

Saint Ferdinand CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 7, 9, 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday 6:00 am, 8:00 am Saturday 8:00 am

HOLYDAY/HOLIDAY MASS

Check inside for details

CONFESSIONS

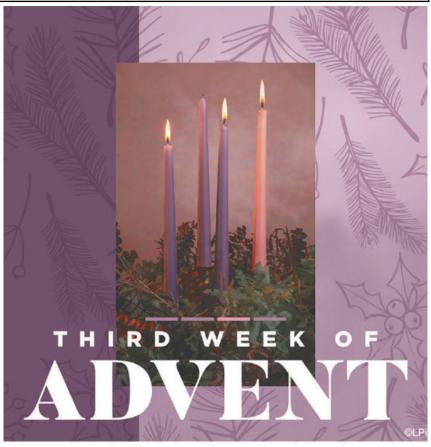
Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 pm or by appointment

ADORATION CHAPEL

Daily from 9 am - 6 pm Tuesdays 9 am - 10 pm Wednesday & Thursday 9 am - 9 pm

FISH FRY

Fridays 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm **314-839-5312**



PARISH CLERGY

Pastor Associate Pastor Permanent Deacon Permanent Deacon Retired Deacon Rev. Michael Murphy Rev. Nicholas Muenks Deacon Philip Hutsler Deacon Jack Hofmann Deacon Peter Gounis

PARISH STAFF

Director of Music Office Manager Parish Secretary Mike Miloshewski Dana Wiele Jan Keenoy

ALL SAINTS ACADEMY - ST. FERDINAND

1735 Charbonier Rd, Florissant, MO 63031 314-921-2201 www.allsaintsacademystl.org Anna Davis, Principal

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS, DEC. 17

In preparation for Christmas, St. Ferdinand will offer ALL DAY CONFESSIONS on Saturday, December 17, from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM. There will be a different priest each hour.



Got LIFE questions? Maybe RCIA is for you! RCIA is for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic, who has not completed their sacraments in the Catholic Faith, or just has questions about our faith!

We meet on most Thursdays at 7:00 PM in the Duchesne Hall. Our text topics:

December 15 Eschatology: The End Times

December 22 Pot Luck Dinner

December 29 No Session - Merry Christmas

Please contact Paul Segura (314) 660-5092 for more information. Or call the Parish Office and ask for Father Nick Muenks.





Parishioners are being offered the opportunity to remember loved ones in a special way at Christmas. If you do not have the envelope that was included in your packet, please fill out the form below and return in teh collection or drop off at the Parish Office. You can also submit names through online giving.

The names of loved ones remembered will be listed in the December 25 bulletin. Suggested donation: \$10 per poinsettia

REQUESTS RECEIVED AFTER DECEMBER 11 WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE DECEMBER 25 BULLETIN MEMORIAL LIST.

POINSETTIA MEMORIAL					
(Please print legibly)					
Plant Donor:					
Phone number:					
Name(s) of Loved One(s)					

Helpers of God's Precious Infants

Join the Respect Life Apostolate for our monthly Pro-life Mass to celebrate life and pray for the building up of the Culture of Life in the greater St. Louis Area on the Third Saturday of the month at the Cathedral Basilica St. Louis

December 17, 8:00 a.m. Pro-Life Mass & Rosary

Learn more: 314-792-7598 | prolife@archstl.org STLRespectLife.org



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

LOUISE BLAIR, sister of Nancy Demper

BETTY FILLA, former parishioner

May God welcome them home and comfort their families and friends in their time of sorry. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

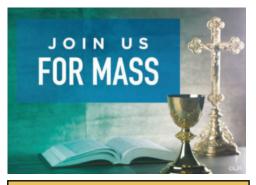
A lector is needed for the 11:00 Mass. Contact Mike Koenig at 314-610-0946

Greeters are needed once a month. Please contact Lori Geerling at 314-731-3893 or lgeerling@gmail.com to join.

MEN'SRETREAT WHITE HOUSE RETREAT

JANUARY 19 - JANUARY 22

Has mask-wearing, inflation, and the constant pace of change worn you out? If so, the quiet, natural solitude of the White House retreat center may be exactly what you need. The Men's White House retreat is coming up in January. Come spend time with the Lord and reconnect with Him. The retreat begins Thursday evening January 19 and runs through early afternoon Sunday January 22, 2023. To learn more, contact Darren Hale (314-731-2743 or darren.e.hale@gmail.com).



