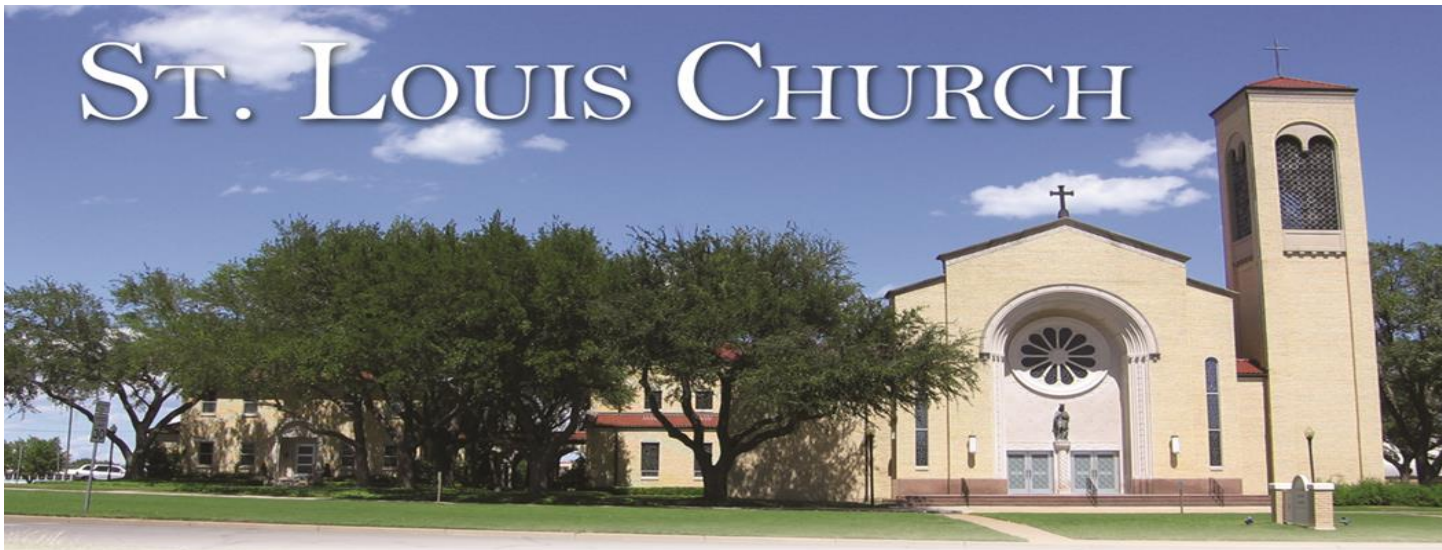


ST. LOUIS CHURCH



JANUARY 1, 2017 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH

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Website: 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.**

ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Gabriel Project

Cynthia Farmer
(254) 640-5804

Liturgical Music

Saturday - Vigil Mass: 5 p.m. & Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.	
Processional	Gather #343
<i>"Joy to the World"</i>	
Psalm	Missalette p.88 #67
<i>"May God Bless Us In His Mercy"</i>	
Offertory	Gather #782
<i>"Hail Mary Gentle Woman"</i>	
Communion	Gather #480
<i>"Jesus My Lord, My God My All"</i>	
Recessional	Gather #784
<i>"Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above"</i>	

Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 31	5:00 p.m.	Joe Stanislav
Sun. Jan. 1	9:30 a.m.	Lillian Glockzen
	11:30 a.m.	Langley Family
Spanish Mass	1:30 p.m.	The Parish; Living & Deceased
	5:00 p.m.	Joe Woycheshin
Mon. Jan. 2	8:00 a.m.	Lawrence McCarthy
Tues. Jan. 3	8:00 a.m.	Jeff Tucker (L)
Wed. Jan. 4	8:00 a.m.	Jeff Tucker (L)
	12:05 p.m.	Msgr. Mark Deering
Thurs. Jan. 5	8:00 a.m.	Thanh N. Trinh
	12:00 p.m.	Eugene Wlodarek
Fri. Jan. 6	8:00 a.m.	Mike Harmon (L)
	12:05 p.m.	Edward Holub
Sat. Jan. 7	5:00 p.m.	Mildred & Larry Larson
Sun. Jan. 8	9:30 a.m.	Lillian Glockzen
	11:30 a.m.	Jeff Tucker (L)
Spanish Mass	1:30 p.m.	The Parish; Living & Deceased
	5:00 p.m.	Lisa Cofsky

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98/Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98/Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100/Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149/Jn 2:1-11

Notes of Special Interest

SPECIAL COLLECTION this weekend, December 31 & January 1 for family services within our diocese. Please be generous in supporting this much needed service.

