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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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Pastor

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MEDITATION

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday

*The Lord, your God, is in your midst.
(Zephaniah 3:17)*

Did you ever rejoice in something that hadn't actually happened yet? Maybe you were looking forward to a dear friend's wedding or a visit from an out-of-town relative. Just the thought of what was to come made you smile!

In today's first reading, the prophet Zephaniah told the Israelites to "be glad and exult" because God was going to remove "the judgment against" them (3:14, 15). They were to rejoice even though they were still suffering the consequences of their rebellion against the Lord. Why? Because God had promised to rescue them, so it would come to pass.

Today is Gaudete Sunday, a day set aside during Advent for rejoicing. Although Christmas is still ten days away, we can begin rejoicing in Jesus' birth now. We can also look forward to Jesus' Second Coming, when he will establish a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21:1). Like the Israelites, we don't know when that will happen, and yet we are called to rejoice in it. God keeps his promises.

We live in a fallen world, surrounded by much pain and sorrow. We may be going through a difficult time this Advent, so we may not feel much like rejoicing. But it is possible to rejoice in what has been promised to us. One day we will stand before the Lord, and he will wipe every tear from our eyes. On that day, we won't be able to contain our joy!

So try to follow St. Paul's advice from today's second reading to "rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4). Rejoice that the Lord loves you so much that he became man to save you. Rejoice that he is present in the Eucharist and wants you to be with him in the closest way possible. Rejoice in anticipation of life with God forever. *Choose* to rejoice today, no matter how you feel. Why? Because our Lord God always keeps his promises!

*"Jesus, I rejoice in you always,
Now and forever!"*

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

For Pilgrims of Hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

PRAYER INTENTION

For our parish community: That we may continue to support the Church through our prayers, resources, and active participation. Let us pray to the Lord.

TODAY'S MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Hail to the Lord's Anointed #219

Kyrie #1

GLORIA #5

OFFERTORY HYMN:

People, Look East #191

Sanctus #16

Agnus Dei #30

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Soon and Very Soon #188

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 16 *Advent Weekday*

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Psalm 24:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9

Tuesday, December 17 *Advent Weekday*

Genesis 49:8-10; Psalm 72:1-4b, 7-8, 17; Matthew 1:1-17

Wednesday, December 18 *Advent Weekday*

Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;

Matthew 1:18-25

Thursday, December 19 *Advent Weekday*

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17;

Luke 1:5-25

Friday, December 20 *Advent Weekday*

Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-6; Luke 1:26-38

Saturday, December 21 *Advent Weekday; St. Peter Canisius*

Song of Songs 2:8-14; Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21;

Luke 1:39-45

Sunday, December 22. *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Micah 5:1-4a; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Hebrews 10:5-10;

Luke 1:39-45

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, Bill, Christy, Odellia Conlon, Monty Denniston, Jenny Dufner, Elzbieta, Greg Ennis, Dorothy Ernster, Harry Frazier, Anne Hallgren, Mia Hasouris, Margaret Ann Hennen, Mary Ellen Hennen, Mark Hennen, Austin Hogan, Patty Huiras, Gloria Iverson, Judy, Brian Junker, Ernie Jurgens, Marilyn Krass, John D. Lamey, Bonida & Caroline Lanford, Steve Launiger, Lowell, Henry Lyons, Jennifer McMaster, Tom Miller, Shirley Milliman, Cathy Mullaney, Tim Mullaney, Ruth Murray, Gretchen Naegeli, Tom Nutter, Joe Oden, Karen Olson, Zachary Redland, Jacob and Jaxon Rivera, John Schleck, Mamie Singleton, 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
December 19	Kurt and Amber Lindberg	Happy Anniversary	Nancy and Bruce Lindberg
December 20	Mark Rotty	Happy Birthday	Nancy and Bruce Lindberg
December 21	Dick Page	Happy Birthday (December 20)	Nancy and Bruce Lindberg

OPEN BELL DATES: The following dates are open in December for anyone wishing to have the bells rung in memory or in honor of a loved one: December 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 and 31. 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, December 16 *Advent Weekday*
 6:45 †Mary C. Katynski
 12:10 †Joseph and †Lorraine Merkl
 Tuesday, December 17 *Advent Weekday*
 6:45 Hurley Family
 12:10 †Vladislav Kondraratowicz
 Wednesday, December 18 *Advent Weekday*
 6:45 Ed Williams
 12:10 Carrie Hartung
 Thursday, December 19 *Advent Weekday*
 6:45 Eric Williams
 12:10 †Denise Sheldon
 Friday, December 20 *Advent Weekday*
 6:45 †Jerome Hoeronek
 12:10 †Jacqueline Smith
 Saturday, December 21 *St. Peter Canisius*
 6:45 †Joe Rheinberger
 5:00 †Dr. John Hess
 Sunday, December 22 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
 7:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners and
 Friends of St. Louis Church
 10:00 Charles Belland
 12:30 Living and Deceased Marist Fathers
 who have served St. Louis Church

