



St. Louis Catholic Church

SaintLouisParish.org



Feast of St. Clare of Assisi ~ August 11

August 10, 2025 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office

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Office Hours: Mon - Fri
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*

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

703-768-4918

2505 Stone Hedge Drive

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,

We pray in a special way this weekend for the Poor Clares as they celebrate the feast day of their patroness, Saint Clare of Assisi, on August 11th.

My favorite quote from Saint Clare is "Love Him totally, Who gave Himself totally for your love!" The Poor Clares live those words in a hidden and profound way as cloistered religious. May the Holy Spirit continue to pour out His abundant gifts upon them!

We express our gratitude to Seminarian John Mullin as he completes his summer assignment with us this weekend. We pray for him as he begins his theological studies at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia. Check out John's excellent talk in the latest episode of our parish podcast, entitled; *"From the Head to the Heart: The Journey of Prayer."*

Your Pastor,



Father O'Hare



ST. ANNE TEACHING THE BLESSED MOTHER

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



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

*Thursday August 14 7pm
Friday August 15 8:45am, 12 noon, and 7pm
and 8:30pm Spanish*



St. Louis Annual FEASTival!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22
5:30PM - 9:30PM

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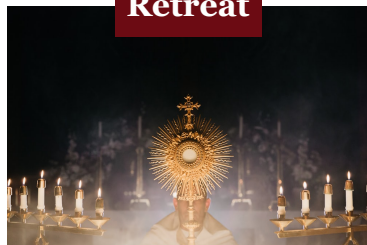
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R³ for Women ~ Second Monday of the Month 7pm ~ 8/11/25

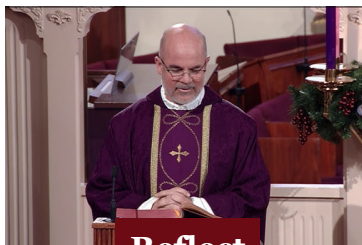
R³ for Men ~ Fourth Monday of the Month 7pm ~ 8/25/25

R³

Retreat



Reflect

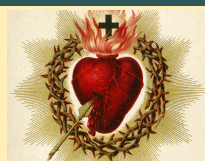


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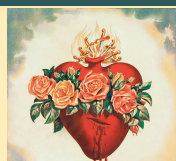


From 7pm-8pm there is Eucharistic adoration, a brief reflection, silent meditation, and confessions. This "holy hour" is followed by "happy hour" in the Little Way Cafe! Beverages and snacks are provided.

Rosary and Divine Mercy Daily



First Friday
August 1



First Saturday
August 2

Following 8:45am Mass



Intercessory Prayer

"I want someone to pray with me"

Sunday, Aug 10
After the 10:30am Mass

Meditative Music

11:30am-12:00pm

Brief personal intercessory
prayer with a priest
and prayer team member



"The way Jesus shows you is not easy. Rather, it is like a path winding up a mountain. Do not lose heart! The steeper the road, the faster it rises toward ever wider horizons!"

Saint John Paul II

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703.841.2504



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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 - This Wednesday, August 13th, we will meet in the YAR 10:15AM for a planning meeting for our 25th Anniversary Celebration, while the kids play! (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, 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 & Coffee & Family
Social Time 9:30am - 1:00pm**

**St. Louis Catholic Church
2907 Popkins Ln, Alexandria, Va 22306
rsvp at www.stlouismothersgroup.org**



Parish-based Pregnancy Assistance

Walking with Moms in the Diocese
since Mother's Day 2002

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.



**CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT at
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**Thursday September 18, 2025
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United Community (UC)

AUGUST 2025 FOOD DRIVE

NEXT WEEKEND, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH & 17TH, ST. LOUIS WILL BE CONDUCTING ITS MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE TO HELP RESTOCK THE SHELVES OF UC'S FOOD PANTRY. LAST MONTH, OUR DONATIONS TOTALLED 2,175 LBS. OF FOOD!! LET'S WORK TO MEET OR BEAT THAT AMOUNT IN AUGUST!!!

WE ARE ASKING EACH ST. LOUIS FAMILY TO CONTRIBUTE AT LEAST ONE GROCERY BAG FILLED WITH NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS. THERE IS A SPECIAL NEED AT UC FOR CANNED TOMATO PRODUCTS, SOUPS, AND CANNED MEATS AND SEAFOOD. MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALSO 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 would like to volunteer, contact Marvin Spychaj @ 703-380-2970 or marvinpsychaj@msn.com.



St. Vincent de Paul

Because of your generous support, the Saint Louis St. Vincent de Paul (SL SVdP) Society is able to walk alongside our neighbors experiencing homelessness—offering not just temporary relief, but also dignity, compassion, and hope.

While most of our assistance goes toward helping families avoid eviction and stay housed, our mission often calls us to respond to a wide range of urgent needs—each one unique and deeply human.

Recently, SL SVdP helped a couple with three young children by covering a 7-day hotel stay. The father, working daily construction jobs in the local area, was desperate to find a safe place for his family. Two kind strangers also stepped in to help with food and gas. We also assisted a man who has been homeless on and off since 2023. While awaiting his first paycheck from a new job with an ambulatory transport company, we provided a 4-day hotel stay so he could secure stable housing.

Additionally, we continue to support two women who live on the streets and survive through panhandling. Depending on their immediate needs, we've provided food cards, toiletries, and vitamins. In a previous encounter, we were also able to help one of the women by covering the cost to renew her phone service at T-Mobile—an essential tool for safety and staying connected. Both women are kind, respectful, and deeply appreciative of any support they receive.

“Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.” – Psalm 82:3

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.



Open House Meet & Greet

9:00 AM - 11:15 AM
8-20-25



St. Louis Families and Students,

Join us for our 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 family last name.

A-K 9:00-9:45 AM

L-R 9:45-10:30 AM

S-Z 10:30-11:15 AM

We kindly ask that all families arrive at their designated times.
Families who are unable to attend, please contact
communications@stlouisschool.org. Your child's classroom
assignment will be emailed on the 20th.

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME OUR
FAMILIES BACK FOR THE **2025-2026**
SCHOOL YEAR AND TO ANNOUNCE
OUR NEW THEME:

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Principal Mrs. Calogero

703-768-7732

LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Monday, August 11

7:00am Poor Clares, +Juan Del Castillo
8:45am, +Pedro Quintanilla

Tuesday, August 12

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Lois Owen
8:45am, +Jeff Justak

Wednesday, August 13

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Rev. John Fimmuchime
8:45am, +Alejandro Talavera, Sr.

Thursday, August 14

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of
Rev. Ricky Malebranche
8:45am, Intentions of Araceli Ruiz
7:00pm, Intentions of Sister Parish in Nicaragua

Friday, August 15 the Assumption of the BVM

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Hermann Armbrust
8:45am, Intentions of Shelly Woznak
12:00pm, +Salvador & Clelia Capestany
7:00pm, +Luis A. Martinez

Saturday, August 16

7:00am Poor Clares, +Joanne C. Drabik
8:45am, Intentions of Patricia Schaefer
5:30pm, +Stephen Von Fuchs

Sunday, August 17

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Rev. Alfredo Tuesta
7:30am, +John Featherly
8:45am, Intentions of Carmen Mejia
10:30am, Intentions of People of St. Louis
12:30pm, +Aurora Ramos
3:00pm, +Juana Ramirez Guevara

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

Ivonne Gamarra
Pauline D. Wade
Dennis Paul Klepic



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:

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



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