

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.

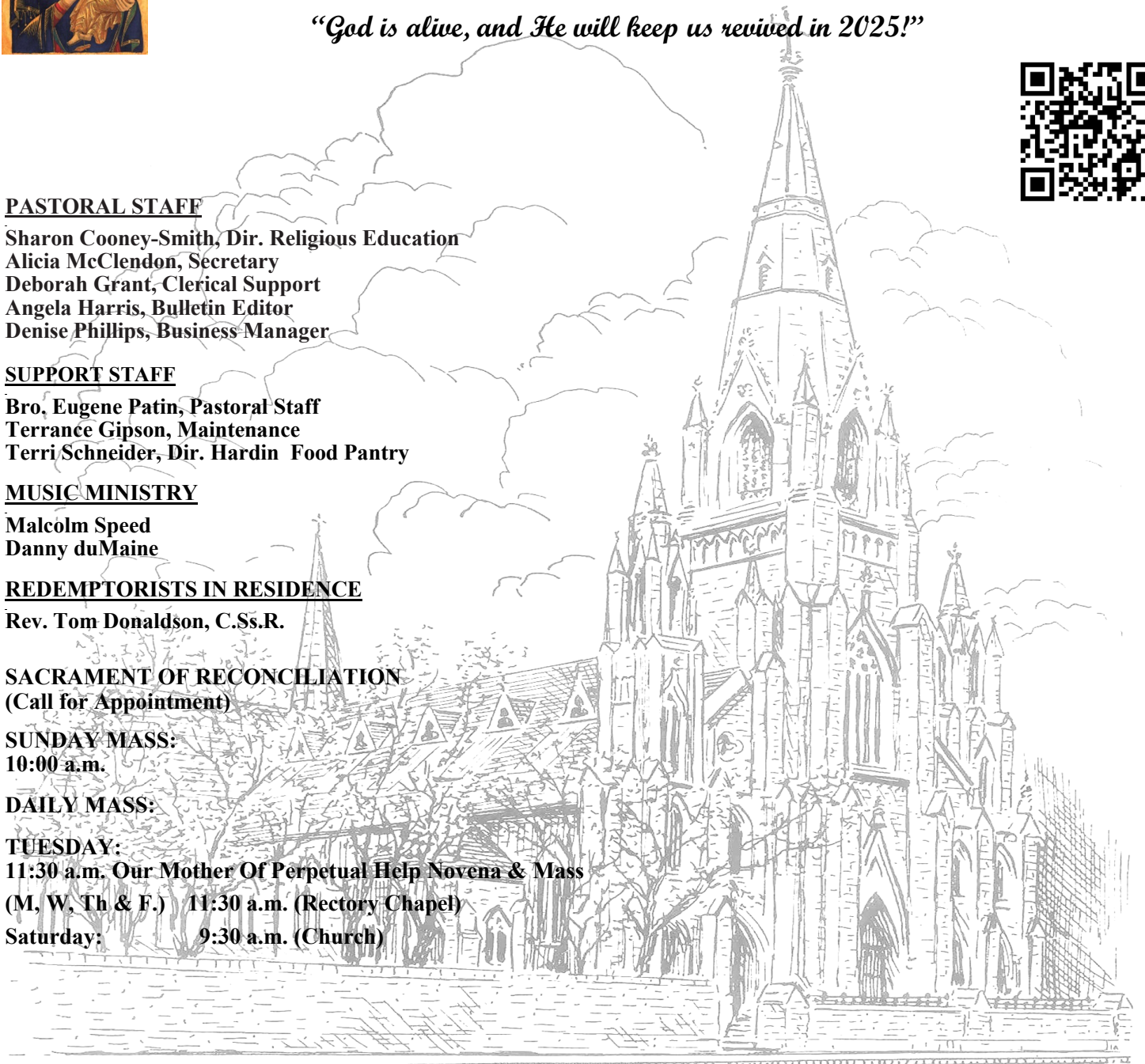
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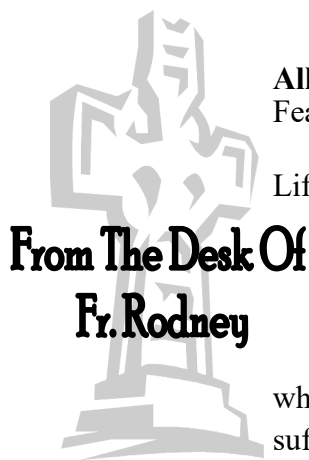
TUESDAY:

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)





Allowing Ourselves to Grow
Feast of the Presentation (2 Feb.25)

Life is a process of constant growth, both physically and spiritually. I am not the same now as I was 20 years ago. Why? Obviously, I have seen and experienced so much more of life. There are times when life has been exciting and joyous. There have also been times when life has been a struggle, filled with pain and suffering. You and I cannot avoid this life experience. We will embrace it or we will try to avoid it.

