

St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Catholic Church

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Rev. Rodney Olive, C.Ss.R., Parochial Administrator



Mission

“To Joyfully Preach, Teach, and Live the Word of God”

Theme

“God is alive, and He will keep us revived in 2025!”



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Rev. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Call for Appointment)

SUNDAY MASS:

10:00 a.m.

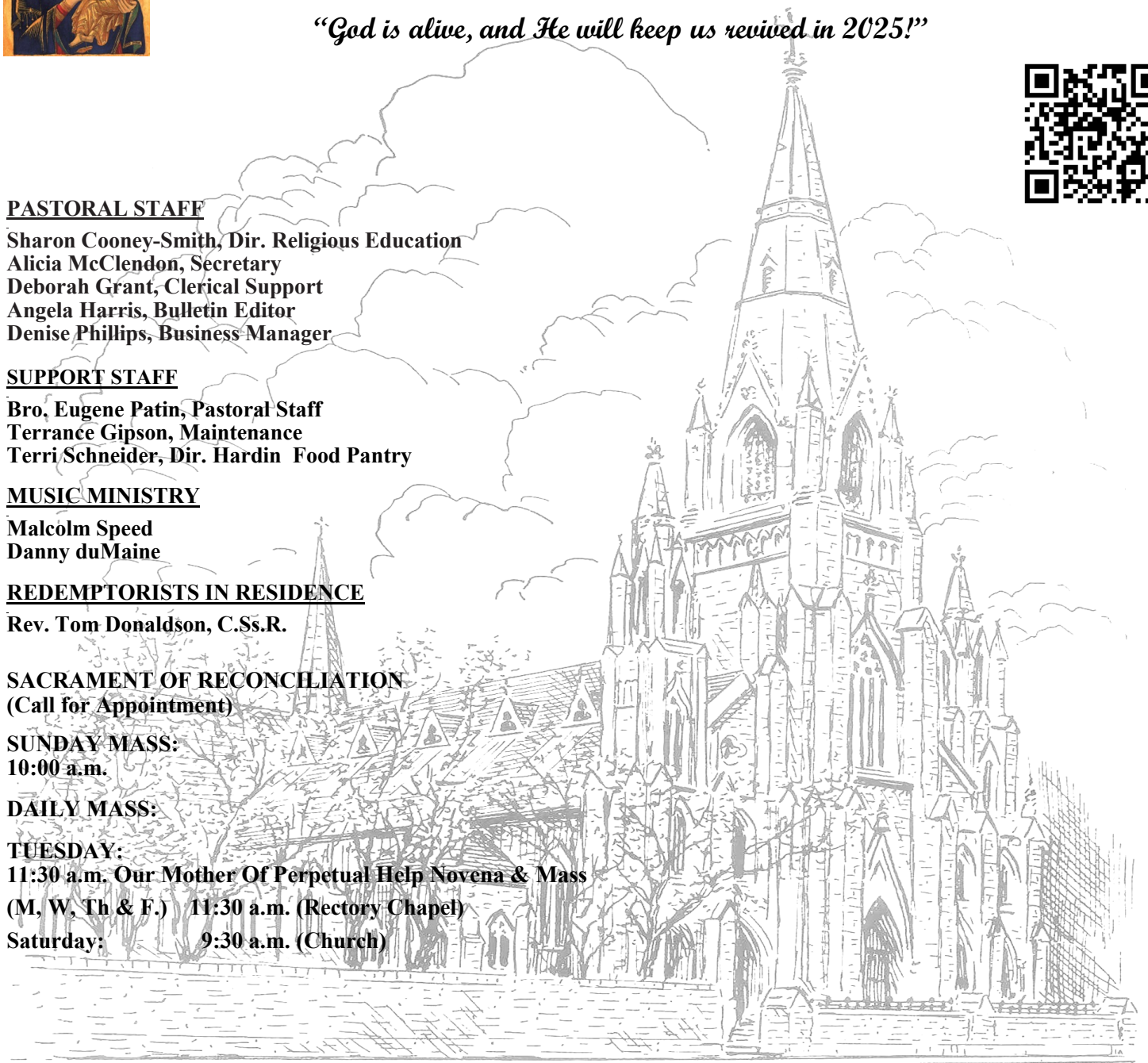
DAILY MASS:

