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Mission

"To Joyfully Preach, Teach, and Live the Word of God"

Theme

"One Hundred Fifty Years of Standing on the Rock"

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Rev. Dave Polek, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Peter Schavitz, C.Ss.R.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Call for Appointment)

SUNDAY MASSES:

10:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES:

Monday 5:30 p.m.

(Tu, W, Th & F.) 11:30 a.m.

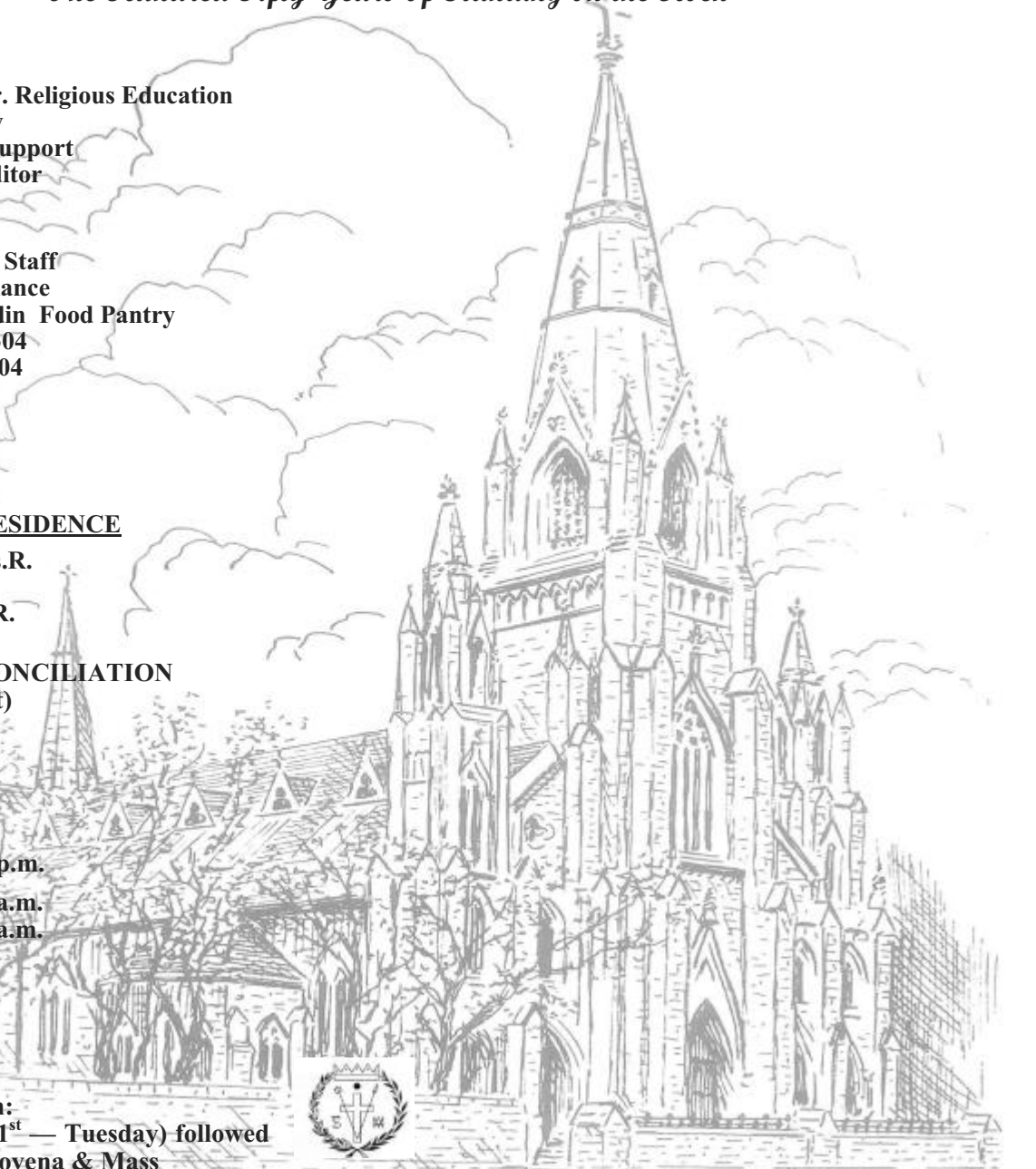
Saturdays: 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY:

Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS:

Exposition & Benediction:
10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. (1st — Tuesday) followed
by our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass





From The Desk Of Fr. Stephen

This week the gospel talks about the master who gives talents to his servants. Each person is given certain talents, and they can do whatever they want with them. Two of the three servants take the talents and double what they were given. The third person takes the talents and buries them in the ground. The master is happy with the first and second servants but not with the third. It is not right to bury the talents we have been given in the ground.

