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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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(Call for Appointment)

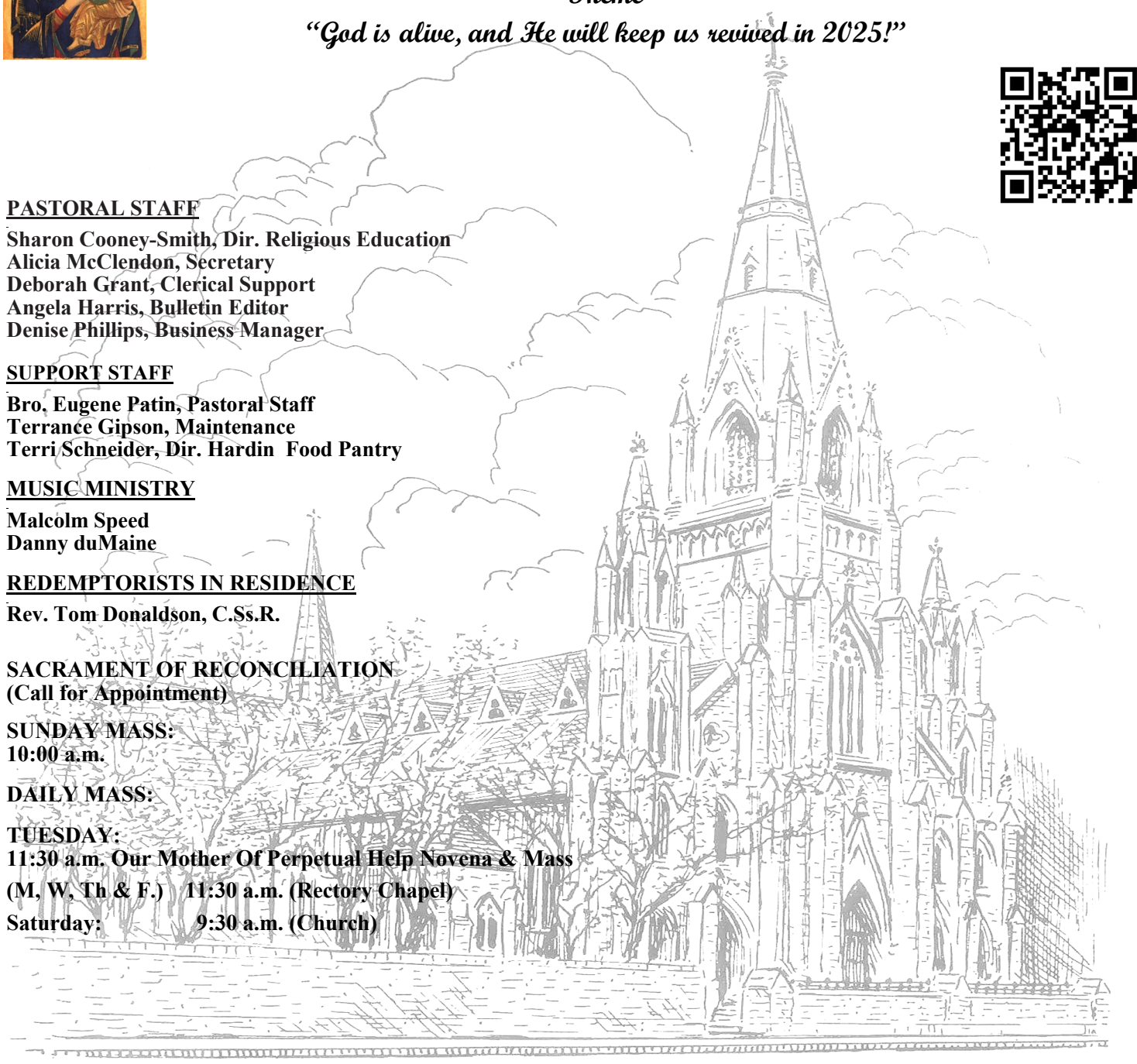
SUNDAY MASS:
10:00 a.m.

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)





**From The Desk Of
Fr. Rodney**

The Transforming Power of Belief and Hope
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 19 January 2025

Throughout our lives some moments and experiences are transforming events. We hear it said, even say this ourselves, “This is a game changer!” What is being expressed? Perhaps one of many life moments that causes a renewal of belief and hope that we are part of something greater than our self. The experience of love is one of those life moments,

Each of us hopes and believes in true love. A church family becomes truly alive when they bring that personal hope and belief in love to the communal reality, This is important because we are not just a group of people that show up in a church building for 60 minutes. Rather, we respond to a God that calls out to us, “you are my delight.” The transforming power of love happens as we experience a God who reveals to us, “He rejoices in you.” As this is true personally, it is also true in the lived reality of our church family.

The transforming power of love is also revealed within a church community, and the greatness of God is shared with each member of this family. There are gifts that the Holy Spirit bestows upon the community of believers. These gifts are given not for the pride of an individual but for the service and common good of the whole community. Each of us is given gifts for the sole purpose of building up our Rock church community. The gifts that each of us have and all that we do is a gift from God. All that we are and all that we do must be devoted to the common good.