Like the people of Israel, we find a growing concern as to whether or now we have wearied God. This is due to the fact that evil seems to be gaining the upper hand. There are clear divisions throughout the communities we live in. We are more suspicious of one another, trust seems to be a thing of the past. In the midst of all of this, there is good news, "We are not alone." The truth will set us free once more.

The Lord is with us, and he is present in the reality of our lives. He comes with power and strength to fire up, within us, the courage and boldness to tell His good news to the world around us. Allowing ourselves to grow involves suffering; Jesus is upfront about this. In doing so, you and I discover that we share the favor of the Lord in our lives. We can be confident about this because Jesus shared our human condition. Jesus is an ongoing experience. He entered the world of human experience to provide us with the opportunity to share in the power of God.

The prophet Simeon emphasized the greatness of Jesus and the tremendous power of God that will work through him. The prophet stresses the coming experience of pain, the kind of pain that provides growth. You and I are called to embrace this reality, to refuse to face this is to refuse to grow. We must allow ourselves to grow, and therefore, we must allow ourselves to experience the pains of growing.

Parochial Administrator

WEEKLY READINGS...

Sunday:

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7
8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday:

Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22
23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday:

Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and
30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday:

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14
17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday:

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab,
3cd-4, 9, 10-11//Mk 6:7-13

Friday:

Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday:

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a
3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

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

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES**

Sunday:

The Presentation of the Lord
World Day for Consecrated Life

Monday:

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
St. Ansgar, Bishop

Wednesday:

St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday:

St. Paul Miki and Companions,
Martyrs

Saturday:

St. Jerome Emiliani
St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM

Sunday:

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Marriage Day

**INTENTIONS 01/28/25**

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 01/28/25

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
 Gilliland, 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
 Simpson, Ronald
 Smith, Melba
 Sonnenschein, Joseph
 Sparkman, Judah
 Stayton, Michael
 Strong, Betty
 Townsend, Bob
 Venverloh, Karen
 Washington, Lewis

SHUT-IN'S

Atherton, Andrew
 Brack, Dorothy
 Darris, Martha
 Farr, Synthia
 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@stalphonusrock.org.

LITURGY NOTES

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (BSCP), first African American labor union to be affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. Founded in 1925 by labor organizer and civil rights activist A. Philip Randolph, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (BSCP) aimed to improve the working conditions and treatment of African American railroad porters and maids employed by the Pullman Company, a manufacturer and operator of railroad cars. The BSCP embodied Randolph's belief that segregation and racism were linked to the unfair distribution of wealth and power that condemned tens of millions of black and white Americans to chronic misery. In 1867, the founder of the Pullman Company, George Mortimer Pullman, seized the opportunity to meet his company's labor needs by providing employment for some slaves freed in the wake of the American Civil War. The association with the company worked fairly well for these men and women desperately needing employment. However, Pullman exploited their difficult situation by demanding long hours of hard work with poor compensation. He also instituted an in-house company organization for employee representation that primarily met the needs of the management rather than those of the workers. Under its auspices, the company fixed wage rates and working conditions; workers could either accept what the company offered or quit.

Frustrated by the Pullman Company's policy and seeking to reduce the inequity of their situation by organizing, the Pullman porters approached Randolph. Initially, he was reluctant to take on their cause. However, he published two articles in *The Messenger* magazine that received wide support. When the porters renewed their pressure on Randolph, he agreed to assist them, and on August 25, 1925, the BSCP was born. The Pullman Company, infuriated by the "upstart" porters and their agitators, employed various tactics—including spies, intimidation, and propaganda—to destroy the union. Passage of the Railway Labor Act by the U.S. Congress in May 1926 provided cause for optimism for Randolph and the porters. The act stipulated that all disputes over wages, rules, and working conditions involving railroad workers would be settled promptly through negotiations between labor and management, overseen by a Board of Mediation without interference, influence, or coercion. The workers' confidence was premature, however. The Pullman Company, arguing that 85 percent of the porters supported the company's in-house union, refused to recognize the BSCP.

Throughout the ensuing years, the BSCP fought a multifaceted battle against the Pullman Company. In 1932, their tenacity paid off. Although the weight of the Great Depression virtually crushed the BSCP, Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal provided a way out. The National Industrial Recovery Act, enacted in 1933, reinforced the Railway Labor Act, while the Emergency Railroad Transportation Act (1933) specifically banned company unions. That legislation provided some of the strongest-ever protections for organized labor.