The story shows us that the talents given to us by God are not to be taken lightly. We should be ever grateful for any and all things given to us by God, and they should not be wasted. I believe this is a good lesson for us. In America, there is such an abundance of everything that we fall into the habit of waste. If you have ever gone to a buffet, you can see just how much food is wasted. God is the provider of every good thing, and we should take seriously the obligation of doing good with what we have been given.

This past Monday, November 9, was the anniversary of the birth of the Redemptorists. It was our birthday. November 9, 1732 Alphonsus and his small group of followers formerly were able to start the Congregation. I, for one, am very grateful for all those faithful Redemptorists who have come before us here at the Rock. What a foundation we have been given to further the kingdom of God here on Cook and Grand. It is important for us to give thanks for all that have come before us and that we use the talents provided by God to further His cause here for another 100 years or more.

I want to thank all those involved with the Fall Festival this past week. It seemed to work out very well. I think it took a little bit to get everyone online, but after that, everything seemed to go well. Congratulations to all those who may have won something. I know there were many false bingos, but thanks be to God, Carol was right on top of it, and we moved on until someone won. I was so pleased and grateful for the committee that put it all together. I am not sure if we will do anything like this again next year, but it did help to plan for the future as we carry it forward.

I know many of us have been under a lot of stress lately with COVID-19 and the election. We must ask God's good graces to continue to look upon our country. It is at times like this that our faith can begin to waver. But we must be reminded of Jesus' directive to FEAR NOT. St. John Neumann, a Redemptorist saint, upon waking up in the morning, offered this prayer. "God, there isn't anything that can happen today that you and I can't handle together." What a beautiful thought. With God, all things are possible. Fear Not.

Weekly Readings...

Sunday:

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday:

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
[Rev 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5
[Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:

Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44

Friday:

Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:

Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday:

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Mt 25:31-46

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

St. Margaret of Scotland
St. Gertrude, Virgin

Tuesday:

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Wednesday:

The Dedication of the Basilicas of
Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Saturday:

The Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the
Universe



NOTE: Names will remain listed for 2 weeks

REMEMBER
in your prayers

INTENTIONS 11/03/20

Bowens, Patricia
Burke, Terry Bro.
Corbett, Dan
Dyle, Ayrielle
George, Darrion
Goss, Michael
Grove, Nancy
Haine, Wm (Bill)
Hearns, Zeyean
Hinton, Maryann
Hood, Gregory & Family
Jackson, Tamica
LeSuer, JaVaughn
Logan, Carlita
Middleton, Mary
Perry, Kameron
Pickett, DaShaun
Polek, David Fr.
Reedy, Judy
Reedy, Sid
Samuels, Nancy
Serio, Jessica
Stewart, Michael
Voss, Greg

Guest, Lois
Massingale, Bryan Fr.
Miller, Roy
Moore, Joyce
Klein, Mary
Luster, Juanita
Moze, Sylvester
Parran, Rodrick
Reedy, Christian
Stamps, Arlecia
Valle, Jr., Robert (Bobby)
Watkins, Darnell (Chef D)
Whitfield, Edna (Mother)

SICKNESS 11/10/20

Anders, Douglas
Atherton, Vertibe
Baby Pruitt
Burton, Talana
Caprese, Brittany
Chapman, Bonnie
Coffman, Michael
Coffman, Cherina
Coffman, Zoe
Cooney, Sheonna
Gregory, Georgette
Hart, Edgar
Howard, Yvonne
Latham, Jean
Moore, Brenda
Oldani, Shirley
Remsburg, Cory Sgt.
Schnelle, Laverne
Smith, Melba
Strong, Betty
Thompson, Mary Ann
Weaver, Stephen
Vet, Alphonso
Vinson, Kelly
Vinson, Tyler

