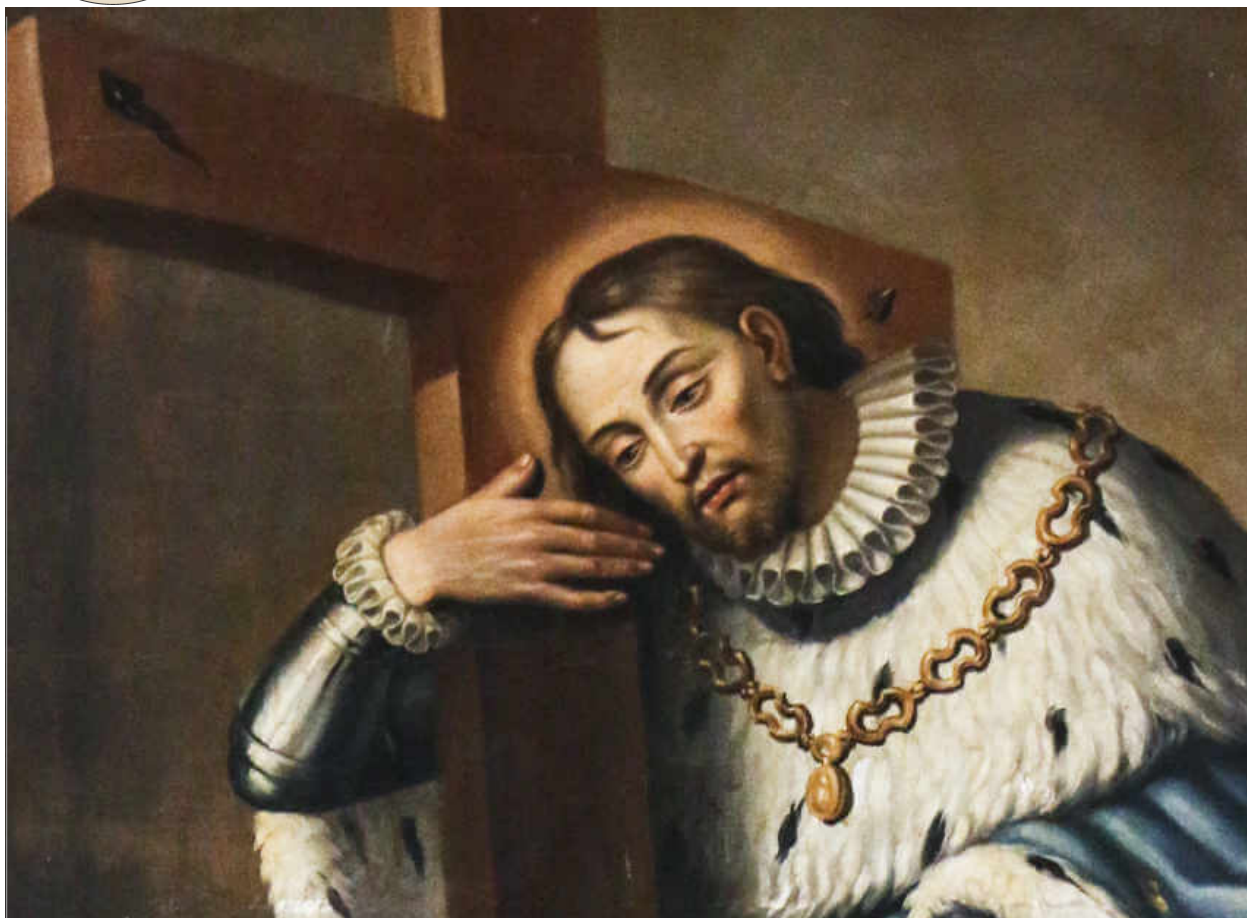
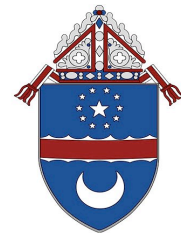




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~ St. Louis

August 24, 2025 ~ Solemnity of St. Louis, King of France

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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*

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

Hymn to Saint Louis

Today the earth with heaven sings, the praises of the King of Kings.
For Christ, who governs time and space, gave Louis strength to rule by grace.

Saint Louis held the land in peace; he made the fruits of earth increase.
Most brave, when called to go to war, most generous to all the poor.

He taught his family the same: To love and serve God's holy name,
To flee from sin, to love the good— The royal road of fatherhood.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (58:6-11)

Thus says the Lord: This is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke; sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own.

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!

If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; if you bestow bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday; then the Lord will guide you always and give you plenty even on the parched land. He will renew your strength, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose water never fails.