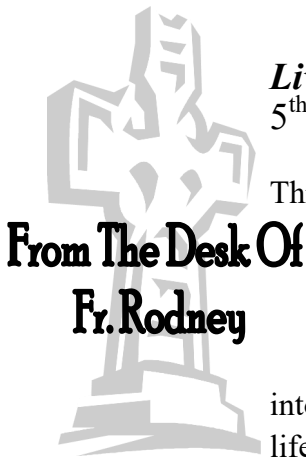
TUESDAY:

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

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

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





Living A Covenant Life
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Throughout the Bible, we encounter God’s call to enter into a covenant with him. What, then, is a covenant? What are the implications of establishing a covenant? A covenant is not a contract but a bond, a commitment to life itself. The scriptures show us that by entering into a covenant with God, we commit ourselves to a lifelong union with Him. The implications of this commitment enable us to realize who we are and what we bring to this relationship.

A covenant relationship is one of abiding mutual loyalty to God, and God to us. This means we are to be loyal and faithful in all circumstances. We share a union on all levels, formed and sustained by fidelity and love. The Lord God himself tells us, “I will be your God, and you will be my people.” We are entering into a relationship of mutual love and respect. We present ourselves as a person to be respected, not just as one capable of sustaining someone’s needs and instincts.

In the Gospel of Luke, the miraculous catch of fish moves Peter to a deeper level of faith. He realizes that he is in the presence of one sent by God. He acknowledges his sinfulness and unworthiness of being in the presence of God. Jesus calls Peter to conversion and discipleship like he calls each of us. Each of us must respond to Jesus’ call to conversion and discipleship.

To fully enter into a meaningful and intimate covenant relationship with God, we must freely choose to be a part of Jesus’ universal mission of redemption. To share the kingdom, each of us, and all of us as the Rock Church Community must be faithful transmitters of Jesus’ teaching.

Parochial Administrator

WEEKLY READINGS...

- Sunday:**
Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
- Monday:**
Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday:**
Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday:**
Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday:**
Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Mk 7:24-30
- Friday:**
Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday:**
Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday:**
Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:**
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Marriage Day
- Monday:**
St. Scholastica, Virgin
- Tuesday:**
Our Lady of Lourdes
- Friday:**
Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop
Valentine’s Day



Sunday:
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REMEMBER
in your prayers

INTENTIONS 02/04/25

Carr, Jeff
Diaz, Evie
Duclerne, Joseph
Duncan, Kara
Eaves, Douglas
Enberg, Carol
Golden, Sherrill A.
Golden, James L.
Golden, Patricia
Guiu, Dumitru
Guiu, Viorica
Hatchett, Sharon
Johnson, Billie Ms.
Johnson, Markiea
Meeks, Kim
Meeks, Taniyah
Boyd-Merrill, Wanda
Merritt, Tamala
Miller Jr., Antonio
Monroe, Sam
Monroe, Tanya
Pinard, Viviana
Radley, Bryan
Ransome, Gregory
Sammons, Bernie
Scott, Devon
Scott, Dorothea
Sher, Lois
Sullivan, Noah
Thomas, April
Walker, Deneen
Walker, Jasmine
Williams, Linda
Williams, Norman

SICKNESS 02/04/25

Barnett, Jewel
Baumstack, Liza
Blake, Maria
Brown, Joyce
Brownlee, Ethel
Buckley, Darrell
Busy, Brittney
Cole, Barbara
Conner, Jack
Cox, Jonathan Jr.
DeClue, Rosalynn
Delaney, J.
Dye, Margaret
George, Betty
George, Christine
Gilliand, John
Gurley, Earline
Jones, Keiarra
Harris, Latanya
Leong, Desmond
Lewis, Joi
Harris, Tobey
Harris, Willie
Hart, Edgar
Hayes, Regina
Hollins, Albert Rev.
Jammer-Webb, Jallah
Latham, Jean
Lehmkuhl, Karen
Littleton, Ginny
Magnus, Sonette
Moore, Wilbert
O'Brien, Nancy
Officer, Marion E. Jr.

