

# ***St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Catholic Church***

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***Rev. Stephen Benden, C.Ss.R., Pastor***

***Rev. Rodney Olive, C.Ss.R., Associate Pastor***



## **Mission**

**"To Joyfully Preach, Teach, and Live the Word of God"**

## ***Theme***

***"Leaning On His Everlasting Arms, Knowing That  
We Will Overcome In 2021"***



### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Sharon Cooney-Smith, Dir. Religious Education  
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Angela Harris, Bulletin Editor

### **SUPPORT STAFF**

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### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Malcolm Speed  
Danny duMaine

### **REDEMPTORISTS IN RESIDENCE**

Rev. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R.  
Rev. Dave Polek, C.Ss.R.  
Rev. Peter Schavitz, C.Ss.R.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**(Call for Appointment)**

### **SUNDAY MASSES:**

**10:00 a.m.**

### **DAILY MASSES:**

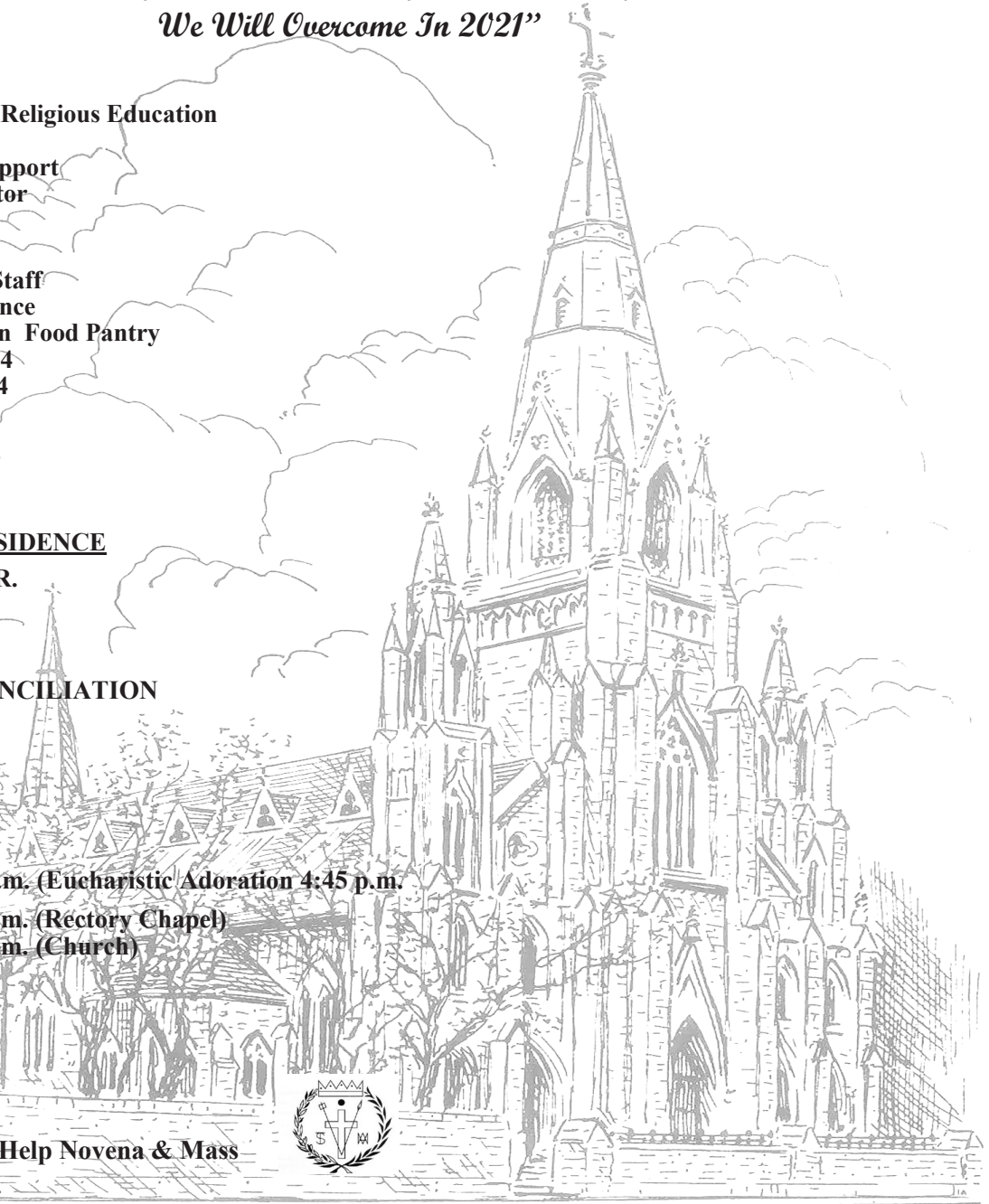
**Monday 5:30 p.m. (Eucharistic Adoration 4:45 p.m.)**  
**(W. Th & F.) 11:30 a.m. (Rectory Chapel)**  
**Saturdays: 9:30 a.m. (Church)**

