



CHURCH OF Saint Louis KING OF FRANCE

The Little French Church

SUNDAY MASSES

7:00 a.m.
10:00 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

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent

***I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it;
it may bear fruit in the future. (Like 13:8-9)***

In today's Gospel, Jesus concludes his call to repentance with a parable about a barren fig tree. The owner of the tree, after three years without any fruit, decides to cut it down. The gardener intervenes, however: "Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down" (Luke 13:8-9). The crowd listening to this parable likely recalled that Israel was called "the vineyard of the Lord," which "yields its fruit in season" (Isaiah 5:7; Psalm 1:3). They knew God was looking for his people to bear fruit in good deeds, but Jesus reminded them that God was also willing to show patience to sinners. In his mercy, he would "cultivate" and "nourish" them while he delayed their day of reckoning.

We all know that God is patient, but we don't know when our day of reckoning will come. Look what happened to the Galilean Jews that Pilate killed (Luke 13:1-3). The people who heard of this tragedy asked Jesus what these victims had done to deserve such a fate. Were they being punished for their sin? Jesus refutes this logic and reminds his listeners that they were no greater sinners than anyone else. Instead, he warns, this tragedy should urge us *all* to repent.

God calls us not only to repent, but to "produce good fruits as evidence of [our] repentance" as well (Luke 3:8). This fruitfulness lies at the heart of Lent: *Repent and be faithful to the gospel*. The good news is that we are not left to bear fruit on our own. Jesus, our faithful Gardener, is here to help us face the areas of our lives that need repentance. He will tend the soil of our hearts, prune the branches that lead us to sin, and pour out his grace to help us grow.

***"Thank you, Lord, for helping me to repent
of my sins and bear fruit!"***

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For Pope Francis, your servant and our shepherd, that he may be restored to good health and be comforted at this critical time by our prayers and the maternal closeness of Mary, Help of the Sick, let us pray to the Lord.

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

For Families in Crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

TODAY'S MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Forty Days and Forty Nights #240

Kyrie #1

OFFERTORY HYMN:

The Glory of These Forty Days #256

Sanctus #16

Agnus Dei #30

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

***For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.***

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #378

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 24

2 Kings 5:1-15b

Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3-4

Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 25

Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm 40:7-11

Hebrews 10:4-10

Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, March 26

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9

Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20

Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 27

Jeremiah 7:23-28

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9

Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 28

Hosea 14:2-10

Psalm 81:6c-11b, 14-17, 17

Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 29

Hosea 6:1-6

Psalm 51:3-4, 18-21b

Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, March 30

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Psalm 34:2-7

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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: omannstlouis@gmail.com or call 651-224-3379.

We ask that you kindly let us know when the names of people should be removed. Many, many thanks.

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, Odelia Conlon, Monty Denniston, Gretchen Dertz, Jenny Dufner, Elzbieta, Greg Ennis, Harry Frazier, Anne Hallgren, Mia Hasouris, Margaret Ann Hennen, Mary Ellen Hennen, Mark Hennen, Austin Hogan, Patty Huiras, Gloria Iverson, Doria Johnson, John Johnson Brian Junker, Ernie Jurgens, Marilyn Krass, John D. Lamey, Bonida Lanford, Caroline Lanford, Steve Launiger, Lowell, Henry Lyons, Jennifer McMaster, Tom Miller, Dick Mogren, Cathy Mullaney, Tim Mullaney, Ruth Murray, Gretchen Naegeli, Tom Nutter, Joe Oden, Karen Olson, Zachary Redland, Jacob Revera, Jaxson Rivera, John Schleck, Mamie Singleton, Lana Sloan, Maureen Sullivan, Robert Tereau, Robert Tesch, Allyson Tracy, Robert VanGuilder, Jr, Michael Virnig, Brian Walstad, Jennifer Washington and Justin Woessner.

RING OUT, O BELLS

DATE	REQUEST FOR	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
March 25	†Joseph Houle	Anniversary of Death	Helene Houle
March 30	Lulu Daly	Happy Birthday	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 24, 26, 27, 28, 29; April 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29,,, and 30 . Please call the rectory during office hours to make arrangements. Some dates listed as open my not be available due to the normal lag in printing time.

