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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
“One Hundred Fifty Years of Standing on the Rock”

PASTORAL STAFF
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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
Today’s gospel reading is one of the most famous and thought provoking gospels in all of scripture. It is the story of Lazarus and the rich man. Lazarus is a poor beggar sitting at the side of the house of the rich man. They are intimate enough with one another that the rich man actually knows Lazarus’ name. But that is about all the rich man knows except for the fact that this beggar is bringing down the value of his house because he won’t go somewhere else and beg.

This is a very interesting story on many levels. In our day and age many believe that God is so merciful and generous that they think everyone will go to heaven when they die. After all, we are taught that God’s mercy and love conquers all. And yet it is the Lord himself who gives us this parable. The Lord himself is saying it is at least possible that some might not make it to heaven; that the gap is so wide that no one can go from one side to the other.

The Catholic Church has never ever given the name of a single person who is in hell right now. We have acknowledged thousands of saints in heaven, but no one who has been officially condemned. But in this story Jesus uses this example. The rich man is over the top wealthy, and the poor man is over the top poor and wretched so much so that the dogs come and lick his sores. The dogs have more compassion on this man than the rich man. Never once does he lift a finger in any way to give any sort of comfort to this man Lazarus. It sickens one to think of someone so callous.

As we look around our world today, a case could still be made of the super-rich having no regard at all for the destitute. In the last month, we have seen a hurricane wipe out the Bahamas. As I saw pictures of the destruction from 5000 miles away, my heart ached. These people literally have nothing left in life but pain and suffering. How are they ever going to recover any source of a normal life? Is the world doing enough to help? Are we all culpable to some degree when we see such destruction and offer little help?

There is a story of a pig and cow who are in conversation one day. The pig is upset because people are always so happy and friendly with the cow. The pig says that this is not fair. He says people should know that when he dies they are going to feast on his ham and bacon and ribs. They should be grateful to the pig for this. The cow says that all of that is true and the reason the people favor her more is that she is giving of her milk while she is still alive. I think this is a wise statement. We must reach out to comfort the needs of people while we are still living in this world. It may mean a certain sacrifice on our part to do this, but this is what makes the giving all the more from a loving motive. Mother Teresa says we should give until it hurts, and then give a little more. May God help us to be generous in this life to reap the blessings of God in the next.
INTENTIONS 09/17/19
Ambus, Ruby
Candies, Aeryn
Cloyd, Cori
Cloyd, Kalonda
Combs, Faye
George, Darrion
Jackson, Tamica
Parran, Kristin
Pickett, DaShaun
Quain, Pat
Reedy, Judy
Reedy, Sid
Smith, Paulette
Valle, Dorothy

INTENTIONS 09/24/19
Cummings, Alice
George, Roberta
Gipson, Bobby & Family
Schneider, Terri

SICKNESS 09/17/19
Ambus, Larry
Branch, Vanessa
Downs, Roger
Fisher, Kyle Fr.
Greer, Lois
Jammer-Webb, Laura
Luster, Juanita
Mosby, Jerry
Mozee, Karen
Muldrow, Stephanie
Ortwether, Gloria
Parran, Rodrick

SICKNESS 09/24/19
Atherton, Andrew
Atherton, Vertibe
Banks, Anita
Calhoun, Debi
Caprese, Brittaney
Chapman, Bonnie
Cummings, Cleophas
Gathright, Alice
Hood, Rosalind
Howard, Yvonne
LaBerta, Steve
Lane, Joan
Latham, Jean
McCabe, Barbara
Moore, Brenda
Point, Patti
Remsberg, Cory Sgt.
Schneider, Roy
Schnelle, Laverne
Smith, Melba
Thompson, Mary Ann
Weaver, Stephen
Williamson, Michael
Vet, Alphonso

HOSPITAL 09/24/19
Dye, Shirley

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

Upcoming Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation
The Lwanga Center is in the process of accepting candidates for its Living the Life Program, in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Candidates must be in grades 7th-12th and at least 12 years of age at the time of the administration of the Sacrament on May 5, 2020. Usually scheduled for two sessions per month, they are on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during the months of October 2019 to May 2020.

The program cost is $160.00. Please contact the St. Charles Lwanga Center at 314-367-7929 for additional information and to register by September 16, 2019.

Job Opportunities at Regina Cleri
Regina Cleri, located at 10 Archbishop May Dr. St. Louis, MO 63119 is an independent living community for Retired Priests, has the current job opportunities:

Housekeeper part-time M-F morning shifts pays $10.30 per hour, and full-time & part-time Kitchen/Dining Room Server 7:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m. split shifts pays $9.79 per hour.

All positions have health insurance and benefits available on first day of hire.

This is rewarding work where you will find yourself serving our retired Archdiocesan Priests. Submit your resume and cover letter to MikeMiller@archstl.org or call Mike at 314-792-7742.
LITURGY NOTES...

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Rosary had its origin in the liturgical mentality of former ages. Even at the present time it is called "Mary's Psalter." There still are Catholics who consider the 150 Hail Marys a substitute for the 150 psalms for those persons who neither have the time, the education, nor the opportunity to pray the Hours of the Divine Office. Thus "Mary's Psalter" is a shortened, simplified "breviary" — alongside the common Hour-prayer of the Church.

