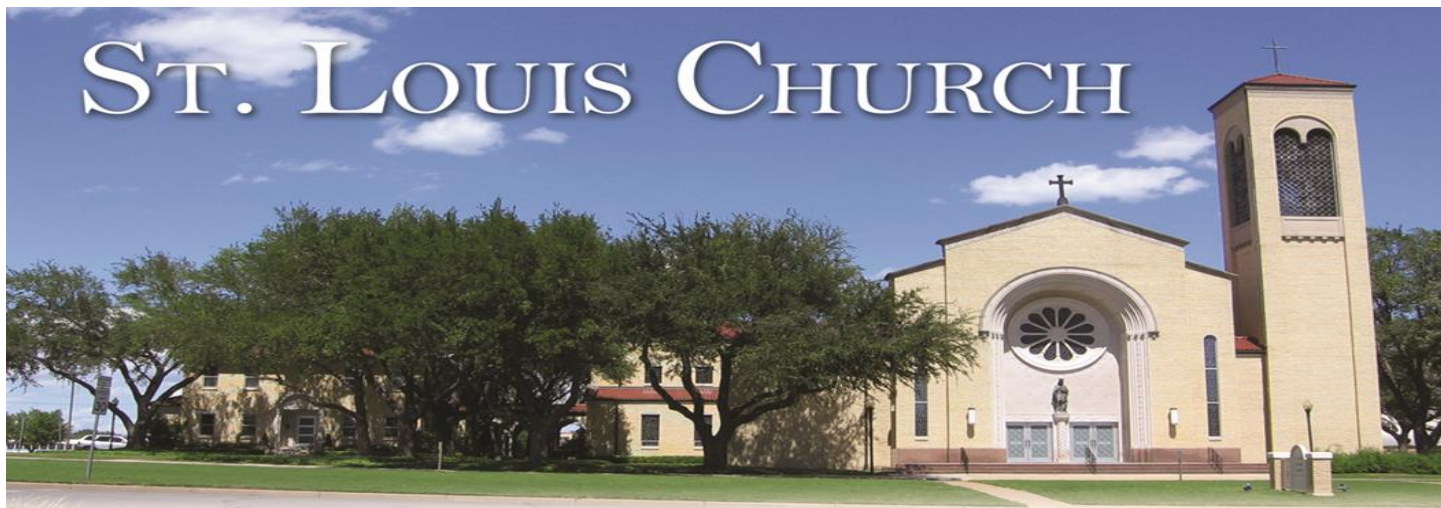


# ST. LOUIS CHURCH



**DECEMBER 17, 2017 – THIRD 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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## **REICHER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

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**www.reicher.org**

#### **Principal**

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mtaylor@reicher.org

## **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*

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## **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**

**Contact: Maria Carrillo**

## **ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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Cynthia Farmer

(254) 640-5804

## Liturgical Music

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

Processional .....	Gather #318
<i>"People, Look East"</i>	
Psalm .....	Missalette p.62 #Luke 1
<i>"My Soul Rejoices In My God"</i>	
Offertory .....	Gather #317
<i>"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"</i>	
Communion .....	Gather #480
<i>"Jesus, My Lord, My God, My all"</i>	
Recessional.....	Gather #320
<i>"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"</i>	

## Mass Intentions

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
Mon. Dec. 18	8:00 a.m.	Patrick Fitzgerald
Tues. Dec. 19	8:00 a.m.	Rita McNamara
Wed. Dec. 20	8:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Benoit
	12:05 p.m.	Langley Family
Thurs. Dec. 21	8:00 a.m.	Tony Vonasek
	12:05 p.m.	Sophie & Eugene Kubala
Fri. Dec. 22	8:00 a.m.	Joe Woycheshin
	12:05 p.m.	Arline & Johnnie Holub
Sat. Dec. 23	5:00 p.m.	Jose DeLaGarza
Sun. Dec. 24	9:30 a.m.	Bernard Prasifka
	11:30 a.m.	Lisa Cofsky
Christmas	4:00 p.m.	Harry Matustik
Masses	6:30 p.m.	The Parish: Living & Deceased
in Spanish at	8:30 p.m.	Ruby Rivera
	Midnight	Dan Zrubek

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 [Is 61:10b]  
**Monday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25  
**Tuesday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/  
**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]  
**Thursday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21  
**Friday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56  
**Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]

## Advent Liturgical Schedule

### WACO DEANERY ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:

**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 25<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 am only**

## Notes of Special Interest

**FLOWERS** for the Altar this Sunday are to the Glory of God in celebration of Sister JoAnn Cuscurida's 60th anniversary.

