

A PARISH FOR THE PEOPLE

#### QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 22, 2024

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

Luke 1:38

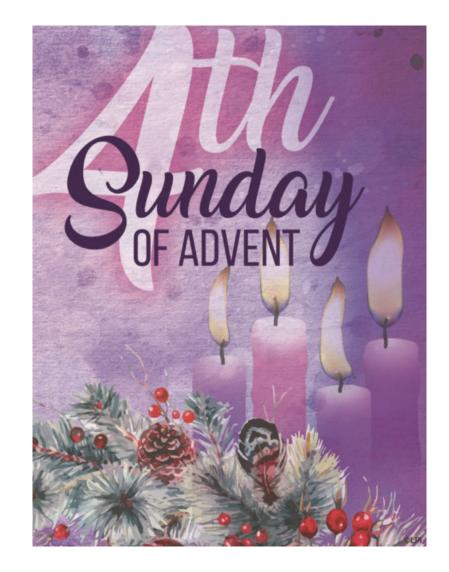
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### SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

SUNDAY MASS Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 a.m., 12 Noon

WEEKDAY MASSES Monday — Friday 6:15 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. Saturday 8:15 a.m.

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Monday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Cry Room Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Church Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Cry Room Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Cry Room

#### PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS AND BENEDICTION

Tuesday following the 8:15 am mass Benediction 7:00 pm

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday following the 6:15 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. Masses Tuesday 6:00-7:00 pm Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Anytime please call the rectory.

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#### MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

Monday - December 23- Advent Weekday Malachi 3:1-4,23-24/Luke 1:57-66 6:15 a.m. Henry and Florence Bange (†) 8:15 a.m. John Ruzicka (†) Tuesday - December 24 - The Morning Mass 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16/Luke 1:67-79 6:15 a.m. Pat Dougherty (†) Jonathon S. Taylor (†) 8:15 a.m. The Nativity of the Lord Vigil Mass (Christmas Eve) Isaiah 62:1-5/Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17,22-25/Matthew 1:1-25 4:00 p.m. (Church) Kathy Backer (†) 4:00 p.m. (Gym) For the People 10:00 p.m. Nick Arconati (†) Wednesday - December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord Isaiah 62:11-12/Titus 3:4-7/Luke 2:15-20 8:00 a.m. Carol Hedgecoth (†) 10:00 a.m. The Nadolny Family Thursday - December 26 - Saint Stephen, The First Martyr Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10;7:54-59/Matthew 10:17-22 6:15 a.m. Terri Haseltine (†) 8:15 a.m. Sharon Easter (†) Friday - December 27 - Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 John 1:1-4/John 20:1a & 2-8 Cary Nave (Birthday) 6:15 a.m. Kathy Max (†) 8:15 a.m. Saturday - December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 John 1:5-2:2/Matthew 2:13-18 8:15 a.m. William and Kayla VonderHaar 5:00 p.m. Sue Jackson (†) Sunday - December 29 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Micah 5:1-4a/Hebrews 10:5-10/Luke 1:39-45 The Bast Family 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus (†) Leranna Jenkins (†) 10:30 a.m. 12:00 Noon For the People

#### **Mission Statement**

As members of Queen of All Saints Parish, we are a community united in the Catholic faith, nourished by the Eucharist, and sent to make Christ known to all through word and deed.

Sunday Mass (Live Video Mass Streaming) 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses (Live Video Mass Streaming) Monday—Saturday 8:15 a.m.

#### STEWARDSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."

- Luke 1:44

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look, inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

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#### FROM OUR PASTOR

#### **Thank You For Your Service**

At a recent Parish Council meeting, Mr. Scott Gurley was presented with a plaque recognizing his 11 uninterrupted years of service as a member and president of the QAS Parish Council. I told him that "15 years of service" would look better than "11 years of service" on the plaque, but he wouldn't go for it. I want to thank Scott for his dedication to the parish and for all that the Parish Council accomplished under his leadership.

