

# *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*

*“Fill us up with your wisdom and guidance as we strive to do more in 2024!”*



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Rev. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Call for Appointment)

### SUNDAY MASS:

10:00 a.m.

### DAILY MASS:

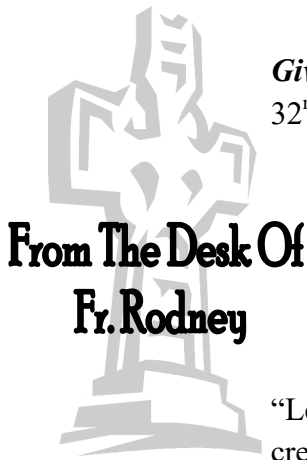
#### TUESDAY:

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)





**From The Desk Of  
Fr. Rodney**

***Giving the Best of Myself***

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

I firmly believe that all of us have the ability to give the best of ourselves to the world and society we live in. You and I struggle and strive to be the best version of ourselves that we can be. Why, we ask? God provides us with the answer in Genesis, chapter one: “Let us create humanity in our image. In his image, he created us.” “On the seventh day, God looked at what he created and said that it was very good.” God is saying this to each of us. Hear it! Feel it! Own it! We can now do what Psalm 145 tells us: “My soul, praise the Lord.” With whom do we commit our trust and lives? Is it the world, or is it the Lord? The prophet Elijah seeks assistance from a poor woman whose generosity and aid are rewarded by God. She knows, just as we know from our elders, “God always provides.” The prophet knows this in the depths of his soul and is insistent, even demanding. The poor woman trusts Elijah’s words and extends her generosity; in return, her needs are met.

Paul, in Hebrews, reminds us when Christ comes again it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him. This does not mean we are sitting down waiting for the trumpet blasts, the angels to come down from heaven singing. It is a call to be busy proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ with the way we live our lives in this world and our society here and now. We are willing to give to worthwhile causes, but are we willing to get involved ourselves? We find it easier to talk about social justice and civil rights, but are we willing to commit ourselves to getting involved to do something about it? We are called to be involved in a committed way to bring about change to unjust systems in our society that allow the defenseless to be mistreated.

Jesus’ witness gives us a prime example of offering oneself to the Father in heaven. Jesus’s understanding of giving is not about our possessions. The widow provides the best of herself with generosity and humility. God is more interested in receiving ourselves than in receiving a portion of our possessions. The woman in the gospel came before God and offered her best, which symbolized her offering to him. Let each of us take advantage of the opportunity we have been given and give the best of ourselves to God.

*Fr. Rodney*

**WEEKLY READINGS...**

***Sunday:***

1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

***Monday:***

Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6  
Lk 17:1-6

***Tuesday:***

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10

***Wednesday:***

Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6  
Lk 17:11-19

***Thursday:***

Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10  
Lk 17:20-25

***Friday:***

2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17  
18/Lk 17:26-37

***Saturday:***

3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Lk 18:1-8

***Sunday:***

Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Heb 10:11-14, 18  
Mk 13:24-32

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCES**

***Sunday:***

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

***Monday:***

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Veterans Day

***Tuesday:***

St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

***Wednesday:***

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

***Friday:***

St. Albert the Great, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church

***Saturday:***

St. Margaret of Scotland

St. Gertrude, Virgin

***Sunday:***

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



REMEMBER  
*in your prayers*

**INTENTIONS 10/29/24**

Benden, C.SsR, Steve  
Carr, Jeff  
Diaz, Evie  
Dorge Family  
Duclerne, Joseph  
Duncan, Kara  
Eaves, Douglas  
Gipson Family  
Golden, Sherrill A.  
Golden, James L.  
Guiu, Dumitru  
Guiu, Viorica  
Hatchett, Sharon  
Hinton Family  
Johnson, Billie Ms.  
Johnson, Markiea  
McClain, Kenneth  
Meeks, Kim  
Meeks, Taniyah  
Boyd-Merrill, Wanda  
Merritt, Tamala  
Miller Jr., Antonio  
Monroe, Dionne  
Monroe, Reggie  
Monroe, Sam  
Monroe, Tanya  
Pinard, Viviana  
Radley, Bryan  
Ransome, Gregory  
Rauch, Gerry  
Reed, Jan & Family  
Sammons, Bernie  
Scott, Devon  
Scott, Dorothea  
Sher, Lois

