



**MARCH 26, 2017 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**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.

## Mass Intentions

<b>Sat. Mar. 25</b>	5:00 p.m.	Eleanor Kopicki
<b>Sun. Mar. 26</b>	9:30 a.m.	Margaret Ross
	11:30 a.m.	Barbara Ann Hitt
<b>Spanish Mass</b>	1:30 p.m.	Enriquez Lopez Ponce
	5:00 p.m.	The Parish; Living & Deceased
<b>Mon. Mar. 27</b>	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Hitt
<b>Tues. Mar. 28</b>	8:00 a.m.	David McTaggart
<b>Wed. Mar. 29</b>	8:00 a.m.	John Sodek
	12:05 p.m.	Daniel Harmon
<b>Thurs. Mar. 30</b>	8:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Benoit
	12:00 p.m.	Eugene Kubala
<b>Fri. Mar. 31</b>	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Hitt
	12:05 p.m.	Joseph Ginnane
<b>Sat. April 1</b>	5:00 p.m.	Aidan Strouse (L)
<b>Sun. April 2</b>	9:30 a.m.	Henry Berger
	11:30 a.m.	Norman Wallace
<b>Spanish Mass</b>	1:30 p.m.	Enrique Ponce
	5:00 p.m.	The Parish; Living & Deceased

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-15, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12/Jn 7:40-53

## Special Liturgical Schedule for Lent/Easter

**STATION OF THE CROSS WILL BE PRAYED EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 6 P.M. through Friday, April 7**

**LENTEN ADORATION** from 8 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. on Saturday during Lent, Please help in filling our Adoration board by signing up at the main entrance of church.

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE Monday, April 10 at 7 p.m.**

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE during Holy Week:**

**April 11, 12 & 13 at 5 p.m. each night.**

**HOLY THURSDAY, April 13** - Confession at 5 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 14** - Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m.

Prayer Service of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion at 7 p.m.

**HOLY SATURDAY, April 15** - "Easter Vigil"

Service of the Light at 8:30 p.m.

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 16** - To follow regular Sunday Mass Schedule. 9:30 am, 11:30 am 5 pm & Spanish Mass at 1:30 pm

## Notes of Special Interest

**THE GABRIEL PROJECT** at St. Louis Parish is looking for people interested in attending a Gabriel Angel training in Waco. The Gabriel Project is a parish based pro-life ministry that assists mothers and families in crisis pregnancies. A Gabriel Angel mentors a mother throughout the pregnancy and after the birth, providing guidance and support. We would like to schedule a training at St. Louis in the next couple of months. The training is a day-long session with lunch provided and costs \$35. If you are interested, please call or text Cindy Farmer at [254-644-1129](tel:254-644-1129) or email [stlouiswaco.gabriel.project@gmail.com](mailto:stlouiswaco.gabriel.project@gmail.com).

## Parish Events and Meetings

**EASTER FLOWER FUND** - Would you like to help adorn our sanctuary for Easter Sunday, donations are now being accepted. Make checks payable to St. Louis Church and mail to P.O. Box 5040 Waco, 76708. Your donations are appreciated!

**BREAKFAST FOR THE HOMELESS** - The Parish Social Ministry will provide breakfast for the homeless on **Friday, March 31st**. We meet in St. Louis Church parking lot at 6am and return at 7:45. If you plan to drive yourself to the location, please contact Clara Jean Matustik at 772-8885 because there may be a site change. Also, let Clara Jean know if you are able to help. Thank you for your time and commitment.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES** for Baptized Catholics who need confirmation/first communion and Baptized Non-Catholics interested in becoming Catholic. **In English:** Thursday nights starting April 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Grace hall. **In Spanish:** Wednesday nights starting April 5 at 6 pm at St. Louis School.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** - The Parish Social Ministry will host our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of our parish and the surrounding community on **Saturday, April 15th**, from 11am until 1pm. All children up to the age of 10 are welcome to join in the hunt. The event will be held on the grounds of the St. Louis Activity Center. There will be an egg hunt, a free hot dog lunch, drinks and other activities planned for the event. In order to make this happen, **we need your help**. There are baskets placed at the entrances to the church with Easter eggs inside. If you would like to make a donation, please take an egg and mail your donation to the address inside. You may also mail donations directly to Debbie Kucera at 5318 Lake Crest, Waco, TX 76710. Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity. For questions or information, please contact Mike at 709-6155 or Eileen at 848-4057.

