move, please let us know. **CHILDRENS LITURGY:**

Grades K thru 6, Special Liturgy of the Word at 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, Sept-May

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Tuesday

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS MEETINGS

Knights of Columbus - 2nd Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. Rosary begins at 7:20 p.m. Ladies' Guild-Second Thursday– 8:00 p.m. Men's Club - Last Wednesday - 8:15 p.m. Finance Committee Quarterly - 7:00 p.m. School Board - 2nd Monday - 6:30 p.m. Athletic Association - 4th Monday - 8:00 p.m. Social Justice Committee-4th Monday-7:00 pm SAPO.....1st Tuesday-7:00 p.m.

> First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2015

From the Pastor's Pen:

Statement of the Missouri Catholic Conference On Terrorists Attacks in Paris and Syrian Refugee Crisis

We, the Catholic bishops of Missouri, write to express our solidarity with all those terrorized by ISIS and other violent extremists who falsely invoke the name of God to justify their bloody attacks on innocent people. Our concern especially goes out to the French people as they cope in the aftermath of the November 13 terrorist attacks and to the many Syrians also terrorized by ISIS who are fleeing their country for the safety of new lands.

The bloody attacks on innocent Parisians on the night November 13 have galvanized the world as never before to the threat posed by ISIS and other violent extremists. According to French security and other worldwide intelligence sources, the attacks in Paris were either masterminded or inspired by ISIS forces in Syria. Legitimate concerns have, therefore, been raised that ISIS is seeking to insert terrorists into the ranks of refugees coming to Europe and America from Syria.

It is only natural that Americans wonder whether they can be safe from terrorist attacks and whether allowing Syrian refugees into our country will raise the threat of those attacks. As a nation of immigrants, Americans understand our country has a proud tradition of accepting immigrants and refugees, but we also want to be safe and secure.

In this time of increased anxiety, it is especially important to reflect and take stock of what is actually occurring when admitting Syrian refugees into our country. The Syrian refugees go through multiple layers of interviews and security checks, making them the most thoroughly vetted group of people who come to the United States. Security screenings are rigorous and involve the Department of Homeland Security, the FBI, the Department of Defense and multiple intelligence agencies. It can take up to two years for a refugee to pass through this vetting process.

It is true that none of these security measures can guarantee our absolute safety. Even a police state could not offer this guarantee. The challenge is to weigh security concerns with our American tradition of welcoming immigrants and refugees, as symbolized by the iconic Statute of Liberty. In our view, appropriate security measures have been taken and our country should not refuse to welcome Syrian refugees who have been through the vetting process.

We urge Governor Nixon and all public officials to work with federal officials to both keep our citizens safe and to allow refugees from war-torn Syrian to settle in our state.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF MISSOURI

November 29: Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – What is Advent?

While our society often equates Advent with the Christmas shopping season, it is, of course, much more! In the season of Advent, which begins the fourth Sunday before Christmas, we relive the long period of expectancy between the promise of a Messiah and the Incarnation of Christ. "Christmas is not an event within history but is rather the invasion of time by eternity" (Hans Urs von Balthasar). How are you preparing for the coming of the Lord? archstl.org/dynamic

Readings for the Week of November 29, 2015

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 15:29-37 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27/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 Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6 ©Liturgical Publications Inc

Lector Schedule December 5, 6 Saturday, December 5, 5:00 pm: Laura Zamborsky Sunday, November 29, 2015 8:00 am: Bob Lohe

11:00 am: Heather Gutting

SANCTUARY LADIES : Friday, December 4 Audrey Hughes and Rosemary Fischer

The St. Ann Choir and the Children's Liturgy Choir will present an Advent Concert on **Sunday**, **December 6th**, **at 6:30 p.m.** in our church. There will be a reception in the Parish Center following the concert. All are welcome.

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the Parish. This book will contains everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. Do we have your family membership record correct? This is your chance to update your any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in your family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are your preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your Published? Please call the Parish Office at 314-385-5090 about any changes to your record. The deadline for changes or corrections is December 11, 2015.

Volunteers from NAMI-St. Louis will provide an informative, interactive presentation to learn more about mental health, how to recognize when there is an illness and how to provide support for those in need of care and healing. Saturday, December 5, 2015, 1:30 pm, Cabanne Library, 1106 Union Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63113. We will meet in the auditorium. Contact Anjanette Smith at (314) 651-9282 or anjanette20smith@gmail.com to register.

