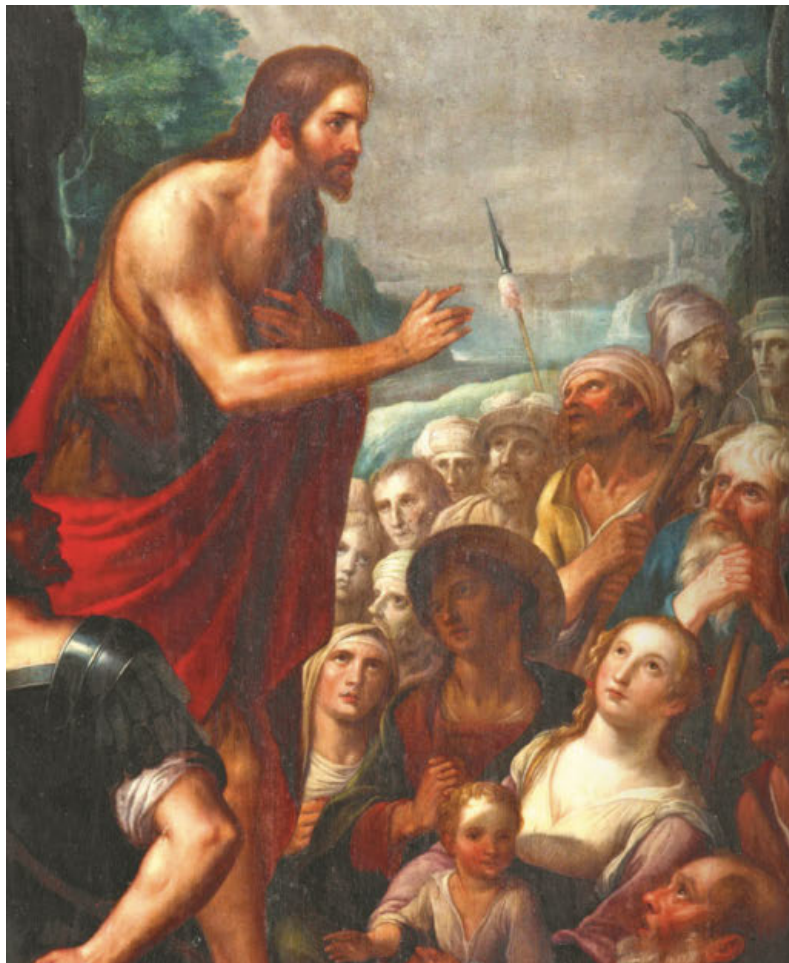




# St. Louis **December 15, 2024** CATHOLIC PARISH

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

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### **SUNDAY MASS TIMES:**

**Anticipated Saturday: 5:00 pm**

**Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:15 am**

### **WEEKDAY MASS:**

**Tuesday - Friday: 8:30am**

*Communion Service: Monday 8:30am*

### **ADORATION & PRAYER HOUR:**

Every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm

### **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

Every Monday & Friday at 9:00am

### **RECONCILIATION (Confession):**

Saturday 9am, or by appointment

### **FIRST SATURDAY**

Rosary & Prayers at 8:00am

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### **Readings for the week of December 15, 2024**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
<b>Monday:</b>	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
<b>Thursday:</b>	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
<b>Friday:</b>	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
<b>Saturday:</b>	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

## **SACRAMENTS & SERVICE:**

*Please call the Parish Office at 303 666-6401  
for information on any of the following:*

### **Anointing of the Sick/Hospital Visits/Shut-in Visits:**

Please contact the pastor at the parish office for an Anointing. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist distribute Communion to the hospitals on a regular basis. Please let the parish know if you would like a visit and to receive the Eucharist.

**Baptism:** Class is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6 pm in the parish office. Parents & Godparents are encouraged to attend before the baby is born. Call to register.

**Funerals:** Contact the Funeral Home as soon as possible for Funeral Masses and they will contact us. The Marthas can assist with funeral luncheons.

**Marriage:** Marriage Preparation is required. Contact the Pastor at least nine months before the intended date & before making other arrangements.



## **PARISH PRAYERS**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OR INJURED,**

**including:** Ava, Scott Dewhurst, Phil Martinez, Richard Ratajcyk, Bea Trujillo, Jeff & Lynn, Denise Romero, Jim Green, Jolene Neill, Reuben Bernal, Mike, Anna, Gina Corey, Katie, Sophia, Mark Martinez, Brendan Martinez, John Martinez, Abe Gutierrez, Marilyn La Salle, Vivian Grilli, Rex Wisehart, Larry DiGiacomo, Kelly Garcia, Aubrey Greiner, Cecilia Cervantes, Sue Jesch, Susie Chavez, Tien Nguyen, Archer, Cody Helmig, Gilbert Martinez, Patti Dunn, Matt, Loretta Chavez, Brittany Romero, Veronica Orozco, Leo Patnode, Susan Meylor, Pattie Stanford, Theresa Cole, Renee Grano, Brendan Wirth

