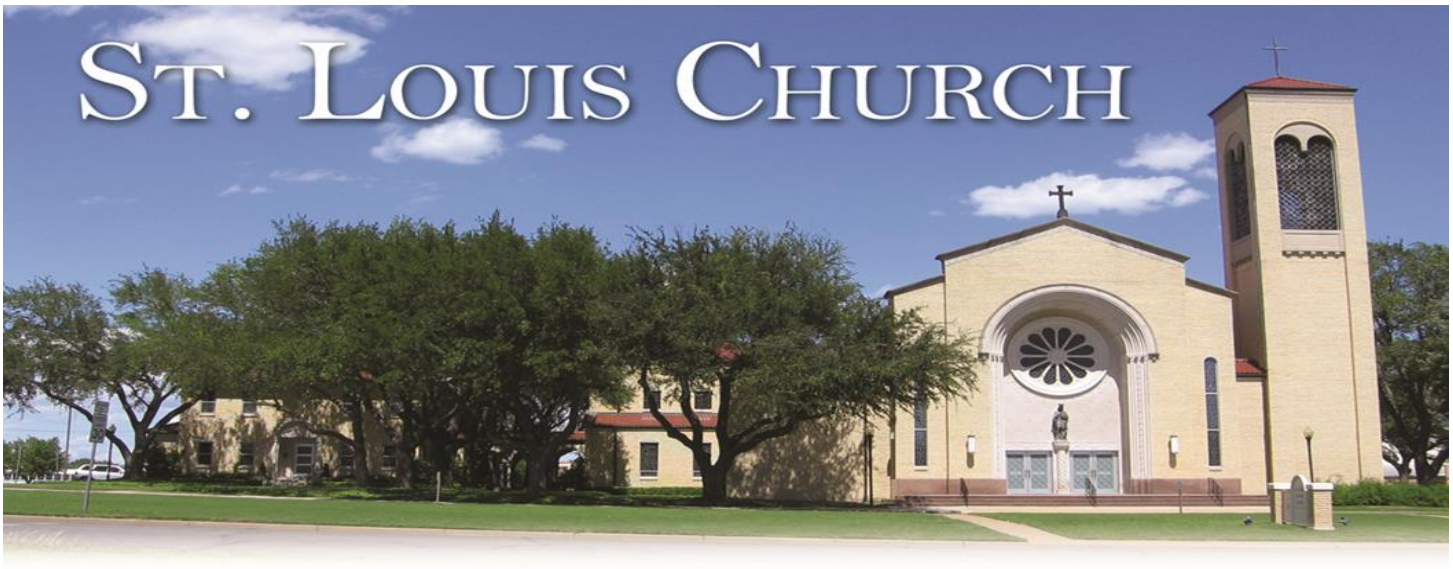

JANUARY 29, 2017 – THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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8:30 am. - 12:30 pm. &
1:30 - 5:00 pm.
***Friday office closes at 4:00 pm.**

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Liturgical Music

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

Processional..... Gather #528
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
Psalm..... Missalette p.104 #146
"Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit"
Offertory..... Gather #659
"Blest Are They"
Communion..... Gather #816
"Let Us Be Bread"
Recessional ..... Gather #508
"We Are the Light of the World"

Mass Intentions

Sat. Jan. 28	5:00 p.m.	Arline & Johnny Holub
Sun. Jan. 29	9:30 a.m.	F.M. Young
	11:30 a.m.	Sophie Young
Spanish Mass	1:30 p.m.	The Parish; Living & Deceased
	5:00 p.m.	Christopher Trevino
Mon. Jan. 30	8:00 a.m.	Joyce & Melinda Petter
Tues. Jan. 31	8:00 a.m.	Joan Painter
Wed. Feb. 1	8:00 a.m.	Ethel Kelly
	12:05 p.m.	Bernard Prasifka
Thurs. Feb. 2	8:00 a.m.	Mary Alice Kelly
	12:00 p.m.	Helen George
Fri. Feb. 3	8:00 a.m.	TJ. Kelly
	12:05 p.m.	Sam Palmeri
Sat. Feb. 4	5:00 p.m.	Sam Palmeri
Sun. Feb. 5	9:30 a.m.	Angie Hendelman
	11:30 a.m.	Daniel Harmon
Spanish Mass	1:30 p.m.	The Parish; Living & Deceased
	5:00 p.m.	Sydney Galway (L)

