



CHURCH OF Saint Louis KING OF FRANCE

The Little French Church

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 one year.
Contact the Parish Office for a meeting
with the Pastor.

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MEDITATION

March 10, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Laetare Sunday

Everyone who believes in him . . . (John 3:16)

Today's Gospel reading is full of promises to "everyone who believes" in Jesus. They will have eternal life (John 3:15). They will not perish (3:16). They will not be condemned (3:18). But what does it mean to *believe in him*?

We might think that believing in Jesus means being convinced that he is who he says he is. And it does. We agree with the truth that he is the Messiah, the Son of God. We acknowledge his miracles and the wisdom of his teachings. But intellectual assent will get us only so far. As James says, "Even the demons believe that and tremble" (2:19).

The belief that Jesus is talking about here is an act of the will; it's a decision to place our trust in Someone whom we know and love. That kind of personal connection with the Lord can spark a deep faith that changes the way we think and behave. St. John Henry Newman talked about the importance of our relationship with Jesus when he said, "No man will be a martyr for a conclusion" (*An Essay in Aid of a Grammar of Assent*).

But even deeper, and at the heart of everything else, faith is a gift of grace from God. Our belief is more than intellectual assent or an act of the will. It's a response to God's initiative. His grace opens our minds to the truth and moves us to place our lives in Jesus' hands. Belief isn't possible without God's initial intervention. The *Catechism* puts it succinctly: "In faith, the human intellect and will cooperate with divine grace" (155).

Today is a day overflowing with grace. So turn to the Lord and affirm your faith. Tell Jesus that you believe he is who he says he is. Entrust your life to him. As you do, your faith will continue to grow, and you will trust even more deeply in Jesus' promise of eternal life.

"Jesus, I believe in you!"

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Psalm 137:1-6

Ephesians 2:4-10

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Stone Soup (or St. Bernard's Soup as it's also known) takes its name from a 16th-century legend.

According to the story, a hungry beggar asked for alms at a wealthy man's mansion. The servants replied they had nothing to give him. Please, asked the man, could you boil some water to make soup of this stone?

The servants did. Tasting it, the beggar pronounced it good, but in need of a little seasoning. The servants share some salt and pepper.

Tasting the soup again, the beggar said it was goo, but perhaps could use bits of leftover vegetables or meat for more flavoring. The servants found some vegetables and meat and added them to the soup. When the soup was done, the beggar and the servants tasted it again and then sat down to share the simple meal together.

TODAY'S MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Lift High The Cross 229

Kyrie No 1

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Amazing Grace 287

Sanctus No. 16

Memorial Acclamation

Agnus Dei No. 30

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light 312

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 11

Isaiah 65:17-21; Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-13; John 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 12

Ezekiel 47:1-9,12; Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9; John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 13

Isaiah 49:8-15; Psalm 145:8-9,13-14,17-18; John 5:17-30

Thursday, March 14

Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 106:19-23; John 5:31-47

Friday, March 15

Wisdom 2:1,12-22; Psalm 34:17-21,23; John 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday, March 16

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 7:2-3,9-12; John 7:40-53

Sunday, March 17

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:3-4,12-15; Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

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.

Please pray for our parishioners and friends of St. Louis Church who are sick: Raymond Acesor, Paul Anderson, Peggy Anfang, Hugh Atkinson, Mary Atkinson, Laris Berggren, Bill, Christy, Odelia Conlon, Monty Denniston, Jenny Dufner, Shirley Dufresne, Elzbieta, Greg Ennis, Dorothy Ernster, Harry Frazier, Mary and Marty Graner, Anne Hallgren, Mia Hasouris, Margaret Ann and Mary Ellen Hennen, Mark Hennen, Austin Hogan, Patty Huiras, Gloria Iverson, Judy, Brian Junker, Ernie Jurgens, John D. Lamey, Bonida Lanford, Caroline Lanford, Steve Launiger, Lowell, Jennifer McMaster, Tom Miller, Tim Mullaney, Ruth Murray, Gretchen Naegeli, Tom Nutter, Joe Oden, Karen Olson, Zachary Redland, Jacob and Jaxson Rivera, John Schleck, Tamera Schwartz, Mamie Singleton, Maureen Sullivan, Robert Tereau, Bob Tesch, Allyson Tracy, Robert VanGuilder, Jr, Char Virnig, Michael Virnig, Jennifer Washington, Patty Wirth, and Justin Woessner.

Stone Soup is also called St. Bernard's Soup after the 10th-century French priest Bernard de Menthon who established shelters for pilgrims in the snowy Alps. He sent dogs out to help guide lost travelers to the hostels where they were given warm soup and a place to sleep.

During Lent, serving stone soup encourages participants to bring an item to add to the soup which, when finished, is shared by all.

RING OUT, O BELLS...

DATE	REQUEST FOR	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
March 12	Ramona Barrett	Happy Birthday	Helene Houle
March 16	†Joseph Chlebeck	Anniversary of Death	Helene Houle

OPEN BELL DATES: The following dates are open in March and April for anyone wishing to have the bells rung in memory or in honor of a loved one. March 17th-18th. April 4th-6th, 11th-13th, 16th-17th, 19th-23rd, 25th-26th, 28th-30th. Please call the rectory during office hours to make arrangements. Some dates listed as open may not be due to the normal lag in printing time.

