

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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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Call for Appointment)

SUNDAY MASS:

10:00 a.m.

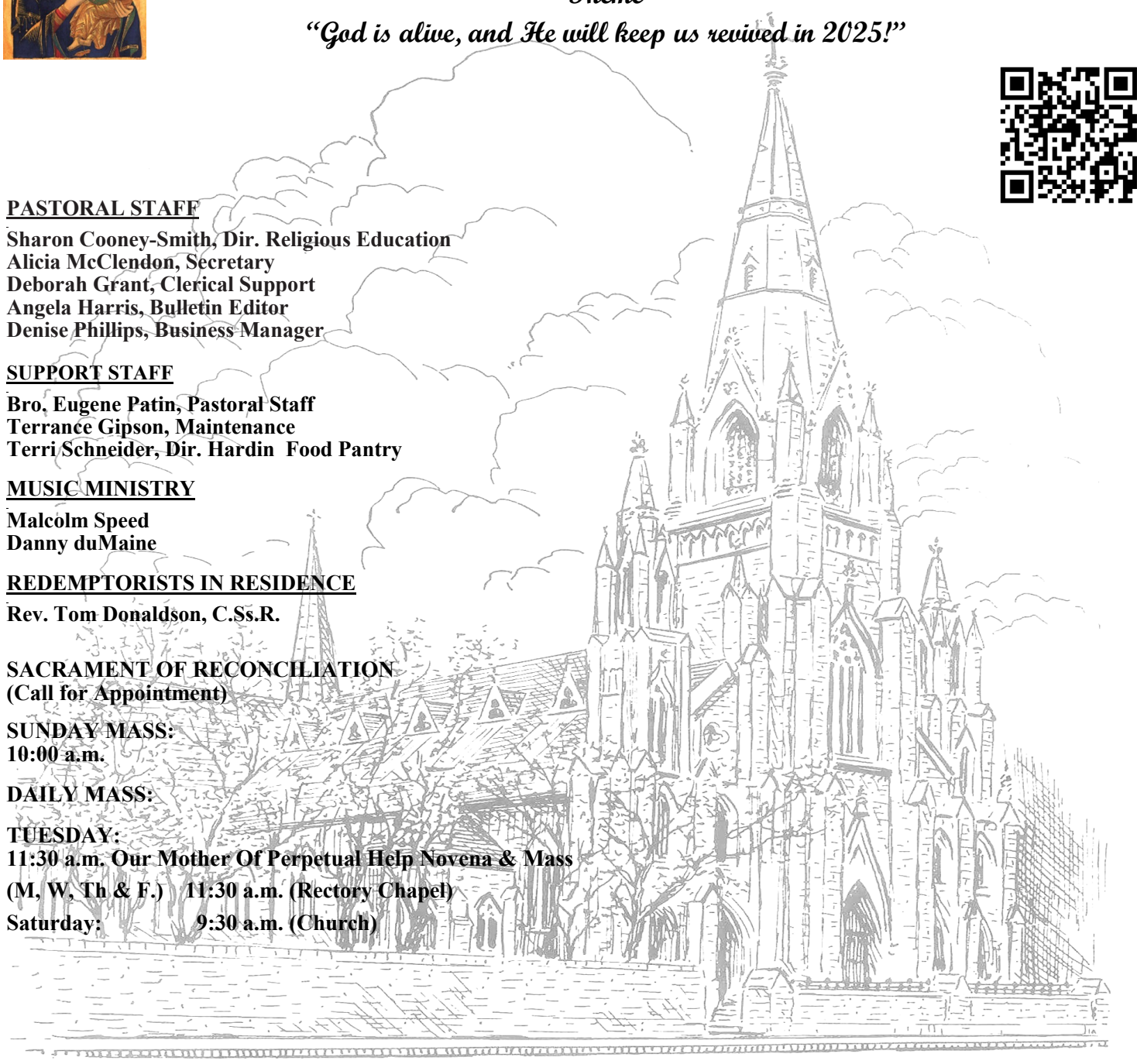
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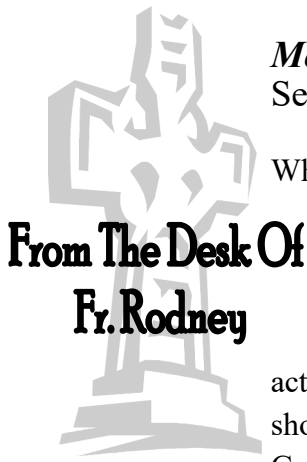
TUESDAY:

