

St. Louis Catholic Church

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November 16, 2025 ~ Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office

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Office Hours: Mon - Fri 9:30am - 1:00pm 1:30pm - 5:30pm (except Wed)

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Pastor: Rev. Keith O'Hare Parochial Vicars: Rev. Gregory Thompson Rev. Luke Poczatek

Sunday Mass

7:30am

8:45am Children's Mass 10:30am Traditional Ad Orientem

12:30pm *Traditional Ad Orientem* 5:15pm *Quiet Traditional*

Saturday Mass

8:45am 5:30pm Vigil Mass

Monday-Friday Mass

8:45am

Confessions

Mon-Sat: 7:45am-8:15am Wednesday: 6:00pm Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 8:30am-9:15am

Misa en Español

Domingo 3:00pm

Confesiones: Dom. 2:15pm-3:00pm

Grupo de Oración

Sábado 6:30pm

Poor Clare Monastery

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Mass Every Day

7:00am (Gregorian chant)

Sunday Devotions

Eucharistic Exposition

8:00am - 4:00pm

Rosary 4:00pm

Benediction 4:30pm

















PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

"Want to be happy? Be grateful." This is the title of a hugely popular 15-minute TED talk by Brother David Stiendl-Rast. (His TED talk has garnered 3.7 million views on YouTube.). Brother David (a Benedictine) is the author of the amazing book, "Gratefulness: The Heart of Prayer," which I highly recommend to you. As November is the month of

Want to be happy? Be grateful | David Steindi-Rast

gratitude, take to prayer these brief nuggets of wisdom from Brother David:

"It's not happy people who are grateful; rather it is grateful people who are happy."

"You think this is just another day in your life.

It's not just another day.

It's the one day that is given to you
today. It's a gift.

It's the only gift that you have right now

and the only appropriate response is gratefulness.

If you learn to respond as if it was the first day in your life

- and the very last day
then you will have spent this day very well."

My friends, the hurriedness of life can cause us to overlook the rich blessings of each day. The anxieties of life can trouble our hearts and deny them the quiet space we need to breathe slowly and recognize how many reasons we have to be grateful. Don't wait till Thanksgiving Day to do this! Do this today. God loves a cheerful giver; God loves a grateful giver. The more we can see our blessings, the more we can live in a spirit of gratefulness (which is itself a form of happiness), and the more we will then freely (and not by compulsion or anxiety) choose to be generous to others.

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I am immensely grateful to God for the calling to be your Pastor! And I am personally grateful that God has called you to be a unique member of this spiritual family that we call St. Louis Parish. The past two weekends I asked you to reflect on your level of financial giving in support of this parish which you love so much. Many of you have set up your FlockNote Giving account and cancelled your previous FaithDirect account. Thank you!

I respectfully include below some practical guidelines as you discern your call to be both grateful and generous. "Charity begins at home," and this parish is your local spiritual home. Try to imagine that this parish did not exist, and allow that thought to move your heart and mind to contribute to the necessary material stewardship of this local parish. Together with the parish staff, with Father Thompson and Father Luke, please know how grateful we are to be serving you and serving God with you!

Your Pastor,

Father O'Hare



Monthly Offertory Donation/Household Income			
Total household income	3% monthly	4% monthly	5% monthly
\$85,000	\$213	\$283	\$354
\$100,000	\$250	\$333	\$417
\$125,000	\$313	\$417	\$521
\$150,000	\$375	\$500	\$625
\$200,000	\$500	\$667	\$833



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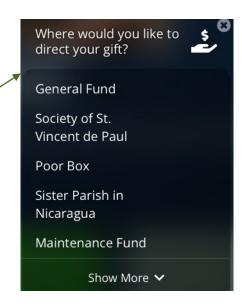
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Select the collection of your choice to make a one-time or recurring gift.







$$\rm R^3$$ for Women \sim Cancelled in December $\rm R^3$ for Men \sim Fourth Monday of the Month 7pm \sim 11/24/25









From 7pm-8pm there is Eucharistic adoration, a brief reflection, silent meditation, and confessions. This "holy hour" is followed by "happy hour" in the Little Way Cafe! Beverages and snacks are provided.





Sunday, November 16 After the 10:30am Mass

Meditative Music
11:30am-12:00pm
Brief personal intercessory
prayer with a priest
and prayer team member



CHRISTIAN MEN & WOMEN IN ACTION (CWIA)

PRAYER BREAKFAST MEETING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025, 9:00 AM

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GUEST SPEAKER: Eduardo Torres

Eduardo and his wife Virgen celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary earlier this year. A father of two and a grandfather of four, he has been active in the Catholic Church his entire life, serving as a religious education instructor in his parish and as a mentor in a three-step evangelization program entitled Christ Life. He also is Past Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus and a member of its 4th Degree. In June 2024, while on a family vacation, he suffered cardiac arrest, regaining consciousness after 25 minutes of CRP and AED, at which time, he and his family experienced the mercy of God. Come and listen to his amazing story and bring a friend!