Responsorial (Psalm 112): **“Blessed the man who fears the Lord.”**

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians (6:14-16)

Brothers and sisters: may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (22:34-40)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking: "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Recessional Hymn

He served the needy of the land; he fed them all with his own hand.
He took them in and washed their feet, and gave them his own food to eat.

He turned from greed and sinful pride; with prayer each labor sanctified.
He feared no evil, nor the sword, but firmly trusted in the Lord.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

This weekend we celebrate the life of Saint Louis IX, King of France, the patron saint of our parish. Though his life was relatively short (he died at the age of 56), he lived a heroically virtuous life and accomplished great things in service to God and his fellow man. St. Louis did outstanding work for the poor; he negotiated peace between warring factions; he raised a family with his wife; he went on two Crusades in defense of Christianity; he sponsored the construction of numerous churches and monasteries; he prayed constantly and in particular found inspiration in the spirituality of Saint Francis of Assisi. He lived life to the full!

I think the key to the life of Saint Louis can be found in our Lord's Crown of Thorns. (St. Louis obtained this holy relic from the Holy Land and then built the famous Sainte-Chapelle in Paris to house the relic.)

Louis wore a golden crown as the King of France. But he undoubtedly spent hours contemplating the much more important crown that was placed on our Lord's head during his Sacred Passion. St. Louis believed that the meaning of his life was to be found in the life of Jesus. "Only in the mystery of the Incarnate Word does the mystery of man take on light." (Gaudium et Spes, 22) Look at Jesus today; look at every aspect of his life; connect them with every aspect of your life. It is in Him that your life finds its ultimate meaning and destiny. St. Louis did precisely this and that is what we celebrate today as a parish family.

St. Louis, King of France, pray for us!

We pray for all teachers, students, and their families as they begin a new school year this week!

Your Pastor,



Father O'Hare



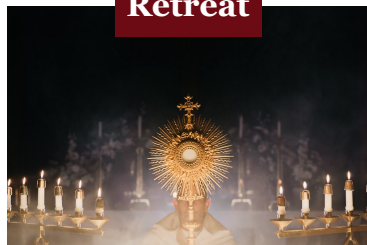
R³

R³ for Women ~ Second Monday of the Month 7pm ~ 9/8/25

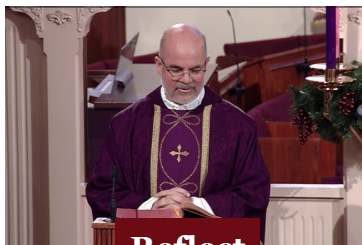
R³ for Men ~ Fourth Monday of the Month 7pm ~ 8/25/25

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.

Pray

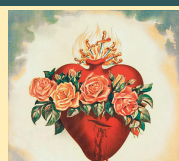
Rosary and Divine Mercy Daily

Pray

Pray



**First Friday
September 5**



**First Saturday
September 6**

Pray

Pray

Following 8:45am Mass

Pray



Intercessory Prayer
"I want someone to pray with me"

Sunday, September 21
After the 10:30am Mass

Meditative Music
11:30am-12:00pm
Brief personal intercessory
prayer with a priest
and prayer team member



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

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 27th, we will meet at 10:15am in the YAR for a Back-to-School Brunch and Social. Please bring a dish to share! (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**

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A big thank you to the St. Louis Dads who helped with morning carpool on the first day of school!



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Important dates

September 4

Middle School
Back to School
Night
(6:00 PM)

September 9

1st PTO Meeting
(6:30 PM);
K-5 Back to School
Night (7:15 PM)

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LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Monday, August 25

7:00am Poor Clares, +Maxima Lozano
8:45am, Intentions of Lippert Family

Tuesday, August 26

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Rucelo Lozano
8:45am, Intentions of Tanti McCormick

Wednesday, August 27

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Alfredo Balizado
8:45am, Intentions of John & Barbara Lawless
(Wedding Anniversary)

Thursday, August 28

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Cherie Amor Yadao
8:45am, +Edith Sims

Friday, August 29

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Onofre Gutierrez, Sr.
8:45am, Intentions of Ruth Lippert

Saturday, August 30

7:00am Poor Clares, +Michael Picini
8:45am, +Leonard Cuddy
5:30pm, +Marvin & Velma Cuddy

Sunday, August 31

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Steve Piscatelli
7:30am, Intentions of John Dougherty
8:45am, +Rosa Seballos
10:30am, Intentions of People of St. Louis
12:30pm, +Marlene & Francis Cendar
3:00pm, +Carmen Bustos

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

Susan A. Lauver
Ivonne Gamarra



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:

Lillian Spragen, Jack Todd, Raul and Silvia Toyos,
Paula Villalobo, and Margherita Woods.



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