

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

MONDAY 5th

Advent Weekday

Is 35:1-10/ Lk 5:17-26

6:30 AM Janine England

7:00 AM Stella Davis

8:45 AM Larry & Ginny Mihalov

TUESDAY 6th

St. Nicholas

Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

6:30 AM Rory Lyons

7:00 AM Dan Weber

8:45 AM +John Machonis

WEDNESDAY 7th

St. Ambrose

Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

6:30 AM + Joe Smithhisler

7:00 AM Partridge Family

8:45 AM +Gerard Doyle

7:30 PM +Alice Dwyer

THURSDAY 8th

Immaculate Conception

Gn 3:9-15,20/Eph 1:3-6/Lk 1:26-38

6:30 AM Augusto & Sonia de Leon

7:00 AM Jorge R. Racines, Sr

8:45 AM+Arthur A. Dulaney, Jr

12:00 Noon Gloriela Bolton

7:30 PM Ken & Amy Wolf

FRIDAY 9th

St. Juan Diego

Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

6:30 AM EM, Special Intention

7:00 AM EM, Special Intention

8:45 AM +Anthony Pengidore

SATURDAY 10th

Advent Weekday

Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Mt 17:9a,10-13

7:00 AM Diane Kuepper

8:45 AM +Anthony Pengidore

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Is 61:1-2a,10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/ Jn 1:6-8,19-28

SATURDAY 10th

5:30 PM

+Epifania & Enrique Palana

SUNDAY 11th

7:00 AM

+Enrique Salazar

7:30 AM

+Stephen Noel

8:45 AM

+Florencio Genuino

10:30 AM

People of St. Louis Parish

12:30 PM

+Fred Prevenslik

5:00 PM

+Julio & Carmen Fernandez

Last week began the liturgical season of Advent.

"The Catholic Church has designated the four weeks preceding Christmas as **Advent**, a time to "prepare the way of the Lord" for His coming as our King and Savior. In addition, the Church teaches that:

[when] the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating [John the Baptist's] birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (Catechism, no. 524)

By participating in various time-honored traditions, such as making Jesse trees or putting on a Christmas play at home, Catholic families can engage more fruitfully in the seasons of Advent and Christmas."

~Catholic Education Resource Center; www.catholiceducation.org.

Check out these other websites for Advent tradition ideas:

- www.catholicmom.com
- www.fisheaters.com

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"Virgin Immaculate, you are the perfect model of adorers of the Blessed Sacrament. You adored Jesus in the little white Host with the same faith, reverence and wonder with which you adored Him on the first Christmas night and during all the years you lived with Him." ~Treasury of Prayer



Can You Spend One Hour With Our Lord?

Hours that we need adorers:

Tuesday 1 AM - 2 AM, Tuesday 2 AM - 3 AM

Tuesday 3 AM - 4 AM, Tuesday 3 PM - 4 PM

Wednesday 3 AM - 4 AM, Wednesday 2 PM - 3 PM

Wednesday 3 PM - 4 PM, Thursday 10 AM - 11 AM

If you would like to become a committed adorer, we invite you to call Princess at 703-778-2727.



Immaculate Conception, December 8th Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass Monday, Dec. 7th at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, Dec. 8th - 6:30 AM, 8:45 AM,

12:00 Noon & 7:30 PM

7:00 AM Mass - Poor Clare Monastery



CONFESSIONS



Sunday,	December 4th	10:00 AM
Monday,	December 5th	9:15 AM 5:30 PM
Tuesday,	December 6th	9:15 AM
Wednesday,	December 7th	9:15 AM 12:00 Noon
Thursday,	December 8th	9:15 AM
Friday,	December 9th	9:15 AM 12:00 Noon
Saturday,	December 10th	9:15 AM 4:30 PM
Sunday,	December 11th	10:00 AM

"For those who love Him, and after each fault come to ask pardon...Jesus trembles with joy" (St. Therese of Lisieux)

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Offertory for 21st Sunday of FY 2012: \$21,086.00

Offertory for 21st Sunday of FY 2011: \$20,877.50

Offertory thru 21 Sundays, FY 2012: \$550,653.61

Offertory thru 21 Sundays, FY 2011: \$522,119.82

Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish!

