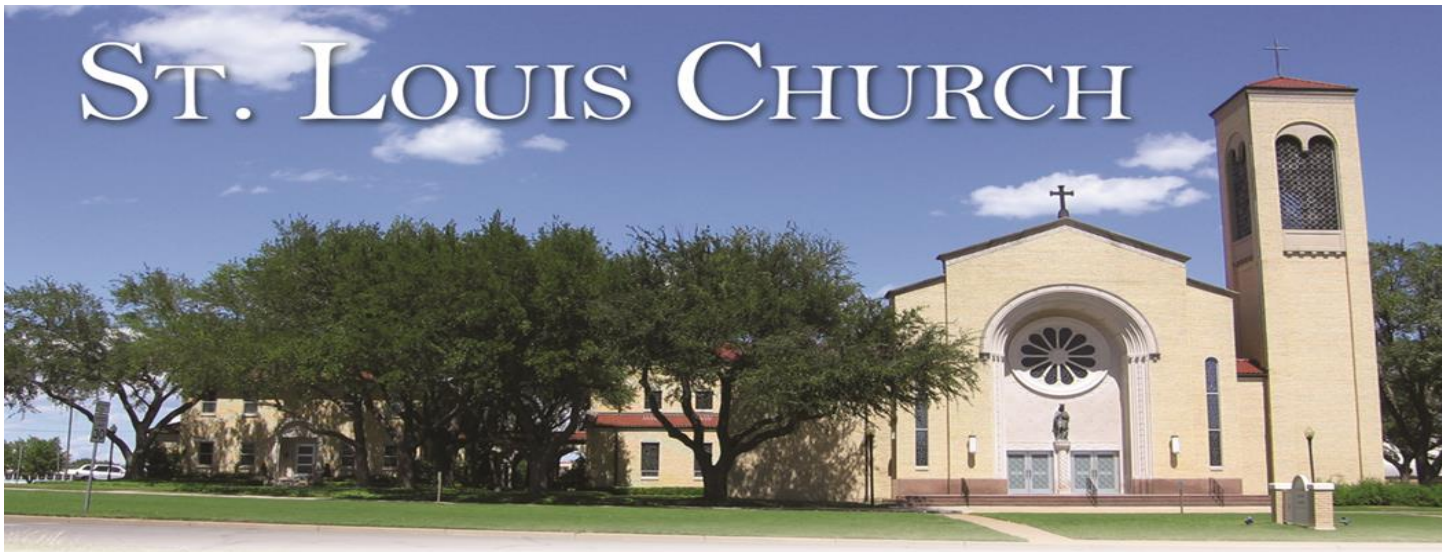


# ST. LOUIS CHURCH



**NOVEMBER 27, 2016 – FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

## **SACRAMENTS**

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Call during office hours -  
If emergency after hours call, follow  
prompts to the emergency line

### **BAPTISM**

follow Masses  
on the Weekends

### **Baptismal Class**

**English** - First Saturday  
in Grace Hall 9 a.m. – Noon

**Spanish** – Second Saturday  
in Bible Study Room 9a.m. – Noon

### **MATRIMONY**

Contact Priest 6 months prior to the  
wedding date

### **CONFESSION**

**Thursday**  
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
(with Adoration until 6:30 p.m.)

**Saturday**  
4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.  
(Also by appointment)

### **FOR HELP WITH ANNULMENTS**

**Contact:** Beverly Dickey  
runningranny@hotmail.com

## **HOLY EUCHARIST**

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **Daily Masses**

**Monday - Friday** 8:00 a.m.  
**Wednesday - Friday** 12:05 p.m.

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 5:00 p.m.