**NOW ENROLLING!** St. Louis Catholic School is now accepting applications for the 2017/2018 school year. St. Louis offers grades PreK-3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Our community gives your child a place to expand his or her faith, grow in leadership, and develop a lifelong commitment to service. St. Louis Catholic School encourages an atmosphere of academic excellence. Our students begin with a solid grounding in learning fundamentals and are provided with additional challenges in science, math, history and extracurricular classes. There is a place in our community for your child and family, too. Please give us a call for a personal tour or further information on registration and scholarship information at (254) 754-2041 or visit us at [www.stlouiswaco.org](http://www.stlouiswaco.org) ; [stlouis@stlouiswaco.org](mailto:stlouis@stlouiswaco.org) ,

**THE ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL GALA** is **Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** in the Reicher Deering Center. The evening will be full of fun with dinner, drinks, dancing, silent and audible auction. for reservation information Please contact Brandy Kramolis at 254-754-2041 or [bkramolis@stlouiswaco.org](mailto:bkramolis@stlouiswaco.org) .

## Youth Ministry

**GODSTOCK** - Join us for a fun filled weekend of music, Mass, Adoration, camping, and other activities hosted by Eagle's Wings Retreat Center. This year's musicians include Josh Blakesly, Danielle Noonan, Novum and Paul Finley. Speakers include Matt Regitz and Katie Prejean. **April 22-23**. Registration forms can be found on our website at [www.slywaco.org](http://www.slywaco.org) or picked up in the Church office or at youth group.

**CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP** - We will be traveling to Denver, Co. **June 11th - 17th**, to serve those in need. We will be joining Catholic teens from around the country to repair homes for the elderly, disabled, and families in need. Join us for a week of fun, service and worship! See our website for registration forms and more information. [www.slywaco.org](http://www.slywaco.org). or contact Tracy at 254-754-1221 or [stlouisyouthwaco@mygrande.net](mailto:stlouisyouthwaco@mygrande.net). Deadline to sign up is May 1st.

**STEBENVILLE CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE** - **July 14th - 16th** in Springfield, Mo. Steubenville is a weekend conference for Catholic teens designed to inspire them in faith through dynamic speakers, inspirational worship and celebration of the Sacraments. Cost is \$325 per person. Registration forms can be found on the website at [www.slywaco.org](http://www.slywaco.org) or at the Church office or at youth group. All high school teens including incoming freshman are invited to join us.

## Community Notes

**LENTEN FISH FRY each Friday of Lent, (March 3 - April 7)** from 5 pm to 8 pm, cost \$8 per plate, (take out available). Location: KC Hall at 5515 Sanger Ave. (corner of Richland Dr. and Sanger Ave. in Waco). You will experience some of the best tasting Fried Catfish around! The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling fresh baked good. All proceeds go to the KC Scholarship Fund.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS** are being offered by J. J. Kearns 4th Degree Assembly 1109 to graduating Catholic seniors in the Waco area. Application forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office. **Deadline for turning in applications 4:30 pm April 14, 2017,**

**RED-C Catholic Radio** - Reservations are now available for the first-ever Central Texas RED-C Catholic Radio, KYAR, 98.3 FM **benefit dinner**, on **Friday, April 21** from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waco. Log on to reserve a table or tickets at [www.redcradio.org/benefit](http://www.redcradio.org/benefit). We are excited to share how great our station is doing. We're also excited that Trey

and Stephanie Cashion, the hosts of "The Mystery of Parenthood" a show produced by RED-C Catholic radio will be our guest speakers! The theme of dinner is "God Bless America" and Trey and Stephanie will be giving an incredible talk on incorporating the Holy Spirit into the family and the home. We hope to see you there!

