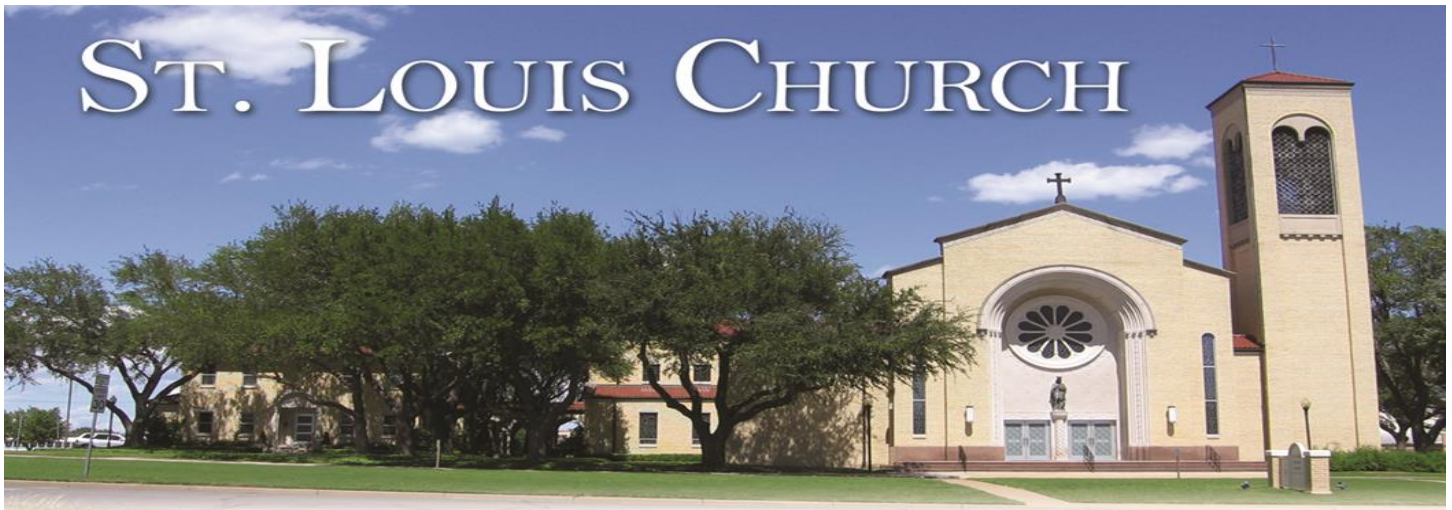


ST. LOUIS CHURCH



DECEMBER 3, 2017 – FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

SACRAMENTS

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the Church office

BAPTISM

Follow Weekend Masses

Baptismal Classes

English - First Saturday

9a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Spanish - Second Saturday

9a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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)

HELP WITH ANNULMENTS

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www.reicher.org

Principal

Mrs. Mindy Taylor
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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.

*Nursery is available during
the 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Masses*

ST. LOUIS CHURCH

(254) 754-1221

Office Hours: Monday - Friday

8:30 am. - 12:30 pm. &

1:30 - 5:00 pm.

***Friday office closes at 4:00 pm.**

Información en Español

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Liturgical Music

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

Processional Gather #317

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Psalm Missalette p. 42 #80

"Lord, Make Us Turn to You"

Offertory Gather #328

"My Soul in Stillness Waits"

Communion Gather #831

"Take and Eat"

Recessional Gather #318

"People Look East"

Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 2	5:00 p.m.	Ernest C. Mills
Sun. Dec. 3	9:30 a.m.	Elena Richarson
	11:30 a.m.	Herman Roessler
Spanish Mass	1:30 p.m.	The Parish: Living & Deceased
	5:00 p.m.	Joe Stanislav
Mon. Dec. 4	8:00 a.m.	Gerald Bolfing
Tues. Dec. 5	8:00 a.m.	Margaret Ross
Wed. Dec. 6	8:00 a.m.	Joe Stanislav
	12:05 p.m.	Laubert Family (L & D)
Thurs. Dec. 7	9:30 a.m.	Rita McNamara
	12:05 p.m.	Michael Fulbright (L)
	6:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Benoit
Fri. Dec. 8	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Dvorsky, III
	12:05 p.m.	Benoit/Bushman Family
	6:00 p.m.	Mike Goff
Sat. Dec. 9	5:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Benoit
Sun. Dec. 10	9:30 a.m.	Annie & Ernest Matustik
	11:30 a.m.	Barbara Moulds
Spanish Mass	1:30 p.m.	The Parish: Living & Deceased
	5:00 p.m.	Charles Hodges

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [1a]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Advent Liturgical Schedule

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is Friday, December 8, a Holy Day of Obligation.

This festival in honor of Mary is also the patron feast of our country. This is a day of prayer in honor of the Mother of our Lord and our country. **MASS SCHEDULE: Thursday, December 7: Vigil Mass at 6 p.m.**

Friday, December 8: All School Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Parish Masses; 12:05 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

ST. LOUIS PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: Tuesday, December 19 at 6 p.m.

Notes of Special Interest

ALTAR FLOWERS this Sunday are to the Glory of God by Alfred & Ivette Lopez in memory of Rebecca Vazquez.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD Program will not begin until January 2018. Please watch your bulletins.

NEXT WEEKEND, December 9 & 10, 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!

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.

2018 COLLECTION ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTION - Tables will be at each entrance of the Church with the envelope boxes beginning this weekend, **December 2 & 3 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 2018 CALENDARS** will also be available. **We thank Dr. Jim Moshinski of OakCrest Funeral Home** for sponsoring the calendars again this year.

ADULT WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY will meet **Wednesday night, December the 6th** for their last session in the fall study of Wisdom. We will meet in Grace Hall at our regular time . For more information please contact Diane Schlecte at dschl@swbell.net or 776-4241.

ST. LOUIS CHRISTMAS PARTY! All parishioners are invited to the Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 9th**, in the SLAC building, beginning after the 5:00PM Mass. There will be food, fun, music and fellowship for all. Food will be provided, bring your favorite dessert. **Hosted by the ACTS Ministry.** SANTA will be there! Hope to see you there!

OUR LADY OF GUALDALUPE CELEBRATION - On **Tuesday December 12** we will have Mass at 6 PM and dinner following the Mass at St Louis SLAM. We will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe with friends and family. Please mark your Calendars. If you want to help with donations for the meal, please contact Irma at 254-723-3798 or Maritza at 254-715-9434.

LECTURE SERIES - Join us for our last lecture of the season **Thursday, December 14** "*Evangelizing Your Workplace*" by; Mrs. Dina Dwyer-Owens at 7 pm. Look forward to seeing everyone.

Youth Ministry

CRUCIFIX & CROSS FUNDRAISER Dec 2-3 & Dec 9-10. SLY will be selling beautiful hand-crafted crosses and crucifixes made in the Holy Land. They contain 4 elements from the Holy Land; incense, earth from Bethlehem, stones from the Holy Land and dried rose petals. These will be wonderful Christmas gifts or additions for your home or office. We also have an **ONLINE PARISH CODE** to make ordering simple and convenient for you, friends and family. To place an order go to: <http://www.totallycatholicfundraising.com/Products/Crucifixes>. When checking out enter **Parish Code 4066** in the **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**. Orders will be shipped directly to you and the funds will be applied to our parish. Our youth receives 50% of what we sell and funds will help our teens attending DCYC and our Confirmation retreat. Thank you for your support! God bless!