**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED for the Christmas Holidays from noon Friday, December 22 - Tuesday, December 26. NO DAILY MASS Tuesday, December 26. Regular weekly schedules will resume Wednesday, December 27.**

**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 will continue through Wednesday, December 20. After December 20th you will need to contact the church office.**

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. 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** are now available you will find them at each entrance of the church. **We thank Dr. Jim Moshinski of OakCrest Funeral Home** for sponsoring the calendars again this year.

**YEAR END CONTRIBUTION LETTERS FOR 2017** will be mailed out automatically for contributions of \$250.00 or more by the end of January. Letters for amounts lower than \$250.00 will need to be requested. Contributions toward 2017 may be made through January 15, 2018.

**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.

**FAMILY ROSARY AND BREAKFAST** - Join the Knights of Columbus for The 5th Sunday Family Rosary and Breakfast, **Sunday, December 31.** 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**

**ATTENTION 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](mailto:jguzaldo@waco.twcbc.com)

**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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:stlouisyouthwaco@gmail.com). Service hours are given to Reicher students that attend with us. **Deadline to register is January 1, 2018.**

## **Community Notes**

**HOMELESS BREAKFAST** - The Parish Social Ministry will provide breakfast for the homeless on **Friday, December 29**, at the Meyer Center located at 1226 Washington Ave. We will meet at St. Louis parking lot at 6am and return before 8am. Please call Clara Jean Matustik at 772-8885 for information or to let her know that you can help with this worthwhile ministry.

**WATCH SPECIAL EWTN Advent and Christmas programming** - EWTN is proud to present LIVE Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington DC. Also, we will be airing inspiring musical performances, specials for children and teens, and new holiday presentations that the whole family will enjoy. Watch or listen to EWTN TV and EWTN Radio on your local channel, online, or even on your smartphone using our free EWTN App! For more information, go to ewtn.com.

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY** - College students are invited to attend bible study after the 11:30 am mass in the JAC located across the street from the church. For more information on our next session please contact Vincent or Amy Lopez at 709-4343 or [mygems90s@yahoo.com](mailto: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 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](http://www.austinme.org) or call (512) 667-9963 or e-mail [wwmeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:wwmeaustin@gmail.com).

**4 STEPS GUIDELINE ACCORDING TO THE DIOCESE OF AUSTIN FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE:** 1) Couples should contact their priest at least six months prior to wedding date. 2) Couples must take a premarital inventory, The FOCUS. 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.

### Gospel Meditation

"There is one ... coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." Untying sandal straps was no prestigious job. In the days of John the Baptist, those straps would have been especially unpleasant to deal with. Besides the usual odors that accompany sockless leather footwear, there would have been the grime and dirt from the sandy roads and paths that swirled around the people who went everywhere on foot. Taking off someone's shoes upon their arrival was the task of the lowly servants. So when John says he's unworthy of doing this task for the "one who is coming after me," he is putting himself in a very humble position. And rightly so.

John realizes that the Christ-the Anointed One, the Messiah-is so far above him, so far above any of us, that we are truly unworthy of him. Indeed, the Son of God is not just the greatest of men; he is God-made-man and in his presence we most appropriately should bow in humble homage. Yet this God chose to stoop down to our human level and walk among us. He chose to get his sandals dirty. And still today he chooses to allow us to encounter him as a friend and companion.

But as John reminds us by his example, this encounter with the Lord is not the result of our own merits or accomplishments. We are sinners who stand in need of Christ's help. But thanks be to God, he is always willing to extend this help to us. As St. Paul says in today's epistle, "May the God of peace make you perfectly holy." Indeed it is God who does the perfecting, not us by our own power. So let us approach the Lord this Advent season with a spirit of hopeful humility, trusting that God alone can make us worthy of welcoming his Son.

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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](mailto: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.....\$20,292.77

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