### **MONDAY:**

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**4:45 p.m.—5:30 p.m.**

### **TUESDAYS:**

**Exposition & Benediction:**  
**11:30 a.m. Our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass**





Today we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. It is a feast that is very dear to the hearts of all Redemptorists. The Icon and devotion to it have been around for many centuries, but it wasn't until 1867 that Pope Pius IX asked the Redemptorists to make the icon known worldwide. I think the Redemptorists have done an excellent job with this. In just about every Catholic Church I have ever been in here in the United States, I have seen the icon hanging from one of the walls. I am so proud that we Redemptorists have been asked to make Mary known in every country.

Some places around the world still hold the icon, and the devotion to it, in very high regard. For example, in Manila in the Philippines, every Wednesday, tens of thousands attend the Novena. There are services around the clock there; what a testament to the faith of the people. But, unfortunately, here in America, weekly devotion to the icon has fallen off dramatically. There was a time in our country when thousands of people gathered every week to pray to Mary and ask her intercession in their lives, but sadly now, few come to Mary and offer her devotion. Maybe it is because our country has become so digital that coming to church during the middle of the week does not sound very inviting.

When I first got assigned here to the Rock, one of my first thoughts was that I wanted to bring more recognition to the icon. Although most churches in American have the icon, none have a shrine to Mary the way we do. I am not sure people appreciate what we have in our church here. I learned recently that here at the Rock in 1922, 99 years ago, the weekly devotion to Mary started right here on the corner of Grand and Cook. No other church in the country had the weekly devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. It started here. Consequently, thousands of people from around the city came here every Tuesday. I have seen pictures of people standing on the street corner after having gotten off the streetcar.

In the next year, I would like to ask everyone here to help me promote devotion to Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Next year, 2022, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the weekly Novena. I know we just had a celebration four years ago with the 150th anniversary of the icon being given to the Redemptorists. We have a sacred shrine here. No other church in the whole country can claim to have started the weekly Novena to Mary. We are a National Treasure, and I am hoping to spread devotion to Mary once again. I do not want to have a celebration a year from now; I want to have 100 people at the Novena every week. Hopefully, we can inspire others with this beautiful devotion to Mary. She is the Mother of God, after all.

