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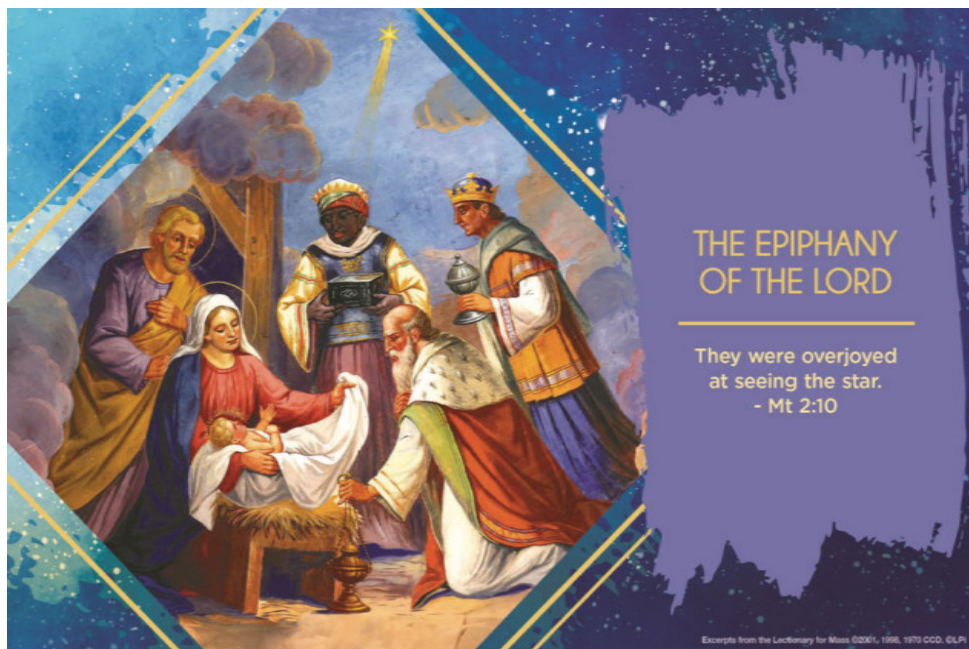
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## Welcome to St. Louis Parish!

### Prayer & Devotion

**Rosary & Holy Hour:** First Friday of the month at 6:00pm

**Prayer Service:** Saturday at 8:05am in the Adoration Chapel  
Monday after 8:10am Mass in the West Transept

### Mass Schedule

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

### Weekday:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:10am; Tuesday 6:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am

### Reconciliation (Confession):

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

### Sacraments

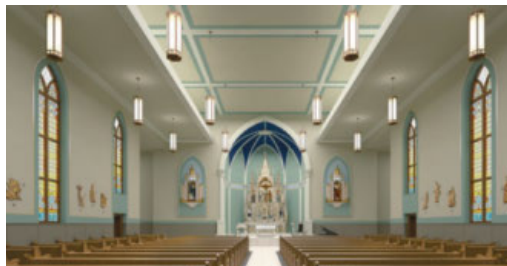
**Baptism:** A Baptism preparation class is required before the baptism of your first child. Baptisms are held on the second and fourth Sunday by appointment. Call the parish office to schedule.

**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.

## St. Louis Church Painting Update

Our painting project will start on **January 6, 2025**. Stephenson and Co. will begin erecting scaffolding immediately following Mass that day. As a reminder, this phase includes drywalling and painting the ceiling, painting the nave and transept walls and ceilings, replacing ceiling fans and light fixtures, painting the sanctuary and replacing the sanctuary flooring with marble flooring. The project timeline for this phase is expected to take 10-12 weeks to complete.



**During this time, Masses on Saturday, Sunday and Monday will remain unchanged.** Daily Masses on Tuesday at 6:00pm, and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:10am, will be held at St. Anthony Church, Morris.

Thank you to the individuals and foundations that have generously donated to our project. Questions regarding the project should be directed to Scott Weekley in the parish office.

## 2024 Year End Statements

Contributions to St. Louis that you want included on your 2024 End of the Year Contribution Statement must be either received in the parish office or postmarked by December 31st. Checks dated in 2024 and received or postmarked after December 31st will be included on your 2025 Statement.

