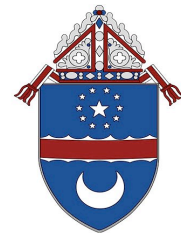




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Feast
Day of
St. Martha,
St. Mary,
and
St. Lazarus

July 29



July 27, 2025 ~ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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St. Vincent De Paul Helpline

703-765-0050

Pastor: Rev. Keith O'Hare

Parochial Vicars:

Rev. Gregory Thompson

Rev. Luke Poczaitek

Sunday Mass

7:30am

8:45am *Children's Mass*

10:30am *Traditional Ad Orientem*

12:30pm *Traditional Ad Orientem*

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,

It is a very significant thing when the Church updates or revises the Calendar of Saints. The feast day of a particular saint is strongly attached to a particular date. For example, the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi has been celebrated on October 4th for centuries.

In 2021 Pope Francis made a significant revision to the feast day that corresponds to July 29th. Since the year 1262 that particular date has been celebrated as the feast day of Saint Martha. (We heard the Gospel passage about Martha and Mary last Sunday.)

The significant revision that the Pope made was to add Martha's sister and brother to that same feast day (Saint Mary Magdalene and Saint Lazarus). For the past four years now we have been celebrating July 29th as the feast day of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. It is the only feast day in our Calendar of Saints that honors three siblings.

There are three levels meaning to this unique feast day: (1) it celebrates the gift of sibling relationships and the ways that siblings help each other to know and love God; (2) it honors the friendship that the three of them had with Jesus, as our Lord repeatedly retreated from his active public ministry to find rest and relaxation in their home in Bethany; (3) it reminds all of us of our need to have both in our lives (friends and a place of rest).

Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus: pray for us!

This past week many of you contributed support for our Sister Parish in Nicaragua by purchasing a meal (takeout or dine-in) at *Via Veneto Restaurant*. Thank you! The proceeds (10%) of every purchase will go directly to support the needs of San Isidro Parish (and their parish school) in rural Nicaragua.

Stay tuned to learn more about our Sister Parish and for future opportunities to support the important work of the Church there in service to the poor. I express particular thanks to the members of the Sister Parish Committee for all of their efforts to make this fundraising event happen!

Your Pastor,



Father O'Hare



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for faith formation classes is now live! Please scan the QR code or visit the parish website to register your child.

Confirmation Classes Now Begin in 6th Grade.
All 6th Graders should register.



Start Dates:

Family of Faith: Wednesday, August 27th at 7pm

Confirmation: Wednesday, August 27th at 7pm

First Communion: Wednesday, August 27th at 7pm

Spanish Confirmation: Wednesday, September 3rd at 7pm

Spanish First Communion: Wednesday, September 3rd at 7pm

For questions or more information, email faith@saintlouisparish.org





St. Louis Annual FEASTival

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

**JOIN US FOR FOOD, LIVE MUSIC, GAMES,
AND A MAGIC SHOW!
5:30PM-9:30PM**



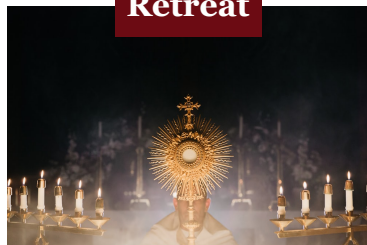
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R³ for Women ~ Second Monday of the Month 7pm ~ 8/11/25

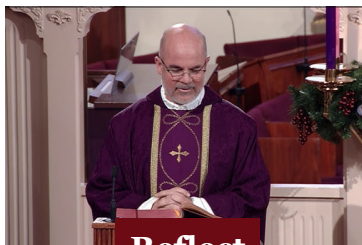
R³ for Men ~ Fourth Monday of the Month 7pm ~ 7/28/25

R³

Retreat



Reflect

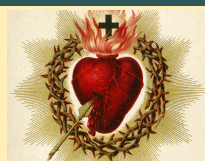


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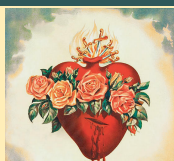


From 7pm-8pm there is Eucharistic adoration, a brief reflection, silent meditation, and confessions. This "holy hour" is followed by "happy hour" in the Little Way Cafe! Beverages and snacks are provided.

Rosary and Divine Mercy Daily



First Friday
August 1



First Saturday
August 2

Following 8:45am Mass

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Through your faithful support, the Saint Louis St. Vincent de Paul (SL SVdP) Society is able to respond not only to physical needs, but also to the deep human need for connection, dignity, and presence.

