

St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Catholic Church

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Rev. Richard Potts, C.Ss.R., Pastor



"We are a Roman Catholic Church, staffed by the Redemptorists, who believe in living the gospel through the sacraments, spirit-filled liturgies in the African American tradition, religious education and community outreach, under the patronage of our Mother of Perpetual Help"

PASTORAL STAFF

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Athletic Office: 314 533-0304 Ext. 1002
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MUSIC MINISTRY

8:15—Malcolm Speed
11:00—Danny Dumaine

REDEMPTORISTS IN RESIDENCE

Deacon Rick Fischer, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Kyle Fisher, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Dave Polek, C.Ss.R.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Kevin Triggs	Chairperson
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Ossie Foster	Almetta Jordan

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Christian Formation	Jean Anthony
Christian Service	TBD
Finance & Adm.	John Wright
Liturgy	Richard Buckley
Social Life	Hilliard Phillips
Youth & Young Adults	Angela Thames

SUNDAY MASSES:

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Call for Appointment)

DAILY MASSES:

(M.W. Th & F.) 5:30 p.m.
Tuesdays: 7:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Saturdays: 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAYS:

Exposition & Benediction:
9:30 am-10:30 am (1st Tuesday) followed
by our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass



THE PASTOR’S REFLECTIONS...

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Happy Card Party Sunday Church! I hope you have your comfortable shoes on and are ready to have some fun, and hopefully win a few prizes along the way. I want to thank all of those who have worked so very hard in doing all the things that needed to be done in order for this event to come together. And I want to encourage everyone to pitch in and help in whatever way is possible. This is *our* event and it is up to each of us to make it a grand success and an enjoyable day for everyone. It all starts after our 11:00 a.m. Mass so I’ll see you there.

The Book of Proverbs shares a lot of wisdom with us. Much of it seems pretty obvious to us now, but just because it’s obvious and appears to be common sense, doesn’t mean we pay attention to it. Today’s first reading tells us that “*charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting,*” but how often have we been deceived by a little flattery or gotten absorbed in the endless pursuit of youth and beauty. We all know that beauty is only skin deep, that youth doesn’t last, and that you can’t judge a book by its cover. But our society still places a disproportionate value on youth and beauty, and most of us get all caught up in the looks of a person. Not to mention the amount of money, time and effort we spend on making ourselves look better. Now I’m not saying we should all just let ourselves go and look like slob, but we should be mindful of the harm we do to others simply because they do not measure up to society’s definition of beauty, especially our children.

But the real message in today’s first reading is that we must look beyond the surface if we are to find a

person’s true worth (and that goes for many other things as well). Certainly looks are not a good foundation on which to build a lasting relationship. True, appearance is part of the chemistry that attracts us to one another, but one must quickly move beyond the physical if one wishes to discover one’s soul mate. Relationships must be built upon being evenly yoked, upon sharing a common vision, upon the desire to walk the path of life side by side. Flattery is much the same. I often see young couples that bend over backwards to avoid any disagreement. They go out of their way to please the other person and never say a mumbling word, never express their own opinion, never offer a single word of constructive criticism. They believe that this is proof of their love. Proverbs urges us to search out a partner who has true value and worth, not just someone that Hollywood values. Not someone who is merely shiny and pretty for the wedding, but someone who will stand the test of time and be a true partner in life, for life.

Have a great day and a blessed week, and please keep all the aces on the table.

In the Redeemer,



P.S. Wednesday, November 9th, was the 279th anniversary of the founding of the Redemptorists.

Weekly Readings...



Nov. 13, 2011 through Nov. 20, 2011

Sunday

Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 Ps 128:1-5
1 Thes 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15,19-21

Monday

1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63
Ps 119:53,61,134,150,155,158
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-8 Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

2 Mc 7:1,20-31 Ps 17:1,5-6,8,15
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday

1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1-2,5-6,14-15
Lk 19:41-44

Friday

1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12 Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-4,6,16,19
Lk 20:27-40

Sunday

Ez 34:11-12,15-17 Ps 23:1-3,5-6
1 Cor 15:20-26,28 Mt 25:31-46



Pray for the repose of the soul of † Ola Marie Spruiel, long time parishioner

Pray for the repose of the soul of † Victor Poindexter, father of Lorenzo Poindexter (Veronica) sound man for the “Rock”



SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



PRAYER CORNER

We are saying Special Prayers for persons and families living with HIV/AIDS.)

