

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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(Call for Appointment)

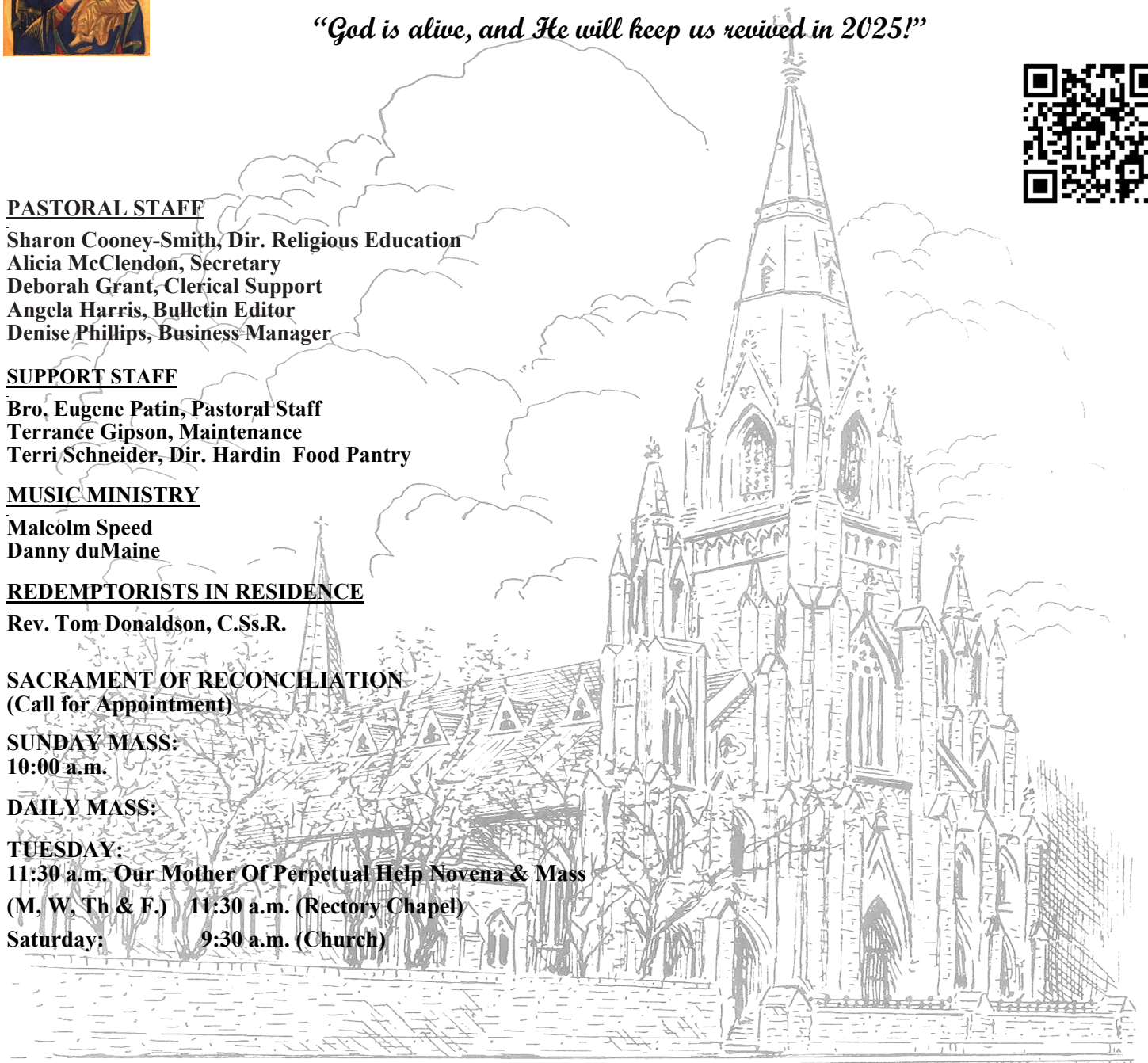
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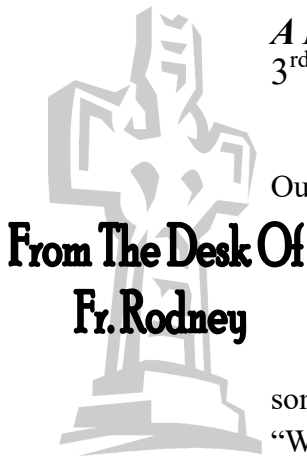
DAILY MASS:

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**

A Lifestyle of Being Blessed
3rd Sunday OT, 26 January 2025

Our God is a great God. The greatest of God enables us to experience and know that “We are blessed.” The 2025 new year presents us with opportunities for new possibilities. The Lord gives us a brand new year, a beautiful blank page for you and I to create something beautiful for God. Why? Simple, “We are Blessed.”

The prophet Nehemiah calls the exiles returning from Babylon and each of us to renew our covenant with God. We need to bathe ourselves in the power of God’s redeeming love. This is a time for rejoicing, we have gone through a challenging year. We have experienced the power of God as a Rock Church family. We experience an anointing by the Holy Spirit, which brings a change in all our lives, as well as a change in our lifestyle.

As Christians in this Catholic Church, we belong to the body of Christ. Just as there are many parts to our body, there are many parts to the body of Christ. Many parts, but just one body. Like the many parts of the body, the Holy Spirit provides a diversity of gifts, ultimately pointing to the unity of the whole body. We must deeply appreciate and cherish this diversity of gifts should cause us to rejoice and praise Jesus all that much more. Remember it is Jesus who commands us to “love one another, as I have loved you.” We must embrace a lifestyle of love, of uncompromising truth, and faithfulness to living the Word of God.

