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Rev. Stephen Benden, C.Ss.R., Pastor

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Mission

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

Theme

"Praising God For All He Will Continue To Do In 2022"



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Call for Appointment)

SUNDAY MASSES:

10:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES:

Monday 5:30 p.m. (Eucharistic Adoration 5:00 p.m.)

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

Saturdays: 9:30 a.m. (Church)

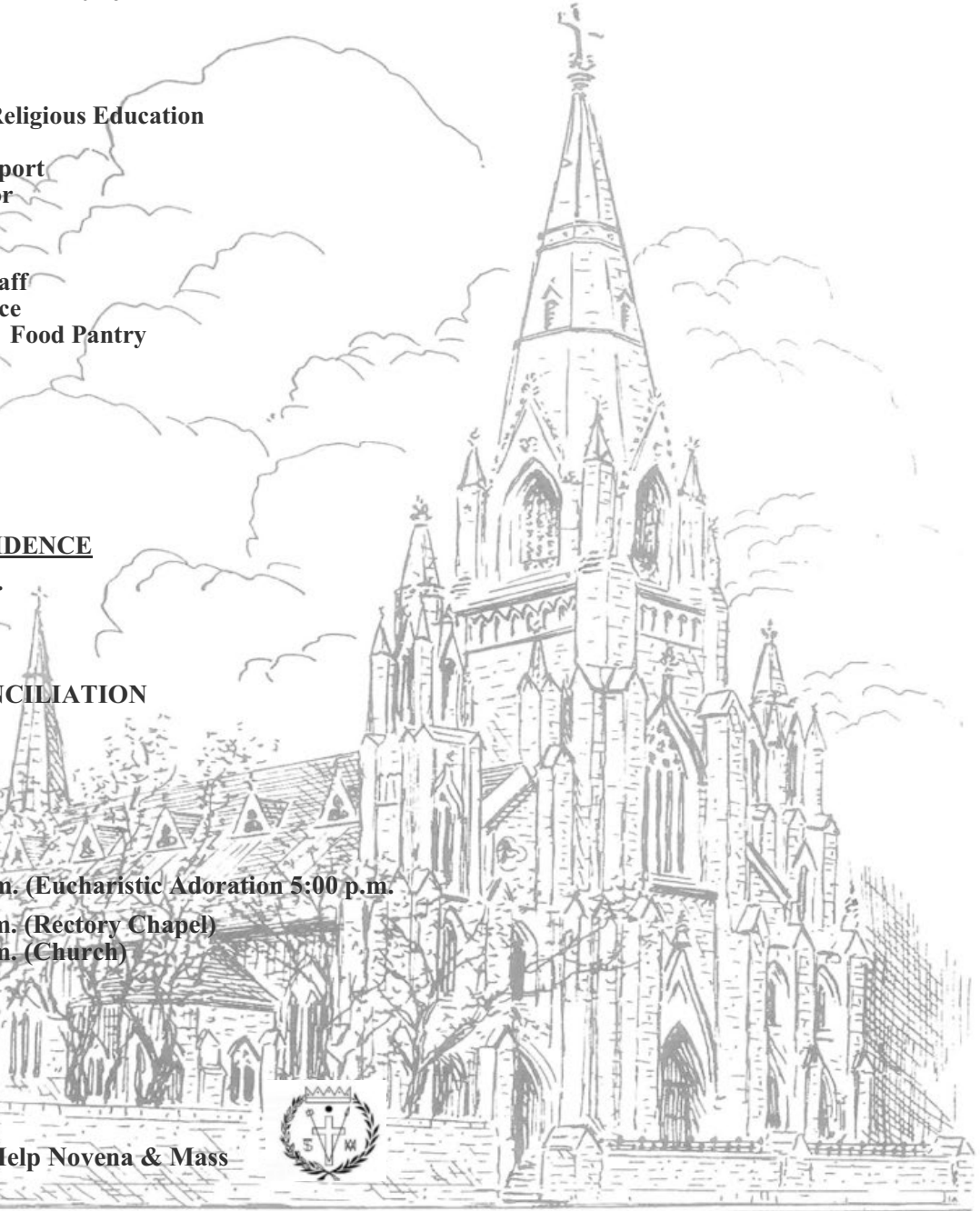
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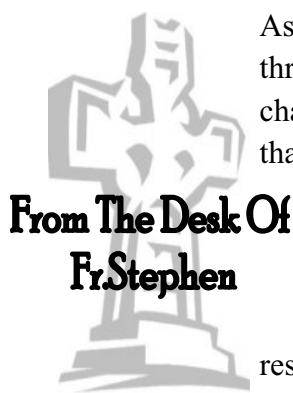
**Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.**

TUESDAYS:

Exposition & Benediction:

11:30 a.m. Our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass





As you know, the Archdiocese of St. Louis is going through some major changes. There is a process for this change called All Things New. The Archbishop realizes that continuing on the same way as always is not going to work anymore. In the coming months, there will be some real evaluation of the Archdiocese and considerable downsizing of parishes; this will affect everyone, even on the north side where our parish resides. At this point, St. Alphonsus will remain open, and we may be growing some if other parishes end up closing.

