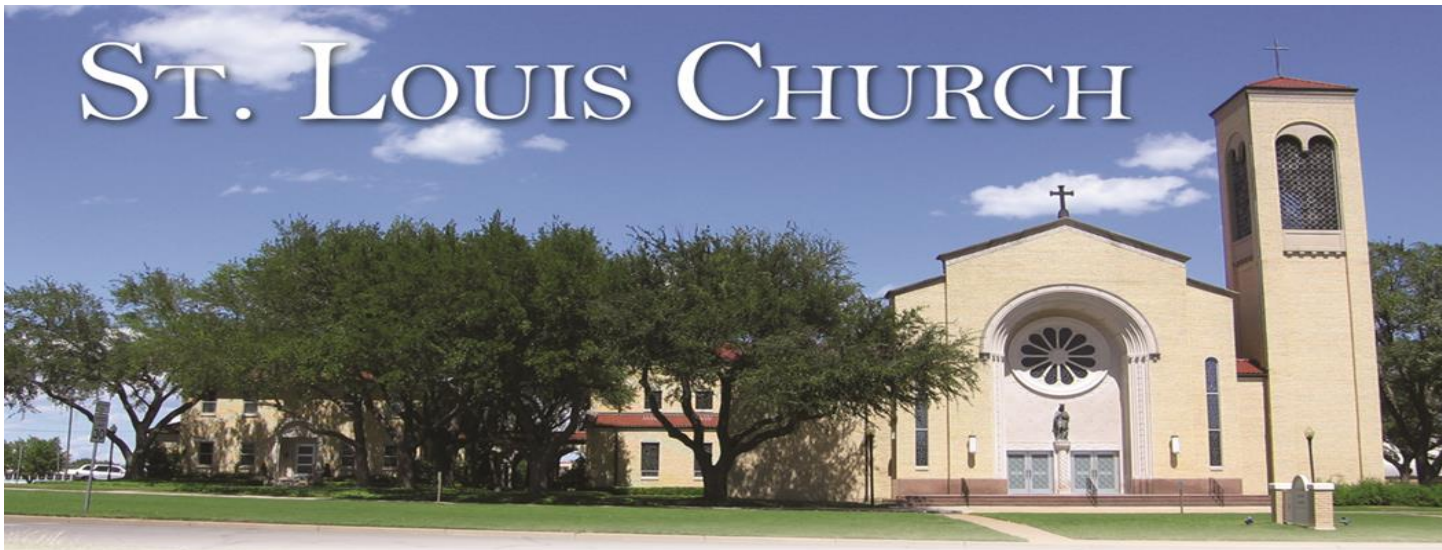


ST. LOUIS CHURCH



DECEMBER 25, 2016 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

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.

Sunday, December 25th Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Processional	Gather #348
<i>"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"</i>	
Psalm.....	Missalette p.78 #97
<i>"A Light Will Shone On Us This Day"</i>	
Offertory	Gather #380
<i>"What Child is This"</i>	
Communion	Gather #353
<i>"Away in the Manger"</i>	
Recessional.....	Gather #362
<i>"Good Christian Men Rejoice"</i>	

Mass Intentions

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
Mon. Dec. 26	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS
Tues. Dec. 27	8:00 a.m.	John Foley (L)
Wed. Dec. 28	8:00 a.m.	Jeff Tucker (L)
	12:05 p.m.	Joseph A. Ginnane
Thurs. Dec. 29	8:00 a.m.	Justin Ryan (L)
	12:00 p.m.	Mike Harmon (L)
Fri. Dec. 30	8:00 a.m.	Joyce & Melinda Petter
	12:05 p.m.	Gerald W. Bolfing
Sat. Dec. 31	5:00 p.m.	Joe Stanislav
Sun. Dec. 25	9:30 a.m.	Lillian Glockzen
	11:30 a.m.	Langley Family
Spanish Mass	1:30 p.m.	The Parish; Living & Deceased
	5:00 p.m.	Joe Woycheshin

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96/Jn 1:1-18

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, we want to wish you a blessed Christmas. Each New Year is an opportunity to begin anew. Let us take the mold of the new born Christ and live the days to come in warmth of divine love in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph.

Father John and Father Augustine

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.**

NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE - We will follow the regular Sunday Mass schedule with the Vigil at 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 31 and the Sunday Masses of 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass and the 5:00 p.m. Youth Mass. We will be celebrating the *Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.*

SPECIAL COLLECTION - Next weekend, December 31 & January 1 our parish will take up a special collection for family services within our diocese. Please be generous in supporting this much needed service.

2017 COLLECTION 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. Signing out envelopes is especially important to the families who have children enrolled at St. Louis School and Reicher High School.

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.

NEWCOMERS - If you are new to our community, please fill out a Parish Registration (Census) form found at each entrance of the church. Just complete and drop in the collection basket or give to one of the Ushers. We welcome you and your family with open arms and warm hearts.

Parish Events and Meetings

WOMENS' SUPPORT AND PRAYER GROUP will not meet again until **Monday, January 9**. Please consider join us to see what it is all about. Call Sandy at 254-723-4220 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.

TOWN HALL MEETING - Mark your calendars for **Monday, January 23**. We will hold a town hall meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the church. The Parish Council, Parish Finance Committee along with the Priest will be in attendance to answer questions, concerns, complaints, take suggestions, etc. This is your chance to have your voice heard. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

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

Community Notes

THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Christmas Flower Fund and a special thank you to Robyn Trippe and her decorating team. The sanctuary was simply beautiful again this year. God Bless you all!

THANK YOU! - The Giving Tree sponsored by Parish Social Ministry was a huge success due to your generosity! We thank the Mission Waco motorcycle team for delivery to Mission Waco. The true Spirit of Christmas was felt by children in our community.

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 nomination to the state and national project or you can go to the www.elmc.com website to see how you can nominate long married couples. What an honor this would be!

Gospel Meditation

Take a moment to contemplate the symbols of the season. The crèche tells us the Gospel stories: first from Luke, which details the human birth in a lowly stable and the angels' message to shepherds; and later from Matthew, which describes the arrival of Magi who signify that God's salvation extends to all. The angels stand as heralds of the good news, an emblem for each of us on this solemn feast of our own duty to spread the message that Christ is born and saves us from our sins. The tree stands as a symbol of life, its green branches unfading even in the winter cold, just as God's life remains in us even though our human form should die. The wreath made of evergreens reminds us that God is one, without beginning or end. The candles recall the birth of him who is forever the Light of the world. Today, we celebrate the fact that God came to earth as a beautiful, innocent infant who rejects no one. We rejoice this day in the birth of Christ! And tonight, we remember that Jesus Christ came into this world quietly, humbly, and gracefully, an example of how we should live our lives.

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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.....	\$20,482.25
Second Collection: Clergy & Religious.....	\$ 3,853.65

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