

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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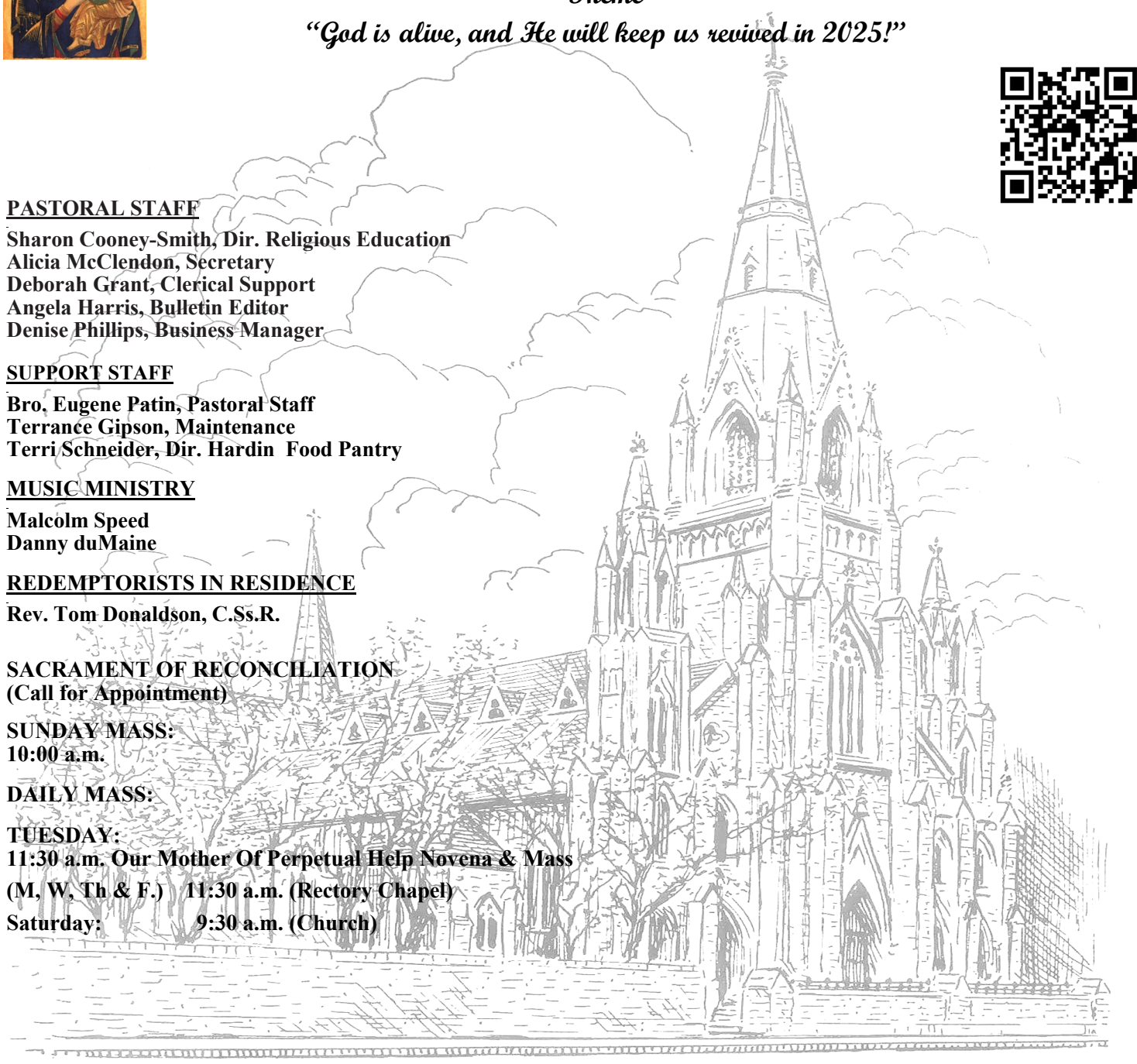
SUNDAY MASS:
10:00 a.m.