Oldani, Shirley
Payne, Lonnie
Pointer, Nelson
Polek, Dave Fr.
Remsberg, Cory Sgt.
Roberts, Nounita
Robinson, William, Jr.
Rodgers, Erby Lee
Salter, Debi
Sheppard, Joyce
Simpson, Ronald
Sonnenschein, Joseph
Sparkman, Judah
Stayton, Michael
Strong, Betty
Townsend, Bob
Venverloh, Karen

SHUT-IN

Atherton, Andrew
Brack Dorothy
Cloyd, Selena
Darris, Martha
Farr, Synthia
Hughes, Irene
Lee, Hazel
McCoy, Carolyn
McGinnis, Kathy
Moore, Brenda
Reedy, Sid
Skinner, Joanna
Smith, Melba
Whitfield, Edna

Prayer For Renewed Strength

O Lord, my God, Please give those listed above the grace to maintain their hope in You.
Through all of life's changes and to taste and see Your goodness.
Amen

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

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



Bayard Rustin was born into a family of Quakers and activists in Pennsylvania. Growing up, his grandmother, Julia Rustin, was involved with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and his home was visited by Black leaders including W.E.B. Du Bois and Mary McLeod Bethune. He carried this upbringing with him, dedicating his life to the philosophy of nonviolence and the fight for human rights. Rustin saw the interconnection between global struggles for racial, economic, and social justice.

He played pivotal roles in the major movements of the second half of the 20th century, from co-founding the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), combatting colonialism in India, Ghana, Nigeria, and South Africa, working for nuclear disarmament, leading the 1963 March on

Washington, advocating for LGBTQ+ rights, organizing for worker empowerment, and demanding greater HIV/AIDS education. As a gay, Black man, Rustin was often pushed behind the scenes of these movements, his role in history too often forgotten.

As a member of the executive council of the AFL-CIO and a founder of the AFL-CIO's A. Philip Randolph Institute, Rustin fought against racism and discrimination in the labor movement. His leadership in these organizations focused on building diverse coalitions for the benefit of all humankind.

A close confidante and mentor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luth King, Jr. Rustin was a key leader of the civil rights movement and chief organizer of the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. He proved to be a transformative figure in the fight for racial justice, even introducing King to the Gandhian principles of nonviolence that would come to define the struggle.

Rustin understood that we are all connected. His commitment to solidarity and passion for organizing made him a natural fit for the labor movement. He launched the AFL-CIO's A. Philip Randolph Institute to extend the fight for economic justice to people of color. He knew that achieving a just society required securing jobs and freedom for all Americans. That vision for an inclusive, empowered coalition resonates just as powerfully decades later.

"I think the most important thing I have to say is ... try to build coalitions of people for the elimination of all injustice," Rustin said in the final years of his life, reflecting on the continuing fight for social change. *"Because if we want to do away with the injustice to gays, it will not be done because we get rid of the injustice to gays. It will be done because we are forwarding the effort for the elimination of injustice to all. And we will win the rights for gays or Blacks or Hispanics or women within the context of whether we are fighting for all."*

(Source: <https://www.advocate.com/commentary/2018/4/04/gay-union-organizer-who-helped-mlk-change-world>)


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lift Every Voice

Black History Month Celebration

Feb 28
Fri 7:30pm • Stifel Theatre

Kevin McBeth, conductor
Donald Lawrence, vocalist
IN UNISON Chorus



St. Louis Symphony Orchestra

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

4th Annual


MASS OF RACIAL UNITY

CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP ROZANSKI

Featuring: St. Cletus Choir


TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

MASS BEGINS AT 7:00P.M.
EVERYONE WELCOME



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
BUILD MY CHURCH
ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

St. Cletus Parish
2705 Zumbuhl Road
St. Charles, MO 63301



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Live streaming online at www.saintcletus.org
Signing available for the hearing impaired.

Rock Church Lenten Revival!