Readings for the Week WEEK OF DECEMBER 11. 2022

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10

Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Zec 2:14-17

Jdt 13:18bcde, 19

Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13

Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19,23

Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25

Ps 85:9ab,10,11-12,13-14

Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday:

Is 54:1-10

Ps 30:2,4, 5-6,11-12,13b

Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8

Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10

Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17

Mt 1:1-17

Next Is 7:10-14

Sunday: Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

PARISH Support

December 4, 2022		
Envelopes	\$	7,705
Loose	\$	395
On-line	\$	6,581
Total	\$	14,681
Altar Flowers	\$	90
Camp. for Human Dev.	\$	35
Chapel	\$	45
Christmas	\$	382
Christmas Flowers	\$	887
Immaculate Conception	\$	49
Kenrick Seminary	\$	117
Military Archdiocese	\$	125
Parking Lot	\$	15
Retired Religious	\$	60
Solemnity of Mary	\$	52
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	335
Today.Tomorrow.Forever	\$	50
Tuition Assistance	\$\$	599
World Mission		35

Our weekly collections remain essential to the continued operation of our parish. We appreciate everyone who continues to make their contributions to our parish both financially and with your time and talent.

Place your envelopes in the collection box at the entrance to church by the baptismal font, in the Parish Office door slot, by mail, using bill-pay through your bank or signing up for our Online Giving through our website.

If are using on-line giving and no longer wish to be mailed the envelope packets, please call Dana at the Parish Office.

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is a convenient way to give to the church

Check out the new site at www.osvhub.com/stferdinandstl Simply click on "create an account". Then, enter the needed information,

and submit. It's that simple to give anytime and from anywhere using a computer, Smartphone or tablet. It can be used for recurring gifts to the church, or send a one-time gift if you are unable to attend Mass





Dec 13, 2022 6:00pm - 8:00pm

St. Ferdinand Invitation to our Confirmation

"SHARE THE SPIRIT NIGHT"

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Music that is awesome, relevant and geared toward the youth.

Matt Maher

Tenth Avenue North

Passion

Kristin Stanfill

Audry Assad

Chris Tomlin

Hillsong Worship

Quiet time for spiritual reflection

Personal faith witness stories from students.

Everyone is welcome

St. Ferdinand Catholic Church 1765 Charbonier Road

Contact Jamie Garza with any questions @ 314-795-4724



To assist Marygrove with their Christmas gift collection, the **Angel Giving Tree** will be in the Gathering Space beginning November 18. Please take an angel ornament and return your unwrapped gift with the tag attached **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15.**

If you prefer to make a financial contribution, make a check payable to Marygrove and place in an envelope.

IF YOU ARE DONATING A GIFT CARD OR MONEY, PLEASE PUT IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED "GIVING TREE" AND DROP IT IN THE PARISH OFFICE DOOR SLOT OR PUT IN THE COLLECTION BOX. THANKS!



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Our prayer group is discussing ways we can change and strengthen our faith. What one thing could we change that would have the greatest impact on our faith?

Answer:

A famous coach once said that when the team is in trouble and things aren't going well, go back to the basics; when the team is winning and things are going well, go back to the basics! Any renewal program, faith development, or spiritual growth effort has to start with the basic core of what it means to believe. If the foundation is not strong, the house will not stand. So if you work on one thing, begin with the idea that God is love, who loves us and calls us to love one another. If we really take that belief to heart, it changes how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It would change how we pray, how we treat others, and how we understand and live our own life. Our sense of mission and purpose will be more focused on God's plan and our role in it. Love is the core of faith, the goal of life, and the hope of heaven. Whatever we do to strengthen and deepen our faith will begin and end with love.

St. Vincent de Paul is sponsoring

HELP A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Your St. Vincent de Paul conference has received so many good comments about our Christmas program. You have touched many lives and our work continues.

It is that time of year when we ask you to please consider helping a struggling family for Christmas!

So many families are hurting and need our help. Let's gather together to support those in our community who are in need.

