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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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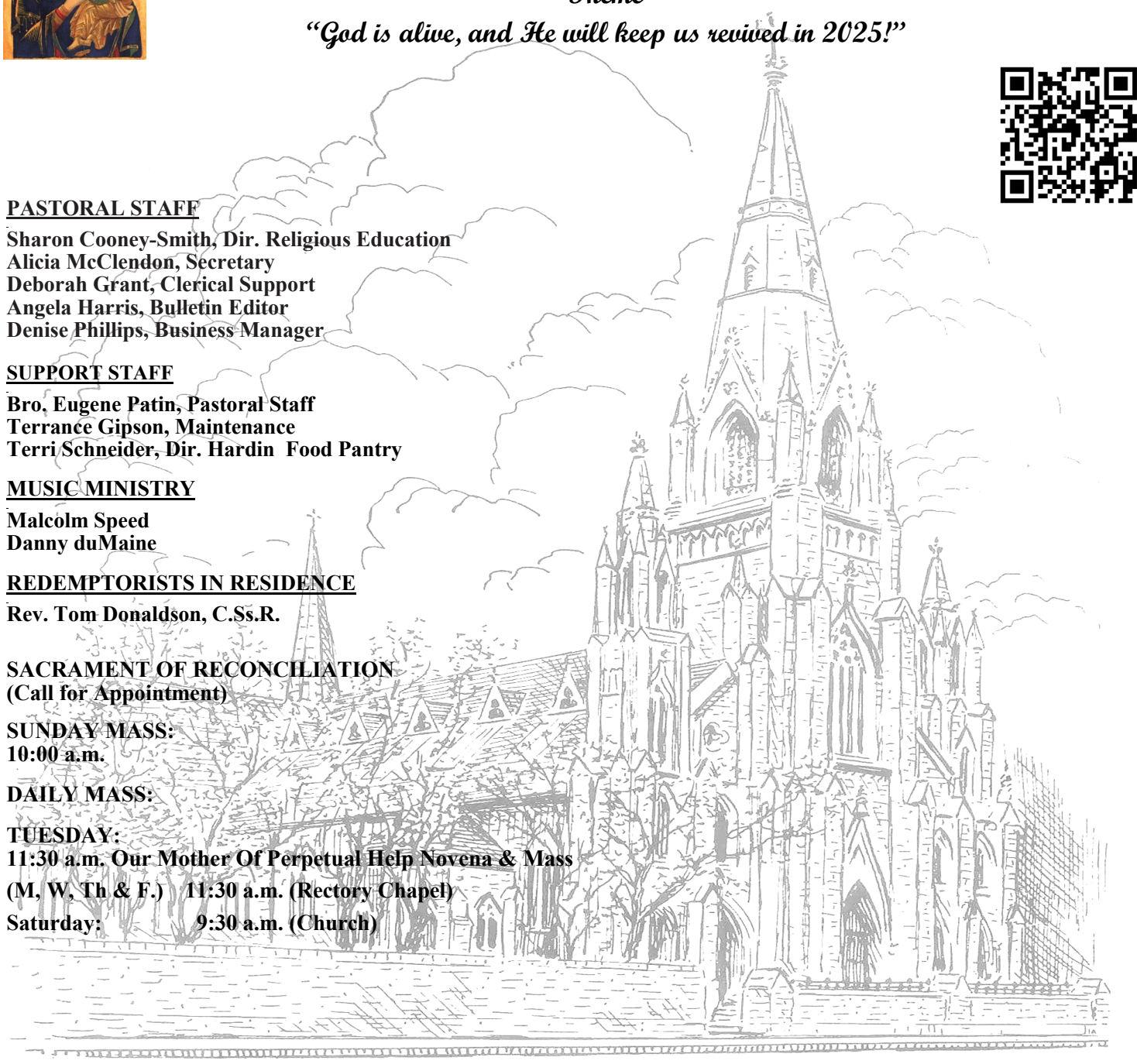
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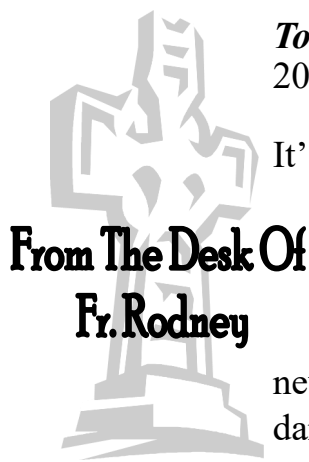
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(Call for Appointment)

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)





Today is Resurrection Day
20 April 2025

It's Easter Sunday, and Hallelujah is our song. Everyone who has kept the faith and fulfilled our mission together with Christ can now share the experience of rising with Jesus. We realize that nothing has ended; rather, a new age has started today. Today, we sing and dance; we celebrate with resurrection joy and music because you and I share in the glory of Jesus' resurrection victory.

