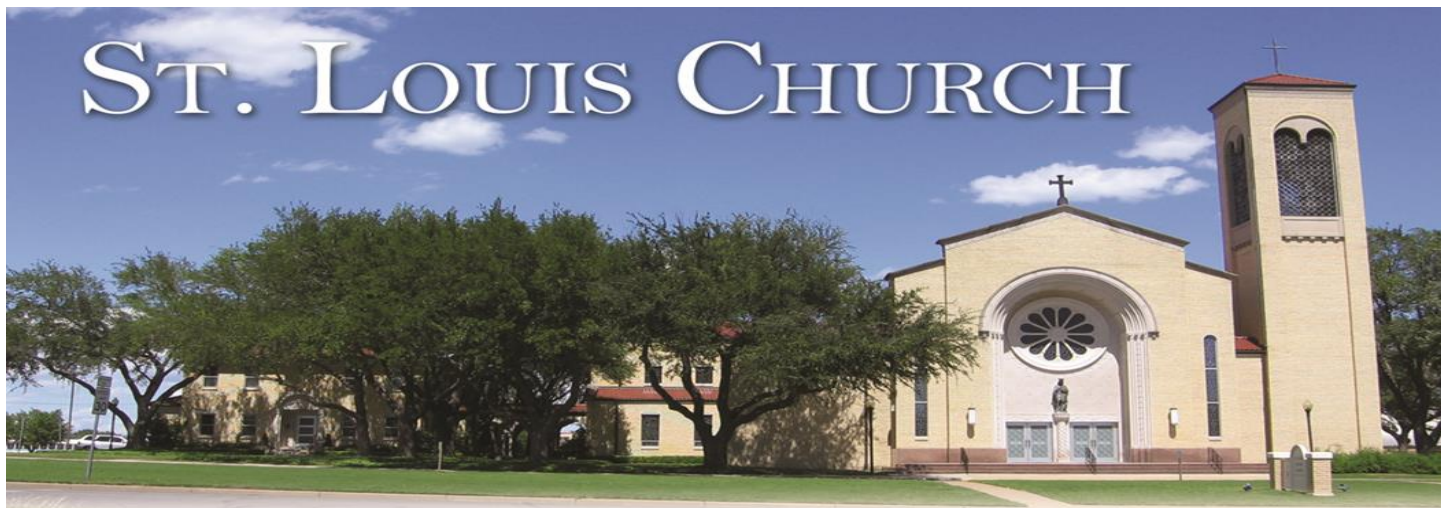


ST. LOUIS CHURCH



DECEMBER 10, 2017 – SECOND 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

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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 #321

"On Jordan's Bank"

Psalm Missalette p.50 #131

"In You, Lord, I Have Found My Peace"

Offertory Gather # 325

"Like a Shepherd"

Communion Gather # 840

"Shepherd of Souls"

Recessional..... Gather #317

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Mass Intentions

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
Mon. Dec. 11	8:00 a.m.	Melba C. Briggs
Tues. Dec. 12	8:00 a.m.	Jose DeLaGarza
Wed. Dec. 13	8:00 a.m.	Forty Days of Life
	12:05 p.m.	Joseph Ginnane
Thurs. Dec. 14	8:00 a.m.	Peter Kruce
	12:05 p.m.	Sam Palmeri
Fri. Dec. 15	8:00 a.m.	Jeff Tucker (L)
	12:05 p.m.	Sister JoAnn Cusarida
Sat. Dec. 16	5:00 p.m.	Shirley & Don Bushman
Sun. Dec. 17	9:30 a.m.	Dick Sydow
	11:30 a.m.	Blais Family
Spanish Mass	1:30 p.m.	The Parish: Living & Deceased
	5:00 p.m.	Joe Stanislav

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19

Advent Liturgical Schedule

WACO DEANERY ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:

St. Jerome Parish: Tuesday, December 12 at 7 p.m.

St. John Parish: Wednesday, December 13 at 5:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish: Wednesday, December 13 at 7 p.m.

St. Louis Parish: Tuesday, December 19 at 6 p.m.

St. Eugene Parish: Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary - West: Thursday, December 21 at 7 p.m.