Parish Calendar

Miraculous Medal NovenaMonday, December 16 12:00 PM
 Rosary Recited Monday, December 16 11:45 AM
 Rosary Recited Tuesday, December 17 11:45 AM
 Tuesday Lunchtime Concert..... Tuesday, December 17 12:35 PM
 Eucharistic Exposition Wed, December 18 11:00AM-12:00 PM
 Rosary Recited Thursday, December 19 11:45 AM
 Rosary RecitedFriday, December 20 1 11:45 AM
 Endowment Fund Collection.....Weekend Dec 21 and 22

MASS INTENTIONS

We ask that for any Mass intention that you kindly fill out the envelope in its entirety 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.

Parish Office Hours 7:00am – 3pm Monday through Friday

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TUESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES

This Tuesday, December 17, immediately after the 12:10 PM Mass, the Tuesday Lunchtime Concert Series will feature Christopher Ganza, Director of Sacred Music, Cathedral of Saint Paul, National Shrine of the Apostle Paul and Director of Choral Music, Saint Agnes School.

ANNUAL BAKE SALE

Thank you to all of our volunteers for making our annual bake sale a success. A special thank you to Jen Brodt for organizing the event along with Mary Bakewell and the volunteers who made the telephone calls to our parishioners and friends asking for items. We also thank the many people who brought in baked goods for the sale. The proceeds from the bake sale totaled \$1,316.00 of which \$946.00 will be donated to the Franciscan Brothers of Peace. Again, many thanks to all!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Support those who have given a lifetime of dedicating their lives to service, usually for little or no pay. The Retirement Fund for Religious helps religious communities with pressing retirement needs, health care and daily needs for senior women and men religious, who are most grateful for your generosity and support. Envelopes are located in the back of the church. Please drop them in the regular collection basket. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ENVELOPES

A Christmas Flower Donation can be given in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please clearly write the names on the envelope. The envelopes are located at the back of the church. Many thanks.

DAILY REFLECTION BOOKLETS

There are Advent and Christmas Reflection Booklets available at the back of the church. They are a wonderful guide to use for prayer and reflection during the Advent and Christmas seasons. All are welcome to take a copy.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Fr. Paul F. Morrissey in Memory of John Nasseff Endowment Fund. Your continued generosity and support is very much appreciated.

ASSUMPTION CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Save the date, Saturday, December 28, 2024 at 7:00 pm when the Assumption choir presents their annual Christmas Concert. Relish the joy of the Christmas Season with beautiful choral music and favorite carols. A reception will follow in the lower church. Admission is free of charge. Assumption Church is located at 51 West 7th Street, St. Paul, MN.

CHRISTMAS EVE - Tuesday, December 24

5:00 pm Vigil Mass with Cantor
7:00 pm Mass IN FRENCH with French Carols
No scheduled Confessions on this day

CHRISTMAS DAY Wednesday, December 25

7:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass with Cantor
12:30 pm Mass
No scheduled Confessions on this day

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Sunday, December 29

Vigil Mass Saturday 28 - 5:00pm

7:00am Mass
10:00am Mass with Cantor
12:30pm Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE - Tuesday, December 31

6:45am Mass
12:10 Mass
No scheduled Confessions on this day

NEW YEAR'S DAY - Wednesday January 1, 2024

Octave of Christmas -
The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation

6:45am Mass
12:10pm Mass
No scheduled Confessions on this day

***No Scheduled Confessions on
December 24, 25, 31, 2024 & January 1, 2025
No 6:45am or 12:10pm Mass on Tuesday 24***

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Monday, Thursday, Friday 6:45am (in the Chapel) and
12:10pm (in the Church).
DAILY CONFESSIONS: (except for dates noted above)
Monday, Thursday, Friday 6:15am and 11:15am.
Saturday: 6:15am, 11:15am & 4-4:45pm

To allow our seniors and people with disabilities to use our parking lot, please use the additional parking available in the open lot on Wabasha and 10th, 'kitty-corner' from the front of the church.
Note on security: Security will be on the premises for the Christmas Vigil and Christmas Day Masses as well as all of our weekend Masses.

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*

Please consider sharing your gifts as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister.

Training and ongoing coaching is available to help you proclaim God's Word and/or distribute Holy Communion at our Little French Church.

For more information, please contact Kathy Omann in the Parish Office via email at omannstlouis@gmail.com or phone at 651-224-3379.

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