



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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MEDITATION

Sunday, December 31, 2017

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph See Worship Book 782

The child's father and mother were amazed. (Luke 2:33)

So here we are, on the cusp of a new year. It's the perfect day to reflect on the past year's blessings and to set our hopes on those yet to come. Imagine all the families that are doing this very thing today—engaging in this "dual vision" of the past and the future.

It's not hard to imagine the Holy Family doing the same thing as well. They, too, had much to look back on and much to anticipate! Perhaps Mary recalled the angel's words about Jesus at the Annunciation, "He will be . . . called Son of the Most High" (Luke 1:32). Joseph must have remembered his dream, when the angel told him to name Mary's son Jesus, "because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). Remembering these dramatic interventions must have helped this couple to trust in God's faithfulness and to know that their future was safe in his hands.

Joseph and Mary weren't the only ones to engage in this dual vision. Simeon shared his vision with them as well. Holding the infant Jesus, he saw the fulfillment of all God's promises and the hope for the future salvation of Israel. No wonder they were amazed! Surely his words rang in their ears as they looked back and looked ahead.

What about you? How was God with your "holy family" this year? Maybe you can ask everyone this question at dinner tonight. Were there times of rejoicing, like a new grandchild? Were there moments of sickness or strained relationships? Try to identify how God has been with you through it all. But don't only look back—look forward too. How has the past year prepared you for the blessings to come? Maybe God is just beginning to unfold something new in your life. How can you embrace it?

This is a day to be amazed at God's blessings—and to know that even better things have yet to come!

"Thank you, Lord, for being with us this year. Help us stay close to you in the new year as well."

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ENTRANCE HYMN 382

While shepherds watched their flocks

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 782

O happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 399

Joy to the world

CHORAL MUSIC AT THE 11:00 AM MASS

The Shepherds' Farewell

Thou must leave thy lowly dwelling, The humble crib, the stable bare, Babe, all mortal babes excelling, Content our earthly lot to share, Loving father, loving mother, shelter thee with tender care! Blessed Jesus, we implore thee With humble love and holy fear, In the land that lies before thee, Forget not us who linger here! May the shepherd's lowly calling Ever to the heart be dear! Blest are ye beyond all measure, Thou happy father, mother mild! Guard ye well your heavn'ly treasure, The Prince of Peace, the Holy Child! God go with you, God protect you, Guide you safely through the wild

Communion Fili, quid fecisti Graduale Romanum, Mode I My son, why have you treated us so? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you. How is it that you were seeking me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?

— Luke 2:48-49.

Lute-book lullaby W. Ballet (17th cent.) arr. Geoffey Shaw Sweet was the song the Virgin sang, When she to Bethlem Juda came And was deliver'd of a son, That blessed Jesus hath to name: 'Lulla, lulla, lulla, lullaby, (repeat).' 'Sweet babe,' sang she, 'my son, And eke a Saviour born, Who hast vouchsafed from on high To visit us

that were forlorn: Lalula, lalula, lalulaby. Sweet babe,' sang she, And rocked him sweetly on her knee.

TUESDAY ORGAN RECITALS Resume 9 January 2017 at 12:35 pm, directly after the 12:10 pm Mass.

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, January 1

Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

Tuesday, January 2

First John 2:22-28; Psalm 98:1-4; John 1:19-28

Wednesday, January 3

First John 2:29—3:6; Psalm 98:1,3-4,5-6; John 1:29-34

Thursday, January 4

First John 3:7-10; Psalm 98:1,7-8,9; John 1:35-42

Friday, January 5

First John 3:11-21; Psalm 100:1-5; John 1:43-51

Saturday, January 6

First John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-15,19-20; Mark 1:7-11

Sunday, January 7

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:2,7-8,10-13; Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6;

Matthew 2:1-12

Masses and Bells at St. Louis

For those wishing to reserve a Mass Intention there are envelopes in the vestibule of the church and the chapel. The stipend is \$10 per Mass.

The ringing of the Bells can also be reserved using the Bell Envelopes in the vestibule of the church. The offering for the bells is \$25.

RING OUT, O BELLS...