### Weekly Readings...

#### *Sunday:*

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

#### *Monday:*

Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22

#### *Tuesday:*

Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

#### *Wednesday:*

Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [7a]/Mt 8:28-34

#### *Thursday:*

Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8

#### *Friday:*

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13

#### *Saturday:*

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29

#### *Sunday:*

Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd] 2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

#### *Sunday:*

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### *Monday:*

St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

#### *Tuesday:*

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

#### *Wednesday:*

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

#### *Thursday:*

St. Junipero Serra, Priest

#### *Saturday:*

St. Thomas, Apostle

#### *Sunday:*

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Independence Day



REMEMBER  
*in your prayers*

**NOTE: Names will remain listed for 2 weeks**

**INTENTIONS 06/15/21**

Burke, Terry Bro.  
Jackson, Tamica  
Polek, David Fr.  
Reedy, Sid

**INTENTIONS 06/22/21**

Beasley, Stephanie  
Collins, Tamika  
Ford, Eric  
George, Roberta  
Hearns, Zeysean  
LeSeur, JaVaughn  
Martin, Michael  
Perry, Kameron  
Smith, Paulette  
Valle, Dot  
Webb, Kim

**SICKNESS 06/15/21**

Block, Billie  
Dobbs, Vivienne  
George, Betty  
Gordon, Candice  
Green, Alonzo  
Green, Jackie  
Guest, Lois  
Malone-Crump, Flo  
Massingale, Bryan Fr.  
Moore, Joyce  
Mozee, Sylvester  
Muldrow, Stephanie  
Parran, Rodrick  
Pennington, Sharon  
Potts, Mary  
Potts, Rick Fr.

Stamps, Arlecia  
Valle, Jr., Robert (Bobby)  
Watkins, Darnell (Chef D)  
Whitfield, Edna (Mother)

**SICKNESS 06/22/21**

Atherton, Andrew  
Atherton, Vertibe  
Bolden, Roderick  
Caprese, Brittany  
Chapman, Bonnie  
Gipson, Joseph  
Hart, Edgar  
Harris, Tobey  
Howard, Yvonne  
Jones, Lavell  
Latham, Jean  
Luster, Juanita  
Moore, Brenda  
O'Brien, Nancy  
Oldani, Shirley  
Reedy, Judith  
Remsberg, Cory Sgt.  
Scherer, Karl  
Schnelle, LaVerne  
Smith, Melba  
Stricklin, Shontea  
Strong, Betty  
Thompson, Mary Ann  
Vet, Alphonso  
Vinson, Kelly  
Weaver, Stephen

**HOSPITAL 06/22/21**

Green, Alonzo  
Reedy, Christian

**SHUT-IN's**

Atherton, Andrew  
Bohannon, Ida  
Brack, Dorothy  
Clay, Irving

McCoy, Bernice  
McCoy, Carolyn  
Peters, Mae  
Thomas, Bernice

***Prayer For Renewed Strength***

O Lord, my God,

Please give those listed above the grace to  
maintain their hope in You  
Through all of life's changes  
and to taste and see Your goodness.

Amen

**DONATE TODAY!!**

Pillars of the  
SAINT  
ALPHONSUS  
ROCK II  
CHURCH

1110 North Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63108 (314) 533-0304



**We Want to See Your Name on the Plaque**

If you did not receive information regarding

PILLARS OF THE ROCK II

Please call the office-533-0304-with your name, phone number,  
address and email address

Information will be sent to you.

**Due to Mail Mishap, Donation Deadline extended to June 30, 2021**

**THANK YOU FOR BEING A PILLAR OF THE ROCK!!**

The Archdiocese of St. Louis is partnering with Support After Abortion to launch the summer tour of "Viable" a new Pro-Life play on Friday, July 9th at the Cardinal Rigali Center (20 Archbishop May Dr., St. Louis, MO 63119)

The play is free and online pre-registration is required. For questions: contact [prolife@archstl.org](mailto:prolife@archstl.org) or call 314.792.7555.

**Click here** then scroll down to register for an upcoming show.



## LITURGY NOTES...



### The Gospel of the Lord!

From the beginning, reading from one of the four gospels has been a high point of our Sunday assembling to give thanks and praise. For good reason, too. Christ comes to us in word as well as in deed, in the scriptures as well as in the sharing of his body and blood. And while we know that God speaks to us in all of holy scripture, at Mass we are most eager to hear the gospel, the good news of the very words and deeds of Jesus. (That is what the Old English word "gospel" means after all, "good news," "God's news.").