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**

Another Chance with God

6 April 2025

Lent is an opportunity to discover that the love of our God provides another chance of experiencing the redeeming love of redemption. We constantly tell ourselves and others that Jesus died for us and paid the price for our salvation. Each of us must, from the depths of our soul, renew ourselves by embracing the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ in our lives. This is the path that leads us, once again, to Easter Joy.

The prophet Isaiah tells us, as he told the people of Israel, God is doing something new in our lives. He wants to lead us, like a shepherd, from bondage to a new freedom that can only be found in God. This leads us from sorrow and pain to the promised land of a new life of praise.

Accepting another chance with God creates the opportunity to realign our priorities. Like Paul what we once thought were assets we can now leave the aside counting them as loss. Our greatest asset and gain is “knowing Jesus Christ” and being found in him. The gain of being in Christ far outweighs anything else of value. If we are willing to lose everything the world holds up as valuable, we will find a treasure more valuable. To know Jesus Christ as Lord means to acknowledge his actions as the self-revelation of God and to recognize Christ’s claim by adopting the same lifestyle. There is nothing more important than faithfulness in accomplishing God’s plan of salvation for our world today.

Jesus offers all of us the opportunity to break with the power of condemnation and death, and enter a world marked by freedom and forgiveness. The woman in the gospel is invited to embrace a new future that will allow her to live as a free woman, not a condemned one. This kind of “Freedom” demands a renunciation of our old ways and claims, embracing the opportunity for new life. Remember, with God you will always have another chance to experience the liberating freedom of his love. Take a chance! You have nothing to lose, and everything to gain.

Parochial Administrator

WEEKLY READINGS...

Sunday:

Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5
6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or
11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday:

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18
19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52
53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Jn 8:51-59

Friday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4
5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday:

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10
11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Sunday:

Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,
17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)
Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56
or 23:1-49

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES**

Sunday:

5th Sunday of Lent

Monday:

St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

Friday:

St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Sunday:

Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord



REMEMBER
in your prayers

INTENTIONS 04/01/25

Carr, Jeff
Diaz, Evie
Duclerne, Joseph
Duncan, Kara
Eaves, Douglas
Enberg, Carol
Golden, Sherrill A.
Golden, James L.
Golden, Patricia
Guiu, Dumitru
Guiu, Viorica
Hinton, Gary
Johnson, Billie Ms.
Johnson, Markiea
Martin, Michael
Meeks, Kim
Meeks, Taniyah
Merritt, Tamala
Miller Jr., Antonio
Monroe, Sam
Monroe, Tanya
Perry-Watson, Sydney
Pinard, Viviana
Radley, Bryan
Ransome, Gregory
Robison, Amber
Sanders, Sharron
Scott, Devon
Scott, Dorothea
Sher, Lois
Sullivan, Noah
Thames, Angela
Walker, Deneen
Walker, Jasmine
Williams, Linda
Williams, Norman

Barnett, Jewel
Baumstack, Liza
Blake, Maria
Brown, Joyce
Brownlee, Ethel
Buckley, Darrell
Busy, Brittney
Carter, Alfred
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
Locke, Wilma
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

Piphus, Michelle
Pointer, Nelson
Polek, Dave Fr.
Remsburg, Cory Sgt.
Roberts, Nounita
Robinson, William, Jr.
Rodgers, Erby Lee
Salter, Debi
Sheppard, Joyce
Simpson, Ronald
Smith, Paulette
Sonnenschein, Joseph
Sparkman, Judah
Stayton, Michael
Strong, Betty
Townsend, Bob
Venverloh, Karen
Williams, Kioko

SHUT-IN

Atherton, Andrew
Brack Dorothy
Cloyd, Selena
Darris, Martha
Hughes, Irene
Kilgore, Yetta
Lee, Hazel
McCoy, Carolyn
McGinnis, Kathy
Moore, Brenda
Reedy, Sid
Skinner, Joanna
Smith, Melba
Whitfield, Edna