Men & Women age 21 and older are invited!

Advanced reservations required. Please call Evelyn Luis at 703-850-7607 or mail a check in the amount of \$12.00 for a full buffet breakfast payable to:

CWIA, 4113 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22204.

The event will be available on ZOOM.

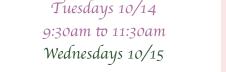
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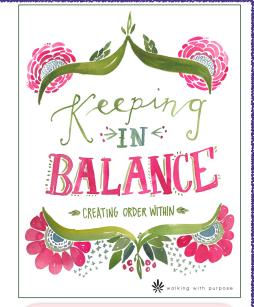
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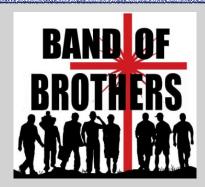


Start date: 10/14/25

For questions contact the parish office



Don't forget to order your book when you register



Sunday Morning Band of Brothers Led by your parish Priests

7:30am - 8:30am in the Little Way Café

Scripture, prayer, discussion, and coffee



Saint Louis Children's Choir!

For children in 3rd grade, 4th grade, and 5th grade



Rehearsals are once a month the 2nd Sunday of the month after the 8:45am Mass from 9:45-10:15am

Children's Choir will sing monthly on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 8:45am Mass



Come and See: A Graduate Level Course in Theology

Weekly classes taught by Fr. O'Hare and Fr. Thompson

Sundays 10am to 10:45am

School Gym

Mothers' Group

The St. Louis Mothers' Group meets every
Wednesday from 10:15am to noon - feel free to
drop-in for any length of time. All mothers are invited
and all children are welcome! We host discussions,
social time, meetups for field trips and park days, as
well as brunch gatherings and events around the
liturgical calendar.

THIS WEEK - CANAVOX - This Wednesday, Nov 19th, is our monthly CanaVox meeting - we'll meet in the YAR at 10:15am. Please contact Theresa if you are interested in joining the reading and discussions each month.

CONTACT: For more information or to join our email list or Facebook page, please contact Theresa Talavera at (571)331-8441 or tatalavera@yahoo.com

Advent Wreath Candle Sale

Prepare your home and heart for the Advent season with beautiful wreath candles. Candles will be available for purchase after all Masses on the weekends of November 15th–16th and 22nd–23rd. Candle sets are \$10 and the proceeds supports St. Louis Trail Life Troop VA-2907.





Have an Upcoming Wedding Anniversary?

Please let us know! If it is a significant anniversary (ending in a "5" or a "0") we would especially like to honor you. Please contact the parish office.

Are You Grieving?

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Come to a monthly opportunity for prayer and conversation led by Fr. O'Hare.

The next session of "Grief and Grace" will be in the Little Way Café on Wednesday, November 19, from 12:30pm-1:30pm.







Monsignor Bob Cilinski, Episcopal Vicar for Charitable Works and Pastor of Nativity Parish, speaks about returning to his childhood place of worship, and the charitable works occurring all over the diocese for this week



over the diocese for this week's Diocesan Week of Service.

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL











What's happening at St. Louis Catholic School?

We held a Veterans Day Mass to honor and celebrate all our St. Louis military families. We give thanks to all who have served for their courage, sacrifice, and dedication. We are forever grateful for your service.

Important Admissions Reminder!

The K-8 application deadline for sibling and St. Louis parishioner priority is Monday, December 1, 2025.





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Principal Mrs. Calogero

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LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Monday, November 17

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Joseph Fulton 8:45am, +Salvador & Aurora Ramos

Tuesday, November 18

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Max Bazan

8:45am, +Curtis Shufflebarger

Wednesday, November 19

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Joseph Fulton

8:45am, +Isabel Moreno

Thursday, November 20

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Margaret & Arthur Dulaney

8:45am, Intentions of Janine England

Friday, November 21

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of

Mary Anne Martins

8:45am, +Santiago Cabrera

Saturday, November 22

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of

Louise Snyder

8:45am, +Joseph Server, Jr.

5:30pm, +John Ledesma

Sunday, November 23

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Mimi Calogero

7:30am, +Pauline Wade

8:45am, Intentions of Frias Family

10:30am, Pro Populo

12:30pm, +Joe Hribar

3:00pm, +Nick Rapavi

5:15pm, +Consolacion Pagliawan

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord!

Oleh Pushkar

Richard Koslow

Clyde Millie



Prayer for the Homebound

Lord, you have a special love for those who are weak, infirm, and dependent.

Bless the homebound parishioners of our parish as they carry their daily crosses.

May our prayers bring them strength and consolation, and the Sacraments sanctify and inspire them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week we pray especially for the following homebound parishioners:

Lillian Spragen, Jack Todd, Raul and Silvia Toyos, and Margherita Woods



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