#### **Another Scam?**

Apparently, I am sending emails and text messages to parishioners again requesting gift cards for Target. I wish I would stop doing that! Of course, it's a scam. Please ignore any request I make for gift cards. Any time I ask for financial help from parishioners it will be for the benefit of our parish, i.e. the pew project or the purchase of the floor scrubber...etc. As I mentioned last time, if you would like to have some fun with the scammer, let him know that you purchased several hundred dollars' worth of gift cards and dropped them off at the rectory.

#### **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Christmas is just a couple of days away and on behalf of Fr D'Amico, Fr Hopmeir, our Deacons and the entire staff at QAS, I want to extend to all of you a very happy and joy filled Christmas. I hope that Santa is good to all of you and even more important, I pray that the celebration of the birth of Jesus brings joy and peace to your homes and families. Merry Christmas!

-fr mike



New chances must be bought for each drawing. Winners are responsible for all taxes. Goraisedough.com/buy/2020



#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### Sunday - December 22

10:15 am **Children's Liturgy of the Word**-Church Hall

#### Monday - December 23

- 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Cry Room
- 4:15 pm Basketball Practices Gym
- 7:00 pm RCIA ARC Room
- 7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting Rectory Basement
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Cafeteria
- Tuesday December 24 Christmas Eve \*No Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday - December 25 - Merry Christmas! \*No Eucharistic Adoration

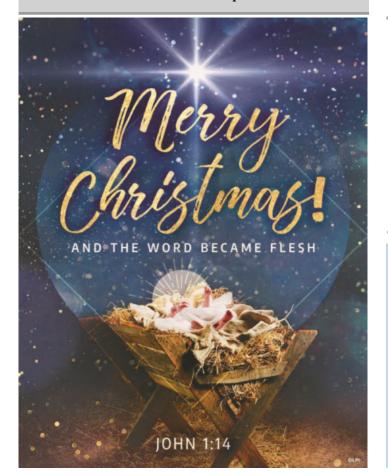
#### **Thursday - December 26**

- 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Cry Room
- 4:15 pm Basketball Practices Gym
- 7:15 pm Two + Youth Room

Friday - December 27 - No Events Scheduled

#### Saturday - December 28

6:30 am Men of St. Joseph - Church Hall



#### PRAY FOR THE SICK

#### LONG TERM SICK LIST (6 MONTHS)

Loretta Borchetta Andrea Dupuis Danielle Flores Sean Fuller Marietta Lewandowski Jason Loring Jackie McClanahan Al Nadolny Charlie Oldani David Oldani Diane Romano Christopher Sevcik Margie Sneed Joe Thaman Karen Thaman Jen Weber Bob Zaitz

#### SHORT TERM SICK LIST (6 WEEKS)

Andrea Veras

#### SICK LIST CHANGES

Please contact the parish office and let us know if you would like to be on the **short term sick list** (6 weeks) or the **long term sick list** (6 months).

#### **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

The next baptism preparation class will be held **January 5, 2024.** This program is for all parents who are seeking baptism for their children. If you have attended a preparation program either here or at another parish, you do not need to attend again. Classes are held the first Sunday of the month in the ARC Room after the 9am Mass. Please call the parish office for registration information at 314-846-8207.

## Tuesday Confessions Update

There will be no evening confessions on:

Tuesday December 24 or Tuesday December 31

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#### Missionary Discipleship - Fourth Sunday of Advent - Surrender to God

*Ecce ancilla Domini. Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.* "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:378). This is one of the most beautiful lines in Scripture. It conveys to us the total surrender and power of obedience to God's will in our lives. Because of Mary's fiat, the Savior entered the world to save us from our sins and to bring us back to God.

As we celebrate Christmas, let us do so in the spirit of joy, welcoming the humble Christ-child into our hearts once more and asking Him to conform our hearts to His most sacred heart. In this joyful time, let us show love, kindness, and mercy to our loved ones who have fallen away and never lose hope in their return home. The angel Gabriel tells us, "For nothing will be impossible for God" (Luke 1:37). May God bless you and your family this Christmas! Venite adoremus Dominum!