DATE
January 1
January 2
January 3
January 6

REQUEST FOR
†Mary Antos
†Ray W. Houle
†Mickey Nasseff
Aubrianna Abdul

INTENTION New Life Birthday Memorial Birthday Memorial Happy Birthday

Esther Lenartz Helene Houle John Nasseff and Helen Houle Nancy and Bruce Lindberg

REQUESTED BY

OPEN BELL DATES: The following dates are still open in January for anyone wishing to have the bells rung in memory or in honor of a loved one: January 7th-10th, 12th-13th, 16th-18th, 22nd, 24th-31st. Please call the rectory during office hours to make arrangements.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

6:45 Deborah Still-Vierling

12:10 Shawn Kane

Tuesday, January 2 St. Basil the Great,

St. Gregory Nazianzen

6:45 Jacki Kane

12:10 †Florence Crann

Wednesday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

6:45 †Patricia A. Schwartz

12:10 The Readers and Benefactors of the Wanderer Newspaper

Thursday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:45 Kane Family

12:10 Bob Heldman and Family

Friday, January 5 St. John Neumann

6:45 †Tommy Knipe

12:10 Jacki Kane

Saturday, January 6 St. André Bessette

6:45 Jerome Hronek

5:00 †Arlene Girmscheid

Sunday, December 31 The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Louis Church

9:15 †Dobee Narloch

11:00 Jason Pelzel and Family

12:30 †William Petersen

PARISH CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan. 3 Eucharistic Exposition 12:35pm-2:00pm
Wednesday, Jan. 3 Shawl Knitters in the Parish Hall 1:00pm
Monday, Jan. 8 Anointing of the Sick after all Masses
Monday, Jan. 8 Organ Recital, following the 12:10 Mass
Sunday, Jan. 14 Donut Sunday after 7, 9:15, 11 & 12:30 Masses

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, New Year's Day, January 1. Happy New Year!

Parking for Weekend Masses

Ample free parking is available for weekend Masses throughout the year in the Andersen Human Services Building just across Tenth Street

- Enter the ramp through the "Contract" entrance on Minnesota Street just north of the intersection with Tenth Street:
- Exit to the street either via the stairway at Minnesota and Tenth, or the elevators in the northwest corner of the ramp;
- After Mass, re-enter via the elevators to reach your car;
- If the barrier is down across the exit, approach slowly and it will open.

New Year's Day Schedule of Masses

Also posted on our website at stlouiskingoffrance.org Monday, January 1 – New Year's Day

6:45 a.m. In the chapel 12:10 p.m. In the church

No scheduled confessions today.

Anointing of the Sick transferred to Monday, January 8th after all the Masses.

December Collection for Restoration

Thank you to all who contributed to our second collection this past weekend to help with the expenses of extraordinary maintenance and repair. The donations totaled \$4090.65 as follows: 5pm \$793.00; 7am \$392.00; 9:15am \$403.00; 11:00am \$301.65; 12:30pm \$301.00; \$695.00 from automatic contributions and \$1205.00 received directly at the parish office.

Expenses to date \$102,050.28 Thank you

Monies Collected to Date \$74,140.44 for your continued

Amount Yet Needed \$27,909.84 support!

Tax Letters Regarding Contributions

If you would like to receive a letter with the total amount you have contributed to St. Louis Church during the 2017 calendar year, please send a note to Mark at the parish office, either through the mail, by putting the note in an envelope in any collection baskets, or you may email your request to markmstlouis@comcast.net.

Theology on Tap is a six-week speaker series held twice a year, once during the winter and once during the summer. Topics focus on faith and contemporary issues that directly affect the lives of young adults. The talk is free, but all are encouraged to support our generous host, O'Gara's. All young adults ages 18-39 are welcome to come join us as we mix good beer with better knowledge! Schedule

January 3: "I Know I Should Pray, but..." with Deacon Joe Michalak

January 10: "Harry Potter and the Moral Imagination" with Dr. Catherine Deavel

January 17: "Social Justice: Not What You Think It Is" with Dr. Robert Kennedy

January 24: "Man, Woman, and the Order of Creation" with Dr. Deborah Savage

Introduction to Twin Cities Prison Ministry

Thursday, Jan. 4, 7pm. Lumen Christi Catholic Church. Discover how you can be involved in Prison Ministry as you answer Jesus' call in outside prison activity (Pen Pal, Angel Tree, Prayer Warrior, Birthday Card writing, Families of the Incarcerated Support and Hope - FISH, or join Twin Cities Prison Ministry Steering Committee) or inside prison activity (Residents Encounter Christ - REC Retreats, Catholic Studies or Mentoring - 6 months on the inside and 6 months on the outside).



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