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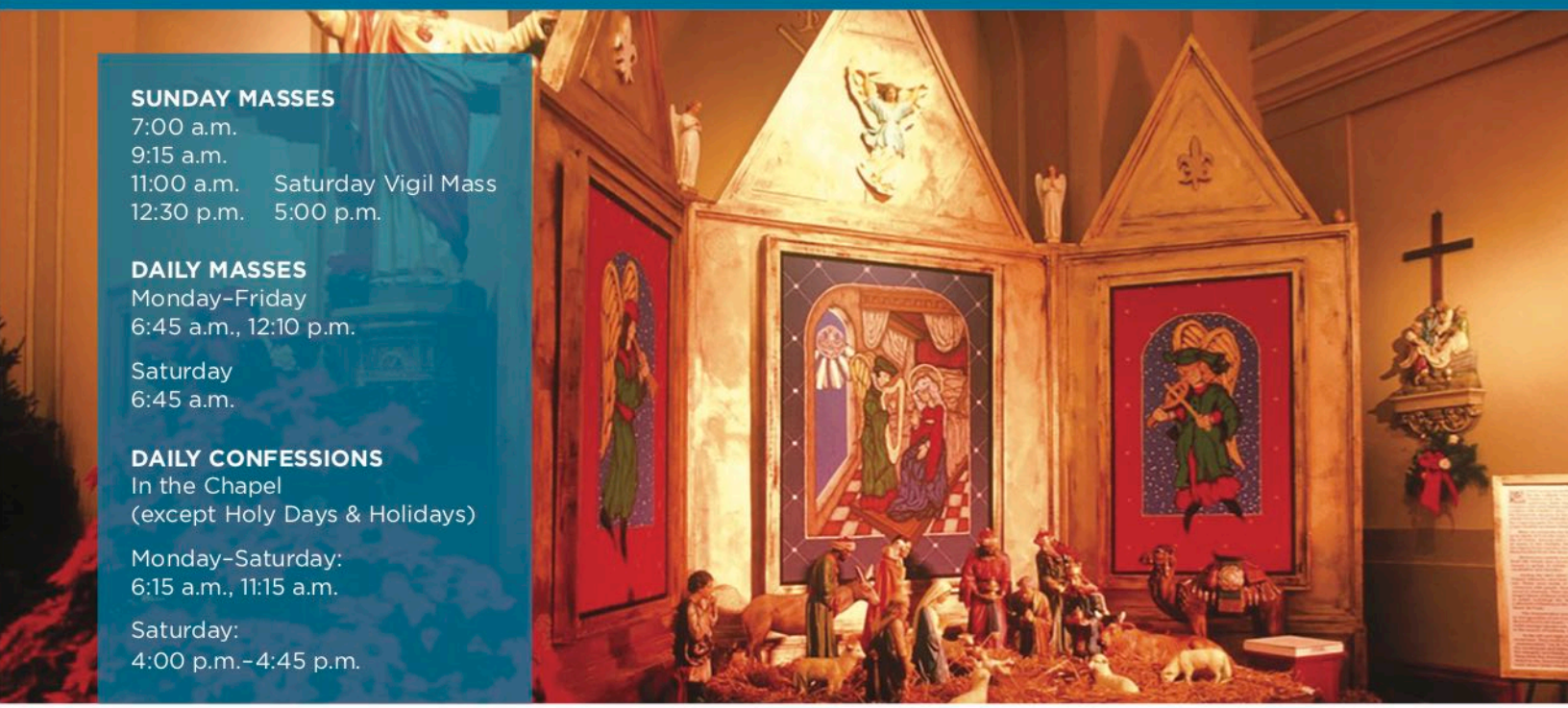

SUNDAY MASSES
7:00 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
11:00 a.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
12:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

DAILY MASSES
Monday–Friday
6:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

Saturday
6:45 a.m.

DAILY CONFESSIONS
In the Chapel
(except Holy Days & Holidays)

Monday–Saturday:
6:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

Saturday:
4:00 p.m.–4:45 p.m.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
First Monday of the Month
At all Masses (except Holy Days and Holidays)

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL
Monday 12:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS
Second Sunday of the month. Contact the Parish Office at least one month prior to requested date of Baptism to arrange for a personal interview with the Pastor. For parishioners only.