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 24 *Lenten Weekday*
 6:45 †Rose Mary Satack
 12:10 †Ken Iverson
 Tuesday, March 25 *The Annunciation of the Lord*
 6:45 Michael Herringer
 12:10 †Karen Henschell
 Wednesday, March 26 *Lenten Weekday*
 6:45 Katherine Dubord McGuire
 12:10 Stephen Lauinger
 Thursday, March 27 *Lenten Weekday*
 6:45 †Bruce Colon
 12:10 †Jim Hobbie
 Friday, March 28 *Lenten Weekday*
 6:45 †Thomas Francis McGuire
 12:10 †Vincent and †Clara Rose Joseph
 Saturday, March 29 *Lenten Weekday*
 6:45 Lynne Smeby
 5:00 †David Graff
 Sunday, March 30 *Lenten Weekday*
 7:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners
 of Saint Louis Church
 10:00 †Gerald Ernster
 12:30 Steve Paslawski

Parish Calendar

March 24.....Rosary Recited 11:40 AM
 March 24..... Novena Miraculous Medal 12:00 PM
 March 24.....Synod Scripture Group 6:30 PM
 March 25.....Rosary Recited 11:40 AM
 March 25..... Lunchtime Organ Recital 12:35 PM
 March 26.....Eucharistic Adoration 11-12 PM
 March 27.....Rosary Recited 11:40 AM
 March 28.....Rosary Recited 11:40 AM
 March 28.....Stations of the Cross 5:15 PM

Mass Intentions

We ask that for any Mass Intention that you kindly fill out the envelope in its entirety, and so that the envelope is readable. Sadly, we occasionally receive intentions that are unreadable and have no phone number to call for clarification on the spelling of the name(s). Your 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.

ELECTRONIC DONATION

You can now make an electronic donation to St. Louis Church by scanning the QR code to the right. The code is linked to our online giving page on the website.



TUESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

This Tuesday, March 25, immediately after the 12:10 PM Mass, the Tuesday Lunchtime Concert Series features Samuel Libra. Samuel is Director of Sacred Music and Liturgy at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Minneapolis, MN.

SYNOD SCRIPTURE GROUP

The Synod Scripture Group is meeting on Monday, March 24 in the parish hall at 6:30 PM until 7:30 PM. The group will be discussing the Old Testament and King David. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

This weekend, there is a second collection for the Maintenance Fund. This fund is used for building repairs of the church, chapel and parish hall. As always, your continued generosity and support is greatly appreciated and needed.

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 during Lent by the St. Joseph and St. Mary altars in the church and in the chapel by the Lourdes Grotto. The Food Shelf is in of need non-perishable foods. Monetary contributions are always helpful.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION AT THE CAPITOL

Join in Eucharistic Adoration on First Fridays, from February through May, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the State Capitol in the Governor's Dining Room located on the lower level of the Minnesota State Capitol, Room B420. RSVP or drop-in! You can find registration, parking information and further details at mncatholic.org/events.

HAM IT UP BINGO

Come and share a good time with your family and friends at the annual St. Odilia "Ham It Up" Bingo! On Friday, March 28, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Play to win a ham, cash, and other prizes. Concessions and game sheet sales begin at 6:00 PM. Popcorn, nachos, Culver's Custard, drinks, etc. are available. The first game will begin at 6:30 PM. A fun night for the entire family! Visit stodilia.org for more information.

LAST SEVEN WORDS OF CHRIST

Join Holy Childhood for a powerful Lenten evening beginning with a soup supper at 6:30 PM. The night continues with a beautiful performance of The Seven Last Words of Christ by Theodore Dubois, featuring the Holy Childhood Schola Cantorum and Orchestra. The music, paired with the reverent Stations of the Cross, invites deep reflection on Christ's final moments. This is a perfect opportunity for spiritual renewal, fellowship and beautiful music this Lenten season. Holy Childhood is located at 1435 Midway Parkway, Saint Paul.

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
but the same Spirit;
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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