The baptism of Jesus shows us what being filled with the Holy Spirit means. We realize with Jesus, we share a mission; we will seek to heal the brokenhearted, and release prisoners. We are to go out to our community and be the Lord’s good news to our people. We stand side by side with our brothers and sisters and join the struggle to bring liberty to people in bondage. 2025 must be a year for the Rock Family to translate the words of the Holy Scriptures, making it a living reality in all our lives.

Parochial Administrator

WEEKLY READINGS...

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

Monday:

Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab,
3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday:

Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-
8a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday:

Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday:

Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-
6/Mk 4:21-25

Friday:

Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-
24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday:

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-
72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41

Sunday:

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

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES**

Sunday:

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Monday:

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Tuesday:

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and
Doctor of the Church

Friday:

St. John Bosco, Priest

Sunday:

The Presentation of the Lord
World Day for Consecrated Life



REMEMBER
in your prayers

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, Ja Vaughn
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, Travia
Weston, Dorothy
Woolfork, Virginia

INTENTIONS 01/21/25

Benden, C.SsR, Steve
Carr, Jeff
Diaz, Evie
Ducleme, 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 01/14/25

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, Pearlletta
Mahr, 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

SICKNESS 01/21/25

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.
Remsburg, 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

HOSPITAL 01/22/2025

Farr, Synthia

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



Fulfilled in Your Hearing:

The Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy describes the fourfold presence of Christ in the person of the minister, the eucharistic species, the proclamation of the Word, and the gathered assembly.

As we meditate on the beginning of Jesus's public ministry in Luke and his proclamation of the Scriptures, we see once more that the word of God is active and effective. When the Father speaks (for example, in Genesis: "Let there be ... "), the work is immediately accomplished upon the very utterance of the word. Jesus, the Word made flesh, speaks in the same manner: "Be healed." "Your sins are forgiven." "Arise and walk." In today's gospel passage, too, we see his very words bringing about the fulfillment of his work.

Origen of Alexandria reminds us that we don't need to look back on the ancient Jewish congregation from Nazareth and be jealous of their encounter with Christ, as if we are in some way deprived of our own experience of Jesus's proclamation of Scripture and preaching. For indeed, whenever the Scriptures are proclaimed, Christ-the Word-is speaking directly to us.

The Scriptures remind us of our identity as God's chosen family, and they pass on the story of salvation. It is God himself speaking to his people. The Scriptures are fulfilled in our hearing, and God accomplishes his work as his Word falls on open hearts. A greater comprehension of his words and accompanying actions can be fostered when we prepare for the Mass by reading the Scriptures beforehand. As we fix our eyes on that he speaks and allows the seed planted in each one of our hearts to bear abundant fruit. We can be instruments of grace and the very presence of Christ.

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

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- Share a favorite Scripture passage. Why is it meaningful to you? What does it say to you about who God is?
- Envision yourself in the assembly at Nazareth. How do you respond when Jesus announces that he is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy?
- The psalm sings praises to the Lord's commands. Which commands do you find it difficult to follow? How might God be inviting you to receive them as a gift?

(Source:www.Living Liturgy/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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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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St. Charles, MO 63301



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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	12/03—01/12	19 th
Envelopes	\$10,495.00	\$ 7,510.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 6,531.00	\$ 1,978.00
Loose Offering	\$ 154.00	\$ 182.00
Total Offering	\$17,180.00	\$ 9,670.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$ 4,680.00	\$(2,830.00)

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 He has given us and to share our blessings with those in need generously. Here’s the hard part: sharing all we have without expecting anything in return.

Missionary Discipleship – 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 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, the saints, and 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!

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

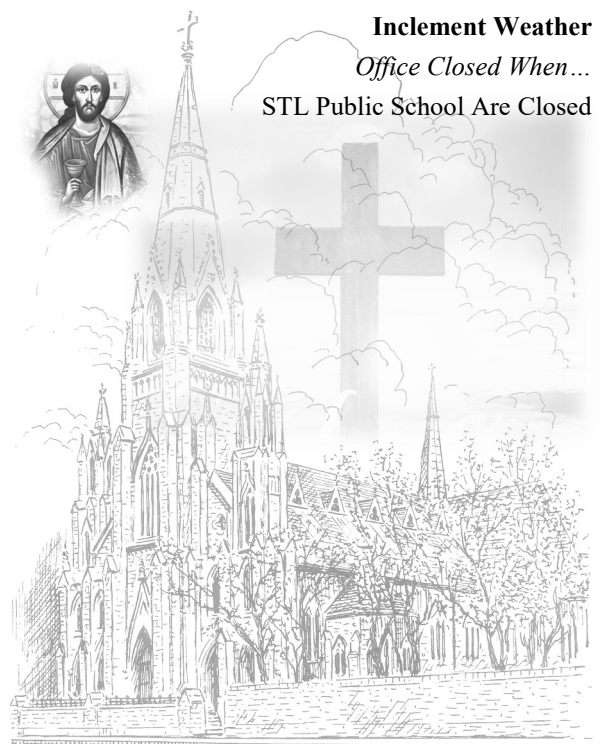


Please contact Jackie Boyd To RSVP at (314) 584-6129 or jboyd@mgstl.org

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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

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Robert Caldwell President	Ronda Smith Branch Vice President	Hilda Phillips Secretary
Theodore Branch	Richard Buckley	David Martin
Audrey Ellermann	Gregory Hood	Jessica Pou
Teresa Hudson	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.