## Epiphany House Blessing

It is a tradition to bless the home on The Feast of the Epiphany. One way is to use chalk to write on the door, **20 + C + M + B + 25**. The letters are the initials of the names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Fr. Stan, Fr. Suresh, and Deacon Ron are also available to do house blessings. If you would like to schedule a house blessing, please call the parish office.

## Baptisms

The newest members of the St. Louis Parish Family are: **Magdalene Mae Manlove**, daughter of Jason and Jessica (Strassell) Manlove; **Charles James Minks**, son of Britt and Audrey (Niverson) Minks; and **Marlee Ann Taylor Nunlist**, daughter of Shane and Kaitlyn (Kessens) Nunlist. Congratulations!

## Adoration Chapel

The following hours are in need of a scheduled adorer: **Tuesday - 4:00pm; Thursday - 1:00am; Friday - 12:00am, 1:00am, 2:00am; Saturday - 1:00am, 2:00pm**. If you would like to sign up for an hour in our chapel please call Anne at 812-212-8155.

## 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 21st at 7:00pm** in the Parish Office. Please call the parish office to register 812-934-3204.

## Natural Family Planning

A Natural Family Planning class is held the first Sunday of the month, from **9:00am to 12:00 Noon** at St. Louis, Batesville. The next class will be held **Sunday, February 2nd**. There is a \$40.00 fee for books and materials. For reservations call or text Aly 812-212-4951 or Michael 812-212-2719

## 2025 Calendars

2025 calendars are at the exits in church. Thank you to Weigel Funeral Home for providing the calendars.

## St. Louis Cash Raffle

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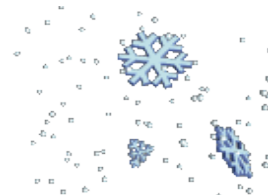
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JAN 11	11am-3pm	JAN 17	9am-6pm
JAN 12	11am-3pm	JAN 18	8am-5pm



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 4

5:30 pm Agapito, Fernanda and Ireno Beyoneto

### Sunday, January 5

6:30 am For the Parish Community

9:30 am Gene & Viola Fullenkamp

11:00 am Herbert Sun

### Monday, January 6, St. André Bessette

8:10 am Sally Walke Wilhelm

### Tuesday, January 7, St. Raymond of Penafort

6:00 pm Elmer, Helen and Ron Koch

### Wednesday, January 8

8:10 am Walter, Gertie and Patrick Shane

### Thursday, January 9

8:10 am Living and Deceased  
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### Friday, January 10