What is involved? Have a good idea of the amount you would like to donate. No amount is too small or large. You may reach out to families in several ways. All who wish to help with any amount, we are truly thankful. Those we serve have had a St. Vincent de Paul home visit and are within our parish boundaries.

Please email svdp.christmas@stferdinandstl.org or call our phone line: 314.289.6101 ext. 2216

"Whatsoever you do to the least ones, you do unto me." (Matthew 25:40)

St. Ferdinand SVDP



COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC MEN'S MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 3:00 PM DUCHESNE HALL

All men of the parish are invited to the final 2022 Men's Club meeting on December 7th in the Duchesne Center. The meeting starts at 7:30PM but feel free to arrive any time after 7. After a short business meeting, we will enjoy a holiday feast prepared by Chef Don Costello. Of course, beverages will be served as well. Take a break before your final hectic shopping sprint and join us for a relaxing evening.

FIAT WOMEN'S GROUP

Please join us at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary for the upcoming Fiat Women's Group session on Thursday, December 15. Our speaker will be Fr. Shane Deman, Vice-Rector for Formation. His topic is "Four Traps in the Spiritual Life."

7:30 a.m. - Doors Open

8:00 a.m. - Rosary in the Chapel of St. Joseph

8:15 - 9:00 a.m. - Talk by Fr. Shane Deman

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. - Fellowship in the Fireside Lounge

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

December 18 announcements due by December 11

December 25 announcements due by December 14

January 1 announcements due by December 26

NORTH COUNTY'S BEST KEPT SECRET



As part of an Advent opportunity to prepare for Christmas and in conjunction with the Nationwide Eucharistic Renewal we are hosting David Trotter, a well known speaker, to give a presentation about Eucharistic Adoration. He will be giving his

presentation at all of the Masses on the weekend of **December 10th and 11th.** The priest will first give a short homily and then David will follow with a 10 minute presentation. During his presentation he will share the dramatic affect that Eucharistic Adoration had on his life and why he feels our Chapel is one of the best kept secrets in North County.

40 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DEVOTION

Beginning Thursday, December 15 10:00 pm in church Ending Saturday, December 17 4:30 pm

We will have 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration Devotion leading up to 5 PM Mass on Saturday, December 17. (The Adoration Chapel will be closed during this time)

We need at least TWO adorers per hour, but more are welcome. A sign up sheet will be available in the back of church the weekend of December 10 and 11. Someone MUST be present at all times when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

Come spend some time with Jesus this Advent!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DECEMBER 17 & 18, 2022

Greeters - Team 4

5:00 PM VOLUNTEER
7:00 AM VOLUNTEER
9:00 AM VOLUNTEER
11:00 AM Doug & Bev Kline

Lectors - Team E

5:00 PM7:00 AM9:00 AM11:00 AMDonna LegamaroJeff NaumannJoe HilmesDave Reddy

Eucharist Ministers

All Team 2 Masses

Church Cleaners - Team 3

Monday, December 12 Don & Kathy Costello Friday, December 16

Amy Naumann, Clara Krebs, Debbie Meine

New Lector Reader Vorkbooks are

Workbooks are available in the Gathering Space

New schedules for all ministries are available

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

3:00 PM Biblical Walk thru Mass, Duchesne Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 AM Quilting, Duchesne Quilters Room 3:00 PM Santa Workshop, Duchesne Hall 7:00 PM Quilting, Duchesne Quilters Room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00 & 3:15

9:30 AM

Diaper Pick-up, Duchesne #10

Betty Filla Visitation & Funeral, Church

10:00 AM

Scrapbooking, Duchesne #9

Clean Church Floors

Confirmation Class, Gym

6:00 PM

Graduation Planning, Duchesne #10

6:30 PM

Parent Association, Duchesne Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00 PM Cubs, Duchene Basement

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00 PM RCIA, Duchesne Hall 7:00 PM Athletics, Duchesne #9 7:30 PM Choir Practice, Church

10:00 PM 40 HOUR EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION BEGINS

ADORATION CHAPEL

CHAPEL HOURS NEEDING FILLED

Sunday, 9-10 AM, 1-2 PM

Monday, 5-6 PM

Wednesday, Noon - 1 PM Thursday, 2-3 PM, 5-6 PM

Friday, 2-3 PM

Saturday, 10-11 AM,

11-12 noon, 2-3 PM

Extra subs are always appreciated

Please prayerfully consider spending an hour with Jesus.

