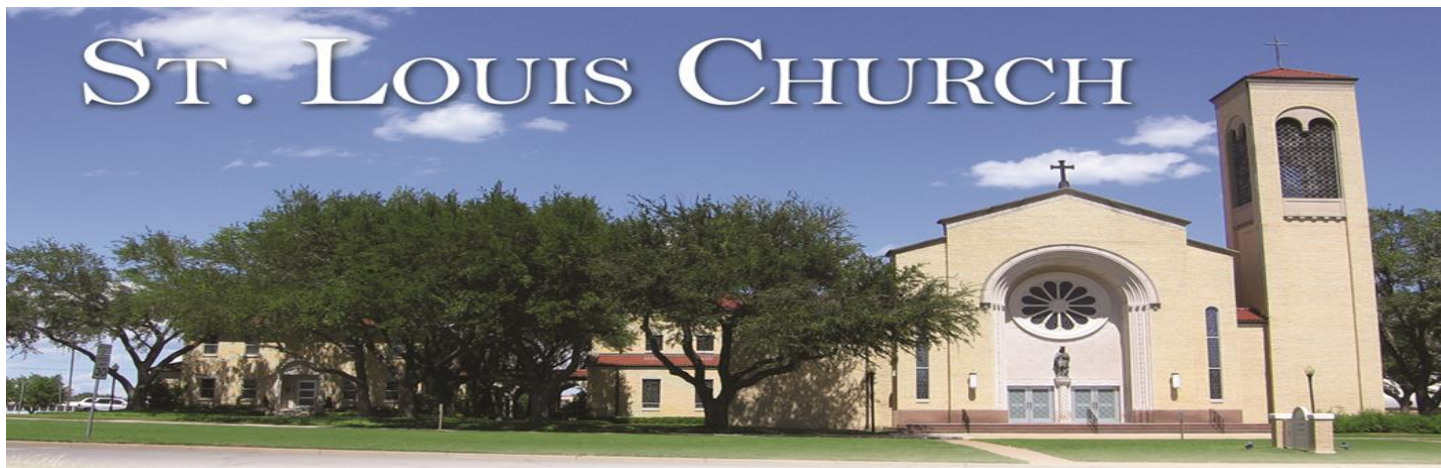


# ST. LOUIS CHURCH



**DECEMBER 31, 2017 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSPEH**

## **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**

**Contact:** Beverly Dickey  
runningranny@hotmail.com

## **REICHER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

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#### **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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#### **Gabriel Project**

Cynthia Farmer

(254) 640-5804

## Liturgical Music

<b>Saturday Vigil Mass 5 p.m. Vigil &amp; Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.</b>	
<b>Processional</b> .....	<b>Gather #362</b>
<i>"Good Christians Friends Rejoice"</i>	
<b>Psalm</b> .....	<b>Missalette p. 90 #105</b>
<i>"The Lord Remembers His Covenant"</i>	
<b>Offertory</b> .....	<b>Gather # 363</b>
<i>"O Little Town of Bethlehem"</i>	
<b>Communion</b> .....	<b>Gather #380</b>
<i>"What Child is This"</i>	
<b>Recessional</b> .....	<b>Gather #347</b>
<i>"Angels We Have Heard on High"</i>	

## Mass Intentions

<b>Sat. Dec. 30</b>	5:00 p.m.	Joseph Dvorsky, III
<b>Sun. Dec. 31</b>	9:30 a.m.	Rita McNamara
	11:30 a.m.	Frazier Family
<b>Spanish</b>	1:30 p.m.	The Parish: Living & Deceased
	5:00 p.m.	Langley Family
<b>Mon. Jan. 1</b>	8:00 a.m.	Woycheshin Family
<b>Tues. Jan. 2</b>	8:00 a.m.	Langley Family
<b>Wed. Jan. 3</b>	8:00 a.m.	Robert E. Briggs
	12:05 p.m.	John Van Slyke
<b>Thurs. Jan. 4</b>	8:00 a.m.	Cyndy Perkins Makowsky
	12:05 p.m.	Van Slyke Family (L)
<b>Fri. Jan. 5</b>	8:00 a.m.	Rita McNamara
	12:05 p.m.	Roy King
<b>Sat. Jan. 6</b>	5:00 p.m.	Joseph Ginnane
<b>Sun. Jan. 7</b>	9:30 a.m.	Blais Family
	11:30 a.m.	The Parish: Living & Deceased
<b>Spanish</b>	1:30 p.m.	Rosalie Kobiela
	5:00 p.m.	DeLaGarza Family

## Readings for the week

**Sunday:** Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
**Monday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mk 1:7-11

## Notes of Special Interest

**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED for the New Year Holiday Monday, January 1, 2018. Regular weekly schedules will resume Tuesday, January 2, 2018.**

