Mission
“To Joyfully Preach, Teach, and Live the Word of God”

Theme
“One Hundred Fifty Years of Standing on the Rock”

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MUSIC MINISTRY
8:15 — Malcolm Speed
11:00 — 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:
8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES:
Monday: 5:30 p.m.
(W, Th & F.) 11:30 a.m.
Tuesdays: 11:30 a.m.
Saturdays: 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY:
Eucharistic Adoration
4:30 p.m. — 5:15 p.m.

TUESDAYS:
Exposition & Benediction:
10:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. (1st Tuesday) followed by our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass
Once when I was on a retreat, the retreat director said something very profound; something I have remembered many years later. He was talking about the way Jesus and the Pharisees dealt with “The Sinner.” He simply said that, “The Pharisees would not eat with the sinner until they reformed their lives and were converted, but that Jesus simply ate with the sinner and they were converted.” I hope we all can appreciate the difference here. If we are trying to convert a person we can’t simply give them a manual to follow before we accept them into our lives. We must be an example to them. Sometimes this means eating with the sinner and them being around us, and they are converted simply because we have reached out to them.

As we know, Jesus was in conflict with the leaders of the Jewish church on many occasions. Much of this animosity occurs because Jesus reaches out to the sinner to help them. The Pharisees simply cannot understand this, but this was Jesus’s approach—it was a radical approach. No one before Jesus had reached out to the sinner the way he had, but we must follow his example. It is not always easy because the sinner can be so accustomed to his/her own ways that they can’t see any other way of doing it. We must be patient above all else, gently leading them to Jesus. There is no other way that will make such a deep, long lasting effect on people than by gently leading them.

This week we are encouraging people to sign up for some ministry in the parish. It can be an exciting time with much enthusiasm dreaming about how we all might minister here at the Rock. I am looking forward to working with everyone who chooses to help minister in their own way. Many hands make light work. But we must remember it is a ministry. Whatever ministry we might be involved with we must remember it is a ministry. We are doing something for the Lord. We do these things in God’s name. There should be no ego involved, or an owning of a ministry that does not accept new members with new ideas. This is not always easy to do. Remember, we are a TEAM all pulling in the same direction, otherwise we are just spinning in circles and never getting anywhere.

Next week we will gather at the 11:00 a.m. mass for my installation. Monsignor Stehly will be here to officiate. He will be the main celebrant and homilist. Even though it is my official entry into the pastor’s position I hope we will give him a warm and cordial welcome. For those of you who cannot attend I would appreciate your prayers during this time. I am proud God has called me to this position, and with God’s help we can move forward together bringing God’s kingdom to this local community.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Monday:
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Tuesday:
St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Thursday:
St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

Friday:
Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Hasang, & Companions, Martyrs

Saturday:
St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Sunday:
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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
The Eucharist is another name for Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper. The term comes from the Greek by way of Latin. It means "thanksgiving." It often refers to the consecration of the body and blood of Christ or its representation through bread and wine. In Roman Catholicism, the term is used in three ways: first, to refer to the real presence of Christ; second, to refer to Christ's continuing action as High Priest (He "gave thanks" at the Last Supper, which began the consecration of the bread and wine); and third, to refer to the Sacrament of Holy Communion itself.

According to the New Testament, the Eucharist was instituted by Jesus Christ during his Last Supper. Days before his crucifixion he shared a final meal of bread and wine with his disciples during the Passover meal. Jesus instructed his followers that the bread was "my body" and the wine was "his blood." He commanded his followers to eat these and "do this in memory of me." "And he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'" (Luke 22:19)

A church service on Sunday also called "Mass" is celebrated by Roman Catholics, Anglicans, and Lutherans. Many people refer to Mass as "the Eucharist," but to do so is incorrect, although it comes close. A Mass is made up of two parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Mass is more than simply the Sacrament of Holy Communion. In the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the priest consecrates the bread and wine, which becomes the Eucharist.

Some denominations prefer different terminology when referring to certain things pertaining to their faith. For example, the term Eucharist is used widely by Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Anglicans, Presbyterians, and Lutherans.

