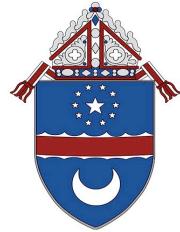




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"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Matthew 2:2)

January 4, 2026 ~ Solemnity of the Epiphany

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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

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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



Pro Deo et Pro Patria

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year 2026! The year 2026 is a very festive year! As a nation we celebrate 250 years of freedom, liberty, and the countless blessings we receive simply for living here in the United States of America. May God bless the USA and shed His amazing grace upon us and those who lead and serve our nation!

As a parish we celebrate something very meaningful this year: **the 100th anniversary of the First Mass**. One hundred years ago the very first Mass was celebrated here on our parish campus in a very humble building. What was formerly a one-room schoolhouse for the children of Groveton was consecrated as Sacred Heart Mission Chapel by Father Louis Smet on June 13, 1926.

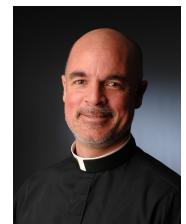
That first Mass began a new era here in Groveton, what we might call a “Eucharistic era” in which Jesus could now be made present in our community like never before. The Blessed Eucharist is the greatest treasure that we have on earth, and throughout this year we will celebrate our “Eucharistic Jubilee” as a parish with a variety of events. Bishop Burbidge will help kick off this special year with a Mass here on Sunday, January 25th, at 10:30am.

On today's Solemnity of the Epiphany may God be praised for the many ways that He reveals Himself to us and to the whole world!

Your Pastor,



Father O'Hare



Special Christmas Thank You's!

- * Thank you to my parish staff who work so diligently all year long and put in extra hours to get everything ready for Christmas - you are a joy to work with!
- * Thank you to all the parishioners who showered the priests and parish staff with thoughtful Christmas cards, gifts, and goodies - we appreciate you!
- * Thank you to the humble behind-the-scenes team of money counters: Larry, Emily, Marilyn, Greg, Cindy, Joe, Doris, Rose, Ed, Andrew, Heather, Joe, Sharon, Maria, Shirley, Jane, and Joanne. God sees the good that you do all year long and especially the extra time you dedicate in the Christmas Season!

* Thank you to the Sanctuary team that makes our church look so attractive and celebratory for Christmas Eve and the whole Christmas Season: Sonia Cortez, Jose Capestan, Marie Kanu, and Theresa Kritcher! (Thank you also to Marie Kanu and Agnes Purcell for their care of the votive candles at Christmas time and throughout the year.)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Missing any of your sacraments?

OCIA

Jan 13 - May 19th

Tuesday Nights
7pm - 8:15pm
School Library

For full initiation on Easter Vigil in Spring 2027 (March 27th)

For more info, contact Fr. Thompson
fr.thompson@saintlouisparish.org



“Come and See:
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in Theology”

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

Sundays 10am to
10:45am
School Gym
* Resumes Jan 11 *



Special Mass with Bishop Burbidge

Sunday, January 25th,
10:30am

Two museum-quality
paintings will be installed
and blessed:
"St. Louis at Prayer" and
"The Good Samaritan"



SPIRITUALITY



Sunday Morning
“Band of Brothers”
Led by our Parish Priests
7:30am - 8:30am in the
Little Way Café
Will resume January 11

Scripture, prayer, discussion, and coffee
No registration required - just show up!



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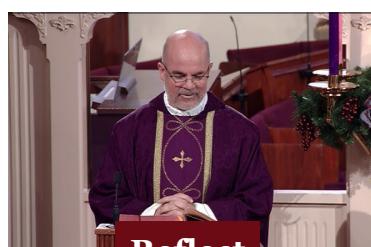
R³ for Women ~ Second Monday of the Month 7pm ~ 1/12/26

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 Café! Beverages and snacks are provided.

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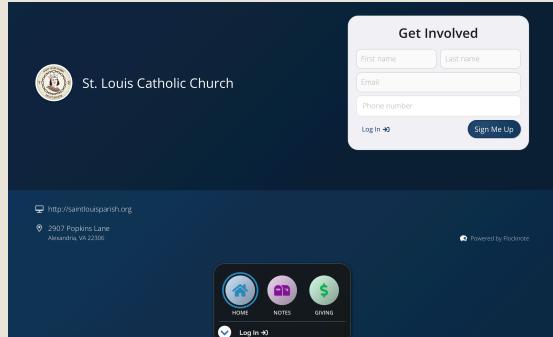
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Mothers' Group

- 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 - NO MEETING ON DECEMBER 24TH - we will not meet due to Christmas Break - wishing you a joyous Christmas season!

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.



Pancake Breakfast



Sunday January 11
after the 7:30am, 8:45am
and 10:30am Mass
in the school cafeteria



Thank You! And Merry Christmas!

St. Vincent de Paul Society

You—the generous and faith-filled parishioners of Saint Louis Parish—make it possible for our St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) conference to be a personal lifeline, both financially and spiritually, for families facing temporary crises.

As a report to you, over the past year we met with and directly assisted **327 unique families**, representing **433 adults and 377 children**. With your support, we helped prevent evictions by paying rent, kept utilities connected, delivered, and installed donated furniture, covered critical auto repairs, provided grocery gift cards when food ran out, and paid for essential prescription medications.

St. Vincent de Paul devoted his life to serving the poor and is the patron saint of all Catholic charitable works. He would be deeply proud of the compassionate service you make possible—service that not only uplifts those in need, but also helps all of us grow in holiness.

Thank you for partnering with our 30+ Vincentians to ensure Saint Louis remains a parish that truly cares for and serves the poor among us.

We wish you a Merry and Blessed Christmas.

Need help? Call our Helpline: 703-765-0050

Wish to donate? Use the "Make a Gift" button in Flocknote. Write a check to Saint Vincent de Paul, Saint Louis and leave it at the Rectory. Use Venmo: Venmo@SVDP-Alexandria. Contribute from your IRA; our Tax ID: 26-1100276

Want to join us (we need and want you!)? Email Jim Paton: jimp@svdpalexandria.org or come to one of our bi-weekly meetings to learn more: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:00 pm in the St. Francis Room.

Happy New Year!

May the New Year bring the blessings of new beginnings, guided by God's grace and love. We look forward to welcoming our students back on January 5th and starting a new year together.



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What's happening at St. Louis Catholic School?
Our talented 4-8 grade students displayed their musical talents at the Christmas program.

LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Monday, January 5

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Regina Lyle Cox
8:45am, Intentions of Peter & Elizabeth Karenge

Tuesday, January 6

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Dorothy Engemann
8:45am, +Robert Smith

Wednesday, January 7

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Sharon Waiss
8:45am, Intentions of Peter & Elizabeth Karenge

Thursday, January 8

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Josephine McCormick

8:45am, Intentions of Dave & Janine England

Friday, January 9

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Juan Cho Baun
8:45am, +Mary Ellen Smith

Saturday, January 10

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Aleguas Mondero
8:45am, Intentions of Peter & Elizabeth Karenge
5:30pm, Intentions of Dave England

Sunday, January 11

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Eric & Cynthia Weber
7:30am, +Nancy Purcell
8:45am, +John & Helen Barrett
10:30am, *Pro Populo*
12:30pm, Intentions of Ginny Cavender
3:00pm, +Pedro Quintanilla
5:15pm, Intentions of Lucy Shufflebarger

Eternal Rest

Grant Unto

Him,

O Lord!

Jonathan Taylor Bartell



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:

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and Margherita Woods.

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