I want you to know that we must be open to this process, and in the event, other parishes close, we must be as welcoming as we can of new persons amongst us. I do not think this will be a problem, but I want you to know some people may lose their parish, and we need to be there for them. Losing your parish can be quite traumatic, and it can bring about many feelings of anger and abandonment. Please be sensitive to this ongoing story as it unfolds around us and keep the broader Archdiocese in your prayers as we all navigate these troubled waters.

Our parish of the Rock Church is doing well right now. We have remained open and have celebrated weekly mass, with occasional other gatherings. I am very grateful for the continued support coming from all of you. I especially want to thank you for your financial support, and I want to impress upon you the importance of your giving. A couple of months ago, we replaced the wall along Cook Ave. It was amazing to see how quickly it all happened; this, however, has had some real impact on our reserve finances. We need to replenish the money used for the wall and put the parish on solid financial footing. In the coming months, like the Archdiocese, we will evaluate our parish and see how to move forward. I will be asking everyone to look at their own finances and see if they can find a way to give a little more. I want people to think about making a budget from the money you have and see if you might be able to contribute 10% of your annual income to the parish. Some of you are already doing this; however, this may seem like quite a stretch for others. Thus, it will ensure the financial stability of the parish for years to come. For years, the parish operated in the red, and now we are operating in the black. But we need to “up the ante” so we have money in reserve. It would be nice to have money in savings so that when something comes up, and believe me, there is always something else we will have the money to pay for it.

I thank you for all you have done so far. I believe in you and this parish. We are far from spreading the Word of Jesus to this city. I am excited about the possibilities. I hope you are too.

Weekly Readings...

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

Monday:

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday:

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday:

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday:

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday:

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday:

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Sunday:

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Monday:

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

Tuesday:

The Conversion of St. Paul
the Apostle

Wednesday:

Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Thursday:

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Friday:

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest
and Doctor of the Church

Sunday:

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



NOTE: Names will remain listed for 2 weeks

INTENTIONS 01/11/21

Burke, Terry Bro.
Jackson, Tamica
Polek, David Fr.

Monroe, Tanya
Moore, Joyce
Mozee, Sylvester
Jones, Orianna

INTENTIONS 01/18/22

Bowens, Pat
Bowman, Dorothy & Family
Collins, Tamika
Cooney, Sylvia
George, Roberta
Goode, OFM, Jim Fr.
Hinton, Jonathon
Hinton, Mary Ann
Jackson, Pat
Kakre, Cydney & Family
Martin, Michael
Smith, Paulette
Valle, Dot
Woolfork, Virginia

Parran, Rodrick
Perkins, Stephen
Potts, Rick Fr.
Valle, Jr., Robert (Bobby)
Watkins, Darnell (Chef D)
Whitfield, Edna (Mother)

SICKNESS 01/18/22

SICKNESS 01/11/21

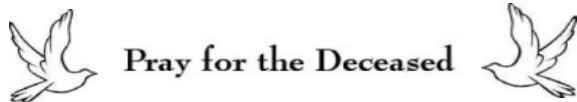
Anthony, Jean
Cooper, Karen
Gathright, Alice
George, Betty
Hebron, Sylvester
Jones, Lavell
Mahr, Brenda
Massingale, Bryan Fr.
Mitchell, Debra

Bolden, Roderick
Burks, Teri
Cameron, Keyuana
De Paula, Maria
George, Betty
Haymore, Aleah
Howard, Yvonne
Latham, Jean
Littleton, Ginny
Moore, Brenda
Moore, Joyce
Reedy, Judith
Skinner, Joanna
Smith, Angela
Smith, Melba
Strong, Betty
Vet, Alphonso
Weaver, Stephen

SHUT-IN's

Atherton, Andrew
Bohannon, Ida
Brack, Dorothy
Clay, Irving

McCoy, Carolyn
Peters, Mae
Thomas, Bernice



Pray for the repose of the soul of †Barbara Harris, mother of Elmira, Nadean, and Anthony

*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*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...

BAPTISM GUIDELINES:

Newborn – 6 years old. A parent or legal guardian and godparent(s) must attend a Baptism preparation class, instruction materials are provided.

Ages 7 – 10: The child must attend special Baptism preparation classes and the parent(s) or legal guardian and godparent(s) must attend a Baptism preparation session prior to the ceremony.

