



**DECEMBER 11, 2016 – THIRD 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.**

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**Liturgical Music**

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

**Processional.....Gather #320**  
*"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"*  
**Psalm.....Missalette p.58 #146**  
*"Lord, Come and Save Us"*  
**Offertory .....Gather # 326**  
*"Comfort, Comfort O My People"*  
**Communion.....Gather #827**  
*"Bread For the World"*  
**Recessional.....Gather #334**  
*"Savior of the Nations Come"*

### Mass Intentions

<b>Sat. Dec. 10</b>	5:00 p.m.	Jose R. DeLaGarza
<b>Sun. Dec. 11</b>	9:30 a.m.	Mike Cuscarida
	1 1 : 3 0	Victor & Tessa Flaquer (L)
<b>Spanish Mass</b>	a.m.	The Parish: Living & Deceased
	1:30 p.m.	Carlos D. Flaquer (L)
<b>Mon. Dec. 12</b>	5:00 p.m.	Jose R. DeLaGarza
<b>Tues. Dec. 13</b>	8:00 a.m.	Lucille Foley (L)
<b>Wed. Dec. 14</b>	8:00 a.m.	Andie Henkelman
	8:00 a.m.	Annie & Ernest Matustik
<b>Thurs. Dec. 15</b>	1 2 : 0 5	Rev. David Leibham (L)
	p.m.	Eugene Snapka
<b>Fri. Dec. 16</b>	8:00 a.m.	Joe Stanislav
	1 2 : 0 0	Justin Ryan (L)
<b>Sat. Dec. 17</b>	p.m.	Joseph Dvorsky III
<b>Sun. Dec. 18</b>	8:00 a.m.	Blais Family
	1 2 : 0 5	Lillian Lievens
<b>Spanish Mass</b>	p.m.	The Parish: Living & Deceased
	5:00 p.m.	Mike Cuscarida
	9:30 a.m.	
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	a.m.	
	1:30 p.m.	
	5:00 p.m.	

### Readings for the Week

<b>Sunday</b>	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
<b>Monday:</b>	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/Mt 21:28-32
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85/Lk 7:18b-23
<b>Thursday:</b>	Is 54:1-10/Ps 30/Lk 7:24-30
<b>Friday:</b>	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67/Jn 5:33-36
<b>Saturday:</b>	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17

## Advent Liturgical Schedule

St. Louis Parish Advent Penance Service:  
Tuesday, December 20 at 6 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE for St. Louis Parish:

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve  
4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
8:30 p.m. Spanish Mass  
12:00 a.m. Midnight

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day Mass only at 9:30 a.m.  
(during regular televised schedule)

All Masses will fulfill your Sunday Obligation

### Notes of Special Interest

**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. **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 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/>

### Parish Events and Meetings

**THE ST. LOUIS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be offering refrigerated, smoked hams and turkeys for Christmas and New Year's. [In addition, there will be sausage & cheese gift packs available]. Everything will be delivered 21-23 Dec. If you have a different requirement, we will try to accommodate your needs. Prices will be the same as Thanksgiving [Hams \$40, Turkeys \$35, Gift Packs \$25]. You can contact Mike Leary, [H] 254-772-5479, leave message; [C] 245-709-6155. Merry Christmas

**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.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION!** We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on **Monday, December 19 beginning at 5 p.m.** If you can and would like to help you are welcome to join in, just give us a call. Come enjoy the fellowship and inspiration of this joyous activity. Contact the church office at 754-1221 or Robyn Trippe at 644-0371 / email: [robynanne0904@gmail.com](mailto:robynanne0904@gmail.com)

**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! 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 week of 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.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** - Confirmation classes will be beginning soon! **There will be three Parent information meetings, January 3rd at 5:30 pm; January 4th at 6:30 pm and January 5th at 5:30 pm.** Please choose one to attend. Classes will be from 7-8 pm at the SLAC beginning Wednesday, January 11th. The mandatory retreat will be March 17th - 19th at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet, TX. Confirmation will take place at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 8th. If you are a Reicher student and have not registered, please visit [www.slywaco.org/confirmation](http://www.slywaco.org/confirmation) to download the forms and review the requirements. For more information or questions please contact Tracy Gomez at (254) 754-1221 or [stlouisyouthwaco@mygrande.net](mailto:stlouisyouthwaco@mygrande.net).

**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

**REICHER CHOIRS' CHRISTMAS CONCERT** will be December 14th at 7pm in the Reicher Performing Arts Center. We invite you to join us! Admission is free.

**PRO-LIFE WACO** will host its Second Sunday luncheon/meeting today **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](mailto: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](mailto:prolifewaco@gmail.com) Thank you. John Pisciotta, 254-644-0407

## Gospel Meditation

"The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised." Jesus has quite a résumé. When asked whether or not he is the long awaited Messiah, Jesus replies with this list of his credentials as proof of his position. These signs and wonders speak volumes, to be sure. But perhaps the most interesting line on the list is his concluding one, "the poor have the

good news proclaimed to them." Why does he count this among his litany of miracles? What is so remarkable about sharing good news?

Perhaps Jesus included this element of his work--the preaching of good news--to remind his followers that the physical healings were not the ultimate goal of his mission. Rather, the spiritual healing that comes from hearing the good news of salvation is what Jesus was really about. The "poor"--which in a sense means all of us sinners, trapped by the poverty of the sins that enslave us--are freed by Jesus' message of a loving God who wants to bring us into his kingdom. Our poverty is erased by his richness. His mercy "undoes" our sin and we are invited to become the children of God who share in the glories of his heavenly abode.

Sometimes it's tempting to just want the visible miracles. But the invisible ones--the conversions that take place in the silence of the human heart--are truly the more important works of God. Such interior transformation is what leads us to eternal life; even a physical cure won't last for eternity--death still comes at some point. But the really good news is that this miracle of conversion is available to all of us. And this season of Advent is the perfect time to let God work his miracles in our hearts.

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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.....	\$19,955.02

### **Site Improvement Report**

Fund 3 phase project goal.....	\$121,300.00
Collected to date.....	\$ 35,609.04

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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