

St. Louis Catholic Church

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May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace...

November 2, 2025 ~ Solemnity of All Souls

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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

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Domingo 3:00pm

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

Grupo de Oración

Sábado 6:30pm

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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,

The date of November 2nd has great importance in our liturgical calendar as the "Commemoration of All Souls," or "All Souls Day." It is the date set aside every year to pray in an intentional particular way for all of our beloved deceased relatives and friends, and for all the souls in purgatory.

Life passes so quickly! As the Irish saying goes, "Live each day as if it were your last, and one day you shall be right."

May this day inspire us to cherish each moment that God gives on this green earth, despite the many trials and tribulations that we face. Live each day by faith in the Son of God, and you'll be able to face all your trials without fear because Jesus has conquered all things including death itself.

Today I encourage you to memorize this traditional prayer for the dead, if you don't already know it: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Your Pastor.

Father O'Hare





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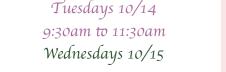




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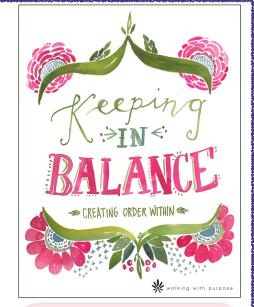
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Sunday Morning Band of Brothers Led by your parish Priests

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

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Proposed Constitutional Amendments: Be Vigilant!



Proposed Amendments to Virginia's Constitution would:



Create a radical "fundamental right" to abortion

(Opposed by VCC)



Restore voting rights (Supported by VCC)



Remove Virginia's "union between one man and one woman" definition of marriage (Opposed by VCC)

These three proposals were **initially approved** by the General Assembly earlier this year. If they pass the legislature again in 2026 – and are then approved by Virginia voters on a ballot – they would become law.

The legislators we elect this November will decide whether the proposed amendments are advanced or stopped.

Extreme, Radical and Deadly Abortion Amendment

This proposed amendment would enshrine virtually unlimited abortion at any stage of pregnancy as a "fundamental right" in Virginia's constitution.

In addition to the paramount problem of not recognizing the child's life, the amendment:

- Does not include any age restriction
- Does not include any safety standards
- Jeopardizes Virginia's parental consent law
- Jeopardizes Virginia's conscience protections for healthcare providers
- Expands Virginia's already permissive abortion laws
- And has numerous other problems!

Abortion is a fundamental tragedy, not a "fundamental right".

Ending a life is not a right and does not belong in the constitution.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments:





Amendment Rejecting the Truth about Marriage

This proposed amendment would remove Virginia's constitutional definition of marriage as the "union between one man and one woman." It would add language recognizing "any lawful marriage between two adult persons" instead.

Marriage was created by God as the union of a man and a woman. God's design and purpose for marriage existed before any nation, religion or law.

The family – based on marriage between a man and a woman – is the fundamental unit of society and is integral to the common good.

Marriage – as created by God – is essential to the common good. Each of us is called to preserve God's design.



Amendment Restoring Voting Rights

This proposed amendment would restore voting rights to all people who have completed their prison sentences.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "It is necessary that all participate...in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person.... As far as possible, citizens should take an active part in *public life*" (nos. 1913-1915).

Enabling individuals, upon release, to resume taking an active part in voting decisions affirms their dignity and provides them a second chance to fulfill their duty to participate in promoting the common good. It enables them to have a say in decisions that affect them, their families and their communities.

As the U.S. Catholic Bishops have noted, restoring voting rights is an important aspect of reintegration:

"[W]e must welcome ex-offenders back into society as full participating members, to the extent feasible, and support their right to vote."

- Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2000.



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 - This Wednesday, Nov 5th, we will meet in the YAR at 10:15AM to share our favorite saint stories and discuss and encourage each other on the ways we are trying to raise little saints! (The YAR is located at the back of the church building, look for the black gate and follow the stairs down to the YAR door)

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

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.



Ministry to the Homebound will be our special focus here at St. Louis Parish during the upcoming Diocesan "Week of Service".

On a weekly and monthly basis St. Louis parishioners (and priests) visit parishioners at home and those who are residents in George Washington Rehab, Paul Springs Retirement Home, and Bright View Senior Living. Nearly 100 persons in need receive regular visits each month!

During the Diocesan "Week of Service" special gift packages will be personally delivered to them as a sign of our love for these very important members of our Parish Community!





Listen to our in-depth conversation with Bishop Burbidge about the importance of using modern communications tools to reach the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington and St. Louis Parish.



Love in Action - Service in Community

Loving God, you know the sufferings of your people. You are an attentive and caring Father. You ask us to take care of those most in need: the poor, the marginalized, the suffering, the lost and the forgotten. No one is excluded from your love, for in your eyes we are all poor and needy.

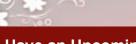
Bless us and our diocese in this week of service as we offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to our brothers and sisters. Help us reach out with love, generosity, and support. Let us hold each member of the human family in our prayers. Remind us that what we do to the least ones, we do to You.

We pray for the intercession of Mary, Our Heavenly Queen and Mother of Mercy, whose loving arms embrace all God's children, especially the little ones and the poor.









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.



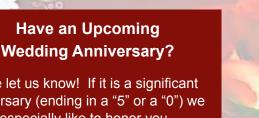


















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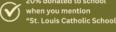




Thursday & Friday, November 13-14 **PAISANOS**



Keep the spirit going all week!





Coming to Trivia Night on the 14th? Order pizza for the babysitter!



Get ready to travel the globe with us at "Where in the World is the St. Louis Hawk?" Trivia Night! We're just weeks away from an evening full of fun, laughter, and friendly competition.

> November 14 at 7:00 PM

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Principal Mrs. Calogero

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LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Monday, November 3

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Mary Alice Hylinski 8:45am, All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 4

7:00am, Poor Clares, All Souls Novena

8:45am, +Daniel Orellana

Wednesday, November 5

7:00am, Poor Clares, All Souls Novena

8:45am, +Souls of the Legion of Mary

Thursday, November 6

7:00am, Poor Clares, All Souls Novena

8:45am, +David Edwy Crooker

Friday, November 7

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Leonard Cuddy

8:45am. All Souls Novena

Saturday, November 8

7:00am, Poor Clares, All Souls Novena

8:45am, +Martha Armbrust

5:30pm, +Marvin & Velma Cuddy

Sunday, November 9

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Elaine J. Flanagan

7:30am, All Souls Novena

8:45am, +William Van Slyke

10:30am, Pro Populo

12:30pm, Intentions of Our lady of Light

(Legion of Mary Presidium)

3:00pm, +Maria Guzman

5:15pm, +Bernadette Walo

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them. O Lord! Clyde Millie

Dr. Richard Redding

Bradford A. Anker



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: Laurel Lee, Renato & Maria Panameno Magne, GW Health & Rehab residents. Theresa Marston, Manuel and Orbelina Ortega.



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