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Welcome to St. Louis Parish!

We are blessed by your presence with us today. Whether you are a long-time parishioner, relatively new to the parish, home from school, or visiting for the weekend, we are grateful that you have chosen to worship here at St. Louis Catholic Church. As Roman Catholics, the Holy Eucharist is the center of our lives, and the source of our mission. Nourished by the Word of God, we strive to instill family values, promote social justice, and foster life-long formation in the Catholic faith. As we work together to build a community dedicated to living the Gospel, we commit ourselves to generous stewardship and the responsible use of our spiritual and material resources.

If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register as a member by calling the Parish Office.

Prayer & Devotion

Rosary & Holy Hour: First Sunday of the month at 7:00pm

Prayer Service: Saturday at 8:05am

Mass Schedule

Weekend: Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 6:30, 9:30 & 11:00am

Weekday:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday &
Friday 8:10am
Tuesday 6:00pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation (Confession):
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
after the 8:10am Mass;
Tuesday at 5:00pm; Saturday at 4:30pm

Baptism: Second & fourth Sunday by
appointment. Call the parish office.

Marriage: Couples desiring to be married at
St. Louis should be registered, active
members of the parish. Please contact the
parish office to schedule an appointment
with the priest at least six months before
the anticipated date.

Anointing of the Sick: This sacrament is for
anyone with a serious illness, undergoing
surgery, etc., or near death. If you would
like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick
please call the parish office.

Sacrament Students - Save the Dates

- **Saturday, January 22nd, 8:00am—11:00am:** Sacrament Day for all First Communion and Confirmation students.
- **Sunday, January 30th, 6:30pm - 7:30pm:** Confirmation Talk
- **Monday, February 21st, 6:30pm:** Confirmation Practice
- **Saturday, February 26th, 2:00pm:** Confirmation
- **Sunday, May 1st:** First Communion



Adoration Chapel Coordinator

Our Parish is looking for a volunteer coordinator for our Adoration Chapel. The duties include updating the monthly sign-in sheets and the Open Hours sign-up sheet and providing new adorers with an information packet. It is a very spiritually rewarding ministry. Please contact Christy Moenter at 812-239-9164 if interested.

Friday Morning Bible Study

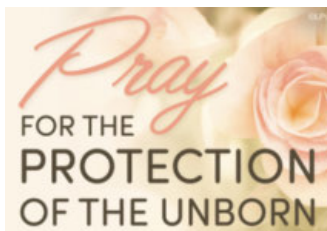
All are welcome to come to the Friday Morning Bible Study— “James—Pearls for Wise Living,” every **Friday at 9:00am** in the parish office.

St. Nicholas Eucharistic Healing Service

Are you hurting and broken within? Join Fr. Whittington for a Eucharistic Healing Service on **Tuesday, January 18, 2022** at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Sunman. Confessions begin at 6:30; praise & worship music at 6:45; and the Holy Hour and Healing Service at 7:00pm. Soaking Prayer will be offered for your personal intentions. Go to Jesus to receive healing!

Prayer on the Square

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their 10th annual "Prayer on the Square" on **Friday, January 21st at 10:00am** at the Dearborn County Court House, outside just across from the Lawrenceburg Library. There will be around 5 speakers including Father Mahan, speaking about Right to Life. This is a good alternative for those who cannot make it to Washington DC or to Indianapolis. Weather permitting there should be well over 100 people present praying for Right to Life issues.



E6 Catholic Men's Conference - Rediscover Your Vocation

The 7th Annual E6 Catholic Men's Conference – featuring Matthew Kelly and Gus Lloyd - is back at the East Central Performing Arts Center on **February 26, 2022!** Registrations are now being accepted. Spaces are limited and social distancing will be observed. Register early as it is sure to sell out. St. Louis Parish has a block of 45 seats for this year's E 6 Catholic Men's Conference. Tickets are \$35 each. To reserve your seat, please email James Dickey at jdickey@etczone.com

2022 Cincinnati Men's Conference

Actor Jim Caviezel (Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ) and Raymond Arroyo (EWTN/ FOX News) are coming to Fifth Third Arena in Cincinnati on Saturday, April 2, 2022, to speak at the Cincinnati Men's Conference. For tickets, go to www.CincinnatiMensConference.com.

Roses for Life

The annual Roses for Life collection will take place next weekend, **January 22 & 23**. Containers for donations and roses will be at the exits. Donations help support the work of the Batesville Pregnancy Hotline, and Right to Life of Southeastern Indiana. Thank you in advance for your generous donations in the service of Life!

Adoration Chapel

The following hours are in need of a scheduled adorer: **Sunday - 11:00am; Monday - 12:00am; Saturday - 12:00am, 7:00pm**. For more info call Christy at 812-239-9164.