2017 COLLECTION ENVELOPES will be available only by contacting us at 754-1221 or stopping by the parish office during regular office hours; Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. or on Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Signing out envelopes is especially important to the families who have children enrolled at St. Louis School and Reicher High School.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTION LETTERS FOR 2016 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 2016 may be made through January 15, 2017.

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.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR are a way you may remember or honor someone celebrating a special occasion. For more information call 754-1221.

Parish Events and Meetings

DOOR TO DOOR MINISTRY will be going out into the community **Saturday, January 9th**. We will meet in the church at 9:45 am. If you would like to help with this beautiful ministry, please contact us at 254-754-1221.

GABRIEL/CARITAS WEEKEND - Christmas is coming and we need to remember those less fortunate. We will again collect food for the Gabriel Project & Caritas the weekend of **January 7 & 8**. Thank you for always being so generous.

WOMENS' SUPPORT AND PRAYER GROUP will meet **Monday, January 9**. Please consider join us to see what it is all about. Call Sandy at 254-723-4220 for more information.

TOWN HALL MEETING - Mark your calendars for **Monday, January 23**. We will hold a town hall meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the church. The Parish Council, Parish Finance Committee along with the Priest will be in attendance to answer question, concerns, complaints, take suggestion, etc. This is your chance to have your voice heard. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

AN IDEA FOR A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: Consider joining the Wednesday night Bible Study as we begin a new 10 week study in January; the Jeff Cavin's study on REVELATION. We will meet from 5:30-7:15 pm in Grace Hall in conjunction with the CCE calendar. There will be a short Introductory Meeting On Wednesday evening, January 11th with the first lesson beginning on January 18th. Cost of materials is \$20. For more information or to reserve a spot please contact Diane Schlecte at dschl@swbell.net or 254-776-4241.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CLASS - Anyone interested in facilitating a Theology of the Body Class please contact Father John at (254) 754-1221.

Youth Ministry

SLY (St Louis Youth Group) High School 9th - Food Ministry Volunteers needs volunteers to help provide meals for our teens on Sunday evenings at 6pm. If you can help please let Tracy know which date you can cover. We appreciate your help and generosity! God bless! Jan 8,15,22; Feb 5,12,19,26; Mar 12,19,26; Apr 2, 9, 23, 30. For information contact Tracy Gomez stlouisyouthwaco@mygrande.net 754-1221

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION - Classes will be from 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm at the SLAC **beginning Wednesday, January 11th**. The mandatory retreat will be March 17th - 19th at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet, TX. Confirmation will take place at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 8th. If you are a Reicher student and have not registered, please 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 stlouisyouthwaco@mygrande.net.

MLK Service Day - Mission Waco will be sponsor a day of education and service on **Monday January 16th**. We will take 11 teens to this event. If you are interested in going please contact Tracy by January 13th. There is no cost for this event.

DCYC - The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference of Austin is January 27-29, 2017. 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 are teens to attend with us. Registration is open now through January 1st. Registration forms can be downloaded on our website at www.sly.org or you can come by the Church office or pick them up at youth group or contact Tracy Gomez at stlouistyouthgroup@mygrande.net. Service hours are given to Reicher students that attend with us.

Community Notes

PRO-LIFE WACO will host its Second Sunday luncheon/meeting on **Sunday, January 8** at the parish hall of St. Mary's Church in Waco. An Italian luncheon will be served throughout the noon hour—adults \$3. Free for children and first-time attendees. For the meeting from 1-2 p.m. the featured speaker will be national pro-life leader and former State Representative Molly White of Belton. For questions, contact John Pisciotta (644-0407 or prolifewaco@gmail.com).