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** Zachary Schultz, Jondane Garza, Marcos Sullivan, Andrzej Walega, Stephen Spink, Jarrett Mastriona, Jonathan Wiese, Steven Stott, Michael Eaton, Ryan Pritchard, Sergeant Christopher Viger, Jacob Martin, Mark Zambard, Heather DiSilvio, Travis Beckman, Quinton Lorenz, Jeff Arroyo, Jason Ysebaert, & Joe Gates. May God protect them, keep them safe, and give peace to their loved ones waiting at home. *If you know of someone who is in need of prayers & would like their name in the bulletin, call the Parish Office.*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED MEMBERS AND LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED IN THE PAST YEAR,**

**including:** Mary Patete, Marianne Cardinal, Angelo DeSimone, John Parker, David Hjelstrom, Anne Mescall, Alberto DeSimone, Ihar Lebiadzinski, Wayne & Mary Christensen, Eulalia Gutierrez, Shirley Kailey, Mary Ferrone, Roy Warembourg, Joan Archer, Stephen Kenney, Elsie Chavez, Virginia Chavez, Irene C. Jensen, Renee Ray, Karol Ferrera, Nash Rangel, Arnie Wallace, Gus Cruz



**DECEMBER 14 - 22, 2024**

Sat. 5:00p.m.	†David Hjelstrom
Sun. 7:30a.m.	St. Louis Parishioners
9:00a.m.	†Frank Rushin
11:15a.m.	†Rayma Segura
Mon. 8:30a.m.	Communion Service
Tues. 8:30a.m.	†Mary Ferrone
Wed. 8:30a.m.	†Eulalia Gutierrez
Thurs. 8:30a.m.	†Sophie Konnick
Fri. 8:30a.m.	†Roy Warembourg
Sat. 5:00p.m.	†Eulalia Gutierrez
Sun. 7:30a.m.	†Roy Warembourg
9:00a.m.	†Mary Ferrone
11:15a.m.	St. Louis Parishioners

## **SUNDAY'S READINGS**

### **First Reading:**

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a mighty savior;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness. (Zep 3:17)

### **Psalm:**

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. (Is 12:6)

### **Second Reading:**

The Lord is near.  
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,  
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,  
make your requests known to God. (Phil 4:5-6)

### **Gospel:**

The crowds asked John the Baptist,  
"What should we do?" (Lk 3:10)



## **Altar & Rosary December Cleaning Schedule:**

**Linens:** Cindy Orzech

**Server Robes:** Anne Steiner

**Altar Cloths:** Tina McLaren

**Church Cleaning:**

Week of December 16 - Pam Pierce

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## SPECIAL JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

To receive the many blessings that God desires to pour out upon His Church, the Faithful are warmly welcomed as pilgrims to the Cathedral Basilica on these and every other day of this historic and graced Jubilee Year

DECEMBER 29, 2024 | 10.30am

**Mass for the Opening of the Jubilee Year**

*Celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Jorge Rodriguez*

*Gather at 10am for a Solemn Procession to the Cathedral Basilica,  
starting at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 16th and Grant*