**ALL ARE INVITED!** St Mary s Church of Waco will hold their annual church festival on **Sunday, April 30**. They will be selling raffle tickets outside this weekend. Tickets are: \$1 or 6for \$5. There are 15 prizes. 1st place is \$1500. Two \$500 4 \$250 and 8 \$100 prizes. You can purchase raffle tickets by calling (254) 753-0146 or visiting St. Mary's at 1401 Washington Ave. in Waco. We would appreciate your support.

**4 STEP GUIDELINE TO PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE:**

- 1) Couples need to contact the priest six months prior to wedding.
- 2) Couples must take a premarital inventory, The FOCCUS.
- 3) Couples must attend a retreat or take a formal marriage preparation course, "Together In God's Love."
- 4) Couples must take at least a one-hour introduction to *Natural Family Planning* (full course preferred).

Couples must be responsible to contact the office of Family Life 512-949-2495 regarding item 3 &4.

**EIM Workshop and compliance** - The Diocese of Austin launched a new education program for our EIM workshop. **All clergy, religious, seminarians and employees, and all volunteers** serving in ministry to minors or the vulnerable, will attend this new EIM Workshop whenever they are due for a workshop. To find the schedule and Sign Up for a Workshop (bottom right of your account page), login to you EIM account at [https://www.eappsdb.com/Login.asp?ORGZ\\_KEY=4](https://www.eappsdb.com/Login.asp?ORGZ_KEY=4). If you don't recall your User ID/Password, please use the Alternate Login option. If you have never submitted an EIM application (online or paper copy), use the above link to create your EIM account and complete the application. Please contact your parish EIM site administrator, if you need assistance. Plan to arrive promptly, no children allowed. If you are a victim of sexual abuse and have concerns regarding your attendance at a workshop, please contact Emily Hurlimann at (512) 949-2447.

**Gospel Meditation**

"Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." The prevailing theology of Jesus' time led people to believe that any kind of disability was a punishment from God. So Jesus' disciples assumed that the man born blind suffered that affliction because of someone's sin: either his parents' or his own. But Jesus sets the record straight. Not only did he reject the idea that the blindness was a punishment for sin; he also went so far as to suggest that this very trial was an opportunity for God's glory to be revealed.

And sure enough, it was. Jesus worked a miracle of healing for the man who followed his directions and "came back able to see." So it was that the "works of God" became "visible" through a man who was blind! But, ironically, not everyone had the eyes to see the miracle. The Gospel tells us that "there was a division among them" as they debated whether this remarkable healing was really an act of God.

Jesus stated that he came "so that those who do not see might see." And so, who are we? Are we blinded by our own expectations of how God is supposed to work? Are we so caught up in our own vision of what we wish would happen that we fail to appreciate what is actually unfolding before our very eyes? It is so easy to perceive trials, disabilities, sickness, and misfortune as a curse or the result of being abandoned by God. But today's Gospel suggests another reality. In the midst of these very difficulties, God wants to reveal himself, to show his love and mercy. It may not always be in the exact way we expect, but without a doubt, even in these challenging realms, God is always at work.

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**THE ST. LOUIS PASTORAL COUNCIL** meets monthly as an advisory group to our pastor. If you have a question, concern, or compliment about the parish, please contact one of the members of the council: Holly Collins, Chairman email: Holly Collins@Baylor.edu and members, Noe Ochoa, Marilyn Abel, Vince Clark, Sharon McCarthy, Susanne Nemmer,, Mark Veselka, Maritza Perez and Mike Fulbright.

**Collection Report**

Weekly Average needed for School & Church.....	\$21,500.00
Offering Christmas Weekend.....	\$18,511.30

**Site Improvement Report**

Fund 3 phase project goal.....	\$121,300.00
Collected to date.....	\$ 40,598.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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