Parish News

United Community Ministries (UCM) Food Drive

Awesome!! Amazing!! Outstanding!! Words can't describe your response to UCM's Thanksgiving Day **Food Drive**. Approximately **1,467 lbs of groceries** -- the largest amount ever collected in the history of the monthly **Food Drive** -- were donated to UCM's **Food Pantry**. We also received \$173.00 in monetary donations. Your caring and your generosity helped UCM provide Thanksgiving Day meals to hundreds of hungry families in the Mount Vernon area. **Thank You So Very, Very Much!!!** Our next **Food Drive** will take place on **Saturday and Sunday, December 17th & 18th**. See the insert in next weekend's bulletin for details. If you have any questions about the **Food Drive** or UCM's **Food Pantry**, please contact Marvin Spychaj at 703-380-2980 or E-mail him at marvinspychaj@msn.com.

Nicaragua Ministry Update: Members of the parish Nicaragua ministry extend their heartfelt thanks to the Saint Louis community for its strong support of Fiesta, the annual fundraiser for the benefit of San Isidro, our sister parish in Nicaragua. Thanks to your generosity, the event raised over \$2,700, to be used for purposes like paying San Isidro schoolteacher salaries and church improvements.

The St. Louis Mothers' Group will be meeting as usual this Wed., Dec. 7, from 10 am to noon in Walsh Hall. We welcome guest speaker Dr. Gregory Lanave, a professor of theology at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC, who will be presenting "*Paths to Holiness in Literature*." Dr. LaNave will talk about three novels by the 19th-century Scottish novelist George MacDonald, and the way they show three different paths to holiness: the way of suffering, the way of the forgiveness of sin, and the way of life lived to the full. MacDonald had a great influence on some of the best-known Catholic writers of the last century - he was the man C.S. Lewis called his master, and G. K. Chesterton dubbed him "St. Francis of Aberdeen". We invite all mothers to join us for this talk. Babysitting will be provided onsite. For more information, please contact Theresa Talavera at 703-313-8782 or tatalavera@yahoo.com. Also, please mark your calendars for our favorite meeting of the year - the annual Christmas Cookie Exchange, next Wed., Dec. 14! Bring 4 dozen of your favorite cookies to share and a container to bring samples of all the cookies home to your family!

Did you know that Sts. Claire of Assisi and Martha are two of the patron saints of laundry workers? And not to leave out the men, St. Lawrence can be invoked by laundry workers as well. During this Advent season, we are seeking help with laundering cassocks and surplices for the altar servers. No ironing necessary. Please call the office if you can help.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Nowhere do we see more clearly Our Lord's special compassion for the poor than at Christmas. Together, we meditate on His entrance into the world as a helpless, poor and homeless baby born to a young mother and father. Our Savior became one of us in poverty and rags and he has a special place in His Sacred Heart for the poor and the vulnerable.

Next weekend, **December 10th and 11th**, at all Masses, each parish and mission will hold the annual second collection to support Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Catholic Charities occupies a special place in my heart, and I respectfully ask that you, to the extent you are able, make a *truly sacrificial gift* this year. Your gift to Catholic Charities will remain in the diocese and will help us serve everyone in need, regardless of their faith.

The state of the economy and the number of our fellow citizens who cannot find work have presented the diocese with many challenges. Homelessness and hunger are on the rise. As Catholic Charities continues to serve more and more communities across the diocese, it is clear that both the urban and rural areas are suffering. Catholic Charities must have the resources it needs to serve the diocese—and her parishes.

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal and annual Christmas collection account for 20% of Catholic Charities' operating budget, so you can imagine how important your gifts are to our ability to serve the poor. I also ask that you open your hearts and join me in praying for the many in great need. In considering ways you might help, please consider Our Lord's beautiful reminder in the Gospel of Matthew: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (*Matthew 25:40*).

