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Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)
Sunday..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Eve of the Holy Day..... 4:30 p.m.
Holy Day 12:05 p.m.
Mon-Fri 12:05 p.m.
Confessions Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.



WEDDINGS

Registered Parishioners please call the Rectory for appointment. Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

Call Rectory for date and time. Anointing of the Sick, anytime day or night.

BAPTISMS

First & Third Sundays of the month at 12:00 p.m. Parents must attend a Pre-Baptism class prior to scheduling the Baptism. Classes are offered bi-monthly. Please call the Rectory for information.

DEADLINE

All items for the weekly bulletin must be in the parish office by Monday at noon.

FAITH FORMATION

We offer a variety of religious education, Sacrament preparation, and adult faith formation programs. Please contact 853-1972 for more information.

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HEARING ASSISTANCE

With our sound system we now have **the Phonic Ear**. This hearing assistance system is available to all who are hearing impaired. This system provides a transmitter with a headset and earplugs. Please come to the Sacristy for assistance.

PARISH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES: OPEN BY APPOINTMENT.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FORMER PASTORS

Reverend John Nicholas Mertz..... 1829-1836
Reverend Alexander Pax 1836-1843
Reverend Francis Guth 1844-1850
Reverend Joseph Raffener 1850-1851
Reverend William Deiters 1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Moshall..... 1861-1862
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber 1862-1863
Reverend Sergus Schoulepnikoff 1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg..... 1867-1888

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher 1888-1916
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudenschach..... 1917-1944
Reverend Michael A. Anstett 1944-1948
Reverend Howard J. Schwartz..... 1948-1964
Reverend Clarence Ott..... 1964-1965
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Rev. Msgr. William A. Schwinger 1979-1995
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Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham, D.D., J.C.L., 2002-2004

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, December 4th: Vigil for the Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm: Deceased of the Peter Berst Family, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, December 5th: Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am: Robert & Veronica Arnold, by Pirrung Family
11:00 am: In Memory of Richard Agoston, by Jeffrey & Tina Gutekunst

MONDAY, December 6th: St. Nicholas, Bishop

12:05 pm: For the People of St. Louis Parish

TUESDAY, December 7th: Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:30 pm: Dr. & Mrs. George O'Grady, by Family

WEDNESDAY, December 8th: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:05 pm: Edward J. Pirrung, by Family

THURSDAY, December 9th: St. Juan Diego

12:05 pm: Msgr. Paul Hoelscher, by Estate

FRIDAY, December 10th: Our Lady of Loretto

12:05 pm: Mary K. Crane, by Estate
3:00 pm: Wedding of Tre Fesinger & Mariah Clark

SATURDAY, December 11th: Vigil for the Third Sunday of Advent

12:00 Noon: Wedding of Cody Kling & Kathleen Marshall
4:00 pm: Living & Deceased Members of the Earl Young Family, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, December 12th: Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am: Marilyn Wyman, by the Wyman Family
11:00 am: Leonard, Evelyn & Peter Sawicz, by the Sawicz Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of December 11th & 12th

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: John Loss
11:00 am: Christina Mandolfo



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of December 11th & 12th

4:00 pm: Jim Ferrini
9:00 am: Tim O'Shea
11:00 am: Mike Mandolfo



FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

The tradition continues! The Choir of St. Louis Church will present "A Festival Service of Lessons and Carols" on Sunday, December 19th at 5:00PM. Featured will be anthems and carols by Willcocks, Ord, Rachmaninoff, Handel, and many others. Please join us as we celebrate Advent and Christmas in scripture and song.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Otto Agoston, requested by Richard & Mary Agoston.

If you desire to have a Memorial Prayer Candle lit in memory of a loved one or for your intention, please use the envelope available for that purpose.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Pope Francis, in his *Message for the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*, on July 25, 2021, highlighted the role older adults play in conveying faith from one generation to the next. He noted that "there is no retirement from the work of proclaiming the Gospel". As we approach the annual Retirement Fund for Religious Collection, an appeal that benefits some 26,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests, we are reminded that senior religious never retire from their vows.

Instead, the prayer and ministry of older religious are an ongoing witness to the Gospel. In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic Schools, hospitals, and works of Mercy. Today, many serve in volunteer ministry. Others are frail and need assistance. Yet all remain committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to spend time praying for our Church and world.

Most senior religious worked for little pay, and now their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

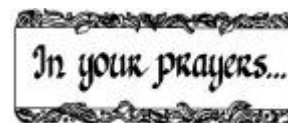
The Retirement Fund for religious will take place next weekend, December 11th, and 12th. We live in difficult times, and many worthwhile causes vie for our limited resources. You are encouraged simply to share what you can and pray for God's blessing on our elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Msgr. Manganello

GREAT WORK!