8:10 am Thomas C. Werner

### Saturday, January 11

9:00 am Dorothy M. Walsman

5:30 pm Alvin Wuestefeld

### Sunday, January 12, Baptism of the Lord

6:30 am Melvin & Millie Cutter

9:30 am For the Parish Community

11:00 am Frank Thompson



## Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## Altar Servers

### Monday, January 6

8:10 am SCHOOL SERVERS

### Tuesday, January 7

6:00 pm Carson & Grant Hartwell

### Wednesday, January 8

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### Friday, January 10

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### Saturday, January 11

5:30 pm Hunter Young & Cooper Ulmer

### Sunday, January 12

6:30 am Chase & Carson Nobbe

9:30 am Damien, Lucy & Simon Brelage

11:00 am Lydia Dwyer & Samuel Rodriguez

## Lectors

### Saturday, January 11

5:30 pm Ken Wanstrath

### Sunday, January 12

6:30 am Jerry Dickman

9:30 am Owen Ramsey

11:00 am Wende Lambert

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

### Saturday, January 11

5:30 pm Dave Meyer, Susan Vergamini, Rheadawn Young, Nick Batta

### Sunday, January 12

6:30 am Bill & Pat Meer, Ken Rudolf, Nancy Meer

9:30 am Tom & Cathy Sullivan, Jon Spreckelson, Steve Stier, Felicity Brelage

11:00 am Mark Masavage, Ken Bohman, Lisa Mattucci, Rich Hartwell

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

## Ushers

### Saturday, January 11

5:30 pm Gary Kuntz, Scot Harmeyer, Ted Merkel, Bob Prickel, Landen Grossman

### Sunday, January 12

6:30 am Steve Eckstein, Dennis Koch, Todd Tekulve

9:30 am John Vogelsang, Mike Weigel, Ed Dierckman, Dale Thomas

11:00 am Bob Mattucci, Tom Brunsman, Ted Telles

## Celebrant

### Saturday, January 11

5:30 pm Fr. Stan

### Sunday, January 12

6:30 am Fr. Suresh

9:30 am Fr. Stan

11:00 am Fr. Stan

## January Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

**For the Right to an Education** - Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.





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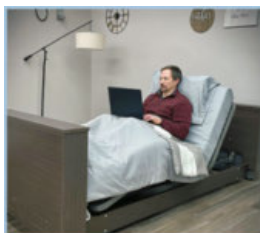
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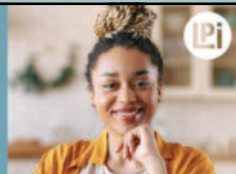
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2. Under "Quick Links" Click on "Prayer Line"
3. Enter your prayer request
4. Click on "Submit"

## Ministry of Prayer and Praise Intentions for January

- For the Holy Father and all priests, that the Lord will make them zealous and uncompromising preachers and teachers of the truth.
- That the prayers offered for Vocations will result in an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, and that young men and women may always seek and discern God's will.
- That all those who are suffering distress after the holidays and during the winter months may not despair but rather may turn to Jesus for healing, courage, and perseverance.
- For Catholic schools as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, that they may continue to form our children in the fullness of Christ's truth and respond to the challenge of secularism with a clear presentation of Catholic doctrine and moral values.
- For blessings on all those participating in the March for Life, that those who witness to the light of Christ will convert those who walk in the darkness of the culture of death.

### January 21

- **Sacrament Series**—St. Louis Church, **6:45pm**. Fr. Stan will talk about Confirmation.

### February 18

- **Sacrament Series**—St. Louis Church, **6:45pm**. Fr. Stan will talk about Marriage & Holy Orders.

### March 8

- **Marriage Presentation**—St. Louis Church, **7:00pm**. By Jack Beers.

### March 25

- **Sacrament Series**—St. Louis Church, **6:45pm**. Fr. Stan will talk about Baptism & Anointing of the Sick.





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## One Minute Meditations

### St. André Bessette

Born in Montreal, Canada, St. Alfred Bessette was orphaned at the age of twelve. He was mentored by Fr. André Provençal, who inspired him to join religious life. He joined the Congregation of the Holy Cross at twenty-five, becoming "Brother André," and was the doorkeeper for their school. During an epidemic, everyone in his care was miraculously healed with oil from a lamp lit before St. Joseph. With help and donations, he built an oratory to St. Joseph.

### Holy simplicity

Holy simplicity, or "spiritual childhood," starts with being who you are and not trying to be who you're not — even in prayer. When we're open-hearted with God, His grace can change our hearts. We grow in humility, trust, and love — the roots of "tough" virtues like courage, perseverance, and faithfulness.

*"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven"*  
(Matthew 5:44-45).

## 7 resolutions to transform your New Year

The New Year is a chance to come closer to becoming the person you are meant to be. As you embrace the new beginning, consider these seven resolutions to allow God's love to transform your life.

1. **Trust Him:** Trust in God is the foundation of a peaceful soul. Start each day praying, "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I surrender myself to You; Take care of everything," and He will.

2. **Embrace authentic humility:** A humble heart chooses others first. Ask, "How can I best love this person?" and let your actions reflect that answer.

3. **Partner with your guardian angel:** Your guardian angel is always with you, offering guidance and protection (Matthew 18:10). Call

upon your angel daily for heavenly help.

4. **Practice self-discipline:** Small sacrifices can lead to profound transformation. Skip cream in your coffee, offer someone full attention, cut back on screen time.

5. **Seek out silence:** God often speaks in silence. Find silence in your day to rest in God's presence, and let Him renew your spirit.

6. **Deepen your knowledge of our Faith:** Faith blossoms with understanding. Look through the Catechism until something interests you, and dive deeper.

7. **Offer God your free time:** If you have an hour to yourself, spend five minutes in prayer. No time spent with Love, Himself, is ever wasted.