Recently, we were contacted by a 77-year-old retired teacher from Ghana who is legally blind. Unlike most requests, she wasn't seeking financial help—she simply needed assistance with errands and companionship. Her friend, who had been helping, could no longer do so due to her own health struggles.

After a home visit to better understand her needs, SL SVdP visited with the neighbor, helped her take care of household needs during that visit, connected her with more resources for sight impairment in the area. We also introduced her to a local Ghanaian family, and donated a kitchen table and chairs to help furnish her home. She was overwhelmed by the kindness and care she received.

"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." – 1 John 3:18

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

Wish to donate? Use Faith Direct. 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 Larry Ferguson: larrferg@yahoo.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.



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 - PARK DAY - This Wednesday, June 26th, we will meet at Our Special Harbor Spray Park at Franconia Park! We will meet in front of the spray park at 10:30 to get in line - admission is free, but is first come first served. Doors open at 11am. Be sure to wear swim gear and water shoes with heel coverage, and pack a lunch if you'd like to join us to eat afterwards! We will plan to be there from 11am to 1 pm.

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, August 27, from 12:30pm-1:30pm.

Please note the change of date



*Join Us To Celebrate 25 Years
of The St. Louis Mothers' Group!*
Saturday & Sunday, August 30-31, 2025

Saturday, August 30 - 4 Pm Vigil Mass,
5-10pm Dinner, Dancing & Social

Sunday, August 31 - Donuts & Family Time After
8:45 & 10:30 Masses

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rsvp at www.stlouismothersgroup.org



Parish-based Pregnancy Assistance

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The Gabriel Project is coming to Saint Louis. We are establishing a parish-based program to provide emotional, spiritual and financial support to expectant mothers in need. Using a central confidential pregnancy helpline with volunteers at the parish level, the Gabriel Project seeks to help pregnant women bringing their children into the world. The Saint Louis ministry leader will be parishioner Kristina O'Connor. If you would like to volunteer as a project "Angel" contact Kristina through her email: Kristina.oconnor66@gmail.com. The Gabriel Project asks for your prayers as they get fully up and running.



*Assumption of Our Lady
Holy Day of Obligation
August 15*



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Saturday, August 9th
9-11 AM

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Troop VA-2907 is part of Saint Louis Catholic Church's youth ministry and currently has rising Kindergarten - 8th Grade.

More info at troopva2907.org

Safety equipment and instruction will be provided, ensuring a fun and secure experience for all participants. Be sure to bring your enthusiasm and a sense of adventure!

Save the Date!

Open House Meet & Greet

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
8-20-25

St. Louis Families and Students,

We are so excited to welcome you back for the 2025–2026 school year!

Join us for our Open House Meet & Greet before the first day of school. On the morning of August 20th, class lists will be posted at the front of the school, and families will have the chance to meet their teachers and see their classrooms. Families will be invited to attend at scheduled times based on alphabetical order.

Further details will be shared with families in the coming weeks!



Hawks on the Go!



We want to see where summer is taking you! Whether you're hiking, traveling, or just exploring your backyard, send us your photos and we'll feature them all summer long.

Submit photos to:
Communications@stlouisschool.org

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday | 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Closed on Mondays from June 23 through August 11



www.stlouisschool.org

Principal Mrs. Calogero

703-768-7732

LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Monday, July 28

7:00am Poor Clares, Intentions of Edgar & Lulu Heyrana (Wedding Anniversary)
8:45am, +Prospero & Julieta Andam

Tuesday, July 29

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Nicholas Guarino
8:45am, Intentions of Ed Purcell

Wednesday, July 30

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Marvin & Velma Cuddy
8:45am, +Louis Vettese

Thursday, July 31

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Leonard Cuddy
8:45am, Intentions of Anne Woznak

Friday, August 1

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Eva Van Slyke
8:45am, Intentions of Claudia Centeno

Saturday, August 2

7:00am Poor Clares, Intentions of Elisabeth Kiendrebeogo

8:45am, +Cesar Leynes II

5:30pm, Intentions of Bob & Rose Pugh (Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, August 3

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Fr. Mark Beard
7:30am, Intentions of Beth & William Young
8:45am, +John Olson, Sr.
10:30am, Intentions of People of St. Louis
12:30pm, +John Huang
3:00pm, Intentions of Gonzalo Guerreros

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

Pauline D. Wade
Dennis Paul Klepic
Elizabeth A. Bryant
Cristina A. Davis



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:

Andrew Corrigan, Ethel Cumming, Suki Cuning,
Imelda Druke, and Bette Jo Eifert.



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