So when it is time, we jump to our feet. We acclaim the coming of the gospel with that most ancient and holy of words: Alleluia! (Unless it is Lent, our season of sorrow when we fast from our glorious word just like Israel in exile hung up its harps.) Fast to our feet, singing loud praise, we watch as the deacon (or the priest) takes up the Book of the Gospels. Accompanied by servers with candles, perhaps with fragrant clouds of incense from another server's bowl, the Book of the Gospels makes its way through our assembly from altar to ambo. It sat on the altar from the start of Mass as a sign that Christ is present in the gospel. Now it is taken "up to the heights" to be proclaimed from the ambo, just as Jesus preached the sermon on the mount, or the apostles, drunk with the Holy Spirit, shouted joy from Jerusalem's Pentecost rooftops.

As the deacon or priest announces that this is from Matthew or Mark, from Luke or John, we trace the sign of the cross on our foreheads (may we understand this good news!), on our lips (may we always speak and spread this good news!), and over our hearts (may we love and always live this good news!) Then we listen. We stand together and listen. We stand and listen like a servant being given orders, like an honored guest whose deeds are recounted, like a convicted criminal before the judge's bench, like the beloved being met in haste by the lover. And when it is spoken, when the last word for this day has sunk deep within, the deacon or priest looks to us and says, "The gospel of the Lord!" to which we cry, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!" What else could we possibly say!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***"Experience the Message"***

Join Fr. Steve and Fr. Rodney on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the homily, answer your questions, and share your comments.

ZOOM Meeting  
Login: 811 2779 1805  
Password: 947405

**THE ROSARY PRAYER**

Join us every  
Tuesday & Thursday  
at 11 a.m. as we seek

Our Holy Mother's  
intercession in prayer

DIAL-IN NUMBER  
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**GRILL TO GLORY**

BRINGING LOVE TO A WOUNDED WORLD



Join Us For Fun July 3, 2021,  
Exercise, Games, and Food...  
Rain or Shine! Free!!

Contact the parish office to leave your contact information if you are willing to volunteer your time or donate toward this ministry.

Please call 314 533-0304.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mission Appeal Given By The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette**

Having brought the fullness of Life to our world when He rose from the dead, Jesus sent his disciples to share this life with all of creation. "They went forth and preached everywhere" (Mk 16:20).

The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette minister to people of every race, language, culture and way of life - beginning at the La Salette Shrine in France where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1846.

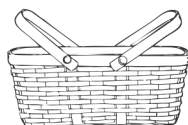
St. Alphonsus Liguori will host a mission appeals on July 4<sup>th</sup> Fr. Clifford (Cliff) Hasler, MS will be making the appeal.

**PARISH PICNIC**

July 11, 2021

12:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Bring your Own Basket

**SCRIP GIFT CARDS  
STILL AVAILABLE**

The ROCK Church has many great gift cards that you pay only the face value, including \$50 Visa Gift cards with no service fee!

This is a fundraising effort for our church and we carry a variety of cards for your convenience.

We have an assortment of cards not just to use as gifts, but for daily use as a specific debit card.

We carry fast-food/restaurant cards, as well as cards for discount stores, department stores, and home improvement stores.

Call the parish office for details.

## PARISH EVENTS

**NOVENA PRAYER  
TO OUR MOTHER OF  
PERPETUAL HELP**

ADAPTED TO BE PRAYED IN  
RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19  
SITUATION



Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture to beseech your intercession.

We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the Cross. Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony. But your joy was great when He rose from the dead, victorious over the powers of evil.

Mother of Sorrows, pray for us in this time of trial. Help us not to lose heart. Intercede for your people who are afflicted with Coronavirus.

Comfort your people who are vulnerable and anxious. Protect healthcare workers who put their lives at risk. Inspire our leaders to make good decisions. Change our hearts so that we may act responsibly.