At the wedding feast of Cana, Jesus reveals himself as the Messiah and incarnate Son of God; those who respond to him in faith receive a share in his life. Cana is a sign through which Jesus manifests his glory and his disciples come to believe. Mary’s relationship with Jesus undergoes a transformation in so far as she believes and hopes in him, allowing herself to be influenced by him. We also follow her lead believing and hoping in his love. Why? Simple, because of Jesus, “We are Blessed.”

Parochial Administrator

WEEKLY READINGS...

Sunday:

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday:

Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5
9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9
10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12
3-14/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

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

Sunday:

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9
10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:
12-30 or 12:12-14, 27
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES**

Sunday:

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr
St. Sebastian, Martyr
Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday:

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday:

Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children

Thursday:

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

Friday:

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

Saturday:

The Conversion of St. Paul the
Apostle

Sunday:

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



REMEMBER
in your prayers

INTENTIONS 01/07/25

Benden, C.SsR, Steve
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

INTENTIONS 01/14/25

Bell, Gilbert
Blanton, Linda
Brasher, Paula
Catchings-Smith, Deborah
Charleston, Dorothy
Clark, Louis
Cooney, Michael
Crafton, Steve
Crawford, Alexis
Dulaney, Linda
Gandaho, Tamar
George Family
Goldston, Natalie
Henry, Janet
Hill, Xavier
Hollins, Albert G.
Hood, Gregg
Humphrey, Shelia
Hunt, JoAnn
Kirksey, Jasmine
Jarvis, Michael
Jones, Ethel
Judge, Larry
Kemp, Monterio
Lee, Pearl Etta
Lesueur, JaVaughn
Manuel, Keshon
Martin, Michael
Miller, Jr., Antonio
Monroe, Dionne
Monroe, Reginald
Page, Connie
Page, Mike
Patton, William Joshua
Pena, Emelyn de la

Potts, Pamela
Reed, Tory
Robinson, Darby
Sheperd, Dorothy
Smith, June
Sullivan, Jeremiah
Thames, Michael
Thompson, Louisa
Thomas-Crumbley, Mary
Valle, Dorothy
Wallace, Delanca
Wallace, Tamar
Weston, Dorothy
Woolfork, Virginia

SICKNESS 01/07/25

Barnett, Jewel
Blake, Maria
Brown, Joyce
Brownlee, Ethel
Buckley, Darrell
Busy, Brittney
Cloyd, Selena
Cole, Barbara
Conner, Jack
Cox, Jonathan Jr.
DeClue, Rosalynn
Delaney, J.
Dye, Margaret
George, Betty
George, Christine
Gilliand, John
Gurley, Earline
Jones, Keiarra
Latanya Harris
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
Sigari, Alexandria
Simpson, Lisa
Simpson, Ronald
Smith, Melba
Sonnenschein, Joseph
Sparkman, Judah
Stayton, Michael
Strong, Betty
Townsend, Bob
Venverloh, Karen
Washington, Lewis

SICKNESS 01/14/25

Andrews, Sarah
Anthony, Jean
Brown, Travis, Ofcr.
Brownlee, Paul
Buck, Victoria
Boyd, Wanda
Butler, Thomas
Crump, Flo
Darden, Veronica
Davis, Stephanie
Dulaney, John
George, Donna
Goldston, Natalie
Guevara, Shannon
Harris, Bob
Henry, Clem
Hodges, Carolyn
Hubbard, Patricia
Hutson, Jacquelyn
Johnson, Jennier
Jones, Ethel
Lee, Pearletta
Mah, Brenda
McClain, Kenneth
McClain, Victoria
McDonnell, Brenda
Mozee, Sylvester
Parran, Rodrick
Price, Wayne
Rasales, Devon
Reedy, Sid
Richardson, Jr., Marshall

Schneider, Roy
Shackleford, Joseph
Smith, Valerie
Thames, Garnetta
Thames, Lamar
Thomas, Aubrey
Thompson, Henry
Townsend, Sue
Valle-Lee, Laura
Vet, Alphonso
Westley-Coleman, Denise
Wallace, Trevia
Washington, Joanne
Wester, Tyson
Welch, Tony

SHUT-INS

Atherton, Andrew
Brack, Dorothy
Darris, Martha
Hughes, Irene
Lee, Hazel
McCoy, Carolyn
McGinnis, Kathy
Moore, Brenda
Skinner, Joanna
Whitfield, Edna (Mother)

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

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



Stained glass adorns many of the great cathedrals throughout the world. Rose windows are perhaps most iconic in the ways that they symbolize the beauty of sacred architecture. Many of these rose windows, usually placed above the front doors of the church, feature saints of the church or particular scenes from Scripture. Abstract rose windows, however, are hard to come by. One such example can be found at the Episcopal cathedral in Washington, DC. Washington National Cathedral's "Creation" window, found at the west end of the nave, is a twenty-six-foot window by Rowan LeCompte. Its abstract design supports its interpretation of Genesis 1:3, when God utters the first words of creation: "Let there be light." The window features what seems to be every color imaginable, representing the elements of the earth, the spectrum of light, the mystery of creation-form, matter, space, and time all exploding out of nothingness.

