Our Lady of the Holy Cross, St. Augustine, St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist and St. Matthew, the Apostle

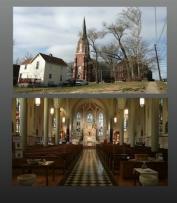
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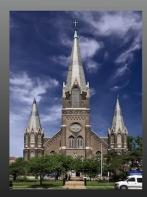
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Our Lady of the Holy Cross

St Elizabeth Mother of John the Baptist
St. Augustine
St Matthew the Apostle

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scottscheiderer@archstl.org

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cavitt@lwangacenter.org

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Feel free to contact one of the team members with questions and ideas as we transition to a new parish.

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LIVE STREAM - in browser or You Tube : @olhc-sa-semjb-smasearch



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 AM, St Matthew, the Apostle

Church

Monday: 9:00 AM, St. Louis Catholic Academy

Tues., Wed., Thur.: 12:00 PM, Our Lady of the Holy

Cross Church

Saturday: 4:00 PM, St. Matthew, the Apostle Church

RECONCILIATION

One (1) hour before Mass and by Appointment

November 19, 2023

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Pen

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace! I hope these words find you well in the Lord!

This weekend in our Gospel we hear the "Parable of the Talents," and we are reminded of our responsibility to be faithful stewards of the gifts entrusted to us by our Heavenly Father. Almost every time I hear this parable, my attention is drawn to the disposition of the unfaithful servant, who received his talent and "went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money" (Matthew 25:18). Notice his perspective on the master: "Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter" (25:23). Also, see how the servant acts according to this perspective: "...out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground" (25:23).

I once heard a priest say, "Everyone has their own image of God... If it is false, it will govern us like a tyrant." How true that is! I remember hearing that statement, and I recall how it prompted me to reflect on some of the false images of God that I have adopted through the years. This is an important and necessary work on our part to acknowledge these erroneous notions of God and then replace them with a more faithinformed perspective on our Lord. This is an ongoing effort in our relationship with God, but the more we are diligent in this practice, the more we will step into the truth of Who God is in Himself, "...a God, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love and fidelity" (Exodus 34:6).

Next week marks the final week in Ordinary Time and the Solemnity of Christ the King. We are very blessed to have Bishop Mark Rivituso come to our St. Matthew, the Apostle, location and celebrate our principal Mass at 10:00 a.m.! We hope you can join us for this glorious feast as we close out the liturgical year!

God bless and keep you all! My daily prayers remain for you and your loved ones!

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Scott Scheiderer Parochial Administrator of OLHC, SA, SEMJB, and SMA

Liturgy Ministries Saturday Vigil, November 18th

4:00 PM

Ushers: Lynn Woolfolk, Bernard Anthony

Lector: Denise Thomas

Acolyte: Michael Williams

Sunday, November 19th

8:00 AM

Ushers: Luci Rucker

Lector: Helen Smith

Acolyte: Pam Mason

10:00 AM

Ushers: Claire Hay

Lector: Lillian Summers

Acolyte: Venus Spain-Walker, Rogerdreka Davis

Thanksgiving, November 23rd

9:00 AM

Ushers: Donna Dittmer

Lector: JoAnn Ghirardi

Acolyte: Eddiemae Brown, Gary Moellering

Saturday Vigil, November 25th

4:00 PM

Ushers: Lynn Woolfolk, Bernard Anthony

Lector: Michelle Simmons

Acolyte: Michael Williams

Sunday, November 26th

8:00 AM

Ushers: Luci Rucker

Lector: Leslie House

Acolyte:

10:00 AM

Ushers: Claire Hay

Lector: Carl "C.J." Summers

Acolyte: Rogerdreka Davis, Venus Spain-Walker

November 19, 2023

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Amen.

Scripture Readings November 19th 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Psalm

Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5

Reading II

First Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Gospel

Matthew 25: 14-30

November 20th - November 25th

Monday: First Maccabees 1: 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Psalm 119: 53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158, Luke 18: 35-43

Tuesday: Second Maccabees 6: 18-31, Psalm 3: 2-3, 4-5,

6-7. Luke 19: 1-10

Wednesday: Second Maccabees 7: 1, 20-31, Psalm 17:

1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15, Luke 19: 11-28

Thursday: Sirach 50: 22-24, Psalm 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8,

First Corinthians 1: 3-9, Luke 17:11-19 Friday: First Maccabees 4: 36-37, 52-59,

First Chronicles 29: 10, 11-12a, Luke 19: 45-48

Saturday: First Maccabees 6: 1-13, Psalm 9: 2-3, 4 and 6,

16 and 19, Luke 20: 27-40

Please Update Your Parishioner Information

We are asking all parishioners to please update your contact information by completing the form in the pew. calling the parish office, visit the website or emailing:

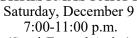
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CATHOLIC CHARITIES YOUNG ADULT **CHRISTMAS PARTY**



(Semi-Formal Attire)

Maryland House By Brennan's (44 Maryland Plaza Rear)

Ages 21+, Nursing babies welcome

Early Bird Pricing: \$45.00 (limited quantity)

Regular Ticket Pricing: \$55.00

Open bar, appetizers, music and dancing

https://ccypchristmas23.givesmart.com

November Birthdays & Anniversary

Happy Birthday

Anniversary to all who celebrate this month

HOMEBOUND AND SICK Remember in your prayers all the Homebound and Sick of our parish:

Judith Banks, Violet Blackmon, William Bonnett, Carrie Brown, Grace Brown, Ruby Carter, Mariah Casey, Roger Casey, Harold Cole, Senola Collier, George Cross, Bernice Culmore, Lily Davis, Rhonda Dorsey, Ethel Franklin, Naomi Gardner, Leodia Gooch, Kenneth Herndon, Gus Hinton, Barbara Ingram, Ricki Kibby, Arsenia Kincade, Stanley King, Janie Kirkland, Finley Martin, Elizabeth McFarland, Wendell Scales, Shirley Shelton, Sandra Simmons, Frances Simms, Crystal Small, Doris Smith, Laverna Spinks, Deborah Washington, Veronica Whalum, Harriett White, Lillian Whitley, Mattie Williams, Eugenia Young



In Loving Memory



Remember all of our departed loved ones.

Cora Williams, Louis Monahan, Adrienne Reed

In my Father's house are many rooms. *If it were not so, would I have told you that* I will go to prepare a place for you? John 14:2

Offertory November 4th & 5th

Our Lady of the Holy Cross

- 1,300.00 General Fund
- 0.00 Online Giving

St. Elizabeth, MJB

- 1,797.00 General Fund
- 0.00 Online Giving

St. Augustine

- 702.02 General Fund
- 1,998.00 Online Giving

St. Matthew the Apostle

- 2,915.00 General Fund
- 590.00 Online Giving

Jesus make our hearts like yours



PARISH NEWS

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL



Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Site of Our Lady of the Holy Cross, 1022 Baden Avenue, Parish Center. Everyone in our communities are welcome! Please join us.

If you wish to help with the dinner here are some items you could help with: gravy, cranberry sauce, pie/dessert, and, of course, your **time** to share the meal with us. Please RSVP to one of our parish secretaries.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Please help us minister to 22 children from 9 families in our neighborhood whose parent(s) are incarcerated. Please take an "Angel" from the tree in the back of the church and buy a gift for one of the "least of our little ones." See or call Carmen Charleston (314-385-2098) for more information. God will bless you greatly for your generosity. When you take an angel, please write your name and info on the sign-out sheet. Please return all gifts on or before December 15. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE SENIOR CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, December 6, 1:30 p.m. Parish Center site at 1022 Baden Ave.

Lunch will be served. Bring some "Christmas" cookies to share.

Please RSVP by November 30 to 314-381-0323. Please leave your name and phone number. Hope you will join us!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Stanley and Clayton Rice Family Center



4145 Kennerly Ave., St. Louis, MO 63113 There are a limited number of tickets available. No tickets will be sold at the door. Donations are \$5.00 per person.

Ticket prices include breakfast, entertainment and Christmas stocking.

Sponsored by Young Adult Ministry

FORMATION OF PARISH LADIES COUNCIL

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Ladies Council for our parish, please contact Gladys Mansfield, 314-361-0464 or Jane Brown, 314-869-7442. This is a great opportunity to come together, meet other parishioners and serve.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Do you know someone that is interested in joining the Catholic Church? Or, someone baptized who is not confirmed or who has never received communion?

Classes have begun. We meet after mass at St. Matthew the Apostle parish hall. It's not too late to join us.

Are you called to liturgical

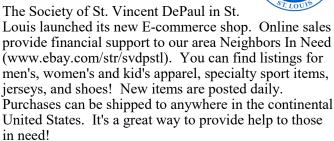
ministry? If you are interested in serving as a Greeter/Usher, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy



Communion or Acolyte, paper forms are available in the back of Church OR go to:

https://www.osvhub.com/stmatthew-the-apostle-church/forms/liturgical-minister-volunteer-contact-form to fill out the online form. For questions contact Kim Reid at sacredheart4kim@gmail.com. Training is being offered.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL E-COMMERCE SHOP



Check it out!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the month of November please send all bulletin announcements to:

st.augustine.cc.stl@gmail.com Announcements must be emailed no later than close of business on Tuesdays.

