St. Louis Catholic Church

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"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy."

(Jesus' message to Saint Faustina)

April 12, 2026 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

Parish Office
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9:30am - 1:00pm
1:30pm - 5:30pm (except Wed)

St. Louis School
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St. Vincent De Paul Helpline
703-765-0050

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

Pro Deo et Pro Patria

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

The Gospel that we hear this Sunday is ALWAYS the same Gospel passage that we hear on the Sunday following Easter (John 20:19-31). This indicates just how important this passage is! It recounts Christ's first visit to the Apostles on Easter Sunday evening and then his second visit to them the following Sunday. The first visit gave us the Sacrament of Confession, and the second visit gave us the famous words of "Doubting" Thomas: "My Lord and my God!"

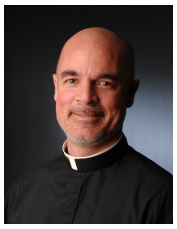
Pope St. John Paul II declared the Sunday which follows Easter to be "Divine Mercy Sunday," a name which derives from the Divine Mercy devotion made popular by Saint Faustina. Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and then putting that prayer into practice by performing acts of mercy throughout the day. (And don't be shy about telling others what a blessing it is to have the Sacrament of Confession in your life.)

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday to all of you!

PS: A special word of thanks to the parishioner who personally purchased our newly installed image of Divine Mercy in Poland and then donated it to St. Louis Parish so that it can adorn our church! It's especially fitting that the image is located on the wall of the traditional confessional - the Sacrament of Divine Mercy!

Your Pastor,

Father O'Hare



Divine Mercy Sunday

Fr. O'Hare will bless the newly installed image of Divine Mercy donated from Poland during the 12:30pm Mass
Mass will conclude with Eucharistic adoration and the chanting of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Jesus' messages to St. Faustina:

"I am Love and Mercy Itself."

"Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of my grace upon your soul."

"When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest."

"The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter."

United Community (UC)

APRIL 2026 Food Drive

NEXT WEEKEND, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, APRIL 18TH & 19TH, ST. LOUIS WILL BE CONDUCTING ITS MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE TO RESTOCK THE SHELVES OF UC'S *FOOD PANTRY*. LAST MONTH, OUR DONATIONS TOTALLED 3,370 LBS. OF FOOD!! LET'S WORK TO MEET OR BEAT THAT AMOUNT IN APRIL!

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.

If you have any questions about the Food Drive or are interested in volunteering, please contact Marvin Spychaj @ 703-380-2970 or marvinspychaj@msn.com

St. Vincent de Paul

Christ is Risen! In this joyful Easter season, we are reminded that hope and new life are always possible. Through your generosity, our parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference continues to bring Christ's love to neighbors in moments of great need.

We recently helped a family facing hardship after the father, who worked in construction, suffered a serious arm and hand injury. After six surgeries over the course of many months, he remains unable to work and has exhausted his 401(k) savings to cover living expenses. Their 17-year-old daughter is contributing by working part-time at a local store, while the mother is actively seeking employment. With another child at home, age 11, the family fell behind on rent, and we were able to assist them during this difficult time.

"He is not here; He has risen!" – Luke 24:6

Thank you for being a source of hope and renewal for our neighbors in need this Easter season.

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

Wish to donate? Use the "Make a Gift" button in Flocknote (saintlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com) Also, you can write a check to Saint Vincent de Paul, Saint Louis and leave it at the Rectory. Donations can also be made using our Tax ID: 26-1100276. Please contact us with questions.

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

SPIRITUALITY

BAND OF BROTHERS

Sunday Morning
"Band of Brothers"
Led by our Parish Priests
7:30am - 8:30am in the
Little Way Café

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

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WWP Bible studies combine personal study with small group discussion, linking our everyday challenges to solutions given through Scripture. If you desire to grow in your faith—in a supportive community of Catholic women—join us!

Tuesdays 9:30am to 11:30am
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Wednesday 7pm to 9pm
in The Little Way Café

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after 7:30, 8:45 & 10:30 Mass.
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and great parish fellowship, in
the School Cafeteria.

R3

R3 for Women ~ Second Monday of the Month 7pm ~ 4/13/26

R3 for Men ~ Fourth Monday of the Month 7pm ~ 4/27/26

R3

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.