The Lord is making all things new. He is forming a new union with his people, inspiring us to sing a new song and rejoice in the life that is now ours; he delights in us and crowns us with glory. The Father is calling us by name and gifting us with various manifestations of his Spirit to help bring about a new creation; now, even situations that seem void of God's presence—sin, illness, death—can be seedbeds for Christ's law to take root and prosper. The feast of the Lamb has begun, and he gives us to drink of this new wine of salvation, a foretaste of what awaits us in his heavenly kingdom.

During this season of Ordinary Time, the liturgical color is green, a color that represents new life and growth. What new life do we notice appearing within our hearts and our community? How are the lessons God has taught us in the other liturgical seasons providing a lens for new insights and development in our relationship with Christ and our neighbors?

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

- Think of a time when you have felt flooded by goodness. When has Jesus provided for you in a way that felt abundant?
- If you are in a place of abundance, how could you live a bit more simply in order to share that abundance with others?

(Source: www.LivingLiturgy/Litpress.org)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lift Every Voice

Black History Month Celebration

Feb 28

Fri 7:30pm • Stifel Theatre

Kevin McBeth, conductor
Donald Lawrence, vocalist
IN UNISON Chorus

Grammy Award®-winning guest artist Donald Lawrence joins the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and the IN UNISON Chorus for this joyful celebration of Black History Month.

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Featuring: St. Cletus Choir

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
BUILD MY CHURCH
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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.

February 7–8

Faith That Does Justice—Living the Call to Racial Justice in Your Parish

College Church is hosting a conference for people who are seeking to grow racial justice in their faith communities. Through presentations, panel discussions, and interactive workshops, this conference will help to deepen understanding of systemic racism and to engage our faith communities in creating pathways to healing, liberation, and hope. All are welcome!

For more information, and to register, go to:

bit.ly/justiceconf

General Fund Actual Contributions Received	
December 3, 2024—January 12, 2025	
Envelopes	\$10,495.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 6,531.00
Loose Offering	\$ 154.00
Total Offering	\$17,180.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,500.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$ 4,680.00

Stewardship Prayer...

That we open our hearts and allow the Holy Spirit to work through us the way God intended.

“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.”

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God’s plan? How are you helping to build God’s kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don’t do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

Missionary Discipleship – Generosity

For many of us, generosity is a by-product of gratitude. When we receive a gift we are grateful. Our first reaction is to share the gift with someone; we want to be generous! Why? Because that’s the way God made us. Remember, He made us in His image and likeness. God has been generous to each of us in so many ways, and He expects each of us to be generous with our time, treasure, and talent as well. “Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due His name!” In what ways can we be generous with all of our gifts this week and give glory to God?



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!

Join us for Faith, Food, & Friendship

We invite you to learn more about Marygrove and the work we do for the youth in our community. Join us for Mass in our beautiful chapel, followed by a delicious lunch and fellowship in the cafeteria.

2025 Lunch Club Dates:

February 7th

May 2nd

August 1st

November 7th

Mass begins at 11:30am

Lunch begins at 12pm

Free to attend. Donations appreciated

To learn more or to RSVP please contact

Jackie Boyd at

(314)584-6129 or jboyd@mgstl.org

St. Louis City Primary Election

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Register by 2/5/2025

Absentee Voting begins

Jan. 21, 2025

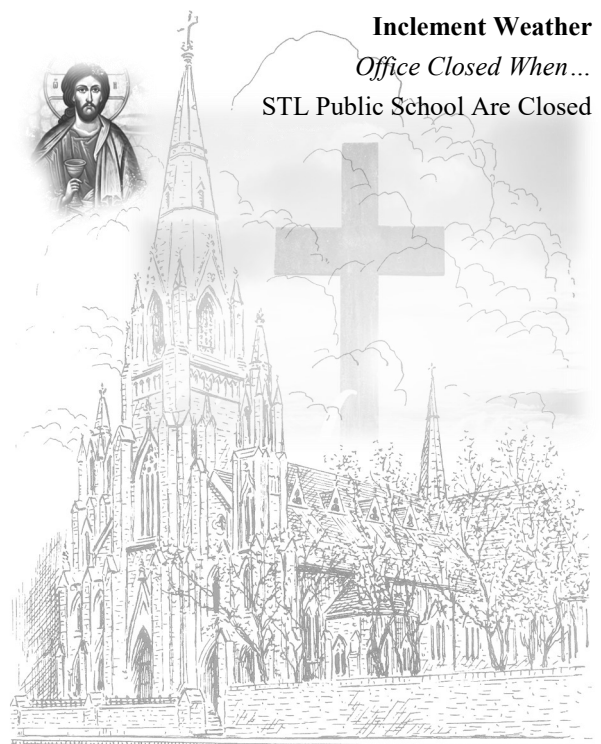


PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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
314-533-0304

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	Ronda Smith Branch	Hilda Phillips
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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

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.