INTENTIONS 11/10/20

Cooney, Sylvia
Doss, Anthony & Vicki
George, Roberta
Miller, Jr., Antonio
Smith, Paulette
White, Evan

SICKNESS 11/03/20

Bell, Gilbert
Collins, Tamika
Collins, Tony
Dye, Margaret
George, Betty
Green, Alonzo

SHUT-IN's

Atherton, Andrew
Bohannon, Ida
Brack, Dorothy
Clay, Irving
McCoy, Bernice
McCoy, Carolyn
Peters, Mae
Thomas, Bernice
Turner, Hortense

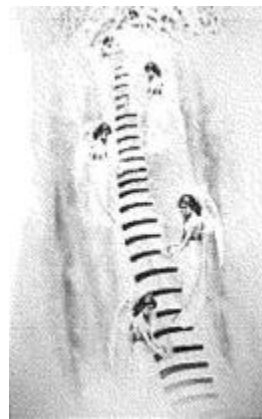


Pray for the Deceased



Pray for the repose of the soul of †Rosalind Hood, wife of Gregory Hood

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen*



Once again, we will remember our departed loved ones by placing their pictures on our Ladders of Remembrance during the month of November.

The Ladders will remain up until Nov. 29th.

Please place your pictures in the basket near St. Joseph's Altar; mark your name and phone number on the reverse of your picture so we can return them to you.

Please do not enter the ladders space when it is erected – rather, place your picture in the basket and the Arts & Environment team will add it to the space.



THE ROSARY PRAYER

Join us every Tuesday/Thursday

at 11 a.m. as we seek

Our Holy Mother's intercession in prayer

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LITURGY NOTES...



Slavery and the Church

In 19th-century America, free black Catholics were victims of open hostility and discrimination from white Catholics and non-Catholics alike. In the 1820s in Baltimore, Mary Elizabeth Lange, a free black woman from Haiti, began teaching free black children in her home. In 1828, with the approval of her archbishop, James Whitfield, she founded a religious congregation for black women, the Oblate Sisters of Providence, dedicated to the education of black children. Although Mother Lange's work won the approval of many American bishops and priests — Redemptorist St. John Neumann was a champion of the Oblate Sisters — many lay Catholics in Baltimore were outraged by the idea of black women wearing a religious habit.

In the decades leading up to the Civil War, the issue of slavery dominated national politics. In the South, some Catholics were slaveholders. Even bishops and religious communities owned slaves: the Jesuits, Capuchins, and Carmelite, Visitation, and Ursuline nuns all were slaveowners. So did Bishops John Carroll of Baltimore, Louis du Bourg of New Orleans, Joseph Rosati of St. Louis and Michael Portier of Mobile. At the other end of the spectrum stood Bishop John Baptist Purcell of Cincinnati, who called for the abolition of slavery.

In the first half of the 19th century an Irish immigrant, Michael Healy from County Roscommon, established a small plantation outside Macon, Ga. He fell in love with one of his slaves, Eliza Clark. As the law at the time did not permit interracial marriage, the couple lived as husband and wife in a common-law marriage that produced 10 children. Under Georgia law, the children were slaves, so one after another, Michael Healy sent his sons and daughters to schools in the North where they would be free. And he instructed his children not to return home to Georgia. Three of the brothers attended the newly opened College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass.

The Healy family produced five religious vocations: James, Patrick and Sherwood all became priests. James joined the Sulpicians; in 1875 he was named bishop of Portland, Maine. Patrick joined the Jesuits; in 1866 he became president of Georgetown University. Sherwood was ordained a diocesan priest; he became rector of Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston, where a stained-glass window of St. Cecilia is dedicated to his memory.

Two of the Healy daughters became nuns. Josephine Healy joined the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph in Montreal. Eliza Healy joined the Congregation of Notre Dame in Montreal, and eventually was named superior of the Villa Barlow Convent in St. Albans, Vt.

The Healy family's accomplishments should entitle them to an impressive series of "firsts" — first African American bishop, university president, mother superior. But the Healys self-identified as white, and for the most part they were accepted as such.

