

Most Holy Trinity, St. Nicholas, and Sts. Teresa and Bridget

TWENTYFIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

*Seek me, your God, while I may still be found,
call upon me while I am near!*

Isaiah 55:6-9



DIRECTION

Where do I find God's Presence?

SEARCH

SURPRISE

When I call to God, how do I experience God's response?

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OUR GOD IS NEAR

Isaiah encourages to trust God's nearness. He invites us to find God dwelling within our soul. Isaiah invites all to find God within. God is near, and God is close to the broken-hearted. Isaiah proclaims God's love in the midst of exile. The people of Israel were living in Babylon, longing for a return to Jerusalem, yet not knowing if they would ever find home again, find God again. Their hearts, and the heart of the community, were broken. Often our fear of intimacy with God, or with anyone, is rooted in reluctance to explore our own broken heart. We know God heals our broken heart, yet there is often a moment, which feels like an eternity, before the healing begins. In that moment it seems all is lost; better to settle for anxiety than to risk losing our lives in order to be saved by God.

When God sends us out into God's vineyard to build the kingdom, God sends us on pilgrimage; to the Holy land to pray at the empty tomb; to Perryville to receive a message from Mary; to Haiti to dig wells for the poor; to a hospital room to hold hands with someone we love; into a grandchild's room to watch her sleep. Wherever God sends us into a vineyard, God also sends us into the vineyard of our own soul. We are transformed as we work in the vineyard. Here we encounter Christ, we summon the courage to see again our beautiful, vulnerable, holy broken heart. Then God gives us our daily wage, eternal life.

St. Nicholas, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Bridget of Erin, you are with us. May our Triune God be glorified in us.
– Father Mitch



MASS SCHEDULE

Noon Mass: Monday – Friday

St. Nicholas
701 N. 18th St., 63103

Saturday, September 30

4:30 Vigil mass at St. Nicholas

The Transition Team is developing a Mass schedule that features Mass times and location, October through December. All will receive an email or a robo call this week concerning the new schedule.

Everyone will receive an email from Father Mitch weekly. Anyone who does not receive this email, please let us know.

LITURGY OF THE WORD for children kindergarten through fifth grade will be offered at St. Teresa and Bridget's at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Catechist, Marissa Boettcher, will gather the children after the opening prayer at Mass. All children are encouraged to participate.

LEADERSHIP GATHERING: All who serve on parish councils and finance committees, together with the current Transition Team, are invited to a "thank you, get to know you" reception Thursday, September 28, Most Holy Trinity Rectory Garden, 6:30p.m. – 8:00p.m. Come and enjoy this festive time, gather under the stars and meet those who have led us this year.



St. Vincent De Paul

CONGRATULATIONS ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEERS.

Today, St. Vincent De Paul's feast day is celebrated throughout our city. He was born in France in 1581 and ordained a priest in 1600. Vincent devoted himself entirely to the alleviation of the suffering of the poor. In 1737 Pope Leo XIII declared him patron saint of all works of charity. Our parish expresses gratitude to our volunteers who imitate St. Vincent through their ministry in our food services and outreach centers.

WE HOLD IN HEART AND PRAYER:

Please add Coralyn Ford and Ruth Robertston to your prayer list, and continue to pray for those who have asked for our prayers.

COLLECTION: 9/17/23 \$4,861.00 THANK YOU.

LITURGY MEETING: Thursday, October 5,
6:00 – 8:00 pm in the parish office meeting room.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 15: Festival of Ministries
November 18: Social Gathering

CELEBRATE OUR FOUNDING CHURCHES:

The Civil War was closing, when a group of parishioners went to Archbishop Kenrick with the request for a new Catholic parish. In October 1865, a site on the north-east corner of 19th St. and Lucas Avenue was purchased for the sum of \$10,500.00. Archbishop Kenrick was able to lay the cornerstone of the new **St. Nicholas Church** on May 4, 1866.

In September 1926, Archbishop Glennon entrusted the church, school and the rectory of the famous landmark of St. Louis Catholic history to the care of the Society of the Divine Word, to serve as a Mission Church for the downtown district and to evangelize the African American population who had moved into the neighborhood. For decades the Fathers of the Society of the Divine Word and the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, and later the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood provided the sacramental life and educational formation of students.

In the 1940s Cardinal Ritter, a champion for the cause of equality in education, desegregated the Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese. The parish buildings,



St. Nicholas Catholic Church

which were in constant use for over a hundred years, became no longer serviceable to the new parish population. In 1960, Cardinal Ritter gave permission for the erection of a new parish campus — church, school center, rectory, and convent. Two years later, he dedicated the new parish buildings. For more than one hundred and fifty the tradition of sharing the life of the Gospel with enthusiasm continues.

