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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 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

He was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame. (Matthew 1:19)

What an interesting thing to say about Joseph: he was “righteous” yet “unwilling to expose” Mary “to shame” (Matthew 1:19). It seemed as if there were two different impulses in Joseph as he struggled to decide how to respond to Mary’s pregnancy.

Today’s Gospel tells us that Joseph was a righteous man and a devout observer of the Mosaic law. He was just in his intention to break his union with Mary—she seemed to have violated their betrothal, after all. But still, he didn’t want Mary to become an object of ridicule and shame. So he was *merciful* in his desire to find a quiet solution that avoided public scandal.

Justice and mercy: these two noble instincts revealed the depth of Joseph’s holiness. And yet God had something better in mind. He wanted to bring Joseph even further along the path of righteousness.

When the angel appeared to him in a dream, he reassured Joseph that he didn’t need to divorce Mary. The child she carried was part of God’s plan to redeem the world. He was Emmanuel, God-with-us, who would fulfill both justice and mercy in himself. Joseph accepted the angel’s words. He came to see that God’s plans were bigger and better than his own, righteous though they were. So Joseph let the Lord redirect his ideas and strategies.

This is a lesson for us. God is always calling us into a deeper relationship with him. He might ask us to set aside our plans or take a step in a direction we don’t understand. But he leads the way for us. Joseph’s yes to the Lord not only protected Mary and Jesus, but it also transformed his own life. Even though Joseph didn’t understand, he was willing to obey. It made all the difference for Joseph, and it can do the same for you!

“Lord, help me to trust in the goodness of your plan so that I can grow closer to you!”

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THE FOUR THEMES OF ADVENT

The Advent theme of **love** is celebrated during the Fourth Week of Advent, highlighting God’s deep and boundless love for humanity. Love is at the heart of the Christmas story: God sent his only Son, Jesus, as an act of selfless love to redeem the world.

This theme reminds us of **John 3:16**—“*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.*” It’s a powerful message that the birth of Christ is the ultimate expression of God’s love, freely given to all.

As we light the fourth Advent candle, symbolizing love, we reflect on how Jesus calls us to love one another as he has loved us. This season encourages us to embody God’s love through acts of kindness, compassion, and forgiveness, extending that love to family, friends, and those in need. Advent love invites us to open our hearts to receive God’s love anew and share it generously, preparing to welcome Christ with a heart full of gratitude and grace.

TODAY’S MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming #067

Kyrie #1

OFFERTORY HYMN:

People, Look East #191

Sanctus #16

Agnus Dei #30

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

***Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
And his name will be called Emmanuel***

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Wake, O Wake, and Sleep No Longer #183

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 22

1 Samuel 1:24-28
(Psalm) 1 Samuel 2:1,4-8d
Luke 1:46-56

Tuesday, December 23

Luke 1:67-79
Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24
Psalm 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14
Luke 1:57-66

Wednesday, December 24

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14, 16
Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29
Luke 1:67-79

Wednesday, December 24

Vigil Mass
Isaiah 9:1-6
Psalm 96:1-3, 11-13
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:15-20

Thursday, December 25

Mass at Dawn
Isaiah 62:11-12
Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14

Mass During the Day

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98:1-6
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18

Friday, December 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17
Matthew 10:17-22

Saturday, December 27

1 John 1:1-4
Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
John 20:1a, 2-8

Sunday, December 28

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Psalm 128:1-5
Colossians 3:12-21
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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: Paul Anderson, Peggy Anfang, Margie Atkinson, Mary Atkinson, Laris Berggren, Mike Campion, 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, Doria Johnson, John Johnson, Brian Junker, Ernie Jurgens, Marilyn Krass, John D. Lamey, Bonida Lanford, Caroline Lanford, Steve Lauinger, 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, Inger Saffie, Mamie Singleton, Maureen Sullivan, Robert Tereau, Robert Tesch, Allyson Tracy, Robert VanGuilder, Jr, Michael Virnig, Brian Walstad, Jennifer Washington and Justin Woessner.

DATE	REQUEST FOR	RING OUT, O BELLS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
December 26	Tom and Dory Spence	Wedding Anniversary	Dory Spence
December 27	Mac Lacy	Happy Birthday	Fred Lenertz, Sr.

OPEN BELL DATES: The following dates are open in January for anyone wishing to have the bells rung in memory or in honor of a loved one: Dec. 28; January 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31. Please call the rectory during office hours to make arrangements. Some dates listed as open may not be available due to the normal lag in printing time.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 22 *Advent Weekday*
6:45 Lori Geisbauer
12:10 Austin Hogan

Tuesday, December 23 *Saint John of Kanty*
6:45 Mikey Then
12:10 †David Rolland

Wednesday, December 24 *Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord*
5:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners
of Saint Louis Church
7:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners
of Saint Louis Church

Thursday, December 25 *The Nativity of Our Lord*
7:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners
of Saint Louis Church
10:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners
of Saint Louis Church
12:30 Living and Deceased Parishioners
of Saint Louis Church

Friday, December 26 *Saint Stephen*
6:45 Virginia Doyle
12:10 †Franklin Barrett

Saturday, December 27 *Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist*
6:45 Mac Lacy
5:00 Phil Kilpatrick

Sunday, December 28 *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*
7:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners
of Saint Louis Church
10:00 †Sue Philben
12:30 The Wanderer Readers

PARISH CALENDAR

December 22 Rosary Recited 11:40 AM
December 22 Novena Miraculous Medal 12:00 PM
December 23 Rosary Recited 11:40 AM
December 24 Parish Office closes at 12:00 PM
December 25 Parish Office Closed
December 26 Rosary Recited 11:40 AM

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.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve
5:00 PM Mass with Cantor and Volunteer Choir
7:00 PM Mass **IN FRENCH**
No scheduled Confessions on Christmas Eve Day

Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day
7:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Mass with Cantor
12:30 PM Mass
No scheduled Confessions on Christmas Day

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Saturday, December 28 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday, December 29
7:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Mass with Cantor
12:30 PM Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Thursday, January 1, 2026
The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
6:45 AM and 12:10 PM
No scheduled Confessions on New Year's Day

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will close at noon on Wednesday, December 24, 2025, and will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25, 2026.

TUESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT

There will be no Tuesday Lunchtime Organ concerts until Tuesday, January 6, 2025.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

A Christmas Flower Donation can be given in honor or in memory or in honor of a loved. Please clearly write your name and the names of persons being remembered clearly on the envelope. Envelopes are located at the back of the church. Also, envelopes were included in your envelope packet this year,

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Support those who have given a lifetime of dedicating their lives to service, usually for little or no pay. The Religious Retirement Fund helps the retirement needs, health care and much more. Envelopes are located at the back of the church. Please drop them in the regular collection basket. Many thanks.

2026 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The 2026 calendars are available at the back of the church. We thank Jim and Charles Belland of Rebarfab, Inc. for their generous donation of sponsoring the calendars for 2026.

POPE LEO'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war and conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

**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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