MONDAY, APRIL 20TH

7PM-8PM

EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

WITH HEALING PRAYERS

FEATURES CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

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St. Louis School Cafeteria

Mondays 6:30p - 8:00p

We're back
Monday, April 13th!
Pizza 6:30p
Small Group Faith Formation
7p - 8p

Join us each week for pizza, fun, and small group faith formation

The St Lucy's Guild is one of the oldest groups in our parish. We are seeking ladies who would like to join us for a monthly one hour meeting with rosary and intercessory prayers. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 14 at 10 AM in the San Damiano room. For more information contact Alice Ess at 703-360-8853

FELLOWSHIP

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, April 15th, we will meet at the Neabsco Boardwalk for a group outing! We will meet at 15125 Blackburn Road, across from Rippon Lodge, at 10:15AM. We will meet in the lot near the path that leads to the boardwalk, remember to bring a picnic lunch!
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

Little Way Café

NEW TO ST. LOUIS?

THIS CAFÉ VOUCHER IS OUR WELCOME GIFT FOR YOU!

BRING THIS VOUCHER TO THE CAFE FOR A FREE BREAKFAST FOOD ITEM AND BEVERAGE.

Little Way Cafe is located in the upper area of the parking lot.
Open Sundays 9:30am - 12:30pm;
M-F 9am - 12pm

ENJOY!

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. "Grief and Grace" meets in the Little Way Cafe. The next session will be Wednesday, April 22, from 12:30pm-1:30pm.

BASH

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED!

AN EXCITING DAY FOR MORE THAN A THOUSAND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TO GATHER WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE TO CELEBRATE THEIR CATHOLIC FAITH!

🙏 Vigil Mass with Bishop Burbidge
🎤 Message from Rachel Leininger
🎴 Illusionist Giancarlo Bernini 🎪 Inflatable Games
🍕 Pizza 🍨 Ice Cream 🎉 Fun with Friends!

"COME AND SEE" JN 1:39

"Come and See:
A Graduate Level Course
in Theology"

Weekly classes taught by
Fr. O'Hare
and Fr. Thompson
Sundays 10 - 10:45am
*** Will resume April 12th ***

Dr. Jennifer Bryson

A Treasure Chest of Wisdom: Ida Görres on the Saints and Sanctity

Little Way Café
2907 Popkins Ln.
Alexandria, VA 22306

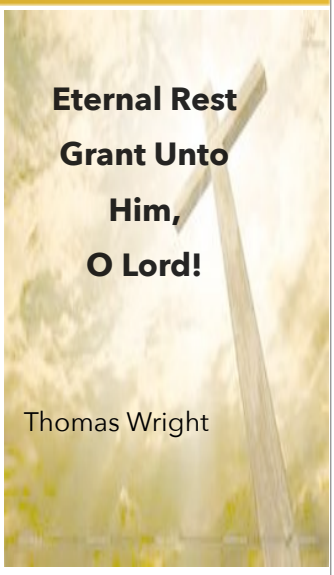
Thursday, April 23, 2026
6–8 PM

Presentation with Q&A 6:45 - 7:15 PM

LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Monday, April 13
7:00am, Poor Clares, +Colette Bour
8:45am, +Simon & Catrina
Tuesday, April 14
7:00am, Poor Clares, +Rose Marie Anthony
8:45am, +Lucia & Phaolo
Wednesday, April 15
7:00am, Poor Clares, +Margaret Favero Dulaney
8:45am, Intentions of Sister Parish of Nicaragua
Thursday, April 16
7:00am, Poor Clares, +David V. Anthony
8:45am, +Joseph Carl Scala
Friday, April 17
7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Hellen Helm
8:45am, +Martino & Erlinda Almogela

Saturday, April 18
7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Laurel Lee
8:45am, +Salvador & Aurora Ramos
5:30pm, Carol Bartell personal intentions
Sunday, April 19
7:00am, Poor Clares, +Coletta Hayward
7:30am, +Jack Harvey
8:45am, Intentions of Clay Family
10:30am, *Pro Populo*
12:30pm, +Viola Kulish
3:00pm, +Ian Ramirez
5:15pm, Intentions of Amy Pengidore



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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Brightview Senior Living, and Jane Byers.

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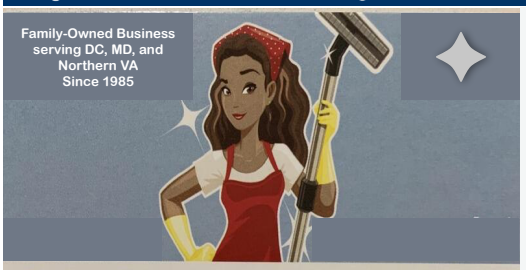

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