“Journey with Jesus!”

Revival Preacher
Rev. Ako Walker, C.Ss.R.

March 10, 11, and 12, 2025 – 7:00pm

**Preaching, Praise
Song and Worship!**

**Watch the bulletin, website, and
Facebook Page for more information!**



Daughters of St. Paul

Discernment 101 with the Daughters of St. Paul

Are you a young woman seeking God’s will in your life? Join the Daughters of St. Paul for Discernment 101, a series of Saturday morning talks, prayer, and fellowship for single Catholic women ages 16-33 looking to grow in relationship with God and discern his call in their lives.

Spring 2025 dates are Saturday, February 15; March 15; April 12; and May 10 from 8:30-1:00 at Pauline Books & Media (9804 Watson Road, St. Louis). Each morning includes Mass, a talk, small group discussion, Eucharistic Adoration, and lunch.

A Zoom option is available for those unable to attend in person. For more details or to register, contact Sr. Amanda Marie at stlouisvocations@paulinemedia.com or 617-413-1469, or visit connect.pauline.org/discernment-101.

General Fund Actual Contributions Received		
JANUARY/FEBRUARY	26 th	2 nd
Envelopes	\$10,146.00	\$12,967.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 1,083.00	\$ 3,383.00
Loose Offering	\$ 163.00	\$ 541.00
Total Offering	\$11,392.00	\$16,891.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$(1,108.00)	\$ 4,391.00

Stewardship Prayer...


That we may eagerly respond, “Here I am, Lord,” whenever we hear God call upon us to be His hands, feet, and voice here on earth.

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’”
 ISAIAH 6:8

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, “Whom shall I send?” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, “Here I am, Lord.”

Missionary Discipleship – Reconciliation

Today, we hear how Isaiah saw the Lord seated on a “high and lofty throne.” Isaiah was concerned that his sinfulness made him unworthy of this honor, but the Lord took care of his “wickedness” by sending a Seraphim to put a hot ember on Isaiah’s lips! In the Gospel, we hear how Peter was also concerned about his unworthiness and sinfulness, and Jesus brushed Peter’s concerns away by appointing him to be a “fisher of men.” Because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and the institution of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we don’t need hot embers to have our sins forgiven. We are absolved of our sins through Reconciliation. Our busy schedules make it easy to procrastinate, and we may put it off for various reasons. If it has been a while since you have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, consider adding that to your “To-do” list because God’s mercy is endless.



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!

**Reach Reproductive Health:
Expanding Life-Affirming Care in St. Louis**

In response to **Amendment 3** and the urgent need for **life-affirming** care in St. Louis, we are excited to announce the launch of **Reach Reproductive Health**—a new pregnancy medical center opening multiple locations this Spring in partnership with Life on Belay.


Join us for an **information meeting** to learn more about our mission, meet the **Board and executive team**, and discover how you can help provide compassionate care to women and families in need.

- **Date:** Saturday, February 15
- **Time:** 10:00-11:30AM
- **Location:** St. Paul’s Evangelical Free Church
9801 Olive Blvd, St. Louis, MO

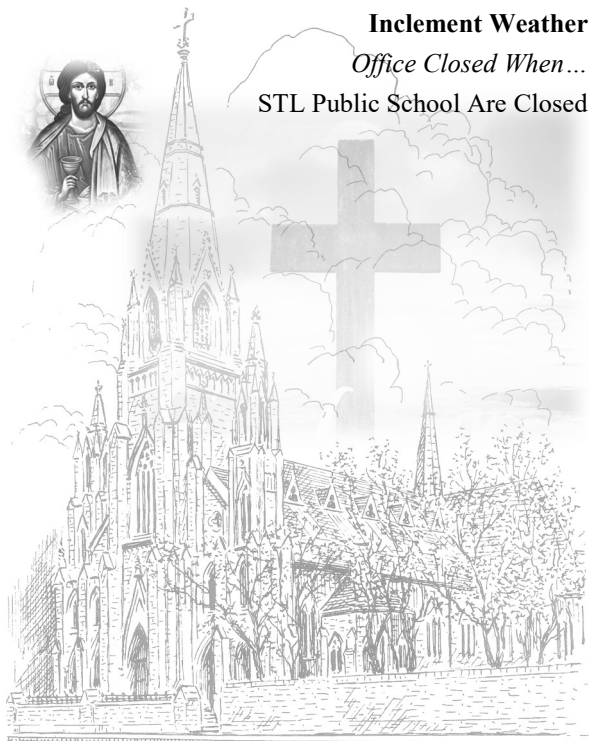
Together, we can expand access to **life-affirming** support and resources for those who need it most. We hope to see you there!

RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/ReachRepHealth>

**PRAY FOR OUR
COMMUNITY**



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



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PRAYER MEMORIALS

Continuous prayer for the “Rock” Saints who have transitioned from labor to reward during the past five years

Larry Ambus, Garvin Anderson, Hortense Anderson, Anita Louise Banks, Lillian Barnes, Loretta Beasley
 Jean Irene Becker, Herron Beckley, Ida J. Bohannon, Roderick Bolden, James R. Boykin, James Buford
 Irving Clay, Willie Cunningham, Judith Dickson-Durham, Kevina A. Doss, Sallie duMaine, Sr. Carolyn Emerson
 Fr. Kyle Fisher, C.Ss.R., Alice Gathright, Roberta George, Terrance Gipson, Sr., Jermaine Gordon, Alonzo Green
 Catherine Gregory, Georgette Gregory, Walter T. Gregory, Willie “Clarence” Griffin, Donna Hall, Barbara Harris
 David Robert Herron, MaryAnn Hinton, Cassandra Hollins, Rosalind Hood, Jamar Huffmon, Willie Huffmon, Barbara Hudson
 Jones, Nadine Jones, Fr. Anthony “Tony” Judge, C.Ss.R., Robin Kyles, Stephen LaBerta, Rosemary Lee, Mary Ann Lewis
 Joan Lowe, Juanita Luster, Anice Mahone, Isis Aaliyah Mahr, Kyle Martin, Bernice McCoy, Michael P. McCoy Sr.
 Eric L. McKinnie, Louis T. McKinnie, Glenn Miller, Roy Miller, Paul J. Naugles, James Joseph O’Brien, Bernice O’Neal
 Anne Ortwerth, Thelma Paul, Mae Peters, Alton Pritchard, Christian Reedy Judith Reedy, Wendell M. Sams, Pearlie Savoy
 Catherine Sherman, Robert Smith, Jr. Lorraine Fite Stewart, Shontea Stricklin, Gloria Taylor, Oswald Lee Thomas
 Mary Ann Thompson, Robert “Bobby” J. Valle, Jr., Sandra Wallace, Ralph Watkins Jr., Ruby Wicks, Jessica Williams
 Alvin Leon Wilson, Vernie Woolfork, Clarence Zacher

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sharon Cooney-Smith, DRE
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RCIA/RCIC
 Children’s Liturgy of the Word
 Baptism
 First Reconciliation
 First Communion
 Confirmation
 Matrimony

COMMISSIONS & CHAIRS

Christian Formation	TBD
Christian Service	Hilda Phillips
Finance & Adm.	Monica Huddleston
Liturgy	Richard Buckley
Peace & Justice	Kathy McGinnis
Social Life	Rose Graham
Youth & Young Adults	Ronda Smith Branch

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.)
 (314) 652-9231
 Community Women Against Hardship (CWAH)
 (314) 289-7523

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Robert Caldwell President	Ronda Smith Branch Vice President	Hilda Phillips Secretary
Theodore Branch	David Martin	
Richard Buckley	Jessica Pou	
Audrey Ellermann	Patricia Pou	
Gregory Hood	Jocelyn Woodson-Reed	
Teresa Hudson		

ATTENTION

If your telephone number, home address or email address has changed, please contact the office at 533-0304 or email office@stalphonusrock.org.

Bulletin announcements must be in the office for review and approval by 12 noon Tuesdays.

Please fax items to 314 533-4260 or e-mail to parish130@archstl.org