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

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Rev. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R.
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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 is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time in the Church calendar. Next Sunday is the feast of Jesus, the King of the world, and the Sunday after that is the 1st Sunday of Advent. It is amazing how time flies. I have been here at the Rock for almost two years now, and in that time I have gotten to know so many people. I am glad that I am here. You all have been a blessing to me.

Our scripture readings today remind us that we are near the end. Every year at the end of the calendar year and the end of the church year the readings are about the end times. Jesus talks about the end of the world, and all that will happen. It reminds us that we must always be ready. In the past few weeks we have had several funerals here at the Rock. It is always hard to lose a loved one, especially a child. We grieve over this and ask God why. We want to know if God hears our prayers, he does. We may not always understand why God takes someone from us, and we have to learn to trust God and one another. It may not always make sense to us.

I want to reach out today to those who have lost loved ones recently. This month we have the Ladders of Remembrance to remind us of those who have gone before us. We pray for them and maybe to them. Recently someone asked me if I had a picture of my father who recently passed and asked if I was going to put his picture in the Ladders of Remembrance. I hadn’t even thought about it. It’s still hard for me to think about my father as being dead. And so I will find a picture of my father and put it in the Ladders. May God’s healing love be with all who have lost loved ones.

I want to thank all those again who had anything to do with making the Card Party such a fantastic event. It’s nice to see people coming together and having a good time. The food was great, the atmosphere was great, the fellowship was great. I hope we can continue to make time for one another outside of our Sunday gathering for the Liturgy. I know it is harder for our parish because most live outside of the boundaries of the church, but I think it is worth it. Again, I thank you all and I am looking forward to doing it again.

Weekly Readings…

Sunday:
Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [cf. 9]/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Monday:
1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 155, 158 [cf. 88]
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:
2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:
2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bed, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:
1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44

Friday:
1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chrn 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:
1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2, 3 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40

Sunday:
2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday
The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Thursday:
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday:
St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

Saturday:
St. Clement I, Virgin & Martyr
St. Columban, Abbot
Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr

Sunday:
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Lwanga Center’s Bible Study group has resumed. Please join us on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. We are located at 4746 Carter Ave., St. Louis, MO 63115.

We are praying with and exploring the Book of Psalms. Please bring a Bible (New American Edition is preferred). There is no charge for the sessions. Free will offerings are always welcome.

Call the Center for more information if needed at (314) 367-7929.

"THANK YOU ALL!"

If you bought or sold Grand Raffle tickets, donated or ended up with a Silent Auction item(s), bought or sold an ad(s), volunteered for any of the many tasks, including kitchen and/or clean-up duty, donated food, attendance prizes or anything else, or attended the Fall Festival/Card Party/Bingo.

THANK YOU! The event was a success thanks to the support of our parishioners and friends.

Financial results will be reported in January

Card Party Committee
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?

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.

LITURGY NOTES...

A Funerals Little Things

We know that God speaks to us through material things. That's why our sacraments use that "which earth has given and human hands have made" both to celebrate the love of God and to save us from exile and loneliness. Besides the material things of the sacraments, we also have what we call sacramentals, objects that surround us in our everyday lives and help lift our minds and hearts to God. Look around for these: a cross, a holy picture, a medal around your neck, your Bible or prayer book.

In some European and American cultures, it's a custom to place a crucifix on the inside lid of the open coffin during the wake. In some Latin American countries, a crucifix is built into the casket's lid. Often times, funeral directors will offer to sell you a cross for the purpose of displaying it in the lid of the casket. Or they'll offer to supply a rosary to go into the hands of your loved one. That's helpful. But sometimes these items are of poor quality, and expensive to boot! There's no reason why you can't bring the crucifix that hung for decades above grandma's bed and place it in the lid of her coffin. This then could be placed on top of the coffin at church, after the body is put in place near the altar. And wouldn't it be better if grandma were holding the rosary whose beads he fingered for the last fifty years, rather than a new one? There's no rule that the deceased has to hold a rosary, either. It became a custom because for centuries most Catholics carried rosaries everyday anyway. But if you or your loved one were never particularly devoted to the rosary, maybe something else is in order. The deceased could hold the crucifix instead of it being propped up in the coffin's lid. Or perhaps he or she could hold a baptismal candle.

The funeral liturgy calls for Christian symbols to be placed atop the coffin once it is reposed near the altar. The examples that the ritual book gives are, in this order, a book of the gospels, a Bible, a cross. If the book of the gospels is to be used at the liturgy, then it could be resting on the altar until the body is reposed. Then a relative or friend could reverently take it, show it to all and place it lovingly on the coffin. Otherwise, consider using the Bible or book of psalms that the person used in life, or the cross that hung in his or her house.