## **Queen of Hearts Christmas Update**

Due to Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve falling on Tuesdays this year, we will be suspending the weekly Queen of Hearts Raffle drawings on 12/24 and 12/31. After the 12/18drawing, the next weekly drawing will be 1/7/25.

During that time, the raffle will be open for new ticket purchases for the 1/7 drawing. Recurring ticket purchases scheduled to be made on 12/19 will be made and they will be valid for the 1/7 drawing and recurring purchases will not occur again until 1/8 after the 1/7 drawing.

Thank you for your continued support of Queen of All Saints parish and we wish all a Blessed and Joyous Holiday Season.

#### QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Offertory				
	Faith Direct	WeShare		
	12/10/24	12/11/24		
Offertory	\$ 6,425.00	\$ 11,823.64		
Capital Improvement	\$ 35.00	\$ 121.00		
Tuition Assistance	\$ 30.00	\$ 185.00		
Saint Vincent de Paul	\$ 271.00	\$ 755.00		
Immaculate Conception	\$ 40.00	\$ 747.00		
Christmas Flowers	\$ 60.00			
Christmas Offering	\$ 135.00			
Endowment Fund	\$ 10.00			
Mold Remediation	\$ 10.00			
Seminary	\$ 140.00			

**Please note:** Due to early bulletin deadlines for the holidays, the December 14/15 offertory will be reported in the December 29 bulletin. Thank you!

## **Thank You** for your continued support

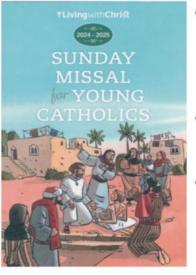
#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS - DEC 28 - 29

	Presider	Lectors	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat)	Fr. D'Amico	Jackie Horne Dave Horne	Mike Serati Bev Brynda Bill Brynda
7:30 a.m.	Fr. D'Amico	Charlie Backer Kelly Backer	De Denion
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Murphy	Knights of Columbus	Knights of Columbus
10:30 a.m.	Fr. Hopmeir	Ralph Stanley Bob Kremer	Jennifer Beidle Jo Ann Cassidy Betsie Nappier Jackie Zeller
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Murphy	Christine Redford	Linda Bohn Ann Willis Patti Rafferty

#### **DECEMBER 22, 2024**

## **ATTENTION PARENTS!**

#### QAS is offering an illustrated Sunday Missal for Young Catholics.



- Missals will help children ages 7 and up take part in the Mass on Sundays and feast days for the 2024-2025 Liturgical Year.
- Missals are located in a basket in the alcove by the baptismal font.
- Please pick up a missal before Mass and return it to the basket after Mass.

A special thank you to Fr. Mike for helping the youth of our parish come to know Jesus!



#### PREVENT AND PROTECT STL

If you are a volunteer of ANY kind or an employee (church, school, sports, etc.) at Queen of All Saints and are not yet registered in the new system for Protecting God's Children, please do so ASAP.

- 1) It is mandatory.
- 2) It is free to you.
- 3) QAS will pay for your background check.

The new system is called Prevent and Protect STL. To register, please go to

www.preventandprotectstl.org

Enter the passcode <u>stlprotect</u> when prompted. Please complete ALL of the modules to be Approved. If you have any questions or need Step by Step instructions, please call Pam VonderHaar in the Rectory at 314-846-8207.



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December 1, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis issued "SPES NON CONFUNDIT" (Hope does not disappoint), Bull of Induction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025. The Holy Father invited "everyone to an intense experience of the love of God" and "calls on all Christians to become Pilgrims of Hope."

The Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope will begin on December 24, 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door at the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome and continue until the closing of the Jubilee Year on January 6, 2026.

I invite all the faithful to join Bishop Mark Rivituso to celebrate the solemn opening of the Jubilee on Sunday, December 29, 2024, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Boulevard. The Jubilee will conclude locally on December 28, 2025.