Natural Family Planning

A Natural Family Planning Class will be held on **Sunday, February 6th from 9:00am to 12:00pm** at St. Louis. There is a \$40.00 fee for books and materials. For reservations call or text Aly at 812-212-4951 or Michael at 812-212-2719.

Baptism Preparation Class

The Baptism preparation class is for parents who are having their first child baptized. The next class will be offered on **Tuesday, January 18th at 7:00pm** in the Parish Office. Please call the parish office to register 812-934-3204.

2021 Year End Statements

Contribution statements for 2021 will be mailed by January 31, 2022. Checks dated in 2021 and received or postmarked after December 31st will be included on your 2022 Statement.

St. Louis Cash Raffle

Congratulations to the following:

- Jan. 6 - \$100 - Stephen Glaser
- Jan. 10 - \$100 - Debbie Nobbé

CYO Basketball

Sunday, Jan. 16th, at St. Joseph, St. Leon:
1:00pm - All Saints 2 vs. Holy Family
2:15pm - All Saints 1 vs. St. Louis
 Admission is \$3 for adults/students and \$7 for a family. All are welcome to come and watch exciting high school basketball!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 15

5:30 pm Margie Weigel and William D. Weigel

Sunday, January 16

6:30 am Larry Enzinger
9:30 am Katy Hortemiller
11:00 am For the Parish Community

Monday, January 17, St. Anthony

8:10 am Marcia Fasbinder

Tuesday, January 18

6:00 pm Louis Tebbe

Wednesday, January 19

8:10 am For the Unborn and Respect for all Human Life

Thursday, January 20, St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

8:10 am Leon Pulskamp

Friday, January 21, St. Agnes

8:10 am Living and Deceased Members of the Lawrence, Roselyn & Rob Wessel Family

Saturday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

5:30 pm Jake & Mary Siefert

Sunday, January 23, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 am For the Parish Community
9:30 am Art & Rita Gartenman
11:00 am John Wallpe



Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Altar Servers

Monday, January 17

8:10 am Alyssa & Henry Wanstrath

Tuesday, January 18

6:00 pm Adam & Ethan Meer

Wednesday, January 19

8:10 am SCHOOL SERVERS

Thursday, January 20

8:10 am SCHOOL SERVERS

Friday, January 21

8:10 am SCHOOL SERVERS

Saturday, January 22

5:30 pm Corrine & Edward Volk

Sunday, January 23

6:30 am Luke & Anthony Meer
9:30 am Abigail Raab & Caroline Ramsey
11:00 am Santiago & Alejandra Schutte

Lectors

Saturday, January 22

5:30 pm Susan Vergamini

Sunday, January 23

6:30 am Pat Meer
9:30 am Beth Enneking
11:00 am Nelson French

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, January 22

5:30 pm Lorraine Hampson, Mary Sitterding, Bob Luesse, Dave Meyer, Fran & Carol Bessler

Sunday, January 23

6:30 am Jerry Dickman, Pat Meer, Regina Gerstbauer, Janet Freese, Rosie Koehne
9:30 am John Wilson, Don & Marilyn Freyer, Sebastian Moster, Tom Sullivan, Nancy Werner
11:00 am Maria Mercado, Linda Kolb, Mark Masavage

Rosary & Holy Hour
Sunday, February 6th
7:00pm

Ushers

Saturday, January 22

5:30 pm Gary Kuntz, Scot Harmeyer, Jerry Eckstein, Bob Prickel

Sunday, January 23

6:30 am Steve Eckstein, Jim Scheele, Todd Tekulve, Molly Tekulve, Brad Tekulve
9:30 am Eugene Laker, John Vogelsang, Mike Weigel
11:00 am Bob Mattucci, Tom Brunsman, Ted Telles, Landon Gutzwiller

Celebrant

Saturday, January 22

5:30 pm Fr. Stan

Sunday, January 23

6:30 am Fr. Jey
9:30 am Fr. Stan
11:00 am Fr. Stan

January Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

For True Human Fraternity - We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Saturday Morning Prayer Service

January 22nd at 8:05am
Meet in the Church

RCIA—All Welcome

All are welcome to join us for any or all RCIA sessions! We meet in the parish office meeting room on Sundays.

Sunday, January 16th - Marriage.
Sunday, January 23rd - Living a Catholic Life.

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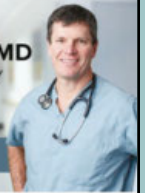
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### Annual Observance of Roe vs. Wade Mass

The archdiocesan Office of Human Life and Dignity, in conjunction with the Diocese of Lafayette and Right to Life Indianapolis, has announced Roe v. Wade observance events in Indianapolis on Jan. 23-24.