The passion and death of Jesus is transformed into an act by which all believers gain life. God's work was not undone but transformed in the resurrection of Jesus. The proclamation of the Good News and anointing of the Holy Spirit is received by all of us. We are thus called to a new journey from death to life. The self-giving of Jesus has won life and holds out the promise of life to all followers, who live in sincerity and truth.

Paul teaches us that the ultimate goal of the resurrection is the salvation of each one of us. As a church family we can no longer let ourselves be pressured into conforming to a false value system. Victory over sin, malice, and evil comes with sincerity and truth as a primary value and lifestyle. All of us, disciples all, rejoice in the victory we share through the resurrection of Jesus. Our reaction is similar to that of Mary Magdalen, John, and Peter as we realize, **"It has happened."** John is the model to be followed; our love for Jesus has led us to believe. Death is not the Father's last gesture but rather the revelation of Christ the risen Lord. There is growth from darkness to believing and seeing the risen Christ. This is the day we step out into the light and raise our hands in praise to God. Let the warmth of God's light fill us, rejoice, and be glad the victory is ours, now and forever. Let Hallelujah be our new song. Happy Easter to everyone.

Parochial Administrator

WEEKLY READINGS...

Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday:

Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:

Easter Sunday

Monday:

Monday Octave of Easter

Tuesday:

Tuesday Octave of Easter

Earth Day

Wednesday:

Wednesday Octave of Easter
Administrative Professionals' Day

Thursday:

Thursday Octave of Easter

Friday:

Friday Octave of Easter
Arbor Day

Saturday:

Saturday Octave of Easter

Sunday:

2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy



REMEMBER
in your prayers

INTENTIONS 04/15/25 SICKNESS 04/15/25

Carr, Jeff	Barnett, Jewel
Diaz, Evie	Baumstack, Liza
Duclerne, Joseph	Blake, Maria
Duncan, Kara	Brown, Joyce
Eaves, Douglas	Brownlee, Ethel
Enberg, Carol	Buckley, Darrell
Golden, Sherrill A.	Busy, Brittney
Golden, James L.	Carter, Alfred
Golden, Patricia	Cole, Barbara
Guiu, Dumitru	Conner, Jack
Guiu, Viorica	Cox, Jonathan Jr.
Hinton, Gary	DeClue, Rosalynn
Johnson, Billie Ms.	Delaney, J.
Johnson, Markiea	Dye, Margaret
Martin, Michael	George, Betty
Meeks, Kim	George, Christine
Meeks, Taniyah	Gilliand, John
Merritt, Tamala	Gurley, Earline
Miller Jr., Antonio	Jones, Keiarra
Monroe, Sam	Harris, Latanya
Monroe, Tanya	Leong, Desmond
Perry-Watson, Sydney	Lewis, Joi
Pinard, Viviana	Locke, Wilma
Radley, Bryan	Harris, Tobey
Ransome, Gregory	Harris, Willie
Robison, Amber	Hart, Edgar
Sanders, Sharron	Hayes, Regina
Scott, Devon	Hollins, Albert Rev.
Scott, Dorothea	Jammer-Webb, Jallah
Sher, Lois	Latham, Jean
Sullivan, Noah	Lehmkuhl, Karen
Thames, Angela	Littleton, Ginny
Walker, Deneen	Magnus, Sonette
Walker, Jasmine	Moore, Wilbert
Williams, Linda	O'Brien, Nancy
Williams, Norman	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

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

The Paschal Mystery

The Christian life defies logic. An infant refugee is the King of Kings. A lamb redeems the sheep. Life overtakes death. Yet this glorious celebration of the paschal feast is this paradox. Christ, the crucified One, has broken down the bars of death and the bonds of sin. Even the disciples had not understood the Scriptures yet in order to believe that Christ had risen from the dead. But, if we believe in Christ, then we believe that in him, all things can be transformed. We, and all the world, sinful and broken, are alive, are loved, and can be changed.

Alleluia!

The paschal mystery unfolds more fully today: the suffering and death of Christ now have become his glorious resurrection. Indeed, because the paschal lamb has been sacrificed, we now celebrate this great feast. How do we celebrate? Did the preparation of the Lenten journey bring us through suffering and sadness to be the same? Or are we changed, too, bound as we are to his paschal mystery through our baptism? How are we newly alive? How are we more fully the merciful love of Christ?

FOR REFLECTION

- What hints of Jesus's resurrection do you see in your own life? Where have you witnessed life and healing, and how do they speak to you of God's presence?
- Peter and "the other disciple" encounter the empty tomb together, and they rely on the word of Mary Magdalene. What companions have been important on your own faith journey? Who helps you see and remember Jesus?
- How do you witness to what you know of Jesus? Who in your life might need to hear his story? Where could you bring someone some hope and joy this Easter season?

(Source: litpress.org/Living Liturgy)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please consider a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Share the saving hope and love of Jesus Christ with those in need by supporting this year's Appeal.