Ages 11 – 17: The young person must enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) program.

Age 18 and Older: The Candidate must enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program.

MATRIMONY – Engaged couples, seeking to be married at the Rock Church, must meet with the Pastor before setting a date.

RCIA/RCIC – ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a group to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. There are separate sessions for children and youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information on requesting any of the above Sacraments and/or to register for classes, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Sharon Cooney-Smith at 314-533-0304 ext. 1001, or via e-mail @ scooneysmith@stalphonsusrock.org.

LITURGY NOTES...



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a special encounter with Jesus Christ, it is a fruitful source of grace. The Catechism tells us: *“The sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true “spiritual resurrection,” restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God”*

Indeed, the sacrament of Reconciliation is a time for love, mercy, and healing. Regrettably, some see this sacrament of forgiveness and healing as a cause for anxiety and fear. Jesus intended it to be a time of compassion and mercy and every priest in confession is conscious of being a minister of understanding and forgiveness. When Jesus gave us this sacrament, He knew well our human nature and knew the need we have to hear the freeing words: *“I absolve you of your sins.”*

The Church recommends monthly confession as a spiritual discipline. At a minimum, Catholics must make a confession of sins when they are conscious of mortal sin before the reception of holy Communion. The precept of the Church says that Catholics ought to confess their sins in the sacrament of Confession at least once a year during the Easter Season.

There are many blessings in frequent confession. Among such blessings are the following: **1.** It restores divine life to those who have lost it through mortal sin. **2.** It increases grace and one’s capacity for grace and helps one to grow in Christian maturity. **3.** It brings order and peace into one’s life by causing one to pause at regular intervals and ask oneself the all-important question: Where am I in my relationship with God? **4.** It improves personal relations with others by making one aware of attitudes and actions that cause pain to others. **5.** It motivates one to practice the basic Christian virtues: faith, hope, charity, humility, self-denial, repentance, detachment from the pagan ways of modern life.

Making a good confession entails contrition (sincere sorrow for offending God), confession of sin (confronting our sinfulness in an honest manner) and satisfaction (making amends by following the priest’s advice and doing the penance he imposes). A good confession requires preparation by prayer, examining the conscience and making the resolve not to sin again.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance, Confession) is available by appointment at the Rock Church. Call the office and schedule a time to receive this gift of forgiveness from God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Inclement Weather
Office Closed When...
STL Public School Is Closed

**In honor and celebration of
Black History Month 2022,**



Please wear African attire or some symbol/representation thereof during February.

COVID vaccines available at the "Rock"

Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu 10am—6pm

Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson are being offered

All boosters are provided for those who need one

Vaccinations for children 5-11 years old are available

Bann of Marriage

Vanessa Elizabeth Kamp



William Barclay Berner

**Eucharistic Adoration
Mondays at 5:00 p.m.**



What a beautiful thing to be able to sit quietly with the Lord. Mass will follow at 5:30 p.m. I hope you can make time for Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Written by
Catherine Grant and
Gregory Jenkins Jr.

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7:00 p.m.**

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**Archdiocese Of St. Louis
Week of Prayer For
Christian Unity**

Join Archbishop Rozanski and our St. Louis Christian communities in ecumenical prayer for unity as we lift up our brothers and sister in the Eastern Christian traditions. Together we will reflect on the coming of the Magi in Matthew 2:2 "We saw the star in the east and we come to worship Him."

WHEN:

Sunday, January 30 at 7 - 8pm

WHERE:

St. John Bosco Catholic Parish
12934 Marine Avenue
Creve Coeur, MO 63146

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.

General Fund Actual Contributions Received

JANUARY	9 th	16 th
Envelopes	\$ 7,987.00	\$ 6,462.00
Loose Donations	\$ 759.00	\$ 758.00
Total Contributions	\$ 8,746.00	\$ 7,220.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$(3,254.00)	\$(4,780.00)

Stewardship Prayer...

That we balance our lives by enjoying the gifts we have been given and generously sharing with those in need, without expecting anything in return.

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...”
 (NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here’s the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Study

In today’s Gospel we hear from St. Luke who is writing about Jesus and His teachings so that he can get to know Jesus better and help to share His message. We can’t give what we don’t have, and we can’t grow closer in our relationship with Jesus unless we communicate with Him and study His teachings and His life. We can do this through Scripture, through the saints, and through each other. “Please, Holy Spirit, inspire all of us to hunger for increased knowledge of Christ. Amen.”



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.

Visit archstl.org/dynamic to view all the resources available to you!

WE STILL SELL GIFT CARDS!

Don't forget that our church receives needed funds from the sale of gift cards. Gift cards cost to you only their face value, nothing more. We accept cash or checks from registered parishioners. These cards are not just to use as gifts, but daily at stores or restaurants.