Teach us to trust in God's love and mercy and to share with you the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of Life. Amen.

## Financial Corner...

General Fund Actual Contributions Received		
JUNE	13 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>
Envelopes	\$ 9,227.00	\$ 6,134.00
Loose Donations	\$ 849.00	\$ 874.00
Total Contributions	\$10,076.00	\$ 7,008.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$(1,924.00)	\$( 4,992.00)

## Stewardship Prayer...

That we turn our daily focus to God and others to develop a "God-centered" lifestyle.

*"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality."*

2 CORINTHIANS 8:14

One of the tenants of living a grateful and generous lifestyle is giving without expecting anything in return. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ". We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

## Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – The Word

Many of us have heard the jokes that Catholics don't read the Bible. While it is true that the sacramental life of the Catholic Church is wonderful and surpasses the power of Scripture alone, it is imperative for us to read and pray with Scripture. Jesus, the Word made flesh, reminds us in His words to the disciples how important it is to hear the Word of God, to meditate on it, and to implement its truths into our daily lives. He reminds us of the necessity to be rooted in it and to allow it to become the wellspring from which all of our thoughts, words, and actions flow. We should read Scripture every single day of our lives, whether that means going to daily Mass and listening to the readings, praying lectio divina, or praying a daily Bible verse on one of the various apps. St. Jerome once said that ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ. We come to a fuller knowledge and relationship with the Lord when we read the Scriptures. [archstl.org/dynamic](http://archstl.org/dynamic)

Dynamic Catholic started with a dream: to help ordinary people discover the genius of Catholicism.

This is an organization where you can go to find many resources for free.

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## ROCK Church

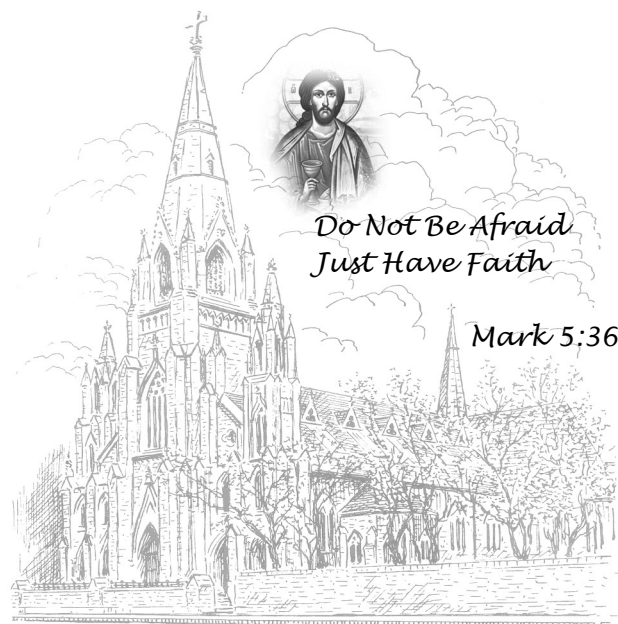
## Winners Circle Club

New Season

October 2020—September 2021

Stephanie Brown	Deborah Jones
Virginia Brown	Donald and Joyce Jones
Linda Brown-Reed	Mary Ellen Judge
Cheryl Carr	Mark and Linda Kamp
Ann-Marie Clark	Steve and Helene LaBerta
Esther Darris	Pamela Leong
Janice Englander	Brenda McDonnell
Kurt Englander	Glenn & Deborah Miller
Paul Foster	Karen and Sylvester Mozee
Shirley Foster	Barbara Jean Nashville
Marisa Franklin (1)	Leo & Linda Peoples
Marisa Franklin (2)	Ben and Denise Phillips
Richard Gaines	Eugene Wallace
Prentiss Gatewood	Janis Weaver-McSpadden
Carl Harris	Sheila Williams
Kalyn Harris	Jocelyn Woodson-Reed
Monica Huddleston	

# PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY



## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PRAYER MEMORIALS

Tillie Mae Alexander, Larry Ambus, Garvin Anderson, Hortense Anderson, Elizabeth Henckler Aton  
 Anita Louise Banks, Lillian Barnes, Jean Irene Becker, Herron Beckley, Mother Dorothy Granberry Bennett,  
 Deacon Morris E. Bohannon, Willie Steve Bowens, James R. Boykin, Dorothy Brady  
 Theodore Branch, Jr., Irma King Brown, James Buford, Kenita Bush, Anna Chopin, Betty Jean Colbert,  
 Charmaine Davenport, Walterene Dougherty, Roger Downs, Sr., Sr. Antona Ebo, FSM, Jerome Fields  
 Ossie R. Foster, Queen E. Dunlap Fowler, Craig Franklin, Willie Goss, Georgette Gregory  
 Ann Marie Hatchett, Rosalind Hood, Jamar Huffmon, Cherry Ophelia Jackson, Barbara Hudson Jones  
 Mark Jones, Nadine Jones, Mother Ruth Jones, Robin Kyles, Stephen LaBerta, Rosemary Lee  
 Eldwyn Lewis, Anice Mahone, Barbara McCaleb, Leon Zack McClendon, Eric L. McKinnie  
 Louis T. McKinnie, Glenn Miller, Marshall Mosley, Anne Ortwerth, Lucille Palmer  
 Kathy Lin Cheers Parran, Alton Pritchard, Wendell M. Sams, Drenea Sanders, Eugene Sanders  
 Christine Slaughter, Irma Steen, Lorraine Fite Stewart, Oswald Lee Thomas, Susan Colbert Threats  
 Ralph Tyler, Robert Joseph Valle, Ralph Watkins Jr., Juanita West, Marlene Williams  
 Richard Williams, Vernie Woolfork, Clarence Zacher

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sharon Cooney-Smith, DRE  
 314-533-0304 ext. 1001

RCIA/RCIC  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 Baptism  
 First Reconciliation  
 First Communion  
 Confirmation  
 Matrimony

### COMMISSIONS & CHAIRS

Christian Formation	Jean Anthony
Christian Service	TBD
Finance & Adm.	Monica Huddleston
Liturgy	Richard Buckley
Social Life	Rose Graham
Youth & Young Adults	TBD

### COMMUNITY HELP

Wilhelmina Hardin Food Pantry  
 Terri Schneider, Dir. of Wilhelmina Hardin Food Pantry  
 (Emergency Aid) (314) 531-1040  
 St. Charles Lwanga Center (314) 367-7929  
 Community Health In Partnership Services (C.H.I.P.S.)  
 (314) 652-9231  
 Community Women Against Hardship (CWAH)  
 (314) 289-7523  
 HIV/AIDS: 314 531-0304 Ext. 1502

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Kurt Englander President	Angela Thames Vice President	Linda Kamp Secretary
Linda Brown Reed	Ben Phillips	
Wanda Caldwell	Travis Threats	
Joy Camp	Eric Thurman	
Mike Coffman	Kevin Triggs	
Rhonda Graham		

### ATTENTION

If your telephone number, home address or email address has changed, please contact the office at 533-0304 or email [parish130@archstl.org](mailto:parish130@archstl.org). You may also put your updated information in the locked multipurpose box located on the north-side entrance ushers' table.

Bulletin announcements must be in the office by 12 noon Tuesdays. Please fax items to 314 533-4260 or e-mail to [parish130@archstl.org](mailto:parish130@archstl.org)

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK & VISITS

*"Is anyone sick among you? Call in the priests of the church and they will pray for the sick person and anoint them with oil." (James) This is the sacrament of the sick. ARE YOU SERIOUSLY SICK, GOING TO THE HOSPITAL OR HAVING AN OPERATION? Call and leave your hospital information at the office.*