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23/Mk 6:30-34

Notes of Special Interest

FATHER AUGUSTINE RE-ASSIGNED! Sadly, I wish to announce my re-assignment by the Bishop from St. Louis Catholic Church and St. Philip's, effective February 8, 2017. Due to a pastoral need, I have been reassigned to San Jose Parish in Austin. I would like to thank Fr. John, the parish staff, and all the beloved parishioners of St. Louis and St. Philips, for the wonderful two and half years that I spent at both churches. I will remain very grateful to all of you for helping me grow and being my family and friends. I will miss you all. May the good Lord continue to bless and strengthen, and protect all of you. Yours in Christ, Father Augustine.

PLEASE JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 as we say good by to Father Augustine. There will be a reception for him **following the 11:30 a.m. Mass**. It will be our way of thanking him for his time with us and wishing him great things to come. May God continue to bless and follow Father Augustine.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTION LETTERS FOR 2016 were mailed out automatically for contributions of $250.00 or more. Letters for amounts lower than $250.00 will need to be requested.

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

Parish Events and Meetings

OPEN HOUSE - St. Louis Catholic School will host its annual **Open House on Monday, January 30th from 6:30 until 8 pm**. Meet teachers, staff, students, and parents. Take a tour and get information on curriculum, tuition, activities, and financial assistance. For more information contact the school office at 254-754-2041, stlouis@stlouiswaco.org, or visit the school's website. www.stlouiswaco.org.

THE PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY will meet on **Tuesday, Feb. 7th,** at 5pm in the Knights of Columbus Room in the Brazos Building, across the street from the church. New members are always welcomed. For information, contact Mike at 709-6155 or Mary Ann at 772-6576.

FATHER/DAUGHTER DATE NIGHT - The Youth Group will host their annual Father/Daughter Date Night on **Saturday, February 11th from 6pm to 8pm** at the SLAC. The night will consist of dinner, dancing and pictures. Tickets are $20 for 2 and $10 for an additional guest. Tickets can be purchased at the Church office, from a youth member after Mass or at St Louis school. Funds will help our teens going on our Spring Break Mission trip and CHWC.

"DEFENDERS OF THE FAITH" Starting **Sunday, February 12** from 6:15 to 8:00 pm in the Jack Building, across from the SLAC, a new group called the *"Defenders of the Faith"* will begin in our parish. The agenda of this group is to meet together and learn more about our Catholic faith and how to defend it from good Catholic resources. In this group you will be able to ask questions about the Catholic faith and share testimonies about your Catholic journey, everyone is invited, bring a Bible & Catechism and a open heart to learn more about your Catholic faith, for more information contact Pat Estrada @ 254-366-1033.

WOMENS' SUPPORT AND PRAYER GROUP will meet **Monday, February 13.** Please consider join us to see what it is all about. Call Sandy at 254-723-4220 for more information.

LECTURE SERIES - Join us on **Wednesday, February 15th** at 6:15 pm - 8 p.m. as our Lecture Series continues. The theme this Year: *Demands a Response*. St. Louis Church is proud to present Mr. Tim Staples on; *"Why Be Catholic?"*. All lectures are held in the St. Louis Sanctuary.

THAT MAN IS YOU- All men are invited to Discover The *"Masterworks of God"* as we journey through "The Bible and The Sacraments." Join us any Friday mornings through 04/07/2017 in Grace Hall. Free Breakfast at 6 AM followed by video and small group. Contact Tony Moore - 254-715-8589

CONSIDER joining the Wednesday night Bible Study as we go through Jeff Cavin's study on REVELATION. We will meet from 5:30-7:15 pm in Grace Hall in conjunction with the CCE calendar. 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.