Struckhoff, Sarah  
Sullivan, Noah  
Thomas, April  
Walker, Deneen  
Walker, Jasmine  
Williams, Linda  
Williams, Norman

**INTENTIONS 11/05/24**

Bell, Gilbert  
Blanton, Linda  
Brasher, Paula  
Burnett, Alfred & Family  
Brownlee, Ethel  
Catchings-Smith, Deborah  
Charleston, Dorothy  
Clark, Louis  
Cooney, Michael  
Crafton, Steve  
Crawford, Alexis  
Dulaney, Linda  
Gandaho, Tamar  
George Family  
Goldston, Natalie  
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  
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  
Williams, Linda

**SICKNESS 10/29/24**

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  
Guin, Viorioa  
Gurley, Earline  
Jones, Keiarra  
Latanya Harris  
Leong, Desmond  
Lewis, Joi  
Harris, Anna  
Harris, Tobey  
Harris, Willie  
Hart, Edgar  
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  
Patton, William Joshua  
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  
**SICKNESS 11/05/24**  
Andrews, Sarah  
Anthony, Jean  
Brown, Travis, Ofcr.  
Brownlee, Paul  
Buck, Victoria  
Boyd, Wanda  
Crump, Flo  
Darden, Veronica  
Davis, Stephanie  
Dulaney, John  
George, Donna  
Goldston, Natalie  
Guevara, Shannon  
Harris, Bob  
Hodges, Carolyn  
Hubbard, Patricia  
Hutson, Jacquelyn  
Johnson, Jennier  
Jones, Ethel  
Lee, Pearletta  
Mahr, Brenda  
McClain, Kenneth  
McClain, Victoria  
McDonnell, Brenda  
Moze, 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  
Whitfield, Edna (Mother)  
Townsend, Sue  
Valle-Lee, Laura  
Vet, Alphonso  
Westley-Coleman, Denise  
Wallace, Trevia  
Washington, Joanne  
Wester, Tyson

**SHUT-INS**

Atherton, Andrew  
Brack, Dorothy  
Darris, Martha  
Hughes, Irene  
Lee, Hazel  
McCoy, Carolyn  
McGinnis, Kathy  
Moore, Brenda  
Skinner, Joanna  
Thomas, Bernice



**Pray for the Deceased**

Pray for the repose of the soul of †Mae Peters

Pray for the repose of the soul of †Bernice Thomas O'Neal

**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...**

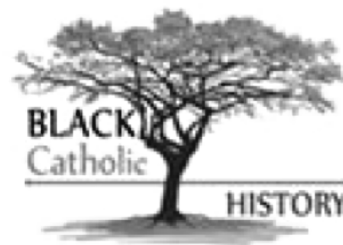
- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

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](mailto:scooneysmith@stalphonsusrock.org).*

## LITURGY NOTES

### A Lesson in Black Catholic History



Did you know that the first black people in what is now the United States were Catholics? In the first European-style city established here in 1566, St. Augustine, Florida, a large percentage of Spanish-speaking black Catholic families lived. Some of these were free blacks, and some were slaves. In 1781, El Pueblo de La Reina de los Angeles (today just “Los Angeles”) was founded with only 11 families. All were Catholic, over half were black, and there were only 2 whites in the entire group! In 1789, the famous Catholic bishop John Carroll wrote, “Of 15,000 Catholics in Maryland, 3,000 are black Catholic slaves.” The original founder of the city of Chicago (established in 1837) was a black Catholic French-speaking trader and trapper named John Baptiste duSable.

