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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8:15—Malcolm Speed
11:00—Danny duMaine

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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
Usually, when we wake up in the morning, we have our day somewhat mapped out already. One of the 1st things we do when we wake is to get dressed. It depends on what we are doing this day in what we wear; if we are going to work, our clothing will be different than if we are going to the gym. Our clothes may say a lot about who we are. Some of us dress very nicely and want others to notice. Some may not have the money for fancy clothes and maybe more practical about what we wear. I use these examples today because, in the 2nd reading from Romans St. Paul says, we must “put on the Lord Jesus.” I like that way of saying we must be united to Christ. Before we put on our clothes in the morning, we should “put on” the Lord Jesus. He is the reason for the season.

As we enter into the Advent Season, we use this opportunity to turn our attention to Jesus in a different way. Advent is an opportunity for us to “put on” Jesus. This next month will be a time for “putting on” Christmas parties or Christmas clothing, but we must make time to “put on” the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sometimes I wish Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Christ, was in the middle of February, and then we could have Santa Clause on the 25th of December, but then give our full attention to the birth of Christ on another day. Advent is given to us to “Prepare the Way of the Lord.” It is a religious time, not just buying presents for one another like Santa Clause. Let us remember what this season is about. We are called to “put on” Jesus. Let us do it now before it is too late.

I am looking forward to next Sunday when we will have our Christmas concert. I had originally thought of going out of town during the first part of December, but then I heard about the Christmas concert and decided I needed to be here. I have remarked many times about the quality of our music here, and I am sure next week will be a great concert. Thanks so much for all who put effort into our music ministry. It makes a difference. When I go away and listen to the music in other churches, I can’t wait to get back here so that I can hear our beautiful voices lifting themselves to God in praise. Have a great week.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:
St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Wednesday:
St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Friday:
St. Nicholas, Bishop

Saturday:
St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Sunday:
2nd Sunday of Advent
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.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Join Christians from many traditions and from around the St. Louis region in prayer for unity in our faith. A light reception will follow the prayer.

Archbishop Robert Carlson will preside and Fr. James Mason, Rector of Kenrick Seminary, will offer the reflection on "Showing Unusual Kindness..."

Ac 28:2.

**Sun Jan 26, 2020 @ 7pm**

St. Monica 12140 Olive Blvd Creve Coeur, MO 63141

For more information contact James at 314-792-7177 or jamescomninellis@archstl.org.

**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

**SHUT-IN’s**

Atherton, Andrew  
Bohannon, Ida  
Brack, Dorothy  
Clay, Irving  
Lee, Rosemary  
McCoy, Bernice  
McCoy, Carolyn  
Peters, Mae  
Thomas, Bernice  
Turner, Hortense

**INTENTIONS 11/19/19**

Cummings, Alice  
George, Roberta  
Miller, Jr., Antonio  
Sanders, Sharron & Family  
Schneider, Terri  
Latham, Jean  
Letterman, Annette  
Moore, Brenda  
Pointer, Patti  
Remsberg, Cory Sgt.  
Schneider, Jeannette  
Schneider, Roy  
Schoenle, Laverne  
Serio, Jessica  
Smith, Melba  
Thompson, Mary Ann  
Weaver, Stephen  
Vet, Alphonso

**SICKNESS 11/19/19**

Atherton, Vertibe  
Banks, Anita  
Calhoun, Debi  
Caprese, Brittany  
Chapman, Bonnie  
Clancy, Jimmy  
Cummings, Cleophes  
Haine, (Bill) Wm  
Harris, Tobey  
Herron, David  
Hood, Rosalind  
Howard, Yvonne  
LaBerta, Steve  
Lathan, Joan  
Letterman, Annette  
Moore, Brenda  
Pointer, Patti  
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Vet, Alphonso

**INTENTIONS 11/26/19**

Ambus, Ruby  
Cloyd, Cori  
Cloyd, Kalonda  
George, Darrion  
Hill Family  
Jackson, Tamica  
Parran, Kristin  
Pickett, Gerald & Family  
Pickett, DaShaun  
Reedy, Judy  
Reedy, Sid  
Smith, Paulette

**SICKNESS 11/26/19**

Ambus, Larry  
Collins, Tamika  
Fisher, Kyle Fr.  
Greer, Lois  
Jones, Imani  
Luster, Juanita  
Mosby, Jerry  
Okpaleke Family  
Parran, Rodrick  
Sams, Mary  
Vaughn, Lodie  
Voss, Greg  
Wattins, Darnell (Chef D)

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**HOSPITAL 11/19/19**

Ambus, Larry  
Duncan, Patricia

**NOTE: Names will remain listed for 2 weeks**
The Church celebrates the beginning of a new Liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. Advent — from the Latin *ad venio*, “to come” — is the liturgical season anticipating the *Adventus Domini*, the "coming of the Lord." While the days grow shorter and colder, we prepare for the “Son of Justice” who comes to kindle our hearts with his light and his love.

