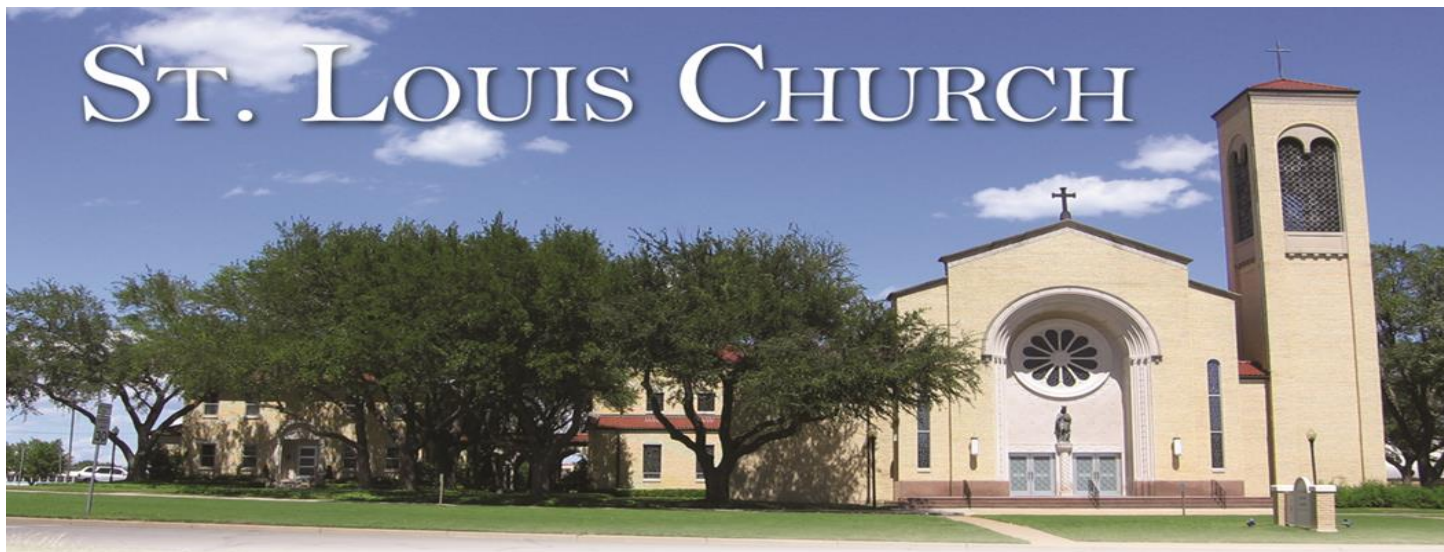


ST. LOUIS CHURCH



DECEMBER 18, 2016 – FOURTH 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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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 #317
<i>"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"</i>	
Psalm.....	Missalette p.66 #24
<i>"Let the Lord Enter, He is the King of Glory"</i>	
Offertory	Special Music
<i>"Veni Emmanuel"</i>	
Communion	Gather #814
<i>"Taste and See"</i>	
Recessional.....	Gather #318
<i>"People Look East"</i>	

Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 17	5:00 p.m.	Joseph Dvorsky III
Sun. Dec. 18	9:30 a.m.	Blais Family
	11:30 a.m.	Lillian Lievens
Spanish Mass	1:30 p.m.	The Parish: Living & Deceased
	5:00 p.m.	Mike Cuscarida
Mon. Dec. 19	8:00 a.m.	Roy Pipkorn
Tues. Dec. 20	8:00 a.m.	Lawrence McCarthy
Wed. Dec. 21	8:00 a.m.	Gerald W. Bolfig
	12:05 p.m.	Angie Henkelman
Thurs. Dec. 22	8:00 a.m.	Langley Family
	12:00 p.m.	Eugene Snakpa
Fri. Dec. 23	8:00 a.m.	Joe Stansilav
	12:05 p.m.	Dan Zrubek
Sat. Dec. 24	4:00 p.m.	Lillian Glockzen
	6:30 p.m.	Jose R. DeLaGarza
Spanish Mass	8:30 p.m.	The Ramirez Family
Mid-Night	12:00 a.m.	Joe Woycheshin
Sun. Dec. 25	9:30 a.m.	Barnard Prasifka

Readings for the Week

Sunday	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45
Thursday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2/Lk 1:46-56
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66
Saturday:	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/Lk 1:67-79

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED for the Christmas Holidays from Friday, December 23 - Monday, December 26. **NO DAILY MASS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 26.**

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 be 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/>

2017 COLLECTION ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTION - Tables are at each entrance of the Church with the envelope boxes and 2017 calendars. **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. **After December 23** envelopes will be available only by contacting us at 754-1221 or stopping by the parish office during regular office hours; Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. or on Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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.

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 : 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.

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

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.

BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS will be sponsored by the Parish Social Ministry on Friday, December 30th. We meet in St. Louis Church Parking lot at 6am and leave to go to the First Lutheran Church on Tenth and Jefferson. We finish about 7:45 if you need to go to work. Call Clara Jean Matustik at 772-8885 if ;you are able to help.

AN IDEA FOR A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: Consider joining the Wednesday night Bible Study as we begin a new 10 week study in January; the Jeff Cavin's study on REVELATION. We will meet from 5:30-7:15 pm in Grace Hall in conjunction with the CCE calendar. There will be a short Introductory Meeting On Wednesday evening, January 11th with the first lesson beginning on January 18th. Cost of materials is \$20. For more information or to reserve a spot please contact Diane Schlecte at dschl@swbell.net or 254-776-4241.

Youth Ministry

SLY (St Louis Youth Group) High School 9th - Food Ministry Volunteers needs 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 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.

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 7:15 pm to 8:15 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 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.

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 stlouistyouthgroup@mygrande.net. Service hours are given to Reicher students that attend with us.

Community Notes

LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE - Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) is looking for the Longest Married Couple in all parishes. Why? Because WWME for the seventh year in a row is conducting the 2017 Longest Married Couple Project. The Project was created to highlight the value of marriage and to show the world that marriage really can go the distance. If you have been married for 50 years or more, or know a couple who have, please contact your parish with names, wedding date and city of residence. They will submit the information to WWME for nominated to the state and national project or you can go to the wwwmelmc.com website to see how you can nominate long married couples. What an honor this would be!

Gospel Meditation

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus." Joseph heard these prophetic words in a dream. They were words of anticipation, of what was to come. And in a sense, they ushered in a kind of Advent for Joseph. With this divine message, Joseph began a period of holy waiting. He now knew that the Messiah was going to be coming into his own home, and he had just nine months to prepare! We can only imagine how Joseph might have spent these precious days. Most likely he did more than prepare a physical home for his soon-to-be-born Son; he must have also used these days to prepare his heart, mind, and soul for such a tremendous mission.

Today, we stand in a position not all that different from St. Joseph. We also know that the Messiah will be arriving--not just in remembrance at Christmastime, but in reality at the second coming. But unlike Joseph, we don't have an exact timeframe. We don't know when Jesus will return. We just know that we need to be ready!

During the season of Advent we are challenged to recall this fact and strive to get our hearts in order. The days are short now until Christmas, and for all we know they might be short until Christ's return as well. What remains to be done? Aside from wrapping presents and planning parties, where do we yet need to tidy up our habits to properly celebrate the real meaning of this festive season? How can we make sure that we don't get swept away in the external preparations, forgetting the work that needs to be done in the invisible silence of our souls?

God may not speak to all of us directly in our dreams, but he does speak to us clearly through his word. May we recognize today the mission he has laid before us.

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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.....\$17,566.22

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