Not all denominations agree on what the Eucharist actually represents. Most Christians do agree that there is a special significance of the Eucharist and that Christ may be present during the ritual. However, there are differences in opinion as to how, where, and when Christ is present. Roman Catholics believe that the priest consecrates the wine and the bread and it actually mutates and changes into the body and blood of Christ. This process is also known as transubstantiation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Grill to Glory Barbeque**
September 21, 2019
Join us for Fun, Exercise, Games and Food!
11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

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**Senior Rock In Action**
First Tuesday meeting cancelled for September ONLY!
Field Trip
Wednesday, September 18, 2019:
Harris Stowe State University
Jazz and Blues Memory
3026 LaClede Ave
St. Louis, MO 63103
Lunch: 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
Soul Food $5.00 (all you can eat)
**FREE—All Are Welcome**
After lunch, Mr. Bernie Hayes will take us on this exciting journey
For more information contact:
Eleen McClue: 314 995-3032
Reola Weaver: 314 533-9953
Parish Office: 314 533-0304

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**Liturgical Ministers**
Several of our ministries need new people to participate in them. We need: Altar Servers, Pastoral Aides, Lectors, Commentators, Incense Bearers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Ushers and Security to serve during our 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Sunday Liturgies!
None of these ministries are difficult to learn. We will provide you with all the training and support you need to become proficient in them.
Please prayerfully consider becoming more fulfilled in your participation at Mass by joining one of these much needed ministries.
Visit the Liturgy table to learn more about the ministries and to sign up!

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We will offer the **Sacrament of Baptism** for children – infant through 6 years old on Sunday, 10/13/19 after 11:00 mass.
Registration forms are on the Usher’s Table – complete and return to the office no later than 10/7/19.
A class for parents and godparents will be held on Saturday, 10/12/13 in the parish hall.
Contact Sharon Cooney-Smith in the office if you have questions or need more information.

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The honor of your presence is being requested to attend the Elders Day Luncheon on October 26th, 2019, in the parish gym.
Only registered members 62 and over and their spouses may attend.
If you are planning to participate, please call the office to register.
Please no children or friends due to budget constraints!

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**Parish Events**

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**September 15, 2019**
Sign Me Up Sunday
Parish Gym *after both Masses*
**September 22, 2019**
Installation of New Pastor
Fr. Steve Benden
11:00 a.m.
**October 18, 2019**
Institute for Peace & Justice
Trivia Night
Doors Open 6:00 p.m.
**October 20, 2019**
Friendship Club Birthday Celebration
**October 26, 2019**
Elders Day Luncheon
Parish Gym

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**Eucharistic Adoration**
Mondays’
4:30 p.m.—5:15 p.m.
What a beautiful thing to be able to sit quietly with the Lord. This will be followed by mass at 5:30 p.m. I hope you can make time for Jesus.
Please use the entrance off the parking lot to enter the Church.

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**Friendship Club**
There will be no Friendship Club meeting this Sunday due to SMUS.
We will meet on October 20th, in the gym. It will be our birthday celebration.
Please bring a dish!
Financial Corner...

**General Fund Actual Contributions Received**

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**Stewardship Prayer…**

That we understand each of us has a unique role in building God’s kingdom and to share our gifts beyond our parish boundaries.

"Everything I have is yours."

*(Luke 15:31)*

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?


Are we truly joyful Christians? Do we rejoice at the great gift of faith, forgiveness, and love that we have discovered in our encounter with Jesus? It doesn’t take much to *rob* us of real joy—indifference, ingratitude, lukewarmness, and spiritual laziness. But it also doesn’t take much to rediscover the treasure we sometimes lose through our own negligence. Take time to safeguard your joy, and celebrate when you find it again!

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TWENTY—FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PRAYER

MEMORIALS

Tillie Mae Alexander, Hortense Anderson, Elizabeth Henckler Aton
Mother Dorothy Granberry Bennett, Deacon Morris E. Bohannon, Willie Steve Bowens, Dorothy Brady
Theodore Branch, Jr., Irma King Brown, Kenita Bush, Anna Chopin, Betty Jean Colbert
Charmaine Davenport, Walterene Dougherty, Sr. Antona Ebo, FSM, Jerome Fields
Ossie R. Foster, Queen E. Dunlap Fowler, Craig Franklin, Willie Goss, Ann Marie Hatchett
Cherry Ophelia Jackson, Mark Jones, Mother Ruth Jones, Eldwyn Lewis, Leon Zack McClendon
Marshall Mosley, Lucille Palmer, Kathy Lin Cheers Parran, Drenea Sanders, Eugene Sanders
Christine Slaughter, Susan Colbert Threats, Ralph Tyler, Robert Joseph Valle, Juanita West
Marlene Williams, Richard Williams, 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    Sheila Grigsby
Finance & Adm.       Monica Huddleston
Liturgy              Richard Buckley
Social Life          Rose Graham
Youth & Young Adults TBD

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

ATTENTION
If your telephone number or address has changed, please contact the office at 533-0304. 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

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.