After much stalling, the Pullman Company agreed to begin negotiating in good faith with the porters. On April 25, 1937, it signed the first agreement between a union of African American workers and a major American corporation. Once the BSCP achieved recognition by the Pullman Company, the union set about realizing its practical objectives and meeting the needs of its membership. The contract between the Pullman Company and the BSCP brought the porters the single largest wage increase they had ever received under an agreement with the company. The BSCP also secured agreements from the Pullman Company that established a 240-hour work month, eliminated the system of determining rates by mileage, and guaranteed pay for preparatory and terminal time and a reasonable amount of rest during trips. The constitution of the BSCP also provided for the formation of the International Ladies Auxiliary, an adjunct organization for wives and female relatives of members of the union. The primary function of the auxiliary was to assist the BSCP through fund-raising and dissemination of information in the interest of the union.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Join the 'Rock' Seniors in Action
for brunch
Tuesday, Feb 4th after
OLPH Devotions*

*Bring a gift valued at \$5
for exchange*

**Lift
Every
Voice**

**Black
History Month
Celebration**

Feb 28
Fri 7:30pm • Stifel Theatre

Kevin McBeth, conductor
Donald Lawrence, vocalist
IN UNISON Chorus

s|sO 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

 ARCHDIOCESE
OF ST. LOUIS

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		
JANUARY	19 th	26 th
Envelopes	\$ 7,510.00	\$10,146.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 1,978.00	\$ 1,083.00
Loose Offering	\$ 182.00	\$ 163.00
Total Offering	\$ 9,670.00	\$11,392.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$(2,830.00)	\$(1,108.00)

Stewardship Prayer...

That we may understand that Jesus understands our pain and that only He can fill the hole in our hearts.

“Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.”

Hebrews 2:18

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

Missionary Discipleship – Seeing Jesus

In Luke’s Gospel we hear about a devout man named Simeon who “it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord.” After Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple, Simeon hugged Jesus and said, “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace...for my eyes have seen your salvation.” At a local soup kitchen, one of the priests would frequently say, “Be the face of Jesus to others and see the face of Jesus in others.” As sons and daughters of God, we are made in His image and likeness. Do your words and actions reflect the face of Jesus to others? Do you reflect God’s love and mercy to see the face of Jesus in others? If not, it’s not too late to start.



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!

St. Louis City Primary Election

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

VOTE
YES NO



Register by 2/5/2025

Absentee Voting began
Jan. 21, 2025



**Don't Let Anyone
Silence Your Voice!**

Join us for Faith, Food, & Friendship

Lunch Club
February 7th

FREE TO ATTEND

Mass begins at 11:30 a.m

Lunch begins at Noon



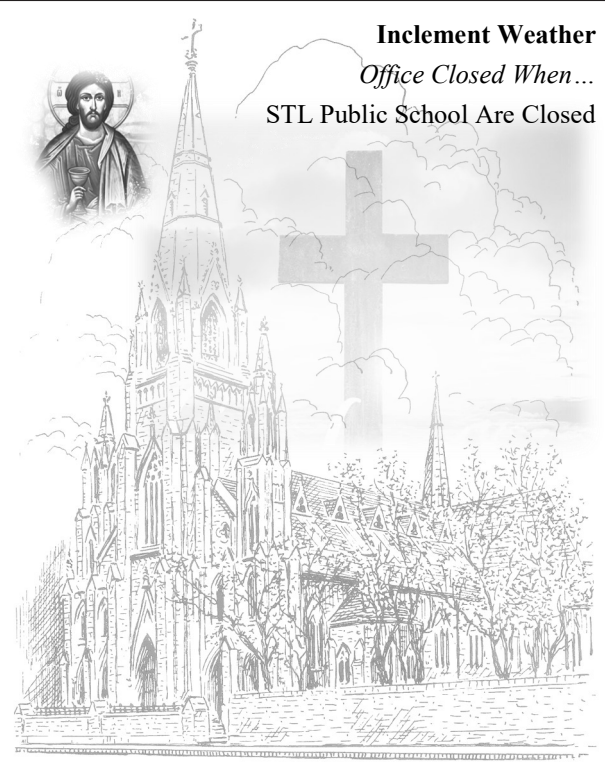
Please contact Jackie Boyd
To RSVP at (314) 584-6129
or jboyd@mgstl.org

2705 Mullanphy Ln, Florissant, MO 63031
www.marygrovechildren.org

**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 President	Ronda Smith Branch Vice President	Hilda Phillips Secretary
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Theodore Branch

Richard Buckley

Audrey Ellermann

Gregory Hood

Teresa Hudson

David Martin

Jessica Pou

Patricia Pou

Jocelyn Woodson-Reed

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.