MARRIAGES
Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance for those who have been registered, supportive parishioners for at least two years. Contact the Parish Office for a meeting with the Pastor.

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Christmastide 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22
Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:00 a.m. Low Mass
9:15 a.m. Sung Mass
11:00 a.m. High Mass *with Choir*
12:30 p.m. Low Mass

Monday, December 23
Saint John of Kanty
Masses at 6:45 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.
Rosary in the Church 11:40 a.m.
Confessions at 6:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24
5:00 p.m. Sung Mass
7:00 p.m. IN FRENCH with French Carols
After the French Mass, church will be closed until 10:45 p.m.
11:30 p.m. Christmas Carols and Music
12:00 a.m. The Christ Mass at Midnight
No scheduled confessions today

Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25
7:00 a.m. Low Mass
9:15 a.m. Sung Mass *with Octet*
11:00 a.m. High Mass *with Choir*
12:30 p.m. Low Mass
No scheduled confessions today

Thursday, December 26
Saint Stephen, First Martyr
Masses at 6:45 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.
No scheduled confessions today

Friday, December 27
Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
Mass at 6:45 p.m. and 12:10 p.m.
Confessions at 6:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Saturday, December 28, The Holy Innocents
Mass at 6:45 a.m. (in the chapel)
Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Confessions at 6:15 and 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (in the chapel)

Sunday, December 29, Feast of the Holy Family
7:00 a.m. Low Mass
9:15 a.m. Sung Mass
11:00 a.m. High Mass *with Choir*
12:30 p.m. Low Mass

Monday, December 30
Masses at 6:45 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.
Rosary in the Church 11:40 a.m.
Confessions at 6:15 and 11:15 a.m.

New Year's Eve Tuesday, December 31
St. Sylvester I, Pope
Masses at 6:45 a.m. (in the chapel) and 12:10 p.m.
No scheduled confessions today

New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1, 2020
Octave of Christmas - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Masses at 6:45 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. (in the chapel)
No scheduled confessions today

Come let us Adore Him

Parking is available in the Andersen parking ramp across the street from the church; enter via Minnesota Street.
Note on security: Police officers will be on the premises for each of the seven Christmas Masses celebrated at St Louis beginning with the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Tuesday, Christmas Eve. Their presence discourages uninvited Christmas revelers from being on the property.

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MEDITATION

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

See Worship Book 772

Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another? (Matthew 11:3)

What a strange question, especially from John the Baptist. Not only was John Jesus' kinsman, but he had baptized Jesus and seen the Spirit descend upon him. But now that he is in prison and awaiting execution, John seems uncertain. Was he wearied by suffering? Did he need reassurance that he had not labored in vain? Or had he heard rumors of plots to kill Jesus and couldn't conceive that God's Messiah would suffer death? We just don't know.

But perhaps John wasn't uncertain at all. Maybe it was all part of the plan. What if John was doing exactly what he had always done: helping people recognize the Messiah? Maybe his question wasn't for himself but for his disciples—to help them believe in Jesus.

John's time was short. Concerned for his followers, he wouldn't want them to fall away once he died. His mission had always been to lead people to Jesus, and he was determined to be faithful to that mission right up to the very end. So it makes sense that before he died, John would want his disciples to know for themselves that Jesus was the Messiah. It makes sense that meeting Jesus would persuade them far more than John's words.

John's question resonates in our hearts too. Is Jesus really who he says he is? Can we find joy in him no matter what? Of course, we already have faith in Jesus, but don't we all need more? So John sends us to Jesus, along with his disciples, so that we can hear and see him.

Today is Gaudete Sunday, a day to rejoice that the Messiah is near. So when you see Jesus on the cross in your church, when you hear him in his word and receive him in Communion, echo John's question: "Are you the one my heart is searching for?" Try to quiet your heart, and listen for his answer. Let him convince you of his love and his grace. And then rejoice with him.

"Lord, I believe you are the Son of God."

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Please pray for our parishioners and friends of St. Louis Church who are sick: Mark Joseph Acesor, Bill, Christy, Ginny Collins, Monty Denniston, Estrella DeVeyra, Shirley Dufresne, Barb Arland-Frye, Greg Ennis, William F. Faulkner, Anne Hallgren, Lee Hallgren, Margaret Ann Hennen, John Johnson, Elizabeth Kaiser, Sister Marie, Ruth Murray, Tom Nutter, Mary Bartel O'Connell, Zachary Redland, Joan Schmitt, Roy Sheehan, Paul Steffel, Brian Walstad, Justin Woessner.