JANUARY 5, 2025 | 10.30am

**Mass for Children and Teenagers**

*To honor Christ's Epiphany, children are invited to dress as the Magi*

JANUARY 19 | 10.30am

**Mass for University Students**

FEBRUARY 2 | 10.30am

**Mass for Consecrated and Religious**

FEBRUARY 16 | 10.30am

**Mass for Health Care Workers**

MARCH 9 | 10.30am

**Mass for All Seeking God's Pardon and Mercy**

MARCH 23 | 10.30am

**Mass for Expectant or Hopeful Parents**

APRIL 6 | 10.30am

**Mass for Catholics Recently Returning  
to the Practice of the Faith**

MAY 10 | 10am Ordination

**Mass for Priests and Seminarians**

MAY 18 | 10.30am

**Mass for Newly Baptized**

JUNE 8 | 10.30am

**Mass for Those  
Confirmed this Year**

JUNE 14 | 9am Ordination

**Mass for Deacons**

JUNE 22 | 10.30am

**Mass for Eucharistic Adorers**

JULY 6 | 10.30am

**Mass for Laborers and Professionals**

JULY 20 | 10.30am

**Mass for Senior Citizens**

AUGUST 10 | 10.30am

**Mass for Those Seeking Any Type of Healing**

SEPTEMBER 14 | 10.30am

**Mass for Educators**

SEPTEMBER 28 | 10.30am

**Mass for Artists and Musicians**

OCTOBER 12 | 10.30am

**Mass for Athletes and Sports**

OCTOBER 26 | 10.30am

**Mass for Engaged or Married Couples**

NOVEMBER 2 | 10.30am

**Mass for Our Beloved Dead**

NOVEMBER 16 | 10.30am

**Mass for Military Personnel and Veterans**

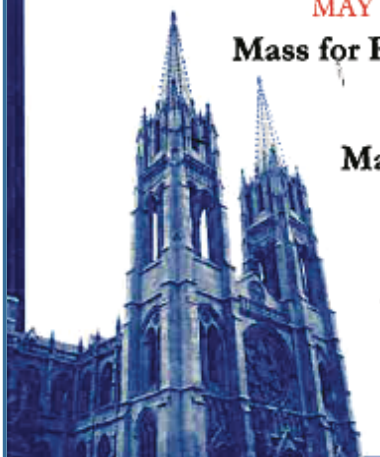
DECEMBER 7 | 10.30am

**Mass for Jubilee Year Pilgrims to Rome**

DECEMBER 28 | 10.30am

**Mass for the Closing of the Jubilee Year**

*By decree of the Holy Father, the Faithful may receive a Plenary Indulgence for any pilgrimage to or participation in the Holy Mass at the Cathedral Basilica during the entire Jubilee Year under the usual conditions: Detachment from all sin, prayers for the Pope's intentions, Holy Communion received on day of visit, and recent confession (within three weeks).*





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#### **Principal's Corner**

Over the coming weeks, I will be sharing insights from parents, students, and teachers about what makes St. Louis such a remarkable school. Along with our strong Catholic identity and emphasis on teaching morals and virtues, these reflections will highlight the unique qualities and shared values that unite our community.

#### **Parents comments:**

- Sense of community and safe nurturing environment.
- Our class sizes allow students to receive individual attention.
- The small learning environment and the one-on-one interaction kids get with the teachers
- Our children felt loved through their years at St. Louis.
- Students are treated with respect
- Compassionate communication and understanding of each child and family's unique situation



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#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**December 15, 2024 / 3rd Sunday of Advent**

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize **"with the Holy Spirit and fire"** (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes.

— Father John Muir

#### *St. Louis Catholic Church Christmas Mass Schedule:*

**Christmas Eve:  
5pm, 8pm, 11pm**

**Christmas Day:  
8am, 10am**

*Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
Mass Times:*

**December 31: 6:30pm**

**January 1: 8:30am, 5:45pm**





**PARISH NEWS**  
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## ANGEL GIVING TREE

\*\*\*GIFTS DUE "TODAY" -

**THIS SUNDAY – DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>\*\*\***

**ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CHURCH ALCOVE TODAY. If you need someone to pick up your gift(s), please contact Nellie to schedule pick up. This date is extremely important due to the**

**delivery deadlines for the organizations.**

Thank you for participating in our annual Angel Giving Tree here at St. Louis. Our parish is and has always been such a generous and giving community and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Detailed instructions and donation receipts are included in the envelopes. Gift receipts are encouraged and can be put in the envelopes provided. DO NOT wrap gifts unless they are for St. Louis families.

**Note:** If you have a "gift card only" request, please be sure to place the envelope (with the gift card) in the secured box in the church alcove or drop it off with Lori Domenico at the parish office. Help in sorting and organizing the gifts is needed after the 11:15 Mass on December 15<sup>th</sup> (church basement). If you can help, please feel free to stop in. Call Nellie if you have any questions (720) 289-2031.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

- Church decorating for Christmas will take place on Monday, December 23 after the 8:30am Communion Service. All are welcome to help. Thank you!

- The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 23 thru Thursday, December 26.

## FELLOWSHIP & CREATIVITY

**1st, 2nd & 4th Fridays—9:30am-11:30am—Church basement**  
 Carol Tuttle will teach watercolor lessons and provide supplies—**HOWEVER** feel free to bring knitting, crochet, needlework, if you prefer. Men and women of all ages are welcome to join.

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.

## Everyday Stewardship

### The Well That Never Dries Up



Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. "Rejoice always," he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you're really feeling this vibe. But if you've got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. "Rejoice always? Always? When I'm tired? Cranky? When I'm sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I'll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow's morning commute."

When we feel this way, we know it's time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God's strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It's water you can keep coming back to. It's water that never dries up.

Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to 'rejoice always.' To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties.

The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It's a sign of His commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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*Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!*

## 2025 YEARLY BOXED OFFERING ENVELOPES

Yearly boxed offering envelopes for 2025 are available for pick up and are in the church basement in alphabetical order.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 15 - 22, 2024



Sun	12/15	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> 10:00am - Adult Faith Formation - PO <i>Resisting Temptations</i>
Tues	12/17	9:30am - Biblical School - CB 7:00pm - Finance Council Mtg - PO
Thurs	12/19	7:00pm - Adoration/Holy Hour - CH
Sat	12/21	9:00am - Reconciliation
Sun	12/22	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> 10:00am - Adult Faith Formation - PO <i>The True Meaning of Christmas</i>

Key: BH=Benedict Hall CB=Church Basement CH=Church PO=Parish Office SH=School SHB=School Basement



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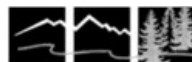
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