The events begin with a Vigil for Life at St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W. Georgia St., in Indianapolis, from 2:00-4:00pm on Jan. 23.

Local Catholic composer, singer and songwriter Francesca LaRosa will lead participants in praise and worship, and local Catholic Dr. Casey Delcoco will give a hope and healing witness on the Abortion Reversal Protocol. Eucharistic adoration and the sacrament of reconciliation will be available.

Vigil registration, which is requested but not required, is available at [indyhld.flocknote.com/signup/76535](http://indyhld.flocknote.com/signup/76535). For questions, contact Brie Anne Varick, coordinator of the Office of Human Life and Dignity, at 317-236-1543 or [bvarick@archindy.org](mailto:bvarick@archindy.org).

On Jan. 24, Archbishop Charles C. Thompson will serve as primary celebrant with Lafayette Bishop Timothy L. Doherty concelebrating during a special Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church at 10:30am.

The Indiana March for Life and rally, both sponsored by Right to Life Indianapolis, will take place after the Mass. The march will begin at noon starting from West Georgia Street next to St. John the Evangelist Church. It will proceed to the Soldiers and Sailors Monument (Monument Circle) then to the south steps of the State Capitol Building at 200 W. Washington St. There, a rally will take place featuring pro-life speakers.

For more information on the march and rally, contact Right to Life Indianapolis president Marc Tuttle at [marc@rtlindy.org](mailto:marc@rtlindy.org) or 317-582-1526. To register for the Indiana March for Life, go to [indyhld.flocknote.com/signup/76537](http://indyhld.flocknote.com/signup/76537).

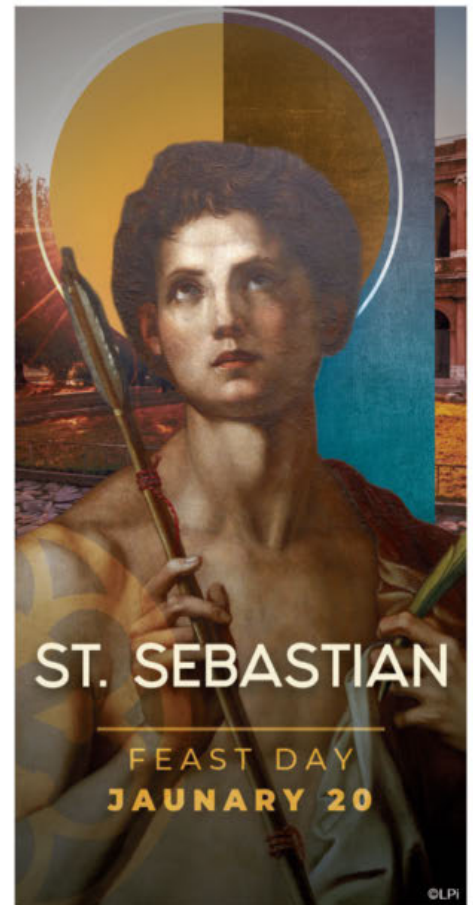
### Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Each year on **January 22**, all dioceses in the United States are called to observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. January 22 is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion throughout our nation. Since then, over 60 million lives have been lost. That's more than the size of Italy's population.

This coming Saturday, January 22, we set aside a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. It is also a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. We are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms.

The act of abortion rejects God's gift of life. Abortion destroys the life of a child, lovingly knit together in his or her mother's womb, and for someone who has participated in abortion, the loss of a child can form a hole in their heart so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. As a human and Christian family, we grieve the loss of so many lives. And yet, even in our grief, we know there is hope.

Christ came for the very purpose of redeeming our sins, offering us His forgiveness, and giving us His peace. Jesus comes to free us from the bonds of sin. And there is no sin that is beyond God's mercy. It is never too late to seek the Lord's mercy and healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. His greatest desire is to forgive us, pouring out His infinite mercy upon us so that we may be healed. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. You can find out more information about the Church's ministry for healing after abortion by visiting [hopeafterabortion.com](http://hopeafterabortion.com). We are all sinners. But with the grace of God, we can become saints. We can be lights to the nations, sharing the truth about the irrevocable dignity of the human person. Where sin abounds, God's grace abounds all the more. Therefore, let us take courage and offer prayer and penance, that all human life would be welcomed in love and protected in law.



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 - 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

As a young man marries a virgin,  
your Builder shall marry you;  
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride  
so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)



## PSALM

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the  
nations. (Ps 96)



## SECOND READING

But one and the same Spirit produces all  
of these,  
distributing them individually to each  
person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)



## GOSPEL

Jesus did this as the beginning of his  
signs at Cana in Galilee  
and so revealed his glory,  
and his disciples began to believe in  
him. (Jn 2:11)

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God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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