The Eternal Word, who is outside of time, became Incarnate in time, thereby making all time sacred. In the season of Advent, we await the coming of Christ on all the levels which we experience time: *in the past* — as a babe in the stable of Bethlehem; *in the present* — as grace in our souls; and *in the future* — as the Judge at the end of time.

The Advent season is filled with preparation and expectation. Everyone is getting ready for Christmas — shopping and decorating, baking and cleaning. Too often, however, we are so busy with the material preparations that we lose sight of the real reason for our activity: The Word made flesh coming to dwell among us. Christians are urged to preserve the spiritual focus of Christmas amidst the prevailingly secular and consumer-driven society.

In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the season, let us strive to keep Advent a season of waiting and longing, of conversion and hope, meditating often on the incredible love and humility of our God in taking on flesh of the Virgin Mary. In our shopping and baking, let us remember to purchase and prepare something for the poor. When we clean our homes, let us distribute some of our possessions to those who lack many necessities. While we are decking the halls of our homes, let us not forget to prepare a peaceful place in our hearts wherein our Savior may come to dwell.

There are always four Sundays in Advent, though not necessarily four full weeks. The liturgical color of the season is violet or purple, except on the Third Sunday of Advent, called *Gaudete* or Rejoice Sunday, when optional rose vestments may be worn. The Gloria is not recited during Advent liturgies, but the Alleluia is retained.

The readings of Advent focus on the key figures of the Old and New Testaments who were prepared and chosen by God to make the Incarnation possible: The Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph, Sts. Elizabeth and Zechariah. The expectancy heightens from December 17 to December 24 when the Liturgy resounds with the seven magnificent Messianic titles of the O Antiphons.

(Source: www.catholicculture.org)
My Beautiful Rock Family
I offer my sincere and heartfelt appreciation for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, letters, phone calls, gifts and other acts of kindness during this most difficult time.

To God Be The Glory. The love and support has been overwhelming and without you I couldn’t have made it this far. Words cannot express my gratitude.

God Bless You All
Sharron Sanders

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WINNER’S CIRCLE CLUB MEMBERS
Your Buttons are Here!!!
Get yours from the Gift/Debit Card Sellers on Sunday

Winner’s Circle Club

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

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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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children)
The RCIA/RCIC is the Church’s process for educating and forming adults and youth (ages 11 through 18) who wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church. Those seeking baptism are known at various points in the process as inquirers, catechumens and elect. A parallel or even combined process is used for adults who have been baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to profess the Catholic faith, be confirmed and receive first holy communion. Included in this process are baptized Catholics who have not been confirmed or made their first holy communion.

For information on the RCIA or RCIC, please contact Sharon Cooney-Smith via email scooneysmith@stalphonsusrock.org or by phone at 314-533-0304

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“O Come Let Us Adore Him” with Special Guest Cote Brillante Men’s Chorus Ignited for Christ LLIM and The North City Deanery Choir Sunday, December 8th at 4 p.m. at the Rock Church

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Financial Corner...

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**Stewardship Prayer…**
That we don’t take each day for granted and see the little miracles that occur in our lives every day.

“Our, therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”

(Matthew 24:42)

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God’s active presence in your life.

**Card Party Committee Announcement:**

**Grand Raffle Prize Winners**
1st Prize $1000.00: Michelle Simmons
2nd Prize $400.00: Pearl Lake
3rd Prize $200.00: John Behter

Christine Bluett won the Whitfield Award for the most Souvenir Ad sales in excess of $500.
Congratulations to the winners!

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PRAYER
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Terri Schneider, Dir. of Wilhelmina Hardin Food Pantry
(Emergency Aid) (314) 531-1040
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(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.