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE COMMUNITY

Northern Vicariate Youth Leader Gathering

Get to know fellow youth leaders in the Northern Vicariate through a night of fellowship and prayer. Monday, November 20th, 5-7:30 PM. Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church. 6596 Smiley Ave, St. Louis, MO 63139. RSVP here:

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Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary **Annual Feast of Thanksgiving** Saturday November 25, 2023

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., St. Alphonsus "Rock" Church Gym

1118 North Grand, St. Louis, MO 63106 Dine In and Carry Out Available. Contact Isom Williams, (314) 313-5949.

Fr. Bob's Outreach Christmas Program

If you or someone that you know will need a little help at Christmas, please send a letter to Fr. Bob's Outreach, 1371 Hamilton Ave., St. Louis, MO 63112. Make sure that the letter contains your full name, address and phone number. Send your Christmas letter no later than December 1, 2023.



STEWARDSHIP

God generously bestows gifts upon us, spiritual gifts as well as physical gifts. He asks us to use those gifts for the purpose of building up the Kingdom of God and leading others to Jesus Christ. Because we are called to be good



and faithful stewards, it is important for us to spend time in prayer with Jesus so that He can instruct us how to best utilize the gifts He has given to us. Do we invest our talents and share them with others? Or, do we go out and bury them, refusing to share them in service to the world? God, who is infinitely generous, rewards us for manifesting His power by means of the gifts He has given to us.

Missionary Discipleship

SAINT CHARLES LWANGA CENTER The Archdiocesan Office of **Black Catholic Ministries** BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION A Black Catholic Community's Perspective Part III on "The Black Church: This is our story. This is our song."

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023, 3:00 P.M. Hosted by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

Please RSVP by 1:00 p.m., November 19, for this free Zoom event. Email: LwangaStL.Extra@gmail.com

You will receive an auto reply email containing the Zoom link and additional details.

The PBS presentation hosted by Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and his book lay a foundation for this presentation and discussion.

ARE YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW IN NEED OF RECEIVING ANY **SACRAMENT(S)?**

If anyone has sacramental needs (Baptism, First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)), please contact the parish office.

† First Reconciliation (Confession)/First **Eucharist (Communion):**

Any child or youth in the second grade or older who has been baptized: There will be a mandatory orientation meeting for parents (only) of children preparing to receive First Holy Communion (Eucharist) this year.

† Confirmation:

Any youth who has been baptized and must be in grades 7th-12th and at least 12 years of age at the time of the administration of the Sacrament. All candidates and their families must attend an information session prior to enrollment.

† All other sacramental needs: Contact the parish office.

Sacramental Preparation: If you or anyone you know is in need of any sacrament, please contact the parish office immediately. It will soon be too late to enroll in many of these sessions this school year.

If you have any questions contact the parish office at 314-531-6443.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Transition Team Update"

On Wednesday, November 8th, the Transition Team met at the Our Lady of the Holy Cross location. **The Transition Team and I now meet on a monthly basis.** In the first three months of our parish merger, we met bi-monthly due to the newness of the merger and the pressing needs. Now, as we are a bit more settled, a monthly meeting seems more appropriate.

Recently, as many are aware, the Archdiocese of St. Louis gave us an update regarding the status of our parish merger. We learned that an appeal on behalf of St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist (SEMJB), is currently under review by the Dicastery for the Clergy in Rome. Also, we learned that an appeal on behalf of St. Matthew, the Apostle (SMA), was reviewed and rejected by the same office in Rome. There might be further appeals on behalf of SMA, but we will not know for sure until the aforementioned office in Rome notifies us. In an effort to keep the parishioners "up-to-date" with the latest information, we sent out a phone tree blast to our registered parishioners. We realize that not everyone received a call, so the Transition Team and I agreed this would be a great opportunity to make sure our parish has the correct contact information for our parishioners. Last week at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, we had **contact information sheets** for people to fill out, and in the coming weeks, we will also have them available. Please take the time to fill out a sheet so we can keep you in "the loop" with the latest parish news as it becomes available.

With the holiday season on the horizon, the Transition Team further discussed how the parish plans to celebrate Thanksgiving and the Advent and Christmas seasons and honor the traditions in place at our four parishes. For Thanksgiving, the Our Lady of the Holy Cross location will host a community dinner from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. This will be proceeded by a community Mass at 9:00 a.m. Also, the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver will host their annual Thanksgiving feast at St. Alphonsus "Rock" Church on November 25th from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. Plans were also discussed regarding a "Breakfast with Santa" as we approach Christmas. **We strongly desire to keep alive the many traditions and charitable giving opportunities** related to the holiday season, so please bring forward to the Transition Team (Transition Team members are listed on the front of the bulletin) or to me your ideas for implementation.

As many of you know, the Advent season is a great time to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. The Transition Team and I discussed ways in which we can host a communal penance service for the people of our parish. It seemed that the most ideal time for a penance service would be a Saturday morning or afternoon. I hope to have more information on this effort in the coming weeks. Your thoughts and feedback are greatly appreciated, so please don't hesitate to contact a Transition Team member or myself regarding your input.