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)





Motivating Ourselves to Be Good Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

When each of us takes the time to reflect on our lives, the question that often draws our attention is “What is my motivation?” What motivates a person to do good or to do bad? This week's scriptures challenge us to review our attitudes and values that shape our motivation to act. Just because I can do something does not mean I should. If I am growing in a meaningful relationship with God, I should also be motivated to see the good in others and do good to others.

The prophet Samuel shows us what happens when evil and good conflict. King Saul was consumed with jealousy and the lust to maintain power. God had chosen David to be anointed to succeed Saul as King. David had the perfect opportunity to kill Saul, Yet David was motivated to choose a different path. He took the King's spear and water from his bedside instead. The next morning, David displays the items for all the troops to see. He asserts his respect for the person of the King. David's compassion and goodness bring about the conversion of the King. Saul acknowledges his own guilt and gives David his blessing and right of succession to the throne. Goodness prevails over evil.

Jesus' teaching of goodness and love is challenging and calls us to transform our attitudes and values. Embracing Jesus' motivation to love requires a conversion of the mind, body, and soul. If you and I foster goodness in our heart, then this body of ours will produce goodness. If you and I foster darkness and evil in our heart, then this body of ours will produce evil and darkness. Jesus tells us, “...the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.” Doesn't this sound like what our elders say to us, “Be careful and remember what goes around comes around?” If I put goodness on the wheel of life, goodness will come around usually when I need it most. If I put darkness and evil on the wheel of life, well, you know what's coming around. Let us use goodness as the foundation for our motivation in life. The outcome always comes out better.

Parochial Administrator

WEEKLY READINGS...

Sunday:

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus' message today is one of radical generosity and abundant mercy, and it scandalized the people of his time. It shook them to their core. It should do the same for us. Are we ready to live as Jesus lived? Are we ready to offer love in the face of hate?

Monday:

Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5
Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday:

Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19
27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday:

Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171
172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday:

Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Mk 9:41-50

Friday:

Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27
34, 35/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday:

Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16
17-18/Mk 10:13-16

Sunday:

Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
(see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58
Lk 6:39-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thursday:

St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and
Doctor of the Church

Sunday:

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REMEMBER
in your prayers

INTENTIONS 02/18/25

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
Merritt, Tamala
Miller Jr., Antonio
Monroe, Sam
Monroe, Tanya
Pinard, Viviana
Radley, Bryan
Ransome, Gregory
Sammons, Bernie
Scott, Devon
Scott, Dorothea
Sher, Lois
Smith, Paulette
Sullivan, Noah
Thomas, April
Walker, Deneen
Walker, Jasmine
Williams, Linda
Williams, Norman

SICKNESS 02/18/25

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.

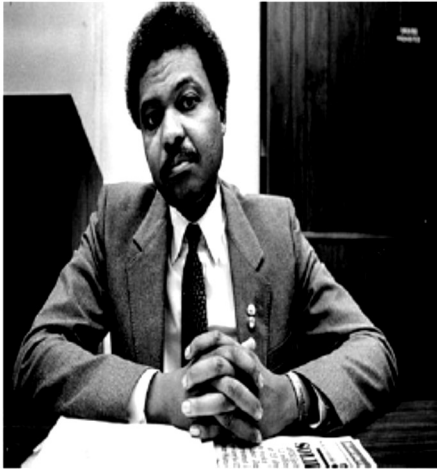
RCIA/RCIC – ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- 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



John Sturdivant was the first African American elected president of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE). His charisma and strategic thinking helped set the union, which had struggled with a precipitous decline, on a new course of cohesiveness and growth.