The Rosary is Christocentric setting forth the entire life of Jesus Christ, the passion, death, resurrection and glory. Of course, the Rosary honors and contemplates Mary too, and rightly so, for the same reason that the Liturgical Year does likewise: "Because of the mission she received from God, her life is most closely linked with the mysteries of Jesus Christ, and there is no one who has followed in the footsteps of the Incarnate Word more closely and with more merit than she"142 (Mediator Dei). Meditation on this cycle of Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries makes the Rosary not only "a breviary or summary of the Gospel and of Christian life,"(Ingravescentibus malis) but also a compendium of the Liturgical Year. Therewith the Rosary stands revealed as a dynamic teacher and nurturer of Christian faith, morality, and spiritual perfection, fostering in various ways faith, hope, charity, and the other virtues, and mediating special graces, all to the end that we may become more and more like unto Christ.

Until about the 15th century hundreds of mysteries were part of the Rosary devotion then the 15 mysteries that we know today were definitively fixed as "the Mysteries of the Rosary." Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical, Rosarium Virginis Mariae, in 2002 added the five Luminous Mysteries.

We offer an opportunity to come together in a group to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. There are separate sessions for children and youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information on requesting any of the above Sacraments and/or to register for classes, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Sharon Cooney-Smith at 314-533-0304 ext. 1001, or via e-mail @ scooneysmith@stalphonsusrock.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...

BAPTISM GUIDELINES:

Newborn – 6 years old. A parent or legal guardian and godparent(s) must attend a Baptism preparation class, instruction materials are provided.

Ages 7 – 10: The child must attend special Baptism preparation classes and the parent(s) or legal guardian and godparent(s) must attend a Baptism preparation session prior to the ceremony.

Ages 11 – 17: The young person must enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) program.

Age 18 and Older: The Candidate must enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program.

MATRIMONY – Engaged couples, seeking to be married at the Rock Church, must meet with the Pastor before setting a date.

RCIA/RCIC – ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

• Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

• Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?

• Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

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Grill to Glory Barbeque
October 5, 2019
Join us for Fun, Exercise, Games and Food!
11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Contact information for Fr Rick is as follows:
Rev Richard M. Potts, C.Ss.R.
St Alphonsus Church
224 Carrier St, NE
Grand Rapids MI 49505
rpotts@stalphonsusgr.org

Rock Seniors In Action will meet Tuesday, October 1, 2019 in the gym after the Mother Of Perpetual Help Devotion and Mass at 12:15 p.m. Did you know Chiropractic care can help reduce stress, increase flexibility, strength, and increase mobility function as well help improve overall well-being?

From Proficient Chiropractic, our guest speaker is Dr. Edgar Everett, III. If you have mobility issues or painful body parts Chiropractic can help relieve pain naturally.

So Seniors, let’s hear how we can continue to be “Rock Seniors in Action!”

Liturgical Ministers Workshops Fall 2019

October 12th
Altar Servers/Pastoral Aides
10:00 am—12-noon

October 19th
Day of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers
Lectors/Commentators; Sick & Shut-in Eucharistic Ministers;
Ushers; Security; Sacristans (Linens)
Mass Coordinators
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Incense Bearers/LLIM
10:00 am—2:00 pm

November 2nd
Arts & Environment
9:00 am—3:00 pm

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!

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.

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We hope you can make the time for Jesus.

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Stewardship Prayer…
That our eyes may be open to the needs around us and our hands and hearts may be open to sharing our gifts to make this world a better place for all of us.

“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established…”

(Luke 16:25-26)

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today’s Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Eternity and Beatitude

Did you ever stop to consider what the word “eternity” in Heaven really represents? A “forever and ever” encounter with God—perfect joy and happiness. It may help us in understanding how the evils and tragedies of this world will all ultimately pale in comparison to the promise of eternity with God Who is Love. When we struggle to understand suffering in this world, it might help give us perspective if we remember our greatest hope—endlessly loving and being loved by God. (CCC 633, 1021, 2463)

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Congratulations!
Our September 2019 Winner is

James Buford

Elizabeth Boykin
Virginia Brown
James Buford
Susan Buford
James Butler
Cheryl Carr
Anne Marie Clarke
Damon Clay
Mike & Cherina Coffman
Anne Conte
Esther Darris
Brenda Mahr-Douglas
Janice Englander
Kurt Englander
Maudelle Fite
Paul & Shirley Foster
Wanda Garner
Alonzo Green
Angela Harris

Carl Harris
Kalyrn Harris
Sharon Hawthorne
Monica Huddleston
Donald and Joyce Jones
Mark & Linda Kamp
Yetta Kilgore
Helene Laberta
C.C. Lee
Sharon Lyons
Brenda McDonnell
Sylvester & Karen Mozee
Earnest Nashville
Jean Nashville
Ben & Denise Phillips
Jocelyn Reed
Linda Brown Reed
Adlean Thomas

St. Patrick Center thanks you for all you do to help end homelessness for individuals and families in our community.

Whether you bake casseroles, donate, volunteer, collect items or participate in our events, you're making a difference for someone in need, as Jesus taught us to do. Thanks for living your faith and being part of our mission. Together, we're improving lives as well as the neighborhoods where we live and work.
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. Antonia 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

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

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Christian Service
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Rose Graham
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Travis Threats
Eric Thurman
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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.

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

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.