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 23rd: Regular Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 24th: Masses at 9:30 am & 11:30 am

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th: 4:00 pm, 6:30 pm, 8:30 pm (Spanish) & Midnight (12:00 am)

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th: 9:30 am only

(Note: NO Daily Mass on Tuesday, December 26)

DIOCESAN CONSECRATION OF THE IMMACULATE MARY - In this Fatima centennial year and in the 70th year since the founding of our diocese, Bishop Joe Vásquez has decided to consecrate the local church of the Diocese of Austin to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This weekend, December 9 & 10, all priests and people in the diocese are invited to unite in a solemn prayer of consecration to the Mother of God, asking for her maternal help and protection, entrusting ourselves to her loving heart, and asking her to bring us ever closer to her Son, Jesus Christ.

Notes of Special Interest

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

HOLIDAY MEATS: The St Louis Knights of Columbus will be offering smoked hams & turkeys along with sausage gift packs for delivery before Christmas. We will deliver your order Dec 20 thru 23. All meats will be refrigerated. Hams - \$40, turkeys - \$35, Sausage gift packs - \$25. Contact any KC member or you can reserve your order by calling 254-772-5479 (leave a message) or 254-709-6155.

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 are 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 2018 CALENDARS** will be available soon. **We thank Dr. Jim Moshinski of OakCrest Funeral Home** for sponsoring the calendars again this year.

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.

THE ST. VERONICA GROUP will sponsor their Pot Luck Luncheon on **Thursday, December 14** at 12:30 p.m. in Grace Hall. Please consider joining us for a wonderful lunch and fellowship. All are welcome!

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.

FAMILY ROSARY AND BREAKFAST - Join the Knights of Columbus for The 5th Sunday Family Rosary and Breakfast. Rosary will begin at 8:45 a.m. and breakfast will be served in Grace Hall after the 9:30 Mass. Vivat Jesus!

Youth Ministry

ATTEND ALL HIGH SCHOOL LITURGICAL MINISTRY MEMBERS you are invited to join Father John in a special party to celebrate your serve to the church. Come join Father for Pizza and Spoons in Grace Hall at 6 pm on **Thursday, December 29**. Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 28 at 754-1221 or jguzaldo@waco.twcbc.com

CRUCIFIX & CROSS FUNDRAISER 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 have begun, classes are Wednesdays from 7:30pm to 8:30pm at the JAC (building across the from the

SLAC). 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. **Deadline to register is January 1, 2018.**

Community Notes

Pro-Life Waco will **NOT** host a Second Sunday pro-life luncheon/meeting on December 10. There will be pedestrian overpass outreach over Interstate-35 from 10 to noon on Saturday, December 16. Park on South 8th Street at dead end with I-35. Christmas Caroling will be Fridays, December 15 and 22 from 4 to 5:30 pm. The location is the sidewalk of the new Planned Parenthood at 700 W HWY 6. Thanks to all for standing for the Gospel of Life in 2017! For questions, contact John Pisciotta (644-0407 or prolifewaco@gmail.com).

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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS FOR 2018 - Married couples are invited to strengthen, renew and rekindle their marriage sacrament by attending one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: Feb. 16-18, April 20-22 and Nov. 2-4. The emphasis of Marriage Encounter is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. For more information, visit www.austinme.org or call (512) 667-9963 or e-mail wwmeaustin@gmail.com.

HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF CONCERN - The Diocese of Austin is committed to preventing harm from happening to any of our children or vulnerable adults. Go to www.austindiocese.org/reporting (or call the EIM Office at 512-949-2447) to learn what to do, and how to report, if you suspect sexual or physical abuse and/or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult; and what to do if the suspected abuse is by clergy, or an employee or volunteer of any diocesan parish, school or agency.

Gospel Meditation

He is coming. In today's reading from Matthew, John the Baptist announces for all to hear the long-awaited coming of the Messiah. John the Baptist proclaimed a serious message of change and conversion. Indeed, he must have been a sight to behold draped in his penitential garb, nibbling on his locusts and honey. Anyone who heard him preaching must have taken notice, even if they didn't take heed. If nothing else, John the Baptist surely got people's attention.

But will he get ours? True conversion reveals itself outwardly. When our hearts change, our actions do too. Charity replaces criticism. Forgiveness replaces anger. Service replaces selfishness. The catechism teaches us that the kingdom of heaven belongs to the poor and lowly; in other words, to those who have accepted it with humble hearts (CCC 544). This Advent, may we feel the urgency of John's words and get about the serious business of repentance.

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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: HollyCollins@Baylor.edu and members, Noe Ochoa, Marilyn Abel, Vince Clark, Sharon McCarthy, Susanne Nemmer,, Mark Veselka, Maritza Perez and Mike Fulbright.

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