

FEBRUARY 12, 2017 – THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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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Liturgical Music

•	igil Mass: 5 p.m. & Sunday M	
	"Immortal Invisible God Only Wise	,"
Psalm	Missale	tte p.124 #119
	"Blessed Are They Who Follow"	_
Offertory		Gather #601
	"All That We Have"	
Communion	•••••	Gather #834
	"Seed Scattered and Sown"	
Recessional .		Gather #527
	"Praise to the Lord"	

Mass Intentions

	Sat. Feb. 11	5:00 p.m.	Joyce & Melinda Petter
	Sun. Feb. 12	9:30 a.m.	Verna & Thomas York
		11:30 a.m.	Sophie Young
	Spanish Mass	1:30 p.m.	The Parish; Living & Deceased
		5:00 p.m.	Doug Woycheshin (L)
	Mon. Feb. 13	8:00 a.m.	Robert Cuevas
	Tues. Feb. 14	8:00 a.m.	Scott Blesener (L)
	Wed. Feb. 15	8:00 a.m.	Joe Woycheshin
		12:05 p.m.	Margaret Ross
	Thurs. Feb. 16	8:00 a.m.	Reyes Santiago
		12:00 p.m.	Bob Urban & Daughter Kerry
Fri. Feb. 17		8:00 a.m.	Marek/Kramolis Family
		12:05 p.m.	Joseph Dvorsky, III
	Sat. Feb. 18	5:00 p.m.	Robert E. Briggs & Melba C. Brigss
	Sun. Feb. 19	9:30 a.m.	Margaret Ross
		11:30 a.m.	Gilbert Cortez
	Spanish Mass	1:30 p.m.	The Parish; Living & Deceased
		5:00 p.m.	Lou Blais

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10 **Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13 **Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10 **Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26 **Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Mk 8:34--9:1 **Saturday:** Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13

Notes of Special Interest

PLEASE JOIN US SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 as we welcome Father Payden "Red" Blevins to our parish. This will be like coming home for him. A reception for him **follows the 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Masses**.

PRE-LENTEN TALKS - The Catholic Community of St. Louis Parish is proudly present Hector Molina, Catholic Evangelist. We would like to invite you to join us for a series of dynamic and inspiring presentations aimed at exploring what it means to be an authentic follower and missionary disciple of Jesus Christ. **English sessions will be: Sunday Feb 26**th, **Monday Feb 27**, and **Tuesday Feb 28 from 6pm – 7pm.** If you are in need of a faith-lift, you do not want to miss it!

SPECIAL PROJECTS UPDATE - Over the last year we have sponsored second collections to help with repairs and updates around the church. Through your generosity we have been able to cover some of these needs.

The sidewalk between the Rectory and the Church

The parking lot sink hole

The drainage problem beside the church

We will continue to hold collection and keep you updated. Thank you so much for the love you show for the church. God Bless!

Parish Events and Meetings

"DEFENDERS OF THE FAITH" - A new group called the "Defenders of the Faith" will begin in our parish Starting THIS Sunday, February 12 from 6:15 to 8:00 pm in the Jack Building, across from the SLAC. The agenda of this group is to meet together

and learn more about our Catholic faith and how to defend it using 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.

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER - The St. Louis Music Ministry will sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner on **Tuesday, February 14** from 6—9 p.m. in the SLAC. Tickets are on sale now. Regular tickets are \$20 or you can reserve a Sweetheart Table for \$50. To purchase a ticket, contact the church office at (254)754-1221/

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 <u>dschl@swbell.net</u> or 254-776-4241.

Youth Ministry

JEWELRY FUNDRAISING - The St Louis Youth Group will be selling jewelry **Feb 11/12 and Ash Wednesday** 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 <a href="mailto:study-stu

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

CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS (7th & 8th graders) - Middle Schoolers... are you interested in making a difference and changing the world? Our parish is hosting service camp July 10th-14th for Just5Days this summer. Just5Days is a five-day service program where you will be involved in direct service to poor and needy as you also learn about your faith and what it means to follow Jesus. The camp is open to incoming 7th, 8th and 9th grade students. For more information visit the Just5Days website at https://www.cmdnet.org or contact Tracy Gomez at stlouisyouthwaco@mygrande.net

Community Notes

CLERICAL ENDOWMENT FUND - The Clerical Endowment Fund is a special project of the Austin Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Proceeds of the fund help educate Diocesan Seminarians and directly assist our Diocesan Parishes with building loans. Throughout the year CEF cards may be obtained to enroll loved ones for special occasions and memorials. These cards offer spiritual favors for the persons enrolled with Masses by our Bishop and the CEF Director, prayers by seminarian students and the Sisters of St. Clare in Brenham. This worthwhile project directly benefits our Diocese and your support is greatly appreciated. For further information you may call Lou Moore at 772-7044.

PRO-LIFE WACO will host its Second Sunday luncheon/meeting **today, February 12** 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 Jillian Ferguson, Southwest Region Director of Students for Life in America. Jillian's topic is "Look out! Here comes the pro-life generation." For questions, contact John Pisciotta (644-0407 or prolifewaco@gmail.com).

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.

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 FOCCUS.
- 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.

<u>MARRIED COUPLES</u> consider a weekend that will make a difference in your marriage - *Marriage Encounter*. The next upcoming weekend is March 31-April 2 at the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock. To apply visit: austinme.org or contact Michael and Shani Cowart: 512-677-9963 www.eustin@gmail.com. Para información en español llamar al 512-844-0785.

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

"Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Jesus presents two paths for us today: we can break his commandments or obey them. And the result corresponds to our choice. If we decide not to follow God's guidelines, we will not enjoy the fullness of the kingdom of heaven. But if we choose otherwise, eternity will look much brighter for us!

Of course, it's easy to know in our minds what the right choice is. But putting this into practice is another matter. The commandments Jesus gives in today's Gospel are not easy to follow. He takes the ancient Ten Commandments to a deeper level of commitment. He says more than do not kill. Rather, do not even harbor anger in our hearts. He says more than do not commit adultery. Rather, do not even indulge in lustful thoughts. He says more than do not lie. Rather, do not even swear.

Undoubtedly, Jesus is asking us to chart a challenging course. But he would not expect us to follow these directives if it were impossible to do so. And it's important to bear in mind that Jesus doesn't set high standards to test or punish us. His love for us is at the root of everything he teaches us. Following these commandments, challenging though they may be, will in fact make us happier people, both now and in eternity! As with so many good things in life, committed effort on our part is necessary--whether it be maintaining good health, accomplishing a certain skill, or earning a sought-after award. So too with a soul that is truly free. We need to exercise a life of virtue by taking the advice of Jesus Christ, the best life coach we could ever hope to have.

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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, 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 Christmas Weekend	\$20,649.32

Site Improvement Report

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

Thank you for your generosity!

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