#### **Sunday Masses**

9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
& 5:00 p.m.  
*Spanish Mass at 1:30 p.m.*

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## **ST. LOUIS CHURCH**

(254) 754-1221

Website: [www.stlouiswaco.com](http://www.stlouiswaco.com)

**Office Hours: Monday - Friday**  
**8:30 am. - 12:30 pm. &**  
**1:30 - 5:00 pm.**

**\*Friday office closes at 4:00 pm.**

## **ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

(254) 754-2041

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Cynthia Farmer  
(254) 640-5804

## Liturgical Music

Saturday - Vigil Mass: 5 p.m. & Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.	
Processional .....	Gather #317
<i>"O Come, O Come, Emanuel"</i>	
Psalm.....	Missalette p.42 #122
<i>"Let Us Go Rejoicing"</i>	
Offertory .....	Gather #328
<i>"My Soul in Stillness Waits"</i>	
Communion .....	Gather #851
<i>"I Received the Living God"</i>	
Recessional.....	Gather #328
<i>"When the King Shall Come Again"</i>	

## Mass Intentions

Sat. Nov. 26	5:00 p.m.	Raymond Helona
Sun. Nov. 27	9:30 a.m.	Annie Matustik
	11:30 a.m.	The Parish: Living & Deceased
Spanish Mass	1:30 p.m.	Olvera/Espinosa Family
	5:00 p.m.	Josefina Udell
Mon. Nov. 28	8:00 a.m.	Arlene Holub
Tues. Nov. 29	8:00 a.m.	Keith Jones
Wed. Nov. 30	8:00 a.m.	John Langley
	12:05 p.m.	Angie Henkelman
Thurs. Dec. 1	8:00 a.m.	Thanh N. Trinh
	12:00 p.m.	Lawrence McCarty
Fri. Dec. 2	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Ginnane
	12:05 p.m.	Luis Sykora
Sat. Dec. 3	5:00 p.m.	Patsy Bolfig
Sun. Dec. 4	9:30 a.m.	Joe Stanislav
	11:30 a.m.	James Frazier
Spanish Mass	1:30 p.m.	The Parish: Living & Deceased
	5:00 p.m.	Don Dwyer, Sr.

## Readings for the Week

Sunday	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday:	Is 4:2-6/Ps 122/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 23/Mt 4:18-22
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

## Advent Liturgical Schedule

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** is Thursday, December 8, a Holy Day of Obligation. This festival in honor of Mary is also the patron feast of our country. The United States is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a day of prayer in honor of the Mother of our Lord and our country.

### MASS SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, December 7 Vigil Mass at 6 p.m.

Thursday, December 8 All School Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Parish Masses at 12:05 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

St. Louis Parish Advent Penance Service:

Tuesday, December 20 at 6 p.m.

## Notes of Special Interest

**DEFENDING THE FAITH CONFERENCE:** All adults are invited to join Fr. John this Summer in attending the *Defending the Faith Conference* at Franciscan University, July 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 2017. There will many speakers like Dr. Scott Hahn and Patrick Madrid. It will be a great weekend. If you are interested please contact Fr. John at 254-754-1221 or visit the website at <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/dfc/>

**IT IS TIME AGAIN** to discern members of our parish for the St. Louis Pastoral Council. To be a member of the council one must:

- . Be a fully initiated Catholic, at least 21 years of age
- . Be a parishioner of St. Louis for 2 years
- . Not be employed by St. Louis Church or School or married to a current member of the council

Please prayerfully consider submitting your name or names of others. For more information, contact Holly Collins, Council Chairman at [Holly\\_Collins@Baylor.edu](mailto:Holly_Collins@Baylor.edu) or the church office at 754-1221. Thank you!

**2017 COLLECTION ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTION** - Tables will be at each entrance of the Church with the envelope boxes beginning **December 3 & 4 PLEASE, BE SURE TO SIGN OUT YOUR BOX NUMBER ON THE PAD PROVIDED! You will also find available our blue census forms. Please take the time to fill one out and return it to our office. We are finding information incorrect or missing for so many of our parishioners.** This is especially important to the families who have children enrolled at St. Louis School and Reicher High School. **THE 2017 CALENDARS** will also be available. **We thank Dr. Jim Moshinski of OakCrest Funeral Home** for sponsoring the calendars again this year.