In other news, you might have noticed on our livestream feed that we are beginning to run advertisements for parish and communal events. Thank you to our Communications and Media team for making this possible! This is another means of getting the word out regarding important news and events affecting our community. As mentioned previously, we value open communication, and we are happy to report that we are making headway in this regard. Once again, if you have any ideas or feedback, it is greatly welcome and appreciated.

My prayers remain for you and your loved ones! God bless and keep you always! If you need to reach out to me for any reason, please don't hesitate to contact me: 303.579.1266 (cell); scottscheiderer@archstl.org. Thank you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Scott Scheiderer Parochial Administrator of OLHC, SA, SEMJB, and SMA

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

St. Vincent DePaul Society	8115 Church Rd.	314-381-0323
	1371 Hamilton Ave.	314-289-6101 ext 1134
	2715 North Sarah Street	314-289-6101 ext 1169
	4746 Carter Ave.	314-932-7222
Baden Community Vegetable Garden	8115 Church Rd.	314-825-1603
Father Bob's Outreach	1371 Hamilton Ave.	314-385-1934
St. Augustine Wellston Center	1705 Kenlien Ave.	314-382-7158
Northside Youth & Senior Service Center	4120 Maffitt Ave.	314-531-4161 or
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Northside Community Housing	4067 Lincoln Ave.	314-534-5400
Child & Family Empowerment Center, Inc.	4145 Kennerly Ave.	314-449-1333
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Unfailing Love Christian Church-Food Pantry	4068 Maffitt Ave.	314-371-1057
St. Louis Catholic Academy	4720 Carter Ave.	314-389-0401
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St. Charles Lwanga Center	4746 Carter Ave.	314-231-2860 ext 24





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Mabel Hall Gregory Hall
Leo Hall Jarvis Hall
Gail Hall Mattie Hall
Susie Brewster Velma Brewster

In Memory of
Clifton and Erna Martin
Alladin & Rezia Martin
William & Augusta Theriot
& All Family Members
Who Have Passed

In Loving Memory Leroy & Maudesta Gougisha Jerone "Ronnie" Gougisha **Janet Gougisha** Joshua Johnson



In Loving Memory of James & Margaret Bland Theresa Frisch-Gordon

> **Beloved Father & Mother** and Grandmother

In Memory of Mrs. Angela Ákunmo (née Ezepue)

May her soul Rest in Peace. Amen

In Loving Memory Stanley & Clayton Rice

Ernest &Lucinda Rice John & Mary Briggs Clayton & Althlee Williams Harrison York Smith, II



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In Beloved Memory of Carl Jacob Westfall Carl Lewis Westfall Sophia Alexander Westfall Ann A. Parker William "Beanie" Westfall

In Memory of **Beaulah & Walter McPherson** Mildred & Barney Simms **And Other Family Members**

Memorialize a loved one In this space

In Loving Memory of Choi S. Handley

(wife, mother, daughter, sister)

In Loving Memory

of

Lindell Collins Sr. **Ida Collins** Lindell Collins Jr. Ernest Collins Albert Mason Jr. William Collins Sr. **Doris Mason**

In Loving Memory of

Jannia Fields Vivian Kirksev Henry Frank Clay, Jr. **Henrietta Clav**

Is Stephens Ministry for you?

Contact Teresa Scurlock 314.397.2748 Margaret Ann McCabe 314.609-9285



In Memory of Helena C. Anthony Shawn C. Anthony Lloyd Tilghman Francis Tilghman Theresa Tilghman John O. Tilghman Lloyd (chick) Tilghman

In Loving Memory of **Burton & Ruby Woods,** Paul & Victoria Powell, George Powell, Willie Paul Powell, Charles "Bobby" Powell, Elenora Ross, Mattie Toney, Elijah "Joe" Turnage, Equellia Woods, Iola Abney

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In Memoriam

Oliver McCullum Gretchen McCullum Levester McCullum Ruby Williams Willa Mae McFarley Virginia Ann Saunders Raymond Prisby, Sr. Mary Prisby Holliday Gladys Prisby-Ross Raymond Prisby, Jr. Russell E. Prisby Vivian Prisby

In loving memory of Thad Hollie, Jr., Esq.

"Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always abiding in the word of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58

IN MEMORIAM

Deceased Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society @ St. Matthew

Liz Bell **Beatrice Blackshear** Flora Hailey **Henry Brown**

Dorothy Cain Gwendolyn Harris

Leo Glaze **Cloteal Harris**

Mary Hoskins Lillie Johnson **Ernestine Jackson**

Al & Felecia Leake

Ruth Mitchell Jean Smart

Knights of Peter Claver



Father Zimmerman Council 150 Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary St. Matthew Court 150

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For information contact: Isom Williams, Jr. (Knights) Patricia Hughes (Ladies)

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