Faithfully in Christ,

+ Paul S. Loverde

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington

SCHOOL NEWS

Team up with **Red**, **Hot**, and **Blue** for an evening of "fun"-raising! Bring your family and friends this Wednesday, Dec. 7th & Thursday, Dec. 8th. 15% of sales will be donated to St. Louis School!

BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATHS: St. Louis



Troop 680 Boy Scouts will be selling fresh, fragrant Wreaths and Centerpieces for \$20-\$25 on 27 Nov, 4 Dec and 11 Dec before and after 8:45, 10:30 and 12:30 Sunday masses at the Bell Tower island. Don't delay, we sold out early last year. Decorate your home and support a worthy cause.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Faith Formation

This year we are pleased to introduce adult faith formation opportunities during the Sunday RE class time. Everyone is welcome to join us in the school cafeteria each week from 10:05 to 11:05am.

Upcoming Programs:

Sun, Dec. 4—The Revelation of God Become Man
Sun, Dec. 11—The Teachings of Jesus
Sun, Dec. 18—The Ineffable Mystery of God

Registration and Classes

All classes are held in the St. Louis School buildings.
The following classes are offered:

Grades K-8 on Sundays, 10:00—11:15am.

Grades K-8 on Wednesdays, 6:45—8:00pm

Classes (RCIC) are available for students in 3rd grade through High School who need to receive the sacraments.

Classes (SpEd) are available for students with special needs.

*Please see www.saintlouisparish.org/registration.html
for forms and more information.*

Confirmation 2012 (8th grade in 2011-2012)

Requirements already due:

Sacramental Records, Baptismal Certificate,
Saint Choice, Sponsor Choice and Eligibility

Upcoming requirement due dates:

Saint Report—12/8/11

Letter to Pastor—2/6/12

Sponsor Interview—3/12/12

Service Project Forms—5/21/12

Mass attendance sheets

Penance and Communion 2011

First Communion DVDs are available for purchase (\$25) and pick-up in the parish offices.

Penance and Communion 2012

First Penance—March 24, 2012 at 10:30am

First Communion—May 19, 2012 at 10:30am

*Please see www.saintlouisparish.org/penance&communion.html
for more information.*



*E-mail Patrick Krisak at ccd@saintlouisparish.org
On the web: www.saintlouisparish.org/reled.html
www.facebook.com/saintlouisreligiouseducation
saintlouisreligiouseducation.tumblr.com
www.twitter.com/#!/saintlouisre*



YOUTH MINISTRY



Upcoming Events:

Sunday Session **SUNDAY, 12/4, 7:00 PM**

The youth of the parish are invited to gather for faith and fellowship in the Blue Room, downstairs in the rectory.

Sports Night **SUNDAY, 12/11, 7:00 PM**

In McClunn Hall. **Until 8:00 PM.**

Sunday Session **SUNDAY, 12/18, 7:00 PM**

Coming in 2012:

Dodgeball Tournament - **January 16**

Life is VERY Good - **January 22**

March for Life - **January 23**

E-mail Patrick Krisak at youth@saintlouisparish.org

On the web: www.saintlouisparish.org/youth.html

www.facebook.com/saintlouisyouthministry

saintlouisyouth.tumblr.com

www.twitter.com/#!/saintlouisyouth



Advent is a time of joy and sacrifice as we prepare for the return of Jesus and celebrate the memory of His birth. As we begin this new liturgical year, we encourage you to sign up with *Faith Direct*. Stop writing checks and using envelopes. Using *Faith Direct* saves precious time and money for both you and the Parish, and don't forget that Christmas is on a Sunday this year!

Make the change today by picking up an enrollment form at the parish office or sign up online at www.faithdirect.net, our Parish code is **VA141**.