Pray for the repose of the soul of † Nina Hughes, mother of Monica Tyler and brother of Bo.

NOTE: Names will remain listed for 2 weeks

ALTAR SERVERS

8:15 Justin Thomas
Jermaine Thomas

ALTAR SERVERS

11:00 Caleb Camp
David Camp

PASTORAL AIDES

8:15 Robert Caldwell

PASTORAL AIDES

11:00: Sandra Branch

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

8:15 Brenda Moore-Jones
Pat Quain
Melba Smith
Johnny Taylor
Andrew Atherton

EUCCHARISTIC MIN

11:00 Henrene Brown
Deborah Grant
Carla Gregory
Pearlina Harris
Donna Lane
Richard Lane
Mary Middleton

Host: Jean Nashville
Host: Janet Thompson
Host: Norman Williams

Host: Richard Buckley

Host: Joy Camp
Host: Cynthia Clayton
Host: Pat Pou

INCENSE BEARER

8:15: Linda Crymes
11:00: Cathy Burt

LECTORS /COMMENTATOR

8:15 Michael Ellermann
Carol Henderson-Powell
11:00 Patricia Bowens
Bonita Cornute

USHERS - Group 2

8:15 Ruby Ambus
11:00 Karen M.

SICKNESS 11/09/11

Craig, Joanne
Johnson, Amy*
Schulte, Carol*
Smith, Jan
Tucker, Sylvia*

Jones, Harriett*
Kemp, Joanne*
Kilgore, Yetta*
King, Michael*
Latham, Darby Lashai*
Latham, Darrian*
Logan, Earnstine*
Lucas, Blondell*
Lucas, Brittany*
Lee, Rosemary*
Martin, Linda*
McCall, Margaret*
McCoy, Bernice*
McCullough, William
McGinnis, Kathy
Miller, Antonio Jr.*
Moore-Jones, Brenda*
Mosby, Marvin*
Ortwerth, Maria*
Parran, Lauren*
Perkins, Ivory J.*
Raiford, Cheryl TSgt*
Shannon, Marcia & Family*
Thames, Michelle*
Thompson, Henry*
Turner, David & Family
Valle, Dot*
Weekly, Ollie & Family*
Williams, Vesta
Wingate, Noelle *
Woolfork, Virginia*
Young, Cynthia*

Jackson, Eulalia*
Jones, Ruth*
Lampley, Janice*
Locke, Wilma*
Lockett, Geraldine*
Lockett, Linda*
Luster, Juanita*
McCoy, Steven*
McGregory, Lee Frances*
McSpadden, Phillip*
Miller, Charlotte*
Moore, Margaret Mary*
Page, Constance*
Palmer, Lucille*
Patin, Larry*
Patrick, Bernard*
Perkins, Belinda*
Perkins, Charles Sr.*
Peuperbanugh, Gary*
Rankins, Gloria*
Reedy, Judith*
Reedy, Sidney*
Reichert, Mary Ellen SR*
Reichert, Matthew*
Rensberg, Corey Sgt.*
Roberson, Lynette*
Scott, Mauri*
Simpson, April*
Stevenson, Howard*
Thomas, Webster*
Thompson, Henry*
Thompson, MaryAnn*
Turner, Hortense*
Walker, Quenetta*
Wallace, Eugene*
Washington, Yvette*
Weekly, Willie*
Williams, Joan*
Wilson, Peggy*
Woolfork, Vernie*
Woolfork, Virginia*
Worth, Shirley*
Yarbrough, Peggy*
Zacher, Clarence*
Zikovic, Katrina*

SICKNESS 11/02/11

Blake, Sr. Marvin
Codey, Leonard
McKinney, Carylyn
Smith, Jessie & Donald
Thorpe, Lionel*

