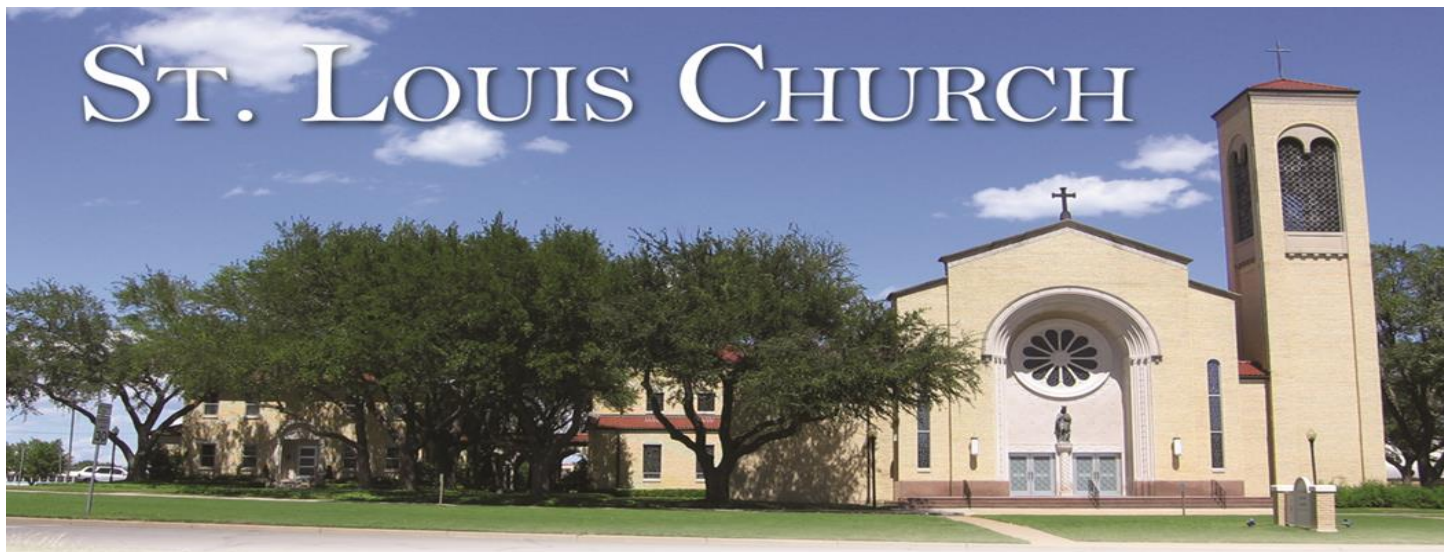


ST. LOUIS CHURCH



DECEMBER 4, 2016 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

SACRAMENTS

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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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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

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Liturgical Music

Saturday - Vigil Mass: 5 p.m. & Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Processional	Gather #321
<i>"On Jordan's Bank"</i>	
Psalm.....	Missalette p.46 #72
<i>"Justice Shall Flourish"</i>	
Offertory	Gather # 317
<i>"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"</i>	
Communion	Gather #840
<i>"Shepherd of Souls"</i>	
Recessional.....	Gather #323
<i>"Come O Long Expected Jesus"</i>	

Mass Intentions

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.
Mon. Dec. 5	8:00 a.m.	Emilia Martinez
Tues. Dec. 6	8:00 a.m.	Justin Ryan (L)
Wed. Dec. 7	8:00 a.m.	Pam Dunlap (L)
	12:05 p.m.	Joseph Ginnane
Vigil	6:00 p.m.	Justin Ryan (L)
Thurs. Dec. 8	8:00 a.m.	Lillian Glockzen
	12:00 p.m.	James Frazier
	6:00 p.m.	Jeff Tucker (L)
Fri. Dec. 9	8:00 a.m.	Mike Harmon (L)
	12:05 p.m.	Angie Henkelman
Sat. Dec. 10	5:00 p.m.	Jose R. DeLaGarza
Sun. Dec. 11	9:30 a.m.	Mike Cuscarida
	11:30 a.m.	Victor & Tessa Flaquer (L)
Spanish Mass	1:30 p.m.	The Parish: Living & Deceased
	5:00 p.m.	Carlos D. Flaquer (L)

Readings for the Week

Sunday	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday:	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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

NEXT WEEKEND, December 10 & 11, we have the opportunity to contribute to the Medical/Retirement Fund for Religious and the Clergy. Today's health care costs and little possibility to save for retirement, Religious and Clergy face a financial crisis. Please generous!

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 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 this **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.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTION LETTERS FOR 2016 will be mailed out automatically for contributions of \$25.00 or more by the end of January. Letters for amounts lower than \$250.00 will need to be requested. Contributions toward 2016 may be made through January 15, 2017.

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 28th – 30th 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/>

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.

THE ST. VERONICAS GROUP will sponsor their monthly Pot Luck Luncheon on **Thursday, December 8** at 12:30 p.m. Come enjoy the wonderful meal and fellowship. All are welcome!

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.

MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP will meet **Monday, December 19** 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 26.** 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.

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 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 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 or you can come by the Church office or pick them up at youth group or contact Tracy Gomez at stlouisyouthgroup@mygrande.net. Service hours are given to Reicher students that attend with us.

Community Notes

REICHER RALLY: OPEN HOUSE this Sunday, December 4th, 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.

PRO-LIFE WACO will host its Second Sunday luncheon/meeting on **December 11** at the parish hall of St. Mary's Church in Waco. Lunch throughout the noon hour—adults \$3. As part of the meeting from 1-2 p.m., there will be a special presentation on Pro-Life Waco's dynamic outreach in 2016. Children are accommodated and welcome. For questions, contact John Pisciotta (644-0407 or prolifewaco@gmail.com).

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 Thank you. John Pisciotta, 254-644-0407

Gospel Meditation

Pharisees and Sadducees show up piously for baptism, John calls them out, saying, "You brood of vipers!" Not welcoming words, to say the least. Then he tells them that being part of the religious club (i.e., children of Abraham) isn't enough. No, "every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

It can be easy to join John in pointing fingers at those self-righteous religious leaders. But "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance." John the Baptist does not mince words. He tells it like it is. When the hypocritical t we're usually not so quick to point fingers at ourselves. On this Second Sunday of Advent, as we seek to prepare for the coming of Christ, we also need to hear John's solemn warning. How are we like these Pharisees? How have we excused ourselves because we are part of the "club," because we are baptized Christians, regular churchgoers, better than others, or whatever justification we use to declare ourselves in good shape? How have we failed to produce good fruit by being satisfied with a comfortable life and a routine practice of the faith? What do we need to change? Where do we need to grow? How do we need to reach out and serve others, to sacrifice sinful behaviors, to delve deeper into our love for the Lord?

John preaches today that God will "gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Advent is a gift from the Church--a time to renew our spiritual life by getting rid of the chaff in our souls and producing instead a fruitful harvest. Now is the time to do this work. As John tells us, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

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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, 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.....	\$19,391.82
Special Collection – CCHD.....	\$ 2,959.46

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