Born in Philadelphia, Sturdivant grew up in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He studied at Antioch University and then George Washington University, where he graduated in law. He served in the US Air Force before 1961, becoming an electronics technician for the Army Interagency Communications Agency. For eight years, he joined AFGE and presided over its local in

Winchester, Virginia. Sturdivant began working full-time for the union as organizing director, based in Washington, DC. In 1982, he became executive vice president of the union. In 1988, he defeated the incumbent president and became the leader of the union, which was facing bankruptcy. AFGE became the largest union in the United States with his election, led by an African American.

Sturdivant's first challenge was to fend off an orchestrated attack by independent unions to pick off weakened AFGE locals one at a time. His leadership restored the union's financial health and repaired a public image weakened by talk before he was elected of insolvency. But he knew remaining defensive would not help the union grow or protect its members. In 1990, AFGE created a new strategic organizing model that the union still benefits from today. After years of debate, AFGE delegates also gave Sturdivant the funds to organize and the authority to reduce the number of districts in the union. He constantly challenged the union to step up in organizing politics and participation in state AFL-CIO bodies. He promoted strategic planning and new ways of approaching labor-management partnerships with the government and with AFGE's own staff unions. He encouraged union leaders to become better educated to build a union for the future. These moves, along with the help of the AFL-CIO, helped AFGE turn the tide and start growing again.

Sturdivant died in office in 1997. He left the union strong and perceived as one of the most effective unions in the AFL-CIO. He remains one of the most beloved and popular presidents in AFGE history.

(Source: www.afge.org)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lenten Revival
March 10, 11, 12
7pm

Prayer! Praise!
Preaching!



Rev. Ako Walker, C.Ss.R.
Revival Preacher
Pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
Baltimore, MD

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ST ALPHONSUS "ROCK" PRESENTS

FISH FRY

FUNDRAISER

STARTING MARCH 7TH, AND EACH FRIDAY THROUGH APRIL 11TH, 2025
SOUL FOOD FRIDAY MARCH 21ST AND APRIL 4TH, 2025

MENU
CATFISH FILLET, JACK (WHOLE),
AND COD DINNER \$17 (INCLUDES SPAGHETTI,
COLE SLAW, AND SMALL DESSERT)
SANDWICHES \$12 (EXTRA FISH \$5) SIDES \$3
DESSERTS \$3 BEVERAGE \$1 (WATER AND SODA VARIETY)

LOCATION
1118 N GRAND BLVD
ST. LOUIS, MO 63106

Time:
11^{am} to 5^{pm}

CALL IN ORDERS BEFORE 3PM THURSDAY PHONE 314-533-0304

In Loving Memory of Glenn Miller, Roberta George, and Alonzo Green

The Glenn Miller Foundation

LENTEN FISH FRY DONATION REQUEST

- Spaghetti | Chucky Tomato Sauce
- Andy's Red Breading
- 3 Compartment Food Containers
- Case of Water | Soda | Pound Loaf/Sliced Cake
- Store Bought Packaged Desserts
- Frozen Cheese Cake (Sam's)
- Sweet Stripe Soft Peppermint

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!



General Fund Actual Contributions Received		
FEBRUARY	9 th	16 th
Envelopes	\$ 9,432.00	\$ 5,361.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 963.00	\$ 1,646.00
Loose Offering	\$ 203.00	\$ 61.00
Total Offering	\$10,598.00	\$ 7,068.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$(1,902.00)	\$(5,432.00)

Stewardship Prayer...

That we practice mercy and compassion more frequently and pray for those that annoy us.


“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back...”