**PLEDGE CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER MASS
APRIL 27th, MAY 4th, MAY 11th AND MAY 18th**

aca.archstl.org ◀ **GIVE ONLINE**

TO MAKE A PLEDGE OVER THE PHONE CONTACT THE ACA OFFICE AT 314.792.7680

TO PLAY IN THE DIRT

The St. Alphonsus Men's Ministry would like to cordially invite you to join us starting April 27, 2025, after mass if weather permits.

We will help prepare the land using a layered method or whichever method is best or preferred. We will be growing the garden in 3 sections. One section will be for the community. That section is intended for ministries that do community outreach through food. The second section will be the church garden. That is for parishioners who don't mind planting in a community area and if arts and environment would like to grow/sustain the plants we have and use. The final section is the family section. That is for those who want their own space. We ask that you bring your own materials if you have certain ways of growing. We may or may not have enough tools for everyone and if you want a raised bed or something particular we, the Men's ministry, can assist. We will provide compost, provide the compost, and some seeds for those without. We are a bit weather dependent, so please be flexible with us.

We hope to see you out there!

Social Justice Summer Camp

at
College Church



The Social Justice Camp sponsored by the College Church Youth Faith Formation program will be held June 23 – 27 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Young people who will be entering grades 6, 7, and 8 in the fall are invited to attend. The week's schedule will include engaging group activities and participation in a variety of community service events. We will explore ways God calls us to build a just society and use our gifts to help others.

Camp fees are \$400 per camper and include all program materials and daily snacks. Campers bring their own lunches. Scholarships are available.

Reserve your spot by registering through this link:

sfxstl.org/social-justice-camp

Please contact Julie Kilian julie@sfxstl.org for more information.

General Fund Actual Contributions Received		
APRIL	6 th	13 th
Envelopes	\$10,267.00	\$ 9,695.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 2,263.00	\$ 2,038.00
Loose Offering	\$ 274.00	\$ 258.00
Total Offering	\$12,804.00	\$11,991.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$ 304.00	\$(- 509.00)

Stewardship Prayer...

That we let our lives reflect God’s love, mercy, and forgiveness.

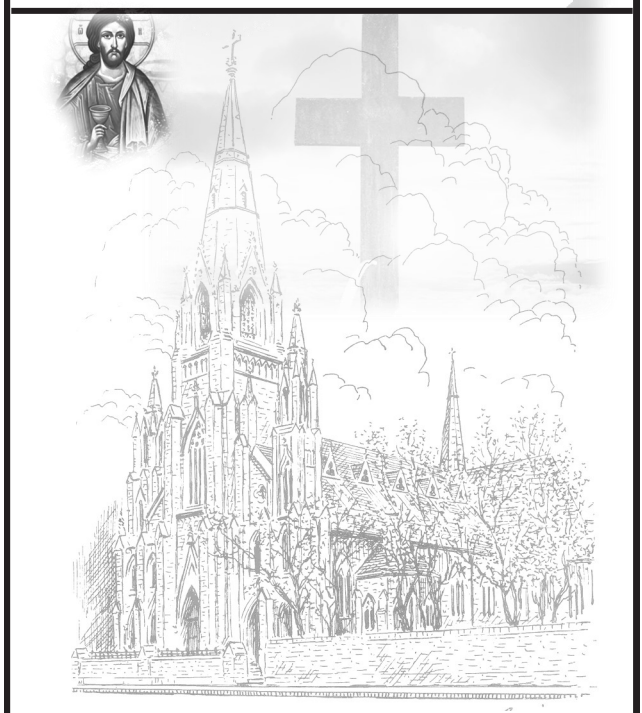
“...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”

Acts 10:38

We can’t give what we don’t have. Open your heart to receive God’s love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God’s adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, “we are made for greatness.” Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

Missionary Discipleship – Easter Sunday: Jesus makes everything new

Did you see the movie “The Passion of the Christ?” In that movie, a very touching scene is where Jesus falls as He carries His cross to Calvary. His mother is nearby, and as He falls, she flashes back to when Jesus was a toddler and fell. In her memory, she rushes to pick Him up and comfort Him. Then, the scene flashes forward to the Blessed Mother rushing to comfort Jesus as He lays under the weight of His cross. When she reaches Jesus, He lifts His hand, gently holds her cheek, and says, “See Mother, I make everything new.” Jesus has risen, and He has made everything new, including us! This is our opportunity to bear witness to that. There are so many people in this world who have no idea what Jesus did for us. Jesus humbled Himself for us, and we are called by His life and His sacrifice to share this good news. During the rest of the octave of Easter, it would be a wonderful time to reflect on these questions: “How can we maintain the newness that only Jesus provides?” “How can we bear witness about Jesus to those we meet with our words and actions?” “How can we thank Jesus for His precious gift?”



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

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David Martin

Richard Buckley

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Gregory Hood

Jocelyn Woodson-Reed

Teresa Hudson

ATTENTION

If your telephone number, home address or email address has changed, please contact the office at 533-0304 or email 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