Contact Debbie at 314-258-4112 if you are available for any of these hours.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

12:00 AM **40 Hour Eucharistic Devotion Continues**

1:45 PM Exercise Class, Duchesne Hall

3:00 PM FISH FRY

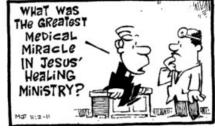
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

12:00 AM 40 Hour Eucharistic Devotion until 4:30 PM 8:30 AM All Day Confessions, Gathering Space

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

11:00 AM Confirmation Families attend Mass 3:00 PM Biblical Walk thru Mass, Duchesne Hall

3:00 PM Christmas Concert, Church





MEALS ON WHEELS - TEAM 4

DECEMBER 12-16, 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
SP	Kathy Self	Lisa Wehmeyer	Rita Sstoehr	Barb Meyer	Theresa Klocker
SM	Steve Siebels	Stan Horton		Steve Siebels	
#3	Sue Waymack	Stan Horton	Osborne Shannon	Steve Siebels	Emma Strickland
#4	Nick Buchheit	Nick Moretto	Robbie Wittington	Debbie Henderson	Eileen Weitkemper
#6/8	Robert Schutzius	Jim Stewart	Mary Goldkamp	Jean Fox	Richard Van Well

All Saints Academy - St. Ferdinand

SCHOOL NEWS

December 12 & 19 - Santa's Workshop
 3:00 - 6:00 PM

- December 13 Confirmation Meeting and
 Parent Association meeting
- · December 14 Spelling Be
- December 21 9:45 10:45 Christmas
 Party (11 AM Dismissal)
- · December 22 January 3 Christmas Holiday
- January 4 School Resumes

We are looking for substitute teachers for this school year. All interested applicants need to be in full compliance with the Prevent & Protect/Safe Environment regulations. Please contact Mrs. Anna Davis below for more information and requirements needed.

314-921-2201 adavis@stferdinandstl.org ST. FERDINAND PARISH TODAY. TOMORROW, FOREVER



The first week of Advent brings HOPE for the coming of our Lord as a baby. Our students are an amazing example of Hope every day! They are hopeful in class when learning new things. (And sometime hopeful for no homework or a snow day!)

The second week of Advent, beginning this Sunday, brings PEACE. Historically, the time before Christwas born was a time of turmoil and division, and His birth and his work on Earth brought Peace. Our Faith community, with the All Things New initiative, is experiencing some parallel feelings of uncertainty and possible division. It is my prayer and hope, that just as Jesus brought peace, with the work and changes our community will experience, will eventually bring peace to the faithful of our Archdiocese. It may take some time, and it may be hard, however, we are working towards bringing consistency and stability to our community, for our future, and for our Children of Hope!

Mrs. Anna Davis



The 8th grade class is holding a Santa's Workshop on Monday, December 12 and Monday, December 19 from 3-6:15 pm in the Duchesne Center. Santa's workshop will be a time for students to come buy gifts for their families for Christmas. The gift pricing will be a donation suggestion and gift wrapping is available as well.

There is a box in the Gathering Space for gift donations. They are looking for new or gently used items through Monday, December 19. Thank you for your support.



ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

RECONCILIATION

Sacred Heart - Saturday, December 18 at 8:30 AM and 4:15 PM, Wednesday, December 14, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

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Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 PM at Holy Name of
Jesus

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Covenant Network Catholic Radio fills the airways with inspirational and educational programming that will help prepare your heart and mind to welcome the Christ Child at Christmas. Listen to Catholic radio on KHOJ 1460 AM. You can also listen anytime on our Covenant Network App or at OurCatholicRadio.org.



T.E.A.M. **SPECIAL NEEDS:**

Green Beans. Corn. Canned Soup, Snacks, Peanut Butter, Hamburger Helper Meals Canned Pasta Meals:

Other suggestions:

Any bagged or boxed foods **Pancake Mix and Syrup**

Bread. snacks & crackers Canned Meat & Seafood Canned Fruit & Vegetables Canned or Dry Soup Pork and Beans

Sugar Coffee **Toilet Paper Paper Towels** Laundry Detergent Shampoo, Bar soup Sanitary Napkins

FROZEN MEAT is also needed but needs to be dropped off directly to TEAM.