HOSPITAL 11/09/11

Bowens, Willie

HOSPITAL 11/02/11

Winn, Raymond & Gail

INTENTIONS 11/09/11

Johnson, Christine

INTENTIONS

Albritton, Mary*
Alexandre, Rosemary S.*
Allen-Smith, Queen*
Ambus, Ruby*
Bell, Gilbert*
Bluett, Henry*
Bossow, Rachel*
Brent, Keith*
Brent, Sylvia*
Brown, Eric*
Brown, Robert*
Buckley, Darrell*
Butler, Thomas*
Carter, William Jr.*
Clay, Delores*
Cobb & Grandberry Families
Collins, Amy*
Conerly, Alan*
Cunningham, James &
Diane*

SICKNESS

Anderson, Daryl*
Barry, Jack*
Bluett, Ida Mae*
Brown, Carrye*
Burke, Leon*
Burton, Ron & Diane*
Cato, Laura*
Cloyd, Harvey C., Sr.*
Coleman, Ken*
Coleman, Ronelle*
Crider, Joanne*
Davenport, Jean*
Fisher, Bill*
Fitzsimmons, Karen*
Gardner, Charles*
George, Betty*
Gillespie, Virgie*
Hatten, Pam*
Hodges, Mary*
Holmes, Ann*
Holmes, John*
Howard, Dorothy*
Howard, Yvonne*
Hubert, Presley*
Hunt, Marvin*
Hunt-Scott, Carol Ann*
Hudson, Edward*
Ibarra, Lynn*

SHUT-IN

Anderson, Hortense
Bell, Georgia
Bentley, Barbara
Brown, Robert
Carson, Donetta
Chopin, Dave & Ann
Cooney, Helen
DuMaine, William
Fuller, Karla S.*
Gales, Mary Ann
Goodlow, Elizabeth
Jackson, Margaret
Johnson, Deacon Les
Joiner, Ruby



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th

Our Lord Jesus Christ The King

ALTAR SERVERS

8:15 Brennan Rowan
Jermaine Thomas

ALTAR SERVERS

11:00 Daedra Wallace
Desiree Wallace

PASTORAL AIDES

8:15 Tony Conte

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11:00: David Wallace

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

8:15 Lois Greer
Linda Kamp
Helene LaBerta
Jean Latham
Jean Nashville

EUCCHARISTIC MIN

11:00 Barbara Richter
Jean Anthony
Dorothy Brack
Henrene Brown
Richard Buckley
Joy Camp

Host: Ann Conte
Host: Jacquie Crawford
Host: Brenda Moore-Jones

Host: Nikki Taylor
Host: Angela Thames
Host: Edna Whitfield
Host: Anita Banks

INCENSE BEARER

8:15:
11:00:

LECTORS /COMMENTATOR

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Kevin Triggs
11:00 Bobby Cox
Sean Camp

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8:15: Beverly Thompson
11:00: Faye Combs

*from the MLK Essay Committee...***Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest**

It is time for all students, middle schools 6th, 7th and 8th grades, St. Louis Catholic and Public Schools to enter the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest.

This year's theme is:

This year the National Memorial to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was finished in Washington D.C.

One of his quotes that was chosen was "I was a drum major for justice, peace and righteousness" This was paraphrased from a longer quote, "If you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice, say that I was a drum major for peace, say I was a drum major for righteousness and all of the other shallow things will not matter", where Rev. King was speaking about a possible eulogy that one might give him and how he would hope to be remembered.

If you had to give a eulogy for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. what would you say?

For more information contact, Anita Banks @ 314 382-9545

*Join the Peace and Justice Committee
and the Youth and Young Adult Ministry
for a bus tour of African American History in St. Louis.*

FOCUS: CIVIL RIGHTS ERA and St. Louis

WHEN: November 19th, 2011 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

TOUR GUIDE: Dr. John Wright, author of *Discovering African American St. Louis: A Guide To Historic Sites*

SCHEDULE:

12:00 Gather in the parking lot, pick up your bag lunch and cold water. (see below for lunch info)

12:30 Bus leaves

4:00 Bus Returns and Conclusion

Cost: \$18, includes lunch, refreshment and the bus cost. \$5 for youth (\$20 for those outside the parish.)