Another tradition is to have a holy card for all the mourners to take away as a memento, and to help us remember and pray for the one who died. Some religious bookstores have beautiful cards of icons and contemporary renditions of the saints that you could purchase and have printed on one side, with the name and dates of birth and death, and perhaps a prayer that your loved one was fond of praying. If you're an artist, design your own card. All these little gestures help us find meaning in the void that the death of a loved one brings.

**WINNER’S CIRCLE CLUB MEMBERS**

Your Buttons are Here!!!

Get yours from the Gift/Debit Card Sellers on Sunday

If You’re Not a Member, it’s Not too Late to Join. Registration Forms and Rules are with the Gift/Debit Card Sellers, every Sunday

**In order for everyone to enjoy The Most Wonderful Time of the Year, please take an ornament or two from The Giving Tree so that others can enjoy A Merry Little Christmas. Too busy to shop, stop in the back of church and purchase a Gift Card.**

Return all gifts by December 8th

Please return ornament with gift

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**Upcoming Bulletin Announcement Deadlines**

All items must be in the office, faxed or emailed no later than 12 noon on the dates listed below:

(314) 533-4260 (fax)

parish130@archstl.org

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**Baptism -- Sacramental Preparation classes for children ages 7 through 10 seeking Baptism will begin on Sunday, November 24, 2019 at 1:30 pm, in Room 113 of the Parish Hall. ALL PARENTS and STUDENTS are expected to attend the first class.**

The remaining classes are as follows:

- **Sunday 11/24/19**  1:30 pm  Room 113
- **Sunday 12/01/19**  1:30 pm  Room 113
- **Sunday 12/08/19**  1:30 pm  Room 113
- **Sunday 12/15/19**  1:30 pm  Room 113
- **Sunday 12/22/19**  1:30 pm  Room 113
- **Saturday 01/11/20**  11:00 am  Rehearsal

Classes will last approximately two (2) hours. Ms. Bonita Cornute will serve as teacher/catechist for the Sacramental Preparation classes for children’s Baptism.

Baptism will take place during the 11:00 am Liturgy on Sunday, January 12, 2020, the “Baptism of the Lord.”

Please complete the Baptism Request Form on the Usher’s table and place it in the locked box or hand-deliver to the office, no later than 11/20/2019.
Financial Corner...

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Stewardship Prayer…
That the joy and peace we have in our lives may encourage others to grow in their faith.

“…Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us.”

(2 Thessalonians 3:9)

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don’t go around bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and other people desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others have with our Catholic faith.

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – The Last Things
Scientific discoveries about the vastness of the universe may dovetail perfectly with the Christian understanding of the “last things.” How? Once all is consummated at the end of the world, we Catholics believe that the universe itself will be “renewed” and the new heavens and earth will be the ultimate realization of God’s plan for creation. Buckle up! It may be impossible for us to explore every galaxy this side of heaven, but in eternity? Our universe just might be in reach.

(CCC 1020-1050) 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. Visit archstl.org/dynamic to view all the resources available to you!

Congratulations!
Our November 2019 Winner is

Ben & Denise Phillips

Jean Anthony
Elizabeth Boykin
Ruby Brown
Virginia Brown
Richard Buckley
James Buford
Susan Buford
James Butler
Cheryl Carr
Anne Marie Clarke
Damon Clay
Mike & Cherina Coffman
Anne Conte
Willie & Bessie Cunningham
Esther Darris
Jackie Day
Janice Engleander
Kurt Engleander
Maudelle Fite
Paul & Shirley Foster
Wanda Garner
Gregory Glore
Alonzo Green
Angela Harris
Carl Harris
Kalyn Harris
Sharon Hawthorne
LaMarr Huddleston
Monica Huddleston
Pat Jackson
Donald and Joyce Jones
Mark & Linda Kamp
Yetta Kilgore
Helene Laberta
C.C. Lee
Pamela Leong
Sharon Lyons
Brenda Mahr
Brenda McDonnell
Sylvester & Karen Mozee
Earnest Nashville
Jean Nashville
Leo & Linda Peoples
Ben & Denise Phillips
Linda Brown Reed
Betty Sullivan
Adlean Thomas
Kim Thomas
Monica Tyler
Monica Tyler
Eugene Wallace
Jocelyn Woodson-Reed

Move to the Right is coming!
You will hear more about this in the coming weeks
In preparation for our stewardship campaign we ask that you reflect on the following:

Prayer for Generosity

Lord Jesus,
Teach me to be generous;
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labor and not to seek reward,
Except that of knowing that I do your will.

Amen
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PRAYER MEMORIALS
Tillie Mae Alexander, Hortense Anderson, Elizabeth Henckler Aton, Lillian Barnes
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, Roger Downs, Sr., 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, Barbara McCalebb
Drenea Sanders, Eugene Sanders, Christine Slaughter, Irma Steen, Susan Colbert Threats
Ralph Tyler, Robert Joseph Valle, Juanita West, Marlene Williams, Richard Williams, Clarence Zacher

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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.