## Parish Events and Meetings

**DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND** are now being accepted. Please consider helping to adorn the Sanctuary again this Christmas season. Make checks payable to St. Louis Church (MEMO: Flower Fund) and mail to P.O. Box 5040 Waco, 76708.

**JOIN US THURSDAY, December 1 AT 7:00 P.M. for another in our Lecture Series.** Father John Guzaldo will present "*How Do I Keep My Kids Catholic?*". All lectures are held in the Church. We hope to see you all there.

**GABRIEL/CARITAS WEEKEND** - Christmas is coming and we need to remember those less fortunate. We will again collect food for the Gabriel Project & Caritas the weekend of **December 3 & 4**. Thank you for always being so generous.

**MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP will meet Monday, December 5** in the SLAC at 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining us to see what it is all about. For more info call Fr. John at 754-1221.

**WOMENS' SUPPORT AND PRAYER GROUP** meets **Monday, December 12**. Please consider join us to see what it is all about. Call Sandy at 254-723-4220 or Darleen at 956-458-9283 for more information.

**A CELEBRATION!** St. Louis Catholic Church wishes to invite you and your family to our celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe **December 12** beginning with Mass at 6pm. There will be music, mariachi, Danza, food. For more information please contact us at 254-754-1221.

**NEW YOUNG CHILDREN'S PROGRAM - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:** This new program began **Sunday, November 13**, for children ages 3 - Kindergarten (must be potty trained). This new program uses Montessori methods where children deepen their relationship with God in prayer. They work with prepared lessons on child-size materials based on scripture and liturgy. The class will be held in the bible school room on Sundays during the school year from 4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per child, financial assistance is available if needed. Please contact Melisa Baker for more information and to register as class sizes are limited. [CGSWaco@gmail.com](mailto:CGSWaco@gmail.com)

## Youth Ministry

**SLY (St Louis Youth Group) High School 9th - Food Ministry Volunteers needed** volunteers to help provide meals for our teens on Sunday evenings at 6pm. If you can help please let Tracy know which date you can cover. We appreciate your help and generosity! God bless! Dec 4,11; Jan 8,15,22; Feb 5,12,19,26; Mar 12,19,26; Apr 2, 9, 23, 30. For information contact Tracy Gomez [stlouisyouthwaco@mygrande.net](mailto:stlouisyouthwaco@mygrande.net) 754-1221

**ST. LOUIS CHURCH CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS** - we are so excited to be selling beautiful 3-D gold plated Christmas ornaments that are the image of our Church. The ornaments are \$15.00 each. They will be here the first week of December. These will look beautiful on your Christmas tree and could make a great gift for your family and friends. The youth group will have them available to purchase after each Mass in December or you can come by the Church office to pick one up.

**THE ST. LOUIS YOUTH GROUP** will be doing a jewelry fundraising the weekends of Dec 3/4 and Dec 10/11. We will be selling beautiful imported hand-made rosaries and a variety of Catholic jewelry. 50% of what we sell goes directly to the youth group. The funds will help teens attend the Austin DCYC conference in January and Spring Break Mission trip.

**DCYC- The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference of Austin is January 27-29, 2017.** It is open to all teens in 9th - 12th grade. The conference is a weekend full of dynamic speakers, praise and worship, break out sessions, Adoration, Reconciliation, Mass and a time to share and enjoy your faith with thousands of other teens. This is truly a wonderful weekend. The cost of the conference is \$60 per teen. We would love for are teens to attend with us. Registration is open now through January 1st. Registration forms can be downloaded on our website at [www.sly.org](http://www.sly.org) or you can come by the Church office or pick them up at youth group or contact Tracy

Gomez at [stlouistyouthgroup@mygrande.net](mailto:stlouistyouthgroup@mygrande.net). Service hours are given to Reicher students that attend with us.

