



St. Louis Catholic Church

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*Feast
of
Saint
Matthew
~
Sept 21*

September 21, 2025 ~ Twenty Fifth 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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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*

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,

These words conclude our second reading today from Saint Paul: *"It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument."* (1 Timothy 2:8)

These words speak to us as Americans after the tragic events of the past week. The intentional killing of a young father and husband who had dedicated his life to the promotion of debate and dialogue on a range of religious and political topics has profoundly impacted people across the country.

We commend the soul of Charlie Kirk to the mercy of God and pray for his eternal rest and the consolation of his wife, children, relatives, and friends. It has been very encouraging to see people across the nation gathering in faith to bring their grief to God in prayer vigils *"without anger or argument."*

We also pray for the conversion, repentance, and spiritual healing of the young man who committed this sinful violent act. We do not at this moment know the personal history or psychological state of this person. What we do know is that he needs to repent and ask Jesus to forgive him for the irreparable harm that he has done. Recall how Saint John Paul II went to prison to meet one-on-one with the man who had attempted to assassinate him in 1981. May God provide the supernatural graces for real forgiveness and reconciliation to happen, for the benefit of all involved and for the good of our nation.

The Lord taught us: *"With God all things are possible."* (Matthew 19:26) In this critical moment it is important to believe and to live those words. Reports are coming in from sources across our country that last weekend thousands more people began to attend church or have returned to attend church services. The example of Charlie Kirk's faith has inspired countless American youth to turn to the God who loves, forgives, and saves.

This tragic event also requires us to recognize the reality of evil and spiritual darkness that lurk in the human heart. The Christian response is firstly to repent of our own sins. The Evil One is immensely fearful of the cleansing power of the Sacrament of Confession. One of the best things we can do in this moment is to make a good confession and thereby protect our own hearts from sin, temptation, and pride, which is the root of all evil.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle...

Your Pastor,



Father O'Hare



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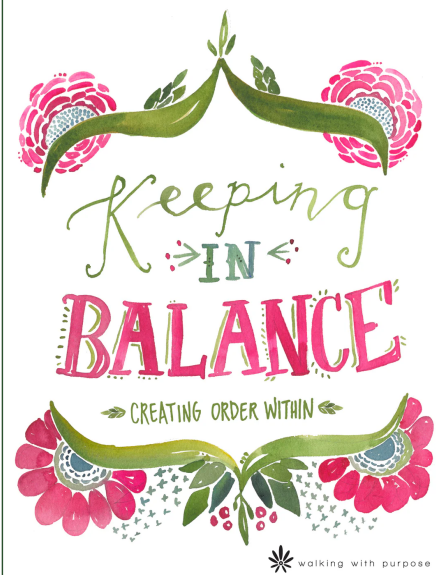
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Start date: 10/14/25

For questions contact the
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7:30am - 8:30am in the Little Way Café

Scripture, prayer, discussion, and coffee



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MEETING**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025, 9:00 AM

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GUEST SPEAKER: Carlos (Chuckie) Ibay

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Men & Women age 21 and older are invited!

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The event will be available on ZOOM.
Visit www.cwia.holyspirit.com for Meeting ID and Passcode.

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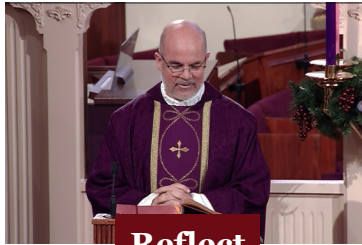
R³ for Women ~ Cancelled due to Columbus Day Holiday
 R³ for Men ~ Fourth Monday of the Month 7pm ~ 9/22/25

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

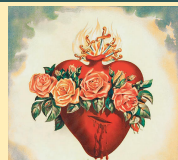
Rosary and Divine Mercy Daily

Pray

Pray



**First Friday
October 3**



**First Saturday
October 4**

Pray

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Following 8:45am Mass

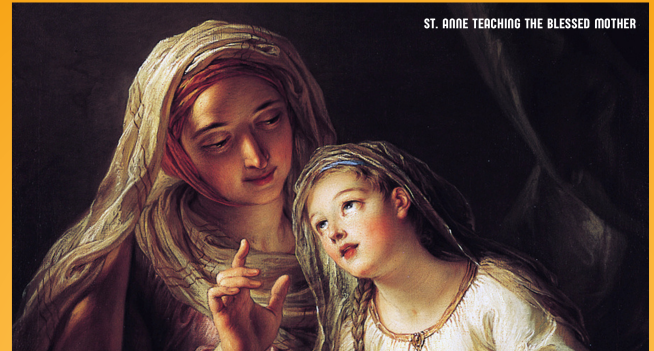
Pray



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

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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 - CANAVOX - This Wednesday, Sep 24th, is our monthly CanaVox meeting - please meet in the YAR at 10:15am. Please contact Theresa if you are interested in joining the reading and discussions each month.

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, October 15, from 12:30pm-1:30pm.



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Mass for Marriage Jubilarians

Married in 2000 or 1975?

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Contact your parish office today to register!



Sunday October 19, 2025

Cathedral of St. Thomas More | 2:30 pm

3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington | Principal Celebrant and Homilist



**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 5TH,
2PM
~
IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH**

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.

Prayer for our Nation

O God our Creator,
from your provident hand we have received
our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
You have called us as your people
and given us the right and the duty to worship you,
the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,
you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,
bringing the light and the saving truth
of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance
for the gift of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;

give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters
gathered in your Church in this decisive hour
in the history of our nation,
so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome —
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us — this great land will always be
“one nation, under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.”

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

* Found on page 23 in the "St. Louis Parish Prayer Booklet." Taken from USCCB.org



★ *You are Invited* ★

VETERANS RETREAT

FOR THOSE WHO SERVED

October 24 - 26, 2025
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ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Join us for our Open House for prospective families on Sunday, October 19th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Families interested in our school community are welcome to attend. St. Louis Catholic School offers admissions for students from Preschool through 8th grade. Please RSVP using the QR code below.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 ,
10:00AM - 12:00PM**



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LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Monday, September 22

7:00am Poor Clares, Intentions of Moffit Family
8:45am, +Eddie Donovan

Tuesday, September 23

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Ramon Carag, Jr.
8:45am, Intention of Mary Beth Nelson

Wednesday, September 24

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Reuben J. Koeller
8:45am, +Rhoda Mangaoang

Thursday, September 25

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Cathy Coates
8:45am, Intentions of John Bednarek

Friday, September 26

7:00am, Poor Clares, Intentions of Jayden Burrows
8:45am, Intentions of Maria Espino

Saturday, September 27

7:00am Poor Clares, +Linda Coates
8:45am, Intentions of Samuel Orellana
5:30pm, +Marvin & Velma Cuddy

Sunday, September 28

7:00am, Poor Clares, +Dennis Klepic
7:30am, +Marie Siciliano
8:45am, +Louella Namata Alegrado
10:30am, *Pro Populo*
12:30pm, +Jose M. Eusebio
3:00pm, +Juana Ramirez Guevara
5:15pm, +Dennis & Edward Klepic

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

Joseph Ferguson, Sr.
Arthur Victor Schultz



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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