**"CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD"-YOUNG CHILDREN'S PROGRAM** a Montessori-based Catholic education program offered to children ages 3-6. It is being held in the bible school room in the basement. CGS invites children to liturgical and scriptural presentations and hands-on work with beautiful handmade materials such as the parable of the Good Shepherd, the mustard seed, learning the liturgical colors of the church and much more. Two different sessions will be offered this year, Sundays 9:15-10:30am OR Sundays 4:45-6pm. Cost is \$25, however financial assistance is available if needed. Sessions will begin **Sunday, January 7 2018** and run through May (excluding holidays). Contact Melisa Baker, trained CGS Catechist at [CGSWaco@gmail.com](mailto:CGSWaco@gmail.com) or 817-939-2187 for registration or more information.

## Parish Events and Meetings

**FOOD FOR CARITAS** will be collected next weekend, January 6 & 7. Non-perishable items such as canned foods, cereal and peanut butter are always needed. Baskets will be placed at each entrance of the church. Thank you for your continual generosity.

**2018 COLLECTION ENVELOPE DISTRIBUTION will now be through the church office.**

**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.

**CHURCH CENSUS** - You will find the church blue census forms at each entrance of the church. 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.

**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.

**THE PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY** will meet **Monday, January 8th**, at 5 pm in the KC Room in the JACK Building across the street from the church. New members are always welcomed. For information, contact Mary Ann at 772-6576 or Mike at 709-6155.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY Begins New Study January 17th:** Want to start 2018 off with a spiritual bang? The Adult Bible study will begin a new 11 week study of the Book of James, Wednesday, January 17th in Grace Hall. We will meet from 5:30-7:15pm and will follow the CCE calendar through May 2nd. There will be no class on Ash Wednesday, Spring Break or Easter Week. The cost of the accompanying Jeff Cavin study guide is \$20 (optional but highly recommended). The first meeting on the 17th will include registration and an hour long introductory video. Jeff Cavin describes the Book of James as the Wisdom book of the New Testament. Please join us. For more information contact Diane Schlecte at [dschl@swbell.net](mailto:dschl@swbell.net) or 254-776-4241.

## Youth Ministry

**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.**

**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 News

**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!

**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.

**EIM compliance** is required of all clergy, religious, seminarians, diocesan employees, parish and Catholic school employees, and adult lay persons who volunteer in ministry with minors or vulnerable adults; or in any ministry, program or organization that serves youth or vulnerable adults in any manner, or functions at a time and place where they are typically present. To be compliant, one submits an EIM Application for Ministry (one time only) and attends an EIM Workshop every three years. Contact your parish/school EIM site administrator or go to [www.austindiocese.org/eim-compliance](http://www.austindiocese.org/eim-compliance) to learn more about Application and Workshop.

**Area Workshops: St. Mary's School in West, January 1, 2018 at 6:30 pm**  
**Sacred Heart Parish in Lott, January 20, 2018 at 9:30 am**

## Gospel Meditation

**Was the Holy Family really poor?** The thought has been that the Holy Family was poor and that in their poverty and humility Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are models for all families. But recently it has been claimed that the Holy Family was not poor because the Greek word describing Joseph's profession (tekton) indicates that he was a "master craftsman," a class of artisan who made a very comfortable living at his trade. What light can you shed on this?

**Answer:** It's true that Joseph is called a *tektonos* in Matthew 13:55, but the Greek word *tekton* simply means "craftsman" and does not connote anything with regard to level, skill, or income, and the rendering "master craftsman" is not etymologically supportable. The scanty biblical evidence indicates that the Holy Family was poor, not middle-class, certainly not affluent.

Luke writes: "*When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was born. When the days were completed for their purification [40 days (Lev. 12:2-8)] according to the law of Moses, they [Mary and Joseph] took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,' and to offer the sacrifice of 'a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons,' in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. (2:22-24)*"

This passage suggests that Mary and Joseph were poor. According to the Mosaic law the mother had to purchase and have sacrificed in the Temple a young lamb as a burnt offering and a turtle dove as a sin offering (this being done to expiate ritual impurity related to blood and childbirth, not personal sin). If the parents were too poor to afford the lamb, they were allowed to substitute two turtle doves or pigeons (Lv 12:8).

Other than this brief glimpse at the Holy Family's financial circumstances, the Bible tells us very little about their economic status. While it's true that the three Magi offered Jesus expensive gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh (Mt 2:11), there's no biblical evidence to suggest that they kept these items.

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**THE ST. LOUIS PASTORAL COUNCIL** meets monthly as an advisory group to our pastor. For questions or concerns 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.....	\$21,850.00
Offering Last weekend.....	\$19,273.13

*Thank you for your generosity!*