## Community Notes

**POINSETTIAS FOR SALE** - Reicher's junior class students will sell poinsettias at St. Louis Church the weekend of December 3 and 4 after mass to fund the 2017 prom and their senior trip. The students will be selling two sizes this year, 4.5 inch for \$7.50 and 6.5 inch for \$12.50 until they sell out. Both sizes are nursery quality plants with color coordinating liners included in the price. Thank you for your support and Merry Christmas!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** The ACTS Community will sponsor the **St. Louis Advent Party** on **Saturday, December 3**. There will be a raffle, silent auction, live music, food buffet, special music and pictures. Come one, come all, young and old. Doors open at 6:15 at the SLAC (St. Louis Activity Center). All donations will go to the ACTS Missions.

**There are plans for a very special visitor!**

**BAYLOR SINGING SENIORS** will present their Christmas Concert at First Woodway Methodist Church, located off HWY 84, on **Sunday, December 4** at 4 p.m. Several of our parishioners are members of this very special group. All are invited, come enjoy!

**REICHER RALLY: OPEN HOUSE December 4<sup>th</sup>**, 1-3 pm. Talk with faculty, staff and current parents; receive information on curriculum, tuition, financial aid and services; learn about athletics, clubs and student life from current students; and tour the facilities. For more information, call David at 254-752-8349."

**JOIN THE PRO-LIFE EMAIL LIST.** So much is happening in our community to defend innocent life in the womb. Pro-Life Waco is a local leader and a national model for grassroots pro-life outreach. If you would like to be informed with one or two emails per week on what is happening for your prayer support and participation, Send an email with the word "subscribe" in the subject line to [prolifewaco@gmail.com](mailto:prolifewaco@gmail.com) Thank you. John Pisciotta, 254-644-0407

## Gospel Meditation

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Jesus doesn't tell us when he will come again; but he does tell us all we need to know. First, he leaves no doubt in our minds that he will in fact return--this isn't a question we have to debate. And secondly, he tells us what we need to do to be ready: stay awake! As long as we don't doze off while we're waiting, everything will be all right.

So our task is a relatively simple one. We are called to be on the lookout. We are supposed to be ready for the Lord when he appears. This is a straightforward instruction to be sure. But it does contain an inherent challenge: it's often much easier to hit the snooze button than to get up and at 'em. It's our task, however, to make sure we don't give in to the temptation to fall back asleep.

This is what the season of Advent helps us to do. It's like the Church's alarm clock, ringing with persistence in our ears: Wake up! Throw off the covers of apathy and distraction! Jesus is coming! Get up and get your house in order before he arrives!

What exactly this means will be different for all of us--the particular behaviors we need to change, the specific virtues we need to develop--all of this is unique to each individual. But our common goal is the same--to clean house in our hearts and make ourselves ready to welcome the Lord. Yes, his return at the end of time will be a momentous event, but even if we never experience it during our lifetime, Jesus still wants to come to us here and now, to dwell in our hearts through the presence of his Spirit. This Advent, let's be ready to welcome the Lord every minute of every day.

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**THE ST. LOUIS PASTORAL COUNCIL** meets monthly as an advisory group to our pastor. It also seeks consultation from members of the parish on church matters. If you have a question, concern, or compliment about the parish, please contact one of the members of the council. John Connor, Chairman 254-22-4312 [stlouiswaco@gmail.com](mailto:stlouiswaco@gmail.com), and members Holly Collins, Raymundo Garcia, Sharon McCarthy, Susanne Nemmer, Jackie Zrubek, Mark Veselka, Maritza Perez and Mike Fulbright.

## Collection Report

Weekly Average needed for School & Church.....	\$21,500.00
Offering Last Sunday.....	\$19,430.82
Special Collection: Hurricane.....	\$ 1,514.48

## Site Improvement Report

Fund 3 phase project goal.....	\$121,300.00
Collected to date.....	\$ 10,609.04

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Electronic giving is available for regular Sunday collections only for more information call (254) 754-1221**