ROSARY PRESENTATION IN WEST - Father Robert Becker will present "The Rosary: History, Theology and Peace" on **Tuesday, January 10** at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary, Church of the Assumption Parish in West. This is a presentation that Father Becker has developed in honor of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. Materials and rosaries will be available; however, the rosary will not be prayed during the presentation. No registration is required.

RALLY FOR LIFE in Austin is the largest pro-life event of the year for Texas. Thousands march up Congress Ave to the steps of the Capitol for speeches, praise, and music. Waco will hold the largest banner in the march. Two vans will depart Waco at 11:00 a.m. and will return by 5 p.m. **Saturday, January 28**. The vanpool departs from St. Mary's Waco church parking lot. You can take your vehicle or ride in comfort with new pro-life friends at no cost. To reserve a spot on a van, contact John Pisciotta 254-644-0407 or

prolifewaco@gmail.com

LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE - Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) is looking for the Longest Married Couple in all parishes. Why? Because WWME for the seventh year in a row is conducting the 2017 Longest Married Couple Project. The Project was created to highlight the value of marriage and to show the world that marriage really can go the distance. If you have been married for 50 years or more, or know a couple who have, please contact your parish with names, wedding date and city of residence. They will submit the information to WWME for nomination to the state and national project or you can go to the www.melmc.com website to see how you can nominate long married couples. What an honor this would be!

DEFENDING THE FAITH CONFERENCE: All adults are invited to join Fr. John this Summer in attending the *Defending the Faith Conference* at Franciscan University, July 28th – 30th 2017. There will be many speakers like Dr. Scott Hahn and Patrick Madrid. It will be a great weekend. If you are interested please contact Fr. John at 254-754-1221 or visit the website at <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/dfc/>

ALL CLERGY, PAID STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS working with youth and vulnerable adults are required to complete an Application for Ministry and attend an EIM workshop. **The Workshop is required for all new applicants within 60 days application submission and must be retaken every three years. Sign up for an EIM workshop is done on-line through your EIM account. Please contact your parish or Catholic school EIM site administrator if you need assistance.** Log-in to the Diocese; www.austindiocese.org and click on the link in the upper right hand corner called “quick links”.

St. Louis Catholic Church, Waco on January 28 from 10 a.m - 12:15 p.m. in Grace Hall.

Gospel Meditation

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Supernatural communication was nothing new for Mary. The angel Gabriel had already appeared and spoken to her when she agreed to bear God's Son. Her husband Joseph also had a kind of divine intervention in the dream where the angel told him to go ahead and marry her. When she was first pregnant, her cousin Elizabeth had been led by the Holy Spirit to know the secret that Mary was "the mother of my Lord" (Lk 1:43). Now, Jesus has just been born and a crew of earthy shepherds appears at her door with a message from heaven: that the Savior has been born. And Mary believed them. She did not doubt their sincerity or the authenticity of their message. She took the words to heart, and meditated upon the meaning of it all.

What might strike us as peculiar in all of this is that God chose to speak to Mary in a variety of ways. This holy and immaculate woman, this Mother of God, did not always receive direct communication from on high. Sometimes, God chose to speak to her through other people. Sometimes, he revealed himself to them in order to reveal himself to her. And God does the same with us.

It's easy to daydream about having our own personal revelation from God, to hear his voice loud and clear, directing, encouraging, and supporting us in our times of need and confusion. But this isn't the standard pattern of God's operation. Mary was tuned in enough to hear God's voice all around her instead of expecting it to always sound the same. We can imitate this same kind of openness by seeking to discover how God may be speaking to us through the voices of others.

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THE ST. LOUIS PASTORAL COUNCIL meets monthly as an advisory group to our pastor. It also seeks consultation from members of the parish on church matters. If you have a question, concern, or compliment about the parish, please contact one of the members of the council. John Connor, Chairman 254-22-4312 stlouiswaco@gmail.com, and members Holly Collins, Raymundo Garcia, Sharon McCarthy, Susanne Nemmer, Jackie Zrubek, Mark Veselka, Maritza Perez and Mike Fulbright.

Collection Report

Weekly Average needed for School & Church.....\$21,500.00
Offering Last Sunday.....\$18,662.62

Site Improvement Report

Fund 3 phase project goal..... \$121,300.00
Collected to date.....\$ 35,609.04

Thank you for your generosity!

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