LUKE 6:35

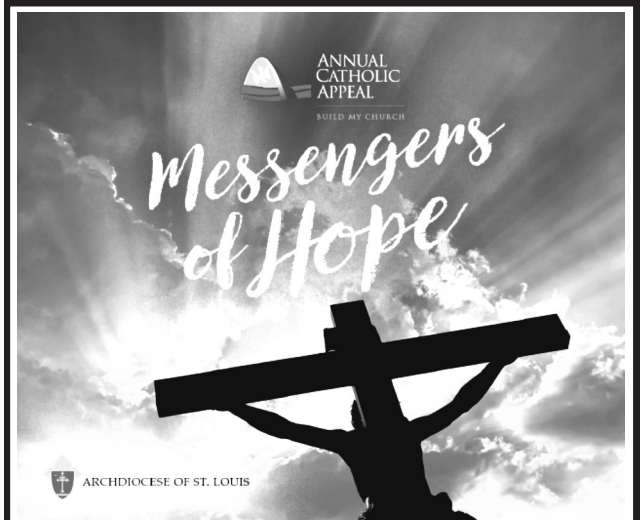
Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances we experience, the unkind words or hateful glances we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them; it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

Missionary Discipleship – The Body of Christ

Today's readings remind us that we are all part of the Body of Christ. God has provided each of us with a set of gifts, and He expects us to use those gifts effectively for the benefit of His entire body, even when that means going outside of our comfort zone. Sometimes, we underestimate our gifts or think that our special gifts don't matter, but we are all unique, unrepeatable, and made in the image and likeness of God! When we undervalue our gifts, we undervalue the gifts God gave us. Spend some silent time with Jesus to help discern your gifts and ask Him how He wants you to use them. Where are you being called this week?

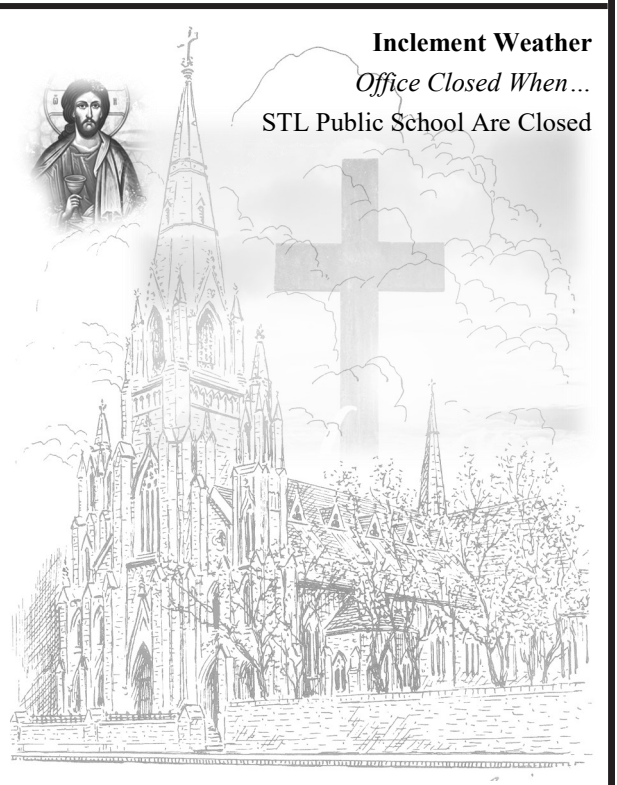


Dynamic Catholic started with a dream: to help ordinary people discover the genius of Catholicism. This is an organization where you can go to find many resources for free. Visit archstl.org/dynamic to view all the resources available to you!



We need volunteers to work the annual ACA, a Stewardship Committee project. This is the Archdiocese fundraising campaign to fund the many organizations in our diocese that provide all kinds of help to so many. Looking forward to your email response to parish130@archstl.org, the ROCK Church email, with your name, email address and phone number.

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
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Theodore Branch

Richard Buckley

Audrey Ellermann

Gregory Hood

Teresa Hudson

David Martin

Jessica Pou

Patricia Pou

Jocelyn Woodson-Reed

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