SLY continues to sell beautiful 3-d gold plated Christmas ornaments, the image of our Church, and Christmas cards, the box of cards depict images of the our very beautiful altar during Christmas and our beautiful stain glass windows. Ornaments are \$15.00 each, Christmas Cards are \$20 per box. See us after all Masses. You may also come by the Church office to purchase cards and ornaments. Thank you for your support!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES begin Wednesday, December 6th from 7:30pm to 8:30pm at the JAC (building across the from the SLAC). There will be *parent meetings on November 28th at 5:30pm, November 29th at 5:00pm and November 30th at 5:30pm* at the SLAC. If your teen is making confirmation this year choose one meeting to attend. If you are a Reicher student and have not registered, 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 at stlouisyouthwaco@gmail.com. **The mandatory retreat will be February 23-25, 2018 at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnett, Tx.**

DCYC - The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference of Austin is **February 2-4, 2018.** 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 our teens to attend with us. Registration forms can be found at www.slywaco.org or you can come to the Church office or pick them up at youth group or contact Tracy Gomez at stlouisyouthwaco@gmail.com. Service hours are given to

Reicher students that attend with us.

Community Notes

BABY BANKS- Thank you and God bless you for your donations to the Baby Bank campaign. Our Parish collected 353 Banks that raised over \$1,850.00 for Pro-Life efforts in our community and diocese. Half of the money will stay here in our parish's Pro-Life efforts and half will help support the Beginning of Life Apostolates at the diocesan level. Please continue to pray daily for an end to abortion.

“BABYCAKES PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Reicher Students for Life is hosting a breakfast following the 9:30 & 11:30 masses this **Sunday, December 3**. The funds will go towards meeting the costs of sending 10 Reicher students to the March for Life in Washington D.C. in January. Support life and drop into Grace Hall for a great breakfast for a great cause!

BAYLOR SINGING SENIORS presents “*God’s Gift for All Seasons*” **this Sunday, December 3 at 4 pm**. Location: First Baptist Church of Hewitt (301 South First St., Hewitt. Several of our very own Senior Parishioners a part of this wonderful group. Come enjoy their wonderful voices.

JUST CURE IT! The St. Louis School community is supporting our own Coach Bayer as she faces her battle with breast cancer. **Wednesday, December 6th**, will be Coach Bayer Day at St. Louis School! We will have a “Just Cure It!” Rally beginning at 2PM in the school gym, as well as a school-wide pizza lunch, with all proceeds going to Coach Bayer and her family to help with medical expenses. For more information please visit www.stlouiswaco.org or contact Becky Chollett, St. Louis School Development Director at bchollett@stlouiswaco.org Thank you!

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY - College students are invited to attend a six week bible study and brunch after the 11:30 am mass in the JAC located across the street from the church. For more information or to RSVP please contact Vincent or Amy Lopez at 709-4343 or mygems90s@yahoo.com.

Gospel Meditation

Should Christmas trees be considered a religious symbol?

It depends on how *religious symbols* are defined. If it means anything to which religious significance can be attached, then yes, because many Christians have attached religious significance to the Christmas tree (e.g., the Tree of Life, both in Eden and on Calvary). But if a religious symbol of a holiday is considered a tangible object intrinsically attached to that holiday, and without which the holiday wouldn’t be the same, then no, because the celebration of Christmas does not require Christmas trees. Christmas trees are a decoration that Christians incorporated into their celebration of the holiday over the centuries. They did not become widespread in the English-speaking world until German relatives of the British royal family brought the custom to Great Britain in the 18th and 19th centuries. Christians justified the custom on religious grounds by explaining that the evergreen tree can symbolize eternal life. Even today in many traditionally Catholic countries, far more emphasis is placed on the much older Christian custom of erecting Nativity scenes, a tradition attributed to St. Francis of Assisi. In short, although Christmas trees are a beloved custom in much of the English-speaking world, they are not necessary to the celebration of the holiday and are not nearly as symbolic of the holiday as the crèche. If it is agreed that a religious symbol should be understood then to mean *a tangible object intrinsically attached to that holiday*, Christmas trees are to Christmas what dreidels are to Hanukkah—a beloved custom but not a religious symbol.

Answered by: Catholic Answers Staff

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: HollyCollins@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 Last Weekend.....\$17,327.95

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