All other items can be placed in the TEAM collection bin in the Gathering Space or they can be delivery directly to the TEAM office

T.E.A.M. is located at 256 Saint Catherine at the corner of Saint Ferdinand Street (Graham Road) Drop off hours are Monday - Friday, 9 AM to 2 PM and Saturday 9 AM to Noon)

Drive around back to the 3rd door and someone will assist you unloading your items.

They are still accepting donations of money. Make checks payable to T.E.A.M. and send to the Parish Office or mail to the address above.

Thank you for all you have donated to TEAM. Your generosity is appreciate very much

MEALS 30

DONATIONS

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TTEF MOScholars

The state of Missouri has created a new scholarship program that directly supports Catholic education. MOScholars provides state tax credits to donors who fund private school scholarships. The program is administered by the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF), our local scholarship non-profit. TTEF has enrolled 100 NEW scholars in Catholic or private school through the MOScholars program, but there is still a waiting list of nearly 200 children. Your help is needed and your contribution could be eligible for a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit. To learn more, please visit //ttef-stl.org/MOScholars.

Is it time for a change???

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with 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 you 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 record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct.

Call Dana in the Parish Office at 314-837-3165

Thank you for your help!



FREE LOW-IMPACT **EXERCISE CLASSES**

1:45 PM EVERY OTHER **THURSDAY**

NEXT CLASS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

This class is for adults who are looking for a mix of cardio, strength, and balance exercises to improve their health. It is especially great for our active aging seniors. This class begins with a warm-up, exercising arms and legs and a cool-down. It is a low-impact workout that is easy on joints while offering an energy boosting format to leave you feeling strong and stable!

Class will meet for 45 minutes on December 15, and December 29. Best of all - IT'S FRFF!

Exercises are done sitting or standing using resistance bands, arm or hand weights. We have some but if you have your own, please bring them along with a yoga mat.

Questions??? Call Rose Kristo at 314-488-3282.

The Gifts that Jesus Brings

The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Matthew 11:5 (NIV)





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Please come to

Vespers

at Saint Angela Merici Parish 3860 North Highway 67 (Lindbergh Boulevard)

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Starting at 7:00pm

"Vespers" are the official Evening Prayer
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on Advent's four Sundays.
Come join us in observing this holy season
with the solemnity it is due!
(Eucharistic exposition and Benediction included.)



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY – SAVE THE DATE!

On **Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.**, Auxiliary Bishop Mark S. Rivituso will celebrate a Mass for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, MO. A reception will follow in Boland Hall. All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. It emphasizes the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life. World Marriage Day started in Baton Rouge, LA in 1981 and was later adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter who now is sponsoring this event on February 12th.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to provide friendly visits, respite sitting and loving care to a family near you. Perhaps you have thought about volunteering but never had the opportunity for training and support for your efforts. We ask for only a commitment of 2 to 4 hours per month. If visiting patients isn't your thing, ask about other types of volunteer opportunities.

Contact Kathleen at the Promedica office for more information or to set up an interview.

314-453-0990 or Kathleen.farrell@promedica.org

MARCH FOR LIFE 2023 – REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

JANUARY 19 - 21, 2023

MISSOURI LIFE CARAVAN is now accepting registrations for our bus trip to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Thursday- Saturday, Jan. 19-21, 2023. In 2023, we will travel to D.C. to give thanks that the Supreme Court, in the Dobbs decision, has overturned the abhorrent Roe v Wade ruling. However, we must continue in our goal to make abortion unthinkable. We will meet with our representatives and tell them that taxpayers should not have to pay for abortion, and to peacefully March to change hearts and minds.

This trip is open to anyone ages 7 and up (chaperones not provided). We depart from several locations in the St. Louis area. We do not stay in hotels as we sleep on the buses. Seats are limited. The cost is \$270. For more information, to register or to sponsor a rider go to www.missourilifecaravan.org. Contact us at: 314-434-4900 or mrl.eastern@yahoo.com.



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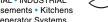
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