Three of the Healy brothers, born in Georgia, were the first black Catholic priests in the United States. James Healy, a member of the Society of St. Sulpice, was ordained in 1854 — the year Augustus Tolton was born. His brother Alexander also joined the Society and was ordained in 1858. Their brother Patrick entered the Jesuits and was ordained in France in 1862. James became the second bishop of Portland, Maine, in 1875 — the first black bishop in the United States. Patrick was the first black university president when he became the head of Georgetown College in 1874. Sadly, he always felt unable to talk about his African ancestry in his community. After the Civil War, Patrick Healy was instrumental in developing the college into Georgetown University.

Henriette DeLille (died 1862), a descendant of slaves, is the first native-born African American whose cause for canonization has been opened by the Roman Catholic Church. In 1836, she and another woman tried to form an integrated congregation of vowed women religious, but the segregation laws of the state of Louisiana made it nearly impossible. In 1842, they began by forming a pious union. They took vows in 1852 and were recognized as a religious congregation by Rome in 1870. It was not until 1872 that they were allowed to wear a religious habit, however, due to racist attitudes toward the Sisters of the Holy Family. Today 250 Sisters of the Holy Family minister in four states as well as in Belize, Central America.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We Look Forward To Seeing You!**

Bingo will be right after church from 12p-3p. We will have the Grand Raffle, Lotto Trees, Attendance Prizes, and Baskets of Cheer!

This year we will again only feature Bingo as our main event. As we continue to transition the Fall Festival into a new event, we will take last year lessons and any challenges of this year into consideration to push both the Card Party and Silent Auction into next year.

**Upcoming Bulletin  
Announcement Deadlines**

All items must be in the office, faxed or emailed no later than 12 noon on the dates listed below:

**(314) 533-4260 (fax)**

**parish130@archstl.org**

**Deadline Bulletin Publication**

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| November 17 <sup>th</sup> | November 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| November 22 <sup>nd</sup> | December 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| December 27 <sup>th</sup> | January 5, 2024           |

**FALL BINGO Festival**

JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING AFTERNOON FILLED WITH FALL FESTIVAL FUN AND BINGO! RAFFLES, FOOD, ATTENDANCE PRIZES AVAILABLE!

**St. Alphonsus "Rock" Gym 1118 N. Grand Blvd**      **Sunday, Nov 10, 2024 12:00PM-3:00PM**

**\$25.00 TO PLAY - PAY IN ADVANCE AFTER MASS OR PAY AT THE DOOR PER SEAT FOR FALL FESTIVAL BINGO**

**Trust National Leaders With Your Breast Health**

BECAUSE WHERE YOU GET YOUR MAMMOGRAM MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University is offering mammograms to women age 40 and over. Mammograms are available at no cost to patients who qualify. Patients under the age of 40 must have a provider's order.

**Saturday, November 16th, 2024**  
**Appointments from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm**

**St. Alphonsus Rock**  
**1118 N. Grand Blvd.**  
**St. Louis, MO 63106**

**Schedule your appointment by calling:**  
**314-747-7222 or 800-600-3606 (press option #2)**

Please note that our van is not handicap accessible. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Siteman Cancer Center is here regardless of your location. Trust your breast health to national leaders in cancer screening, treatment and support. For more information on Siteman Mammogram locations, please visit [SitemanMammogram.wustl.edu](http://SitemanMammogram.wustl.edu).

**KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER  
KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER LADIES AUXILIARY  
PRESENTS OUR**

**Annual  
Feast Of Thanksgiving**

**SATURDAY**  
November 30, 2024  
12:00pm – 3:00pm

**St. Alphonsus "Rock" Church Gym**  
1118 North Grand  
St. Louis, MO 63106

**Both Dine In and Carry Out Available**

General Fund Actual Contributions Received		
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER	27 <sup>th</sup>	03 <sup>rd</sup>
Envelopes	\$ 6,573.00	\$ 9,677.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 1,143.00	\$ 2,933.00
Loose Offering	\$ 130.00	\$ 203.00
Total Offering	\$ 7,846.00	\$12,813.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$( 4,654.00)	\$ 313.00

**Stewardship Prayer...**

When we give our financial support to our parish, we give from our “first fruits” and not what is “left over.”

