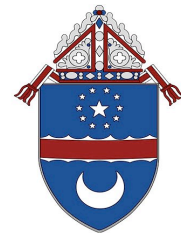




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"... and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove"
Luke 3:22

January 11, 2026 ~ Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord

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Rev. Luke Poczaitek

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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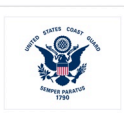
Sunday Devotions

Eucharistic Exposition

8:00am - 4:00pm

Rosary 4:00pm

Benediction 4:30pm



Pro Deo et Pro Patria

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. As we know, the Lord Jesus had absolutely NO need to be baptized; rather it was He Who sanctified the waters and also gave an example for us to follow.

By Baptism we are incorporated into the whole life of Christ: his life, death, and resurrection. By baptism we are made brothers and sisters in Christ, children of the same Heavenly Father. We are also made members of God's Holy Church, "living stones" in the great temple of God which is the Catholic Church (cf. 1 Peter 2:5).

Today's feast calls to our attention this critically important truth: the Catholic Church is NOT to be equated merely with her hierarchical members (Pope, bishops, priests, etc.). Rather the Catholic Church is the whole Mystical Body of Christ of which every baptized Christian is a member - that means YOU!

"Holy lay people are the Church's showpiece." Read those words again and believe them.

Lay people who are living a life of faith *in the world* are the greatest sign of the Church's holiness. You are the presence of the Church *in the world*. You come to the parish seeking the sacramental graces and the spiritual formation that you need. But then your calling as lay faithful is not to spend all day at Church, but rather to be *in the world* sanctifying it as holy men and holy women, bringing the light of God's grace to every corner of the world by the way you live your life as a disciple.

Your life as a disciple began with your baptism, so happy feast day to you! Today the Church celebrates the Sacrament which enkindled in your soul the fire of love for God which makes you a light in this broken world!

Your Pastor,

Father O'Hare



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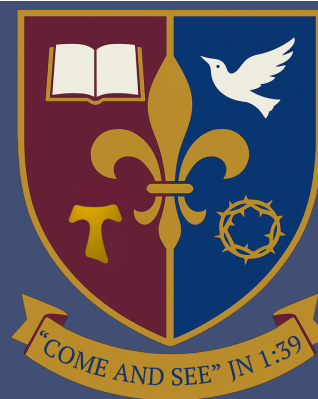
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 7:30am - 8:30am in the
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R³ for Women ~ Second Monday of the Month 7pm ~ 1/12/26

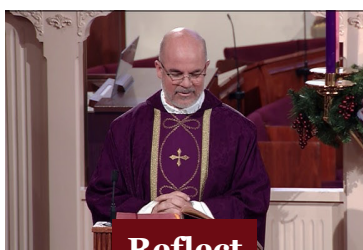
R³ for Men ~ Fourth Monday of the Month 7pm ~ 1/26/26

R³

Retreat



Reflect



Relax



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.

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Total household income	3% monthly	4% monthly	5% monthly
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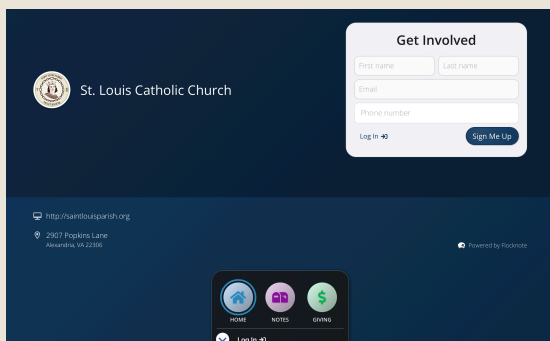
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Mothers' Group

- 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 - FIELD TRIP - This Wednesday, Jan 14th, we will be taking a field trip to the Army Museum at 1775 Liberty Drive, Ft Belvoir, VA. We will meet at 10:30AM and begin in the children's area, Fort Discover!

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. "Grief and Grace" meets in the Little Way Cafe. The next session will be Wednesday, January 21, from 12:30pm-1:30pm.



SUPPORT OUR MISSION



Saturday, February 7, 2026

Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with a delicious buffet dinner, inspiring entertainment, a Live auction, Silent auction, and 50/50 Raffle.



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March for Life



The National March For Life in Washington, DC is on Friday, January 23. St. Louis Parish, Good Shepherd Parish, and the Knights of Columbus have a bus reserved. The bus departs and returns to Good Shepherd. Mass at 9 a.m. breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Bus departs at 10:15 a.m. and returns at or about 5 p.m.

For more info, go to the Knights of Columbus website: kofc5598.org

United Community (UC)

JANUARY 2026 Food Drive

NEXT WEEKEND, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 17TH & 18TH, ST. LOUIS WILL BE CONDUCTING ITS MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE TO RESTOCK THE SHELVES OF UC'S FOOD PANTRY. LAST MONTH, OUR DONATIONS TOTALLED 1,926 LBS. OF FOOD!! LET'S WORK TO MEET OR BEAT THAT AMOUNT IN JANUARY!

WE ARE ASKING EACH ST. LOUIS FAMILY TO CONTRIBUTE AT LEAST ONE GROCERY BAG FILLED WITH NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS. MONETARY DONATIONS ALSO ARE WELCOME!

ON SATURDAY, WE WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH BUILDING FROM 9:30 AM TO 3:30 PM. JUST DRIVE UP, DROP OFF AND DRIVE AWAY!!! WE ALSO WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS AT ALL THE WEEKEND MASSES.

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LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Monday, January 12

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Nancy Skuba
8:45am, +Vincent Zaffarano

Tuesday, January 13

7:00am, Poor Clares, +James McCormick
8:45am, +Anna Zaffarano

Wednesday, January 14

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Michael Skuba
8:45am, +Joann Stepwick

Thursday, January 15

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of
Poor Clares Sisters
8:45am, Intentions of Sister Parish of Nicaragua

Friday, January 16

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Thomas &
Johnson Farrell
8:45am, +Jacob Ghedotte

Saturday, January 17

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Michelle
Rebello

8:45am, +Leonard Cuddy & Parents
5:30pm, +Domingo M Sayson

Sunday, January 18

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Patricia Horn
7:30am, +Jeannette C. Niska
8:45am, +Salvador & Aurora Ramos
10:30am, *Pro Populo*
12:30pm, +All Souls in Purgatory
3:00pm, +Gabriela Monroy & Carmen Fernandez
5:15pm, +William B. Hare

**Eternal Rest
Grant Unto
Her,
O Lord!**

Theresa Marston



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.

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