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 11

6:45 †Jerome Menke
12:10 †Irene Hayes

Tuesday, March 12

6:45 Mary Boyle
12:10 †Bridget Crepeau

Wednesday, March 13

6:45 †William Colbert
12:10 †Barbara Kline

Thursday, March 14

6:45 †Smeby Family
12:10 †Dennis R. Johnson

Friday, March 15

6:45 †Elizabeth Harper
12:10 †Lee Bakewell

Saturday, March 16

6:45 †John Humphrey
5:00 Kathy Bergquist

Sunday, March 17 *The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

7:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners and
Friends of St. Louis Church
9:15 †Donald Lindau
11:00 †Mary C. Katynski
12:30 Carol Gramling

Parish Calendar

Coffee & Donuts	The Second Sunday of Each Month
Miraculous Medal Novena	Every Monday beginning at noon
Rosary Recited	Mar. 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th at 11:35am.
Eucharistic Exposition	Wednesday Mar 13th, 11am-12pm.
Anointing of the Sick	The First Monday of the month after the 6:45am and 12:10pm Masses
Lunchtime Organ Recital	Tuesday, March 12th following the 12:10 Mass
Stations of the Cross	Fridays at 5:15pm during Lent
Soup Suppers	Following Stations of the Cross

Organ Recital Tuesday, March 12th, 2024

St. Louis Church's renowned Organ Concerts this year continue on Tuesdays following our 12:10 Mass. The March 12th concert recitalist is Paul Barte. Paul Barte is the Professor of Organ and Music History at Ohio University.

Masses and Bells

Those wishing to secure dates in 2024 for Masses or Bells should submit a Mass Intention Envelope. Envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church. The Mass Intention Envelope can be dropped in any collection basket or mailed to the parish office. Please *call or email* the parish office to schedule Bell Ringing. The suggested stipend for a Mass is \$10 and \$25 for Bells.

Stations of The Cross/Soup Supper

During the season of Lent, **Stations of the Cross** will be held each Friday beginning at 5:15pm in the main church followed by a **Soup Supper**. This week's soups are Clam Chowder and Cream of Mushroom.

St. Louis Church Lenten Food Drive

Help us help the **Franciscan Brothers of Peace** in feeding the hungry, the poor and the homeless. Donations will be collected at each Mass in the Church by the Saint Joseph Altar and in the chapel by the Lourdes Grotto. The Food Shelf is in need of **Nonperishable Foods, Personal Hygiene Products, Gift Certificates, Gift Cards, and Monetary Contributions** are always helpful. The final day for donations is March 22nd.

Catholic Services Appeal

Jesus says in today's Gospel that "Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God" (John 3:21). Our parish wants to do everything in the light, so hungry souls can see Jesus living through us. Without His light, souls who need Jesus can't see that He lives in our parish, in our tabernacle. Already more than halfway through Lent, the Church bids us rejoice! Laetare Sunday is a day of light. Jesus gave purpose and power to human suffering. "In the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58). When you support our Catholic Services Appeal, you help your neighbors find His light in the darkness and hope when it's needed most. May God be with you. A QR Code for donations is in the rear of the church.

Easter Flowers

As is the tradition at the Little French Church, you can honor your loved ones both living and deceased by making a donation to help with the expense of Easter flowers. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. These envelopes can be dropped in any collection basket. Please write or print clearly.

Walking with the Saints: A Pilgrimage for St. Joseph

Saturday, March 16, 9 - 11:30 a.m., St. Mary, St. Paul to St. Joseph, West St. Paul. Bring your intentions to St. Joseph on this 3.5 mile walking pilgrimage in anticipation of his feast day. This is the first in a series of local monthly pilgrimages with the aim to embrace our identities as pilgrims on this Earth and create space for the community and spirituality of pilgrimage, of stepping away from everyday life spiritually even while on potentially familiar terrain physically, to recall the presence of God and the saints with us everywhere we go. Learn more and register at moderncatholicpilgrim.com/pilgrimage-calendar/st-joseph.

Annual Saint Patrick's Day Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul

Saturday, March 16, 9:30 - 11 a.m., Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul. The Ancient Order of Hibernians would like to welcome everyone to the annual Saint Patrick's Day Mass with Bishop Joseph Williams. aohmndivision4.org for more information.

WHAT IS A CHURCH BULLETIN?

EVERY SUNDAY THE VAST MAJORITY OF CATHOLIC CHURCHES PLACE A WEEKLY BULLETIN OR NEWSLETTER IN THE HANDS OF EVERY PERSON ATTENDING A SUNDAY MASS. EACH BULLETIN IS UNIQUE TO THE SPECIFIC CHURCH AND GENERALLY CONTAINS A PASTORAL LETTER, A SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND CURRENT EVENTS. IT IS A MINI-MUST READ FOR PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS WHO WISH TO STAY CURRENT WITH THE LIFE AND PEOPLE OF THE PARISH.

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*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts
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there are different forms of service
but the same Lord;
there are different workings but the same God
who produces all of them in everyone.
To each individual the manifestation of
the Spirit is given for some benefit.
1 Corinthians 12:4-7*

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