Please pray for our Military and Civilian members serving in harm's way:

Captain George S. Webb IV, Col. John D. Sims, James Thomas Frey, Major Brian Ferguson, and PFC Tyler Parton, US Army, and LTC (ret) Kyle T Fugate, all serving in Afghanistan. Lt. Col. Mark Allen, in Baghdad, Sgt. Brennan J. Wheatley, and Lt. Brian Larson, in Iraq, Lt. Brendan McKeague in the Middle East, and Major Matthew Jemmott, deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

CAC of Washington, DC, an organization of 200 single Catholics in the Greater Washington area, is sponsoring an elegant, seated Singles Christmas Dinner Dance on Saturday, December 10 at The Marco Polo Restaurant on 245 Maple Avenue West in Vienna, VA. Dancing: 9:30 p.m. – 1a.m., Music by DJ Ed Kegley. Preceding Mass at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church (chapel) on 8601 Wolftrap Road, Vienna, VA. Non-refundable cost is \$49 for dinner/dance with RSVP by December 3. Cost for admission to the dance is \$23 and no RSVP is needed. For info, contact Anne Kearney at 301-218-2772 (home - preferred) or via E-Mail at dance@dcsinglecatholicpro.org or visit us at www.DCsingleCatholicPro.org.

IN THE AREA

Let us bow down before the Blessed Sacrament and join churches across the land for four hours representing our four time zones and unite the feasts to offer profound honor and glory to our Lord. The hour of UNITY is 12:00 Midnight to 1:00 AM EST.

The 22nd Annual National Night of Prayer for Life at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More will start at 9:00pm Thursday December 8th until 1:00am Friday December 9th.

Join us for 4 hours, 2 hours, or for any length of time. In addition to Adoration, the 20 decades of the Rosary, and the Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed. Confession will also be available. Father Jason Weber will be leading us in the vigil. For more information, please call Gertrude Creed at 703-920-0622.

Spanish Language Classes in Arlington

10-11-week Spanish language classes are available for diocesan employees at 200 N. Glebe Road in Arlington, sponsored by the Spanish Apostolate. Classes offered are: 1) Basic: Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.; 2) Intermediate: Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; and 3) Advanced: Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The next session will start the week of January 9, 2012 and the cost is \$150 per trimester. For information call: (703) 841-3883 or e-mail: M.Orellana-Zelaya@arlingtondiocese.org.

SICK FRIENDS & RELATIVES

Gloria Afton	Ray High	Gonzalo Saenz
Jacqueline Ahounzo	Amy Howell	Claire Satta
Essie Backus	David Hsu	Annabella Savignon
Terry Baer	Erna Grigg	Gigi Sere
Dick Bowman	R.K. Innocencio, Jr.	Virginia Sere
Peggy Burley	Dan Jenkins	Eugene Skinner
Anne Coen	Catherine Kieloch	Lillian Srednicki
Mike Criniti	Susan Kimball	Chela Sullivan
Maize Croley	Richard Koslow	Winifred Sullivan
Dinorah Cruzado	Holly Lyles	Romaine Umlor
Pat DiGeorge	Kasif Masih	Edith Virata
Nancy Dixon	Susan R. McDowell	Beverly Wheatley
Blanche Druker	Walter McMahan	Donna Thurber-
Grace Duffy	Christina Mills	Wheatley
Joanne Donahue	Earl & Mary Moore	Lynn Webb
Margaret Dulaney	Betsy Niezgoda	Edwin Williams
James Dunn	Dorothy O'Donnell	Colleen Woznak
Dana Faber-Martin	Cindy Peed	Assiba I. Zinsou
Mary Fones	Adelfa Penagos	
Amy Forrest	Marie Pentecost	
Cynthia Ann Galonia	Frank Perka	
Nonata Garcia	Eileen Poslosky	
Russell Hammond	Joanne Rivera	

Sick and Homebound: If you know of someone in need of the Sacraments who is homebound or hospitalized, call the Rectory Office at 703-765-4421.

Prayer Line: If you are in need of prayer and would welcome the support of our parish family, our Prayer Line is available to you. Please call Amy at 703-765-0761.



Please pray for the deceased members of our Parish family.