CHURCH RENEWAL: The synod of bishops and laity delegates convenes at the Vatican on October 4-29. Pope Francis desires a path of synodality which God expects of the church of the third millennium. “This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church’s “renewal” proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task. Journeying and reflecting together on the journey which has been made, the Church will learn through Her experience which process will help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open herself to mission.”

– Pope Francis

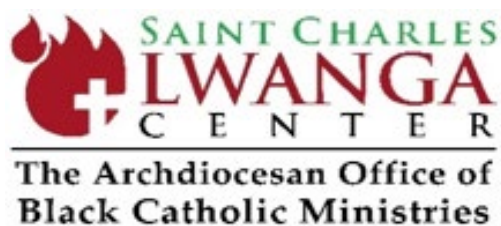
SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, November 19, 2023

National Black Catholic History Month Celebration: A Black Catholic Community’s Perspective, Part III on “The Black Church: This is our story. This is our song.” (The PBS presentation hosted by Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and his book lay a foundation for continued discussion.)

Sunday, January 14, 2024

48th Annual Archdiocesan Celebration on the Holiday Weekend Commemorating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. This includes Mass and the 17th Annual Dr. MLK, Jr. Model of Justice Awards.



ST. CHARLES LWANGA BIBLE STUDY RESUMES:

The Center’s Bible Study resumes with exploration of and prayer with “The Book of Sirach” (Ecclesiasticus-Wisdom of Ben Sira), Chapter 33, on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., St. Nicholas Church Site, 701 N. 18th St., St. Louis 63103. Noon Mass precedes the session. Come join us for liturgy. Please bring a Bible, New American Edition preferred. Sessions are free. Free will offerings are welcome. For more information, please call St. Nicholas phone 314-231-2860 ex. 24





SEASON OF CREATION CELEBRATING WEEK 4

WE ARE THOSE WHO:

believe in God who entrusts Earth to the care of Earth community, inviting us to live together in justice, compassion, peace, and loving care;

believe in Jesus, who teaches us that love of God, each other, and creation sums up the meaning and value of life;

believe in the Holy Spirit who renews life in creation, groans in empathy with a suffering creation and works with us, for the rebirth of creation.

This is our faith. God blesses us all with deep reverence and love for creation in all its beauty, intricacy, and lavish goodness and guides us in caring for it wisely and well.

— 2023 Season of Creation, Catholic Liturgical Guide

FESTIVAL OF MINISTRIES: As we approach the end of summer and signs of autumn appear, it is a natural time to reflect on our daily living of Stewardship. During this season, each of us is asked to reflect on where to volunteer this year. Whether as a liturgical minister or in a leadership role, committee member, or service as a volunteer, our new parish is grateful for your contribution which supports our growth in faith and mission.



FREE TO CHOOSE WHETHER TO MIGRATE OR STAY is the theme Pope Francis chose for the World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees commemorated today. The Catholic bishops note how people have been forced to flee their homeland, seeking safety and security. This day encourages all to reflect on challenges that affect migrants, refugees, and all harmed by forced displacement. The week celebrates the ways in which newcomers enrich communities and how the faithful are called to welcome them as members of one human family.

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ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SERVICES

Most Holy Trinity

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food/Utility Assistance
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 9:00 – noon
4335 Warne Ave, 63107
314-535-9794 (during operating hours)

St. Nicholas (Off-site)

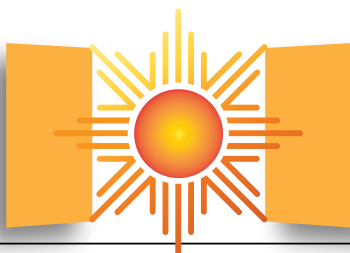
Food Pantry sponsored by Immacolata SVDP
First and Second Tuesdays: 9:00 – 11:00
Hot meal, snacks, fellowship; Dine in or carry-out
1414 N. Taylor Ave, 63110
314.289.6106 ext, 1171

St. Nicholas

Food Pantry sponsored by Ascension SVDP
Mondays (except holidays): 10 - noon
701 N 18th St., 63103
314.289.6101

Sts. Teresa & Bridget

Food Pantry/Utility Assistance/Store Vouchers
Tuesday, Thursday 9 – noon
Bag Lunches for homeless
Sts. Teresa & Bridget Hall
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OPEN WIDE OUR DOORS

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Catholic Churches