Youth Ministry

JEWELRY FUNDRAISING - The St Louis Youth Group will be selling jewelry **Ash Wednesday and the weekends of Feb 4/5 and Feb 11/12.** We will be selling beautiful imported hand-made rosaries and a variety of Catholic jewelry. 50% of what we sell goes directly to the youth group. The funds will help teens attend the Spring Break Mission trip.

SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP - Mark your calendars! We will be returning to the valley in South Texas to volunteer with Kids 2 Kids missions. We will be helping to rehabilitate homes as well as leading a vacation bible study for kids in the community. **Dates are March 5-10.** Cost is $250 a person. We hope to do some fundraising to help cover the cost. Please visit our website or contact Tracy for more information at stlouisyouthwaco@mygrande.net.

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP - We will be traveling to Denver, Co. **June 11th-17th**, to serve those in need. We will be joining Catholic teens from around the country to repair homes for the elderly, disabled, and families in need. Join us for a week of fun, service and worship! See our website for registration forms and more information. www.slywaco.org. or contact Tracy at 254-754-1221 or stlouisyouthwaco@mygrande.net

Community Notes

YOUNG MEN INVITED! Project Andrew will be held **Feb. 11** at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. Single, Catholic men between the ages of 16 and 45 who are interested in learning more about discernment, the priesthood and seminary life are invited to attend. The day will include prayer, testimonials by priests and seminarians, Mass and lunch with Bishop Joe Vásquez. For more information, contact the diocesan Vocation Office at vocations@austindiocese.org or (512) 949-2430.

YOUNG WOMEN INVITED! Project Miriam will be held **Feb. 18** at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. Single, Catholic women between the ages of 16 and 45 are invited to learn more about Mary's joyful "yes" to God and how that is lived out in religious life. The day will include prayer, testimonials by religious sisters, Mass and lunch. For more information, contact the diocesan Vocation Office at **vocations@austindiocese.org** or (512) 949-2430.

MEN OF THE ST. LOUIS PARISH prayerfully consider attending the 5th annual Austin Diocese Catholic Men's Conference on **Saturday, February 18th** at St Vincent DePaul Catholic Church in Austin. The keynote speakers are Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers author of "Behold the Man and Gus Lloyd, host of Seize the Day, the morning radio show on Sirius XM the Catholic Channel. Information and tickets for the Conference may be purchased after mass today. For more information contact John McCue 254-717-7674.

PREPARATION FOR TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS - In Fatima, Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." On this 100-Year Anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima, please join thousands of Faithful throughout our Diocese for 33 days of preparation prayer for **Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary**. The prayers begin on February 20th and are done privately using the preparation book. Please visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org for more information.

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 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/

WORKING WITH YOUTH AND VULNERABLE ADULTS requires completing 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 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".

Gospel Meditation

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." Here, in a nutshell, is the Christian belief about the afterlife. We trust that heaven is open to believers who accept the gift of salvation and follow the way of the Lord, even (or especially) when that way is difficult!

The beatitudes in today's Gospel give us a program for following the path to heaven. These famous words offer a kind of twofold image. There are, on the one hand, the beatitudes about what we should do and be: poor in spirit, meek, merciful, clean of heart, and peacemakers. Such qualities are reflections of the nature of God in whose image we are meant to live. When we embrace and reflect this image to the world, there is no doubt we are walking on the path of God's will.

Then, there are also the beatitudes about what we are called to endure: mourning, hunger for righteousness, persecutions and insults due to our belief in Jesus. These are the trials that often beset the life of a faithful Christian--admittedly more so in some ages and areas than in others. But Jesus makes it clear that even these trials and struggles are a sign that a Christian is on the right path, not that God has abandoned him or her, but that the reward of heaven lies around the corner.

One of the greatest consolations of our faith is that even when life does not unfold according to our own perfect designs, even when there is suffering to deal with, even when we do not have great success in the eyes of the world, we can maintain hope and peace as we await the "reward" of the just. The eternal happiness of heaven will be worth every ounce of temporary trial here on earth.

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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: Holly Collins@Baylor.edu and members, 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 Christmas Weekend……..$22,385.78

Site Improvement Report

Fund 3 phase project goal……. $121,300.00
Collected to date…….$ 40,598.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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