RSVP: Please make checks payable to "St. Alphonsus Rock Church" – mark the envelope "ATTN: BUS TOUR," and mark the check "Bus Tour". Send to St. Alphonsus Rock Church, 1118 N. Grand Blvd, 63106.

For more information, contact:

Mae Peters: 314-721-1389 (work)

Kathy McGinnis: 314-369-3821 (cell)

LITURGY NOTES

On July 24, 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States voted and designated the month of November as Black Catholic History Month (BCHM) to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics.

**Black Catholic History
at the "Rock" and St. Clements**

We are searching for information on the history Black Catholics at the Rock and the old St. Clements. We gathered some information from the church archives but would like to have more. If you have pictures, photos, certificates and other historical information from the 30's 40's and 50's of Black Catholics at either church, please share it with the Liturgy Commission. If you know who the first Black couple to be married at the Rock was, let us know - even better if you have photos; 1st Communion classes, baptisms, confirmations, weddings, etc., we will scan your documents and return the originals, unaltered to you. Please see Richard Buckley or Sharon Cooney-Smith to discuss in more detail. And thanks in advance for sharing!

SAINT OF THE WEEK...

St. Augustine of Hippo
 Birthdate: November 13
 Patron Of: Theologians

This famous son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. Though he was one of the most intelligent men who ever lived and though he had been brought up a Christian, his sins of impurity and his pride darkened his mind so much, that he could not see or understand the Divine Truth anymore. Through the prayers of his holy mother and the marvelous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion. Yet he did not become a Christian then, because he thought he could never live a pure life. One day, however, he heard about two men who had suddenly been converted on reading the life of St. Antony, and he felt terrible ashamed of himself. "What are we doing?" he cried to his friend Alipius. "Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!"

He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous writer, Founder of religious priests, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. He became very devout and charitable, too. On the wall of his room he had the following written in large letters: "Here we do not speak of anyone." St. Augustine overcame strong heresies, practiced great and supported the poor, preached very often and prayed with great fervor up until his death. "Too late have I loved You!" he once cried to God, but with his holy he certainly made up for the sins he committed before his conversion. His is August 28th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Festival / Card Party

Today

**Join us at Cardinal Ritter
 Prep High School**

701 North Spring Ave
 Saint Louis, MO 63108

Silent Auction 

Pot of Gold / 50-50 Tickets



Grand Raffle

TRIVIA

BINGO

FOOD



PARISH EVENTS

November 13, 2011
 Card Party 2011
 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

November 19, 2011
 African American History
 Bus Tour

November 24, 2011
 Thanksgiving Mass
 10:00 a.m.

November 27, 2011
 First Sunday of Advent

December 25, 2011
 Christmas Mass
 10:00 a.m.

**Cardinal Ritter College
 Preparatory High School**

Cardinal Ritter College Prep's curriculum offers a variety of courses, including various electives in every discipline and college credit courses. Students also benefit from a 14 to 1 student to teacher ratio. They are currently enrolling for the 2012—2013 school year. The deadline to apply for scholarships is December 30, 2011.

If you have any questions please feel free to call 314 446-5511.



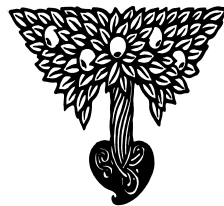
Financial Corner...

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Offerings and Tithes

Is Now Available!
www.stalphonsusrock.org

NOVEMBER 2011	
Date	Amount
06	\$ 10,453.60
13	\$
20	\$
27	\$
Total	\$ 10,453.60
Wkly Avg.	\$



Amount needed each week to meet budget: \$12,000

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

That we may use our talents wisely, motivated by the promise of Our Lord's welcoming words to us, *"Well done, my good and faithful servant...Come, share your master's joy."*

"Well done, my good and faithful servant...Come, share your master's joy." - Matthew 25:21

The master's words of praise and welcome for the servant who used his talents well are the same words that each of us hopes to hear when we meet God face to face. "Well done, my good and faithful servant...Come, share your master's joy. We use our "talents" well when we live simply, make God a priority in our lives and share our gifts with others.

CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST

Are you a man who wants to make a difference in the world?

Am I a man who wants to be the Spiritual leader of my household?

Am I a man who is searching for something?

2012 Annual Conference

"I have called you by name, you are mine"

Sat, Feb. 4 Peabody Opera House

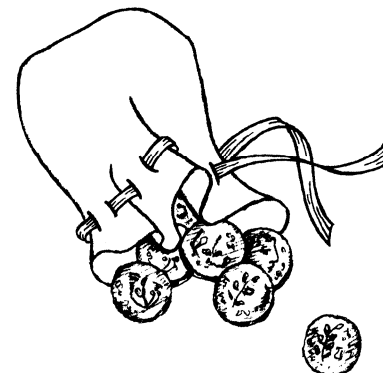
Speakers:

Msgr. Stuart Swetland, Fr. Joe Kemf
 Fr. Michael Lightner, and Dn. Ralph Poyo

Mass celebrated by the
 Most Rev. Archbishop Robert Carlson

Early registration open now at
www.catholicmenforchrist.org

*Well done,
 faithful
 servant*



BIRTHDAYS



Charida McNair	1	Nicole Jackson	12	Theodore Branch	22
Jordan Davis	1	John Wright	12	Kathy Conley-Jones	22
Harold Hardin	1	Donna Byas	14	Sharon Hatchett	22
Rashad Williams	2	Malendia Lemee	14	Yannick Henry	22
Rhonda Graham	3	Janessa Herron	15	Maryellen Judge	22
Ann Cooney-Hatchett	4	Grace Ying	16	Kathy Parran	22
Gloria King	5	Stefan Cameron	17	Ruby Brown	24
Isaiah Melton	5	Talayah Bowman	18	Wilhelmina Rayford	24
Ashley Miller	7	Michelle Dillehay	18	Mary Burford	25
Carol Powell	7	Carl Williams	18	Jan Reed-Jones	25
George Love	8	David Dixon	19	Kim Henderson	26
Kevin Seymour	8	Kisha Harris	19	Christine Craddock	28
Frank Gardner	9	Lashonda Shelvy	19	QueenAllen-Smith	29
David Martin	9	Robert Valle	19	Ralph Goldberg	29
Jabari Alexander	10	Gregory Hood	20	Christopher Johnson	29
Miles DuMaine	11	Mary Middleton	20	Pamela Davis	30
Cathy Burt	12	Mary Thomas-Crumble	20		
Michael Ellermann	12	Kevin Triggs	20		

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Religious Ed.: 314- 533-0304 Ext. 1311

Children's Bible Class
every Sunday: 10:30 - 11:45 am.

Central Catholic/St. Nicholas School(314) 231-6254

Baptismal Preparation (314) 533-0304
(ask for Donna Lane)

St. Charles Lwanga Center (314) 367-7929

COMMUNITY HELP

M.A.T. Social Ministry Center
(Emergency Aid) (314) 531-1040

Community Health In Partnership
Services (C.H.I.P.S.) (314) 652-9231

Community Women Against Hardship (CWAH)
(314) 289-7523

HIV/AIDS: 314 531-0304 Ext. 1502

Birthright (Crisis pregnancy) 314-962-5300
Abortion Recovery Help: 877-HOPE-4-ME.

OFFICE CLOSING...

Bulletin announcements must be in the office by 12 noon Tuesdays. Please fax items to 314 533-4260 or e-mail to parish130@archstl.org

ATTENTION

If your telephone number or address has changed, please contact the office at 533-0304. You may also put your updated information in the locked multipurpose box located on the north-side entrance ushers' table.

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? Inform one of the priests, and they can anoint you after Mass. Call and leave your hospital information at the office; a priest will visit you.

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