(Source:www.osv.com)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Black Catholic History

Month Celebration

The St. Charles Lwanga Center and the local National Black Catholic Congress Implementation Team celebrates National Black Catholic History Month, Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Join Us For The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Candle Lighting, and Litany Celebration

St. Nicholas Parish
701 North 18th St.
St. Louis, MO 63103

You are invited to send names of remembrance to be offered at the Mass. Please mail or email as follows:

St. Charles Lwanga Center
(AOBCM)
4746 Carter Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63115 or
Email: info@lwangacenter.org

Testimonial Dinner and Auction

The 37th Annual Testimonial Dinner and Auction has been rescheduled for April 25, 2021.

Tickets that have already been purchased will be honored for the rescheduled date.

Please feel free to contact the Center as needed for information at 314-367-7929

FAITHFUL

“Well done, my good and faithful servant”

Matthew 25:21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Black Catholic History Month Celebration



Prayer Service

November 16, 2020
6:30 p.m.

St. Alphonsus “Rock”

In Person and on Facebook LIVE

www.facebook.com/interracialrelations

One of our family members needs some loving encouragement! Fr Dave, as he always does, worked tirelessly to help raise money for our Fall Festival/Card Party. This year alone, he raised more than \$10,000!

Fr Dave had a serious fall and is in rehab. Let’s all show Fr Dave some love by sending him a Get Well cards at:

Ascension Living Sherbrooke Village
4005 Ripa Ave
St Louis, MO 63125

A message from Judge Nicole Colbert-Bochway”

Thank you, Rock family, for your encouragement, prayers, and votes. Thanks to God and each of you, I’ve been retained as a Judge in the City of St Louis. Keep me in prayer.

Annual Catholic Appeal Essay Winner

Congratulations, Brianna DuMaine!!

3rd Place Scholarship Winner

PARISH EVENTS

NOVENA PRAYER TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

ADAPTED TO BE PRAYED IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 SITUATION



Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture to beseech your intercession.

We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the Cross. Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony. But your joy was great when He rose from the dead, victorious over the powers of evil.

Mother of Sorrows, pray for us in this time of trial. Help us not to lose heart. Intercede for your people who are afflicted with Coronavirus.

Comfort your people who are vulnerable and anxious. Protect healthcare workers who put their lives at risk. Inspire our leaders to make good decisions. Change our hearts so that we may act responsibly.

Teach us to trust in God’s love and mercy and to share with you the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of Life. Amen.

Financial Corner...

| General Fund Actual Contributions Received | | |
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| NOVEMBER | 1 st | 8 th |
| Envelopes | \$ 9,152.00 | \$ 8,628.00 |
| Loose Donations | \$ 1,811.00 | \$ 1,496.00 |
| Total Contributions | \$10,963.00 | \$10,124.00 |
| Weekly Target Amount | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 |
| Under/Over Weekly Target | \$(1,037.00) | \$(1,876.00) |

Stewardship Prayer...

That we answer God's call to nurture and develop our gifts and return them with increase.

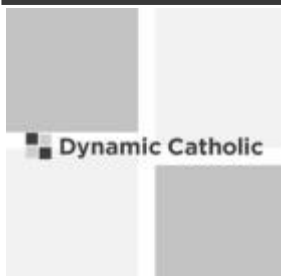
"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."
Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Stewardship

God generously bestows gifts upon us, spiritual gifts as well as physical gifts. He asks us to use those gifts for the purpose of building up the Kingdom of God and leading others to Jesus Christ. Because we are called to be good and faithful stewards, it is important for us to spend time in prayer with Jesus so that He can instruct us how to best utilize the gifts He has given to us. Do we invest our talents and share them with others? Do we go out and bury them, refusing to share them in service to the world? God, who is infinitely generous, rewards us for manifesting His power by means of the gifts He has given to us.

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Dynamic Catholic started with a dream: to help ordinary people discover the genius of Catholicism.

This is an organization where you can go to find many resources for free.