BIBLE STUDY – WITH A TWIST! The sixth and final session will be this Wednesday, Dec 2, in the Rectory Library, 9:30-10:30. TOPIC: Stories of the Birth of Jesus in Matthew and Luke—Gospels in Miniature Bring a Bible. Questions? Call Fr Ron 381-2995

COLLEGE CORNER

SAVE THE DATE: Newman Caroling, Christmas Party & Cookie-Making Contest! Friday, Dec. 11th, 6 pm

Mass Intentions For The Week

MONDAY, November 30

7:00 am All Souls (Good Shepherd Convent) 8:00 am George Zamborsky

TUESDAY, December 1

7:00 Domenico & Maria Nguyen (Good Shepherd Convent) 8:00 am Donna Bland

WEDNESDAY, December 2

7:00 am Maria Nhai Nguyen (Good Shepherd Convent) 8:20 am Matthew Clarke

THURSDAY, December 3

7:00 am Maria Nhai Nguyen (Good Shepherd Convent) 8:00 am John Britt

FRIDAY, December 4

7:00 am Brigida Emma (Good Shepherd Convent) 8:00 am Holly Goodman

SATURDAY, December 5

7:00 am Maria Nhai Nguyen (Good Shepherd Convent) 5:00 pm Frank Sanfilippo

SUNDAY, December 6

8:00 am The people of St. Ann Parish

9:30 am John Ngoc Nguyen (Good Shepherd Convent) 11:00 am Luke Morrow



WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Wed, Nov 30-Dec 2: Jacob Bird & Payton Ligon Thurs, Fri, Dec 3-Dec 4: Lydia Dieckmann & Olivia Bulard SATURDAY, December 5:

5:00 pm: Ethan Bulard & Olivia Bulard

SUNDAY, December 6:

8:00 am: Chloe Andrews & Jack Garrett

11:00 am: Alex Lawrence & Tahj Henderson

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF ALL

THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY, especially Matthew Collins Keith Campbell Dyla. Brandon Klink Justin Scott Robe Andrew Spilling

Dylan Hilliard Robert Spilling

and the sick, the hospitalized, home bound and nursing home residents

James Alexander Katie Alexander Patrick Barry Alex Befort Dorothy Birdsong Mary Leigh Britt Carl Brown Don Buchholz Marie Buechert Marcia Buterin Helen Craven Fr. Jim Edwards Rose Ann Emma Elaine Fitzgerald Kathleen Fitzgerald Marie Gagnepain Bruce Gardiner Julie Garcia Dominic Gaulden Fritzi Goodman Wallace Goodwin Emily Habel

Shannon McLaughlin Healy Mary Hof Cindy Hogan Chris Holmes Betty Husmann James Jakle Levi Jennings Jack Klein Pauline Lawler Barb Lynch Kirk Markuly Dan McGraugh **Bob Merritt** W.D.M. MaryLouise Montgomery Peggy Murry John Nikonowicz Jack Niland Sheila Nunes Anne Parker Kevin Putnam Marcia Putnam

John Rodemann Kimberly Ryan Joan Schroeder Rose Marie Schroeder Al Schulte Raymond Sharp Fred Shea Michael Shea James E. Smith Angela Tutt Joe Welsch Nancy Whalen Barbara Williams Marjorie Williams Theresa Zlotopolski Alfred Zlotopolski

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FINANCIAL REPORT

For the 4th week of November ending 11/22/2015

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Stewardship Goal: \$28,400 Actual Monthly Parish Stewardship: **\$27,610** Money Counters: Monday, November 30: Team D

COFFEE AND DONUTS postponed to December 13th:

Please join fellow parishioners and any guests for refreshments and conversation in our Parish Center.

A warm welcome to new parishioners: Chuck and Debbie Rosso and welcome back to the Blake and Sandy Vogt family

Thanks to those who gave blood at our last blood drive in September, including St. Ann Alum and Incarnate Word Academy student, Emma Busch. Congratulations to St. Ann School parent Nancy Williams who won the \$100.00 tuition voucher in a random drawing of school parents who gave blood. **Our next Blood Drive is coming up on Sunday morning, December 13th.** There will be another random drawing for \$100.00 in tuition assistance for school parents who give blood. Please take part and help save lives.

St. Vincent Home for Children is excitedly preparing for this year's holiday season. We hope you'll find time to join us in celebration and thankfulness. **SVHC Holiday Open House Sunday, December 6th 2 - 5 pm.** Please bring your family and join ours! Visit our beautiful Sacred Heart Chapel decorated for the holiday season. Holiday cookies and light refreshments will be served. St. Vincent Home for Children will be accepting unwrapped gifts from our Holiday Wish List for a teen boy or teen girl. Your support is monumental in helping us succeed in making the holidays special!



As we begin Advent we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor

box will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

BULLETIN NOTICES should be brought to the office, dropped in the basket, or emailed to patatstann@gmail.com by Noon on Tuesdays to assure publication for that week-end's bulletin.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PARISH has added an evening mass on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Perpetual Help Devotions will be prayed at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome.



In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Helen Sullivan, sister of parishioner Nancy Whalen, that the Lord grants her the fullness of eternal life.