New Offering Envelopes
St. Louis Church will be changing offering envelope companies beginning the first of year 2020. Your offering envelopes will be mailed to you from Our Sunday Visitor Company. Look for the letter that will accompany your new envelopes.

ENTRANCE HYMN 373
The King shall come when morning dawns

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 772
O Lord, come and save us.

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 355
When the King shall come again

CHORAL MUSIC AT THE 11:00 AM MASS

Rejoice in the Lord alway *Anonymous, XVIth-Century*
Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen. *— Philippians 4:4-7.*

Communion ***Dicite Pusillanimes*** *Graduale Romanum, Mode VII*
Say: "Take courage, you who are fainthearted, and do not fear; behold, our God will come and he will save us."
— Cf. Isaiah 35:4.

Antiphon ***Sub tuum præsidium*** *Mode VII*
Under thy protection we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our needs, but from all dangers deliver us always, Virgin Glorious and Blessed.
— Oldest extant Hymn to the Blessed Virgin; circa 250 A.D.

The Cherry Tree Carol
English traditional, arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)
Joseph was an old man, And an old man was he, When he wedded Mary, In the land of Galilee. And as they were walking Through an orchards so good, Where were cherries and berries As red as any blood. O then bespoke Mary, With words both meek and mild, 'Pluck me one cherry Joseph; For I am with child.' 'Go to the tree then, Mary, And it shall bow to thee; And you shall gather cherries By one, by two, by three.' Then bowed down the highest tree Unto our Lady's hand; 'See,' Mary cried, 'see, Joseph, I have cherries at command.' 'O eat your cherries, Mary, O eat your cherries now; O eat your cherries, Mary, That grow upon the bough.' Then Mary plucked a cherry, As red as any blood, Then Mary went she homewards All with her heavy load.

TUESDAY ORGAN RECITALS, 12:35 pm — 1:05 pm
17 December — **Dr. Paul Barte**
Professor of Organ and Music History, Ohio University, Athens, OH.

A significant portion of the costs of the Tuesday recitals for the current season was graciously given by Sharon Bigot in loving memory of ***ALFRED E. BIGOT****.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 16
Numbers 24:2-7,15-17; Psalm 25:4-9; Matthew 21:23-27
Tuesday, December 17
Genesis 49:2,8-10; Psalm 72:1-4,7-8,17; Matthew 1:1-17
Wednesday, December 18
Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalm 72:1-2,12-13,18-19; Matthew 1:18-25
Thursday, December 19
Judges 13:2-7,24-25; Psalm 71:3-6,16-17; Luke 1:5-25
Friday, December 20
Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 1:26-38
Saturday, December 21
Song of Solomon 2:8-14; Psalms 33:2-3,11-12,20-21; Luke 1:39-45
Sunday, December 22
Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-6; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

Prayer Requests If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please call or email the parish office and we will add their names to our ongoing parishioners and friends list of intentions: markmstlouis@comcast.net or call 651-224-3379.

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DATE	REQUEST FOR	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
December 19	Kurt and Amber Lindberg	Happy Anniversary	Nancy and Bruce Lindberg
December 20	Dick Page and Mark Rotty	Happy Birthday	Nancy and Bruce Lindberg
December 22	†John Nyquist	Anniversary of Death	Helene Houle

OPEN BELL DATES: The following dates are still open in December and January for anyone wishing to have the bells rung in memory or in honor of a loved one: December 23rd, 28th-31st. January 1st, 4th-5th, 7th-13th, 16th-19th, 22nd-31st. Please call the rectory during office hours to make arrangements.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 16
6:45 †Paul Morris
12:10 †Mary C. Katynski

Tuesday, December 17
6:45 Generational Healing, The Conroy Families
12:10 Dee and Tim Krey

Wednesday, December 18
6:45 Healing and Gift of Faith for Max
12:10 Rizalino Santos

Thursday, December 19
6:45 Judy Jokiel
10:10 Mark Mullaney

Friday, December 20
6:45 †Dr. John Hess
12:10 Jacquelyn Smith

Saturday, December 21 ***St. Peter Canisius***
6:45 Bruce Schreiber
5:00 †Msgr. Richard Murray