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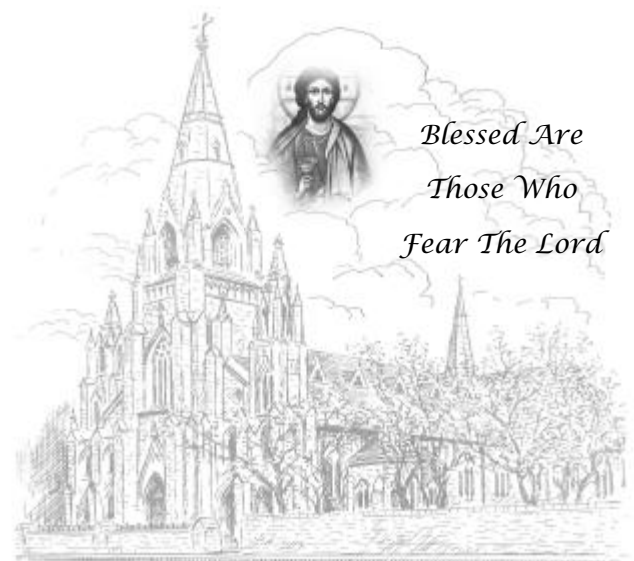
ROCK Church Winners Circle Club

New Season

October 2020—September 2021

| | |
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| Stephanie Brown | Mark and Linda Kamp |
| Virginia Brown | Steve and Helene LaBerta |
| Cheryl Carr | Pamela Leong |
| Esther Darris | Brenda McDonnell |
| Janice Englander | Karen and Sylvester Mozee |
| Kurt Englander | Barbara Jean Nashville |
| Carl Harris | Leo & Linda Peoples |
| Kalyn Harris | Ben and Denise Phillips |
| Monica Huddleston | Eugene Wallace |
| Deborah Jones | Janis Weaver-McSpadden |
| Donald and Joyce Jones | Sheila Williams |
| Mary Ellen Judge | |

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PRAYER MEMORIALS

Tillie Mae Alexander, Larry Ambus, Hortense Anderson, Elizabeth Henckler Aton, Anita Louise Banks
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 Deacon Morris E. Bohannon, Willie Steve Bowens, Dorothy Brady, Theodore Branch, Jr.
 Irma King Brown, James Buford, Kenita Bush Anna Chopin, Betty Jean Colbert, Charmaine Davenport
 Walterene Dougherty, Roger Downs, Sr., Sr. Antona Ebo, FSM, Jerome Fields, Ossie R. Foster
 Queen E. Dunlap Fowler, Craig Franklin, Willie Goss, Ann Marie Hatchett, Rosalind Hood
 Cherry Ophelia Jackson, Mark Jones, Nadine Jones, Mother Ruth Jones, Stephen LaBerta
 Rosemary Lee, Eldwyn Lewis, Anice Mahone, Barbara McCaleb, Leon Zack McClendon
 Eric L. McKinnie, Louis T. McKinnie, Marshall Mosley, Anne Ortwerth, Lucille Palmer
 Kathy Lin Cheers Parran, Alton Pritchard, Drene Sanders, Eugene Sanders, Christine Slaughter
 Irma Steen, Lorraine Fite Stewart, Susan Colbert Threats, Ralph Tyler, Robert Joseph Valle
 Ralph Watkins Jr., Juanita West, Marlene Williams, Richard Williams, Vernie Woolfork, Clarence Zacher

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RCIA/RCIC
 Children's Liturgy of the Word
 Baptism
 First Reconciliation
 First Communion
 Confirmation
 Matrimony

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| Christian Formation | Jean Anthony |
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 Terri Schneider, Dir. of Wilhelmina Hardin Food Pantry
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 St. Charles Lwanga Center (314) 367-7929
 Community Health In Partnership Services (C.H.I.P.S.)
 (314) 652-9231
 Community Women Against Hardship (CWAH)
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Bulletin announcements must be in the office by 12 noon Tuesdays. Please fax items to 314 533-4260 or e-mail to parish130@archstl.org

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & VISITS

"Is anyone sick among you? Call in the priests of the church and they will pray for the sick person and anoint them with oil." (James) This is the sacrament of the sick. ARE YOU SERIOUSLY SICK, GOING TO THE HOSPITAL OR HAVING AN OPERATION? Call and leave your hospital information at the office.

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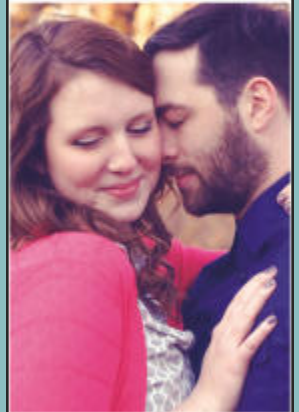
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