Nine members of the Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) finally completed the Fall Clean-up along with much appreciated help from our Faith Formation Confirmation Class. The combined efforts made our grounds ready for the dormant Winter season. Altogether, the groups raked and packed 80 bags with leaves on Saturday, November 20th. Two weeks before, 65 pots of Canna Lilly tubers were dug and readied for storage in the church basement so they will be all set for planting again next Spring. One member of the group commented that the young people added vigor and energy to the Garden Society (SLGS) who have an average age of 65. If you enjoy gardening or can lend a hand, please contact any member of the SLGS or call the rectory and we will add you to the email and call list for future work gatherings. It's an effort that sure shows great and satisfying results year after year!

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Cathy DePlato, Bill & Donna Reeves, Michael Daumen, Richard Shephard, Joseph Barba, Sr., Maria Madden, Dr. Fred Luongo, Gary Whitnauer, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau,



Gerald Frawley, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Gliniski, Richard Devita, Frank Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Carlos

Calhoun and Margaret Foegen.

We remember all those recently deceased, especially and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated. It enables the preservation, ministry and maintenance of our historic church. It assists us in reaching out to the people of our neighborhood.

Last weekend 287 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$5,904. The Thanksgiving Msgr. Schwinger Memorial Sandwich Program Collection was \$2312.00.

You can still support your parish during this time of pandemic by mailing your donation, using our pay pal account on our web page or through the foundation of the Diocese at www.frddb.org.

Thank you for your support.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, December 4th:

4:00 pm: Regular Weekly & Monthly Offering and Collection for Christmas Flowers

SUNDAY, December 5th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Weekly & Monthly Offering and Collection for Christmas Flowers

12:00 noontime: RCIA Meets in the Sacristy

TUESDAY, December 7th:

4:30 pm: Collection for Immaculate Conception

WEDNESDAY, December 8th:

12:05 pm: Collection for Immaculate Conception

SATURDAY, December 11th:

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory Collection including Maintenance & Repairs Collection and Second Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

SUNDAY, December 12th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory Collection including Maintenance & Repairs Collection and Second Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

ST. NICHOLAS - FEAST DAY DECEMBER 6TH

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270—December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys. Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.

FOOD DRIVE

The Parish Council has organized a food drive to assist with the need that food pantries are facing this season. Please bring any non-perishable food items and place them in a designated box at our entrances through December 31st. Items will be distributed from the Fulton St. Brigid Food Pantry. As always, many thanks to our parishioners for their hospitality and generosity!

Requesting Donations for Afghan Evacuees

The children attending our PreK-10th grade Faith Formation program are collecting items to put together "Welcome Kits" for the Afghan evacuees settling in Buffalo.

Catholic Charities will be delivering these welcome kits to the families. We are asking for donations of household supplies, cleaning supplies, kitchen items, toiletries, and household items to help compile these kits. There will be donation boxes at the church entrances.

Please consider donating items, such as: sponges, paper towels, trash bags, tableware, mixing bowls, cutting boards, dish towels, toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, lotion, Kleenex, disinfectant wipes, and hand sanitizer.

Thank you for your support!

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive so far. As the structure of our church ages, there are always items that need attention. This year the benefits we received from Upon This Rock will be added to our annual projects underway.

Thanks to your generosity in the past we have been able to maintain our beautiful church. With your generous support we will continue to be able to keep everything in good repair. So far, \$48,430 has been donated. The Drive continues through December 31st.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Parishioners this year during our Christmas season will be supporting the St. Gianna Molla Center and the Mother Teresa Home. Below is a list of needed items. Kindly drop them off at the back of the church in the designated box. All items need to be donated by December 19th.

For newborn boy or girl: Onesies, Sleepers, Clothing, Hats, Gloves, Bibs, Pacifiers, Diapers in all sizes, especially size 5 and 6, Lotions, Wash/wipes, Diaper Cream. New socks 0-3 months, and Gift Cards for TOPS, Wegmans, Target, Walmart or Kohls.

CAMERATA CHAMBER MUSIC ORCHESTRA

The *Camerata di San Antonio Chamber Orchestra* will present a program at St. Louis on Friday, December 10th at 8PM. The orchestra features many musicians who also play with the Buffalo Philharmonic and other prominent musical groups and ensembles. A donation of \$15 is suggested to help sustain the Camerata but attendance is free for St. Louis parish members as we host this wonderful event.

THE WARMTH TREE

St. Louis parishioners are once again decorating our gigantic Warmth Tree with colorful winter hats, mittens, scarves and gloves. These items will be given to area families. Help make this year's tree the most festive ever. Donations are accepted the weekends of December 11th & 12th, and December 18th & 19th.

GIVE IN GRATITUDE

A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.



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