“I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she, out of her poverty, has put in everything she had, her whole living.”

(MARK 12:43-44)

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstances. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your “first fruits” or what is “leftover”?

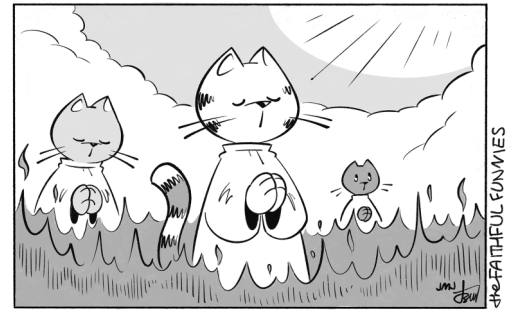
**Missionary Discipleship – Service**

God again teaches the virtue of humility and service in the Christian life. Jesus advises us to reject the practices of the Pharisees who work so that they may be seen. Instead, we should work quietly and humbly to accomplish what we have been commissioned to do and not merely to be seen by other people. There is great merit in toiling and persevering through difficult work to serve God and our neighbors. When we work to be seen by others, our work loses its spiritual meaning. We must remember that Christ tells us that we are the greatest when we serve the most wholeheartedly and selflessly. Another helpful Scripture passage for reflection is Colossians 3:17: “Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.”



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](http://archstl.org/dynamic) to view all the resources available to you!

“Did you hear about the cat who died and wasn’t yet fit for heaven?”



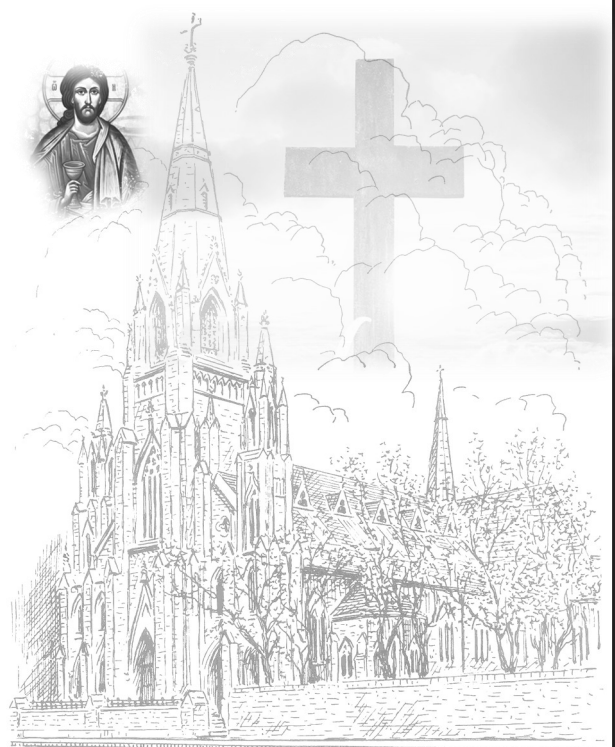
“She went to **Purrgratory.**”



Purgatory is a state of purification that is available for souls who need a little more preparation before they’re ready to be united with God in heaven.

★ **GOD BLESS** ★  
**OUR VETERANS!**

**PRAY FOR OUR  
COMMUNITY**



## 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, 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, Anne Ortwerth, Thelma Paul, 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.

Saundra Wallace, Ralph Watkins Jr., Ruby Wicks, Jessica Williams, Alvin Leon Wilson, Vernie Woolfork, Clarence Zacher

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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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
Social Life	Rose Graham
Youth & Young Adults	TBD

### 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

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

### ATTENTION

If your telephone number, home address or email address has changed, please contact the office at 533-0304 or email [office@stalphonsusrock.org](mailto:office@stalphonsusrock.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](mailto: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.*