As part of the Jubilee, the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be able to obtain the grace of the Jubilee Indulgence by making a pious pilgrimage to any sacred Jubilee site under the usual conditions. I have designated nine Jubilee pilgrimage sites across the archdiocese:

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters at the Mount Grace Covent and Chapel Carmel of Saint Joseph at the Chapel of the Most Precious Blood Saint Mary's of the Barrens National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Monastery of Saint Clare of the Immaculate Conception Passionist Nuns of St. Louis Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in New Melle Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Union

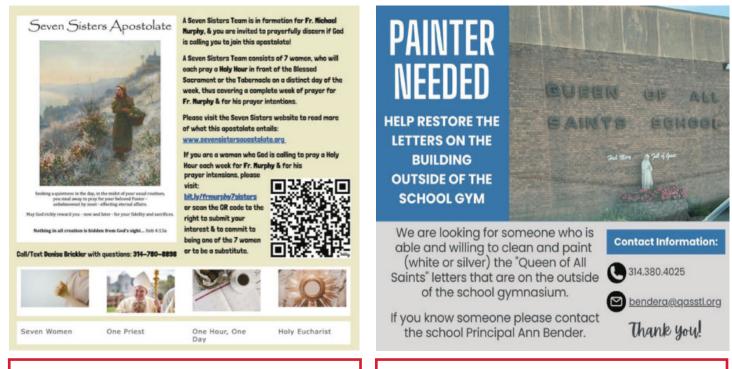
If you wish to learn more about the Jubilee Indulgence and for a complete list of the pilgrimage sites, please visit: <u>archstl.org/2025jubileeyear</u>.

Please visit the following links for much more information about the Jubilee Year:

The Vatican Jubilee 2025 website; <u>https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html</u> The USCCB Jubilee 2025 website: <u>https://www.usccb.org/committees/jubilee-2025</u>

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## Family of the Year



Family of the Year 2024 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mantia



## Knight of the Pear



Knight of the Year 2024 Mr. Eric Treptow





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Christmas 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Jesus was born into the world so that we could become His disciples, and through Him, we become sons and daughters of our heavenly Father. By His grace, we are equipped by the Holy Spirit to continue His mission in the world, sharing the Good News and living as witnesses to His love.

At this moment in our Archdiocese, I am compelled to remind all of us that we are called to be a Church of disciples who make disciples. Each one of us, in our own particular way is invited to actively participate in this mission of spreading the Gospel. By our words and actions, we have the ability to form others in the faith, helping them draw nearer to Christ.

This Christmas, I ask you to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas collection at your parish, which helps ensure that our seminarians receive the education and formation they need to grow closer to Christ each day. Your support not only inspires the seminarians but also strengthens our efforts to build a community of disciples in St. Louis, where we can continue to form future priests who walk the path of holiness as they seek to configure their hearts to the Heart of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to celebrating the joy of the Christmas season with all the faithful of the Archdiocese. Please be assured of my prayers for you during this sacred season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Mitchell T Pryand.

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski Archbishop of St. Louis

Have you ever considered making a charitable contribution to Queen of All Saints Parish or School? A qualified charitable distribution may offer potential tax savings!



Starting at age 73, the IRS requires IRA owners to take annual withdrawals, known as Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs). Failure to comply can result in significant penalties. However, not all retirees may want or need to take their RMDs—some may have sufficient income from other sources or worry about the tax implications of additional income. Thankfully, for individuals aged 70½ or older, there's a tax-efficient solution: the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

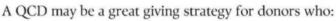
### Key Benefits of a QCD

- Reduce Your Taxable Income
- Avoid Higher Tax Brackets
- Support Your Favorite Charities
- Exceed Traditional Giving Limits
- Reduce Future RMDs
- Ideal for Immediate Giving

## What is a QCD?

A QCD allows individuals to donate up to \$105,000 per year directly from a taxable IRA to one or more qualifying charities. These donations count toward your annual RMD and provide numerous financial and tax benefits.

## Who should consider a QCD?



- Are required to take RMDs but don't need the funds for living expenses.
- Want to minimize tax liabilities associated with their RMDs.
- Seek to make larger charitable gifts than would be possible through cash or other assets.
- Prefer to donate directly to charities rather than through foundations or donor-advised funds.