Sunday, December 22 ***Fourth Sunday of Advent***
7:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners and Friends of St. Louis Church
9:15 Tom and MarriAnne
11:00 †Evelyn Virnig
12:30 Joseph Gramling

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, December 16 *Rosary in the Church* 11:40am
Tuesday, December 17 *Organ Recital following the 12:10 Mass*
Wednesday, December 18 *Adoration* from 11:00am to Noon

"Team Louie" is a group of parishioners who prepare and serve lunch one Sunday per month at Catholic Charities. For our winter service, we are conducting a clothing drive and encourage donations of **new** socks, hats, mittens, underwear for youth and adults (choose one or some or all!) to distribute to our lunch guests. We hope you will consider making a donation. There will be a collection box in the church. The clothing drive will continue through the month of February 2020. Thank you for your generosity! We wish you and your families a very happy Advent and Christmas season!

Fuel and Heat Second Collection Summary

Thank you for your contributions to helping heat the church, chapel, parish hall, music rooms and the rectory. The donation total from last weekend was $2,639.00 as follows: 5:00pm $630.00; 7:00am $381.00; 9:15am $563.00; 11:00am $478.00; 12:30pm $302.00; and $285.00 received directly at the parish office.

Second Collection for Endowment Fund

There will be a second collection for the Father Paul F. Morrissey, S.M. in memory of John Nasseff Endowment Fund next weekend.

St. Louis Church Bake Sale

Thank you to Jen Brodt who generously chaired the Bake Sale this year. Thank you as well to all of the volunteers: Mary Bakewell, Ann and Dwayne Cohen, Steph Donley, Kathy Frazier, Kim Gozum, Nancy Hafner, Mary Ellen Hennen, Margaret Ann Hennen, Jaci Krech, Sandra Stowell, Phyllis Strong, Susan Wageman and Valerie Taylor and those who delighted our palates with your baked goods. We have collected at this writing, $2,073.09 to benefit Joseph's Coat.

Christmas Flowers and the Decoration of the Church

Please consider helping with the expense of decorating the church by contributing to the Christmas Flower Fund! Donations can be made in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please be sure your name is on the front and the name(s) of the person(s) in whose memory/honor you are making the donation is written **clearly** on the back. Envelopes are available at the back of the church and can be dropped in any collection basket on Sundays or mailed to the parish office. Please do not drop these envelopes in the money slots in the church or chapel. Thank you.

Mass and Bell Requests for 2020

The Mass and Bell book is open to request dates. Envelopes for your requests can be found in the vestibule of the church and can be dropped in any collection basket at Mass or mailed to the parish office. Please write clearly. The stipend for a Mass is $10 and the cost for ringing the bells is $25. We will do our best to honor your requested date if possible.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass Schedule
Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve (No Confessions)
5:00 p.m. Sung Mass
7:00 p.m. Mass in French with French Carols
After the French Mass, the church will be closed until 10:45 p.m.
11:30 p.m. Carols and Music
12:00 a.m. Christmas Mass at Midnight (with Choir)
Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day
(No Confessions)
7:00 a.m. Low Mass
9:15 a.m. Sung Mass
11:00 a.m. High Mass (with Choir)
12:30 p.m. Low Mass
The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Schedule of Masses are also posted on our website at stlouiskingoffrance.org
New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Mass Schedule
Tuesday, December 31-New Year's Eve
6:45 a.m. Mass (No Confessions)
12:10 p.m. Mass (No Confessions)
No Anticipatory Mass for New Year's Day
Wednesday, January 1-Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God/Holy Day of Obligation
6:45 a.m. Mass in the Chapel (No Confessions)
12:10 p.m. Mass in the Chapel (No Confessions)

FEATURED ON THE COVER – Not every manger scene during Christmastide at *the Little French Church* included a stable. Designed by George Juaire ~ the Juaire family, for decades, has taken on the creative challenge unlike no others. The crèche figures, still in use, were made in Philadelphia and procured via the E.M. Lohmann Co. *(each of the statues were donated in 1987 or 1988*). The Triptych's center image is the Annunciation with Gabriel playing a harp, the Holy Spirit behind him in the window. The other angels have a trumpet and either a lute or a violin. The illustrations have a medieval flair to them. The undated photo *(1990-1994?)* precedes the painting of the church in 1997 and the St. Dorothy Portico door.