SICKNESS 04/01/25

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

Bring to God Whatever Burden Hinders Us

*If God is for us, who is against us?
He who did not withhold his own Son,
but gave him up for all of us,
will he not with him also give us everything else?
Romans 8:31–32*

It's not that hard to admit that we need God's help in this life. Only the most proud or the most foolish believe they are truly self-sufficient. Yes, we need God. Yes, we can seek from God whatever we need—help, comfort, or guidance. But actually, taking the step toward God can be not only difficult but complex. A lot of things can get in the way.

Pain -- It's possible to be in so much pain that we cannot move. We are paralyzed, numb, almost without sense. So, we do nothing but remain in our deep hurt.

Shame -- We can't come to God and tell lies at the same time. This spiritual process requires that we face our embarrassments, shortcomings, failures, and sins, and the shame of all this holds us back.

Anger -- It really is all right to come to God angry, but many of us don't feel that it's all right. We're deeply disappointed in God—for not rescuing us from a situation, for allowing us to suffer loss, for not giving us what we wanted—and that anger prevents any steps in God's direction.

Fear -- We may fear punishment. We may fear God's disapproval. We may fear that God won't act or say what we're hoping for. And we may fear that, in coming to God, we'll need to change in some way.

How do we overcome these obstacles? How do we come to God when pain, shame, anger, or fear is blocking the path? Remember one simple fact: God is for us, not against us. God waits for us, eager to help with our pain, shame, anger, or fear. The only thing to do is step forward and bring to God whatever burden hinders us.

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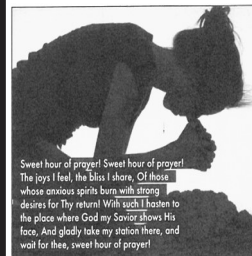
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hop on over for our

EASTER Egg hunt

Join us on
April 20th at 11:45am
 for some egg-citing fun!

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 1118 N Grand Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63116

"Journey with Jesus"

Join us for Sweet Hour of Prayer

Thursdays at 7:00pm during Lent

Prayer, Praise, Worship and Song!

April 10 - Presider, Rev. Rodney Olive, C.Ss.R.

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The St. Alphonsus 'Rock' Church Men's Ministry is restarting and we welcome your perspective and fellowship.

Our mission is to "Revitalize the Ministry" and to be of service to the parish and the family.

We would like to offer fellowship in large-group or small-group settings where "iron sharpens iron. Our goal is to be more visibly active throughout the church in such ways as Men's Day Mass, community out-reach like feeding the unhoused, and church fellowship events such as Donut Sundays, Corpus Christi celebration, or Ninja Warrior events.

Theo Branch, Courtney Hinton and Eric Thurman are the Points of Contact for the group.

We look forward to coming together and actively doing God's work.

A sign-up sheet is available at the Usher's table.



CALLING ALL SINGERS

Join the St. Charles Lwanga Center Youth Choir

The St. Charles Lwanga Center is excited to announce the formation of a Youth Choir for children ages 9-18!

We welcome all young voices to come and lift their hearts in song—you do not need to be Catholic to join.

Rehearsals

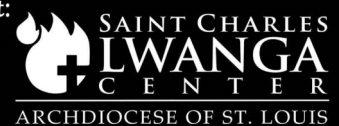


April 12
 12 noon - 2:00 PM



St. Charles Lwanga Center
 8240 Washington Street
 St. Louis, MO 63114

For more information, please contact:
 The St. Charles Lwanga Center
 314-449-3496
 or Mrs. Michelle Williams
 314-422-9158



General Fund Actual Contributions Received		
MARCH	23 rd	30 th
Envelopes	\$ 4,940.00	\$ 5,217.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 788.00	\$ 1,428.00
Loose Offering	\$ 90.00	\$ 382.00
Total Offering	\$ 5,818.00	\$ 7,027.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$(6,682.00)	\$(5,473.00)

Stewardship Prayer...