We are counting on you to purchase the cards so the church can get anywhere from 2% to as much as 13% of the value of each sold, at no additional cost to you.

Thank you for supporting this fundraising effort!

Wilhelmina Hardin Center

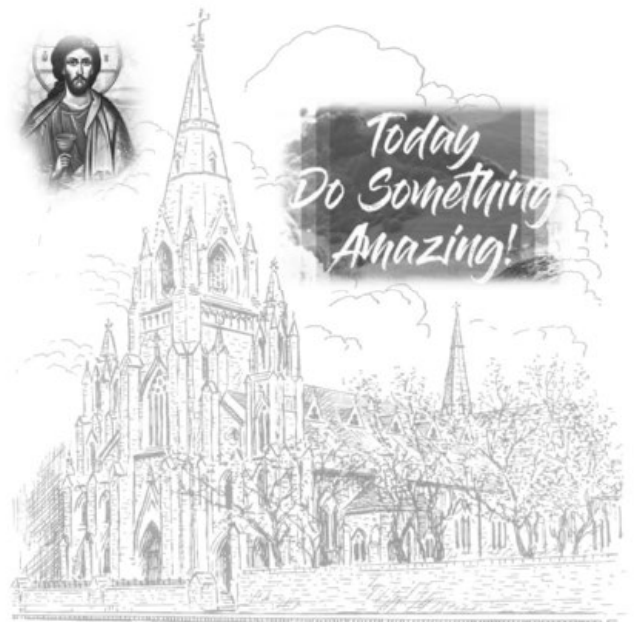
The Hardin Center Food Pantry is open on Tues. and Thurs. from 10 a.m.—12 noon.

Volunteers are needed to help pack bags and assist in distribution.

Donations needed include peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned chili, ravioli, soup (not tomato).

The pantry is asking for toiletries—soap, body wash, toothpaste, mouthwash, lotion, deodorant, etc.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PRAYER MEMORIALS

Tillie Mae Alexander, Larry Ambus, Garvin Anderson, Hortense Anderson, Elizabeth Henckler Aton
 Anita Louise Banks, Lillian Barnes, Loretta Beasley, Jean Irene Becker, Herron Beckley,
 Mother Dorothy Granberry Bennett, Deacon Morris E. Bohannon, Willie Steve Bowens, James R. Boykin
 Dorothy Brady, Theodore Branch, Jr., Irma King Brown, James Buford, Kenita Bush, Anna Chopin
 Betty Jean Colbert, Willie Cunningham, Charmaine Davenport, Walterene Dougherty, Roger Downs, Sr.
 Sr. Antona Ebo, FSM, Jerome Fields, Ossie R. Foster, Queen E. Dunlap Fowler, Craig Franklin
 Jermaine Gordon, Willie Goss, Georgette Gregory, Barbara Harris, Ann Marie Hatchett, Rosalind Hood
 Jamar Huffmon, Cherry Ophelia Jackson, Barbara Hudson Jones, Mark Jones, Nadine Jones, Mother Ruth Jones,
 Rev. Fr. Anthony Timothy "Tony" Judge, C.Ss.R., Robin Kyles, Stephen LaBerta, Rosemary Lee
 Eldwyn Lewis, Anice Mahone, Isis Aaliyah Mahr, Barbara McCaleb, Leon Zack McClendon
 Eric L. McKinnie, Louis T. McKinnie, Glenn Miller, Marshall Mosley, Anne Ortwerth, Lucille Palmer
 Kathy Lin Cheers Parran, Alton Pritchard, Christian Reedy, Wendell M. Sams, Drenea Sanders, Eugene Sanders,
 Christine Slaughter, Irma Steen, Lorraine Fite Stewart, Shontea Stricklin, Oswald Lee Thomas
 Susan Colbert Threats, Ralph Tyler, Robert Joseph Valle, Sandra Wallace, Ralph Watkins Jr., Juanita West
 Ruby Wicks, 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

COMMISSIONS & CHAIRS

Christian Formation	Jean Anthony
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Finance & Adm.	Monica Huddleston
Liturgy	Richard Buckley
Social Life	Rose Graham
Youth & Young Adults	TBD

COMMUNITY HELP

Wilhelmina Hardin Food Pantry
 Terri Schneider, Dir. of Wilhelmina Hardin Food Pantry
 (Emergency Aid) (314) 944-2909
 St. Charles Lwanga Center (314) 367-7929
 Community Health In Partnership Services (C.H.I.P.S.)
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ATTENTION

If your telephone number, home address or email address has changed, please contact the office at 533-0304 or email parish130@archstl.org. You may also put your updated information in the locked multipurpose box located on the north-side entrance ushers' table.

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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