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A MOST 529 plan is a powerful tool that helps families save for educational expenses while providing significant tax benefits. Originally designed for college savings, 529 plans can now also be used to pay for elementary and secondary school tuition at private and religious schools, like Queen of All Saints!







Explore how a MOST 529 plan can work for your family today and make the most of the opportunity to give your child the gift of a Catholic education at Queen of All Saints.

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- Tax Advantages: Contributions to a MOST 529 plan grow tax-free, and withdrawals used for qualified education expenses—including K-12 tuition—are also tax-free. Additionally, many states, including Missouri and Illinois, offer state income tax deductions or credits for MOST 529 contributions.
- Flexibility for K-12 Education: With recent tax law changes, families can use up to \$10,000 per year from a MOST 529 plan to pay for private elementary or secondary school tuition. This makes MOST 529 plans an excellent way to reduce the financial burden of providing a quality, faith-based education for your child.
- Investing in Your Child's Future: By utilizing a MOST 529 plan, you're not just covering tuition—you're making an investment in your child's academic and spiritual development. At Queen of All Saints, we provide an education rooted in faith, values, and academic excellence, preparing students for lifelong success.
- It's Never Too Early to Start Saving: Even small, consistent contributions to a MOST 529 plan can make a significant impact over time. Whether your child is just starting their educational journey or already enrolled, leveraging a MOST 529 plan can help you plan ahead and save more effectively.

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### NO LIFE TEEN Sunday, December 22

### NO TWO+ Thursday, December 26

### We hope you have a wonderful Christmas!



## -What is ACTS? -

ACTS is more than an acronym referring to Adoration, Community, Theology and Service.

ACTS is more than fellowship with other men from a neighboring parish.

ACTS is soul food.

ACTS is a means of recharging your spiritual battery in a three night and three day retreat at the beautiful Mercy Conference and Retreat Center with your fellow parishioners.

• Men's Retreat Dates - February 20-23, 2025

Copies of the registration form can be found on the tables near the side entrances and on the table nearest the center doors.

Questions or simply want to learn more? Please contact:

Mike Altepeter: 314-709-8730 Craig Messmer: 314-258-2519 Kevin Winkelman: 314-402-9186 Tim Kurt: 314-304-3480



## QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

Presented by the Men of Queen of All Saints

FEBRUARY 20-23, 2025

Held at

Mercy Conference & Retreat Center 2039 N Geyer Rd, St. Louis, MO 63131

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Your Parish	
Your Religion	
Are you a Retreatent or	Team Member (Circle one)
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Questions: contact Mike Altepeter 314-846-8093 Kevin Winkelman 314-402-9186 Craig Messmer 314-258-2519 Tim Kurt 314-304-3480

Mercy Retreat Center charges \$350. But, Queen of All Saints will pay half, so the cost to you is \$175. \$50 is due at Registration. The remainder can be paid at any time up to our departure on Thursday Feb. 20, 2025.

Please do not allow the cost to keep you from participating! Contact Fr. Murphy or Fr. D'Amico, in confidence, about scholarships.

Please check here if you wish to pay the full \$350 rather than use Parish funds.



Your Father is Merciful

# Blankets of Hope - Thank you!



A very big thank you to so many for a successful 13th year of Blankets of Hope on December 1! Thanks to all of you, 66 blankets and over 100 fleece scarves (thank you, JoAnn Thee!) were delivered to St. Patrick's Center to help those in need of warmth, comfort, and a feeling of hope this winter season.

Thanks to everyone who donated or made blankets; each and every one of them are appreciated. Thank you to all those who joined us on this day to make our blankets; what a fun way to start off the Advent season! A special thank you to the QAS 4th graders who again made many blankets for the homeless.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 30, 2025. Please keep this drive in mind this coming year if you have gently used blankets to donate or if you see new blankets or fleece on sale. If you need blankets picked up throughout the year or want to drop them off, please let us know and we will be happy to store them for you until next year. Just call or text Therese at 314-605-4100.

Have a very blessed Advent season and a Merry Christmas!



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