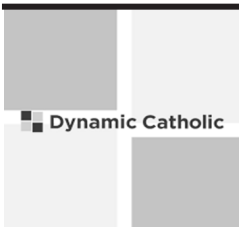
That we keep God first in everything and not put other gods before God.

“...For his sake, I have accepted the loss of all things, and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ...”
 (Philippians 3:8)

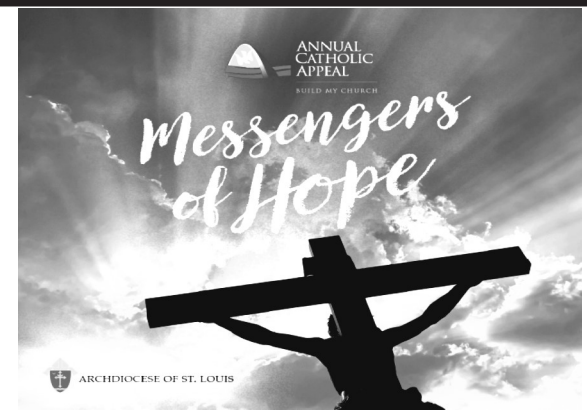
The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God, not for our own glory.

Missionary Discipleship – The Lord is gracious and merciful.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus said to the scribes, Pharisees, and the crowd gathered around the woman caught in adultery, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” With this one statement, Jesus reminds us, as well as all of those at the scene, of God’s mercy. In addition, He calls all of us to be merciful as well. Then he told the woman to go and sin no more. God has done so many wonderful things for us, and He forgives us whenever we ask if we are truly sorry. Today’s readings remind us that God wants us to forgive as well. This week we can ponder these questions: “Do we judge people by their looks or actions?” “Do we forgive those who have wronged us?” “Are we gracious and merciful to those in our lives?”



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!

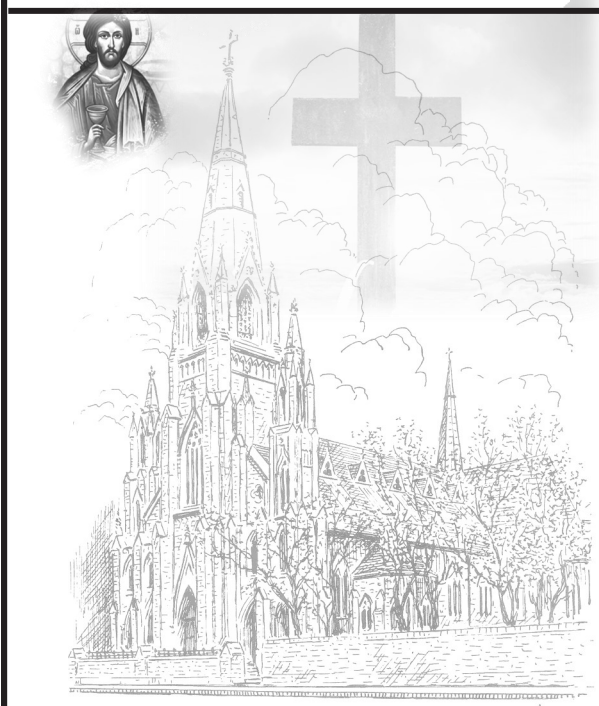


As Catholics, our hope comes from Jesus Christ. Our mission as His Church is to joyfully proclaim the Good News of salvation. We are called to be *Messengers of Hope*.

The *Annual Catholic Appeal* is the lifeblood of so much of the vital work of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Your support allows us to expand our reach, deepen our impact, and build a brighter future together.

Through the *Appeal*, we lead others to Christ; educate our children; form young men to be priests; help religious orders; and bring the love and mercy of Christ to the most vulnerable among us. We also provide hope with our affordable housing fund initiative which helps move individuals and families into stable homes.

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, 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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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