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics have two versions of the Creed?

The Apostles' Creed is the summary of the beliefs of the early Church. The Nicene Creed is an expanded form of the Apostles' Creed and comes from two great Church councils (Nicaea, 325 and Constantinople, 381). Intended to combat Arianism, the Nicene

Creed emphasizes Jesus' divinity and divine Sonship (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #465). As a communal profession of faith, the Nicene Creed affirms the core beliefs of the Church and unites the congregation in a shared declaration of truth.



# A proven way to grow in friendship with God

Do you long to feel God's love more deeply but find something holding you back? St. Ignatius of Loyola shared this struggle, inspiring him to create a transformative daily practice. This practice can help you live with greater joy in your journey with Christ:

1. **Give thanks:** Reflect on the blessings of your day. Pause to savor them and offer heartfelt gratitude.
2. **Seek clarity:** Ask God for the grace to recognize your sins and remove them from your heart.
3. **Examine your day:** Review your actions from

waking until now. Reflect on how sin crept in, the virtues you may need to cultivate, and areas of your life that need God's healing touch.

4. **Ask for mercy:** Come to God in repentance. His mercy welcomes you back, and Scripture assures us that Heaven rejoices over every contrite heart (Luke 15:7).

5. **Resolve to grow:** Commit to loving God and others more fully tomorrow. Plan how to resist temptation, make an effort to amend relationships, or prepare for Confession if needed.

## from Scripture

### Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21; Not the Messiah they expected ...

In this passage, Jesus returned home to Nazareth to teach in the synagogue. He read the prophecy of Isaiah about the coming of the Messiah, who would "bring glad tidings to the poor." Then He said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." He confirmed that He was the long-awaited Messiah.

His hearers must have been shocked: they expected the Messiah to be a worldly king from an important city, not a carpenter-turned-preacher from a small town like Nazareth. They expected this Messiah-king to defeat the

oppressive Romans and make Israel a powerful nation. Instead, Jesus conquered the even greater enemies of sin and death by His Death and Resurrection.

Throughout the Bible, God chose unlikely heroes to carry out His plans: think of Abraham, Moses, David, St. Peter, St. Paul, and many others. Jesus, the Son of God, came to Earth as a newborn infant and lived in humility, poverty, and service. The Good News is that God's love is stronger than sin and death. If He rose to glory, those who follow Him faithfully will, too.

## Q & A Does fervent prayer & change God's mind?

Prayer doesn't change God's mind, as if He had to be persuaded to love us. God is a good Father, and He is our Father who knows how to give good gifts (Matthew 7:9-11). Yet, prayer is still powerful and worthwhile for other reasons:

**Prayer changes us:** God rewards persistent, faith-filled prayer: "Lord, I entrust this to you. Thy Will be done." When we persevere in prayer, grace goes to work in our souls: our desires are purified, ordered, and sometimes even deepened. Our hearts are gradually brought into line with God's, and we begin to see, choose, and love like He does.

**Prayer is relationship:** A read through Scripture shows God seems to enjoy involving many "co-conspirators" in His plans, even today. He doesn't need us yet desires our (active) involvement in His plans. He has the final say, but wants to hear our thoughts, questions, and concerns. God didn't make us to be robots but His children and heirs (Galatians 4:6-7). Prayer isn't magic. It's way more powerful.

## Feasts & Celebrations

**January 3** – The Holy Name of Jesus. In January we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus. "... At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10).

**January 7** – St. Raymond of Peñafort (1275). St. Raymond studied canon (Church) law before joining the Dominican Order. He worked for Pope Gregory IX, then was appointed archbishop of Tarragona, Spain. Afterwards, he was elected head of the Dominicans. He retired two years

later.

**January 23** – St. Vincent of Saragossa (304). Born in Saragossa, Spain, St. Vincent trained as a deacon under Bishop Valerius. During the Diocletian persecutions, St. Vincent and the bishop were captured. St. Vincent was tortured but refused to deny Christ.

**a** – Saints Timothy and Titus (1st century). St. Timothy was converted by St. Paul and became his trusted friend, joining him in apostolic work, especially at Corinth. St. Titus served the early Church as a peacemaker and as administrator to a community on Crete.

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