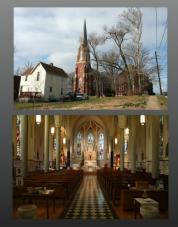
Our Lady of the Holy Cross, St. Augustine, St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist and St. Matthew, the Apostle

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe **November 26, 2023**

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Kenneth Bell Barb Johnson Stephen Belt Simeon Lavne, Jr. Michele Brown Jan Quinn Corliss Cox Desiray Taylor Dionne Flowers Brenda Vanderford Denise Martin Harper Sandra Wilson

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

Parish Offices

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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

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Pastor's Pen

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace to you and peace! I hope your Thanksgiving Day celebrations were blessed and filled with quality time with your loved ones.

I always appreciate how Thanksgiving falls right near the end of the liturgical year. What a fitting way to close out the Church calendar year—giving thanks! As the preface prayers at Mass often say, "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks..." St. Paul, in his First Letter to the Thessalonians, also recognizes the need to give thanks: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus" (5:16-18).

Just recently, I read an article from the Dominican priest, Fr. Peter Cameron, O.P., and he commented how indispensable giving thanks is to being human. He reasons, "A fundamental truth of life is that to be myself I need another. I did not create myself; I do not sustain myself in existence. Someone else did and does. Someone else provides the oxygen, the food, and the water I require to stay alive. It is supremely reasonable to reach out to the Someone in thanks for the countless provisions He effects in my life. The more I confess my thanks to him, acknowledging all he gives me and makes possible for me, the more human I become." Wow... what powerful words! I don't know about you, but those words certainly ring true in my life. The more time I devote to giving thanks, the more life, energy, and joy I seem to experience. Let us, then, not hesitate to offer to God our thanks as we end another liturgical year and look forward to a new beginning with the season of Advent.

Personally, I am incredibly grateful to God for the new parish family I have in all of you! The All Things New transition has certainly brought a lot of challenges, but I've been encouraged and inspired in the way so many—parishioners, staff, clergy—are working together and sacrificing for the common good of us all. Glory to God! It has been and continues to be a privilege to serve this parish family!

Viva Cristo Rey! Long live Christ the King!

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

Liturgy Ministries

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

Saturday Vigil, December 2

4:00 PM

Ushers: Lynn Woolfolk, Bernard Anthony

Lector: Kim Reid

Acolyte: Michael Williams

Sunday, December 3

8:00 AM

Ushers: Luci Rucker

Lector: Michele Brown

Acolyte:

10:00 AM

Ushers: Claire Hay

Lector: Roberta McWoods

Acolyte: Corliss Cox, Venus Spain-Walker











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Prayer

Forgive us, Sovereign King, our sins against you, Jesus, You are a King of Mercy. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We trust in your Great Mercy.

Amen.

Scripture Readings November 26th 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17 **Second: Psalm** Psalms 23: 1-3, 5, 6

Reading II

First Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28

Gospel

Matthew 25: 31-46

November 27th - December 2nd

Monday: Daniel 1: 1-6, 8-20, Daniel 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Luke 21: 1-4

Tuesday: Daniel 2: 31-45, Daniel 3: 57, 58, 59, 60, 61

Luke 21: 5-11

Wednesday: Daniel 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28, Daniel 3:

62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, Luke 21: 12-19

Thursday: Romans 10: 9-18,Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11, Mat-

thew 4: 18-22

Friday: Daniel 7: 2-14, Daniel 3: 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81,

Luke 21: 29-33

Saturday: Daniel 7: 15-27, Daniel 3: 82, 83, 84, 85, 86,

87, Luke 21: 34-36

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:

St. Matthews: Yvonne at stmatthews@sbcglobal.net

St. Augustine: Michele at st.augustine.cc.stl@gmail.com

St. Elizabeth: Lynda at lb9853@swbell.net

Our Lady of the Holy Cross: Lynda at lb9853@swbell.net

CATHOLIC CHARITIES YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 9 7:00-11:00 p.m.

(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.

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 18th & 19th

Our Lady of the Holy Cross

\$ 1,150.00 - General Fund \$ 0.00 - Online Giving

St. Elizabeth, MJB

\$ 2,357.00 - General Fund \$ 0.00 - Online Giving

St. Augustine

\$ 1,264.00 - General Fund \$ 616.00 - Online Giving

St. Matthew the Apostle

\$ 1356.00 - General Fund \$ 275.00 - Online Giving

Jesus make our hearts like yours



PARISH NEWS

FELLOWSHIP AFTER MASS

Sunday, December 3rd, there will be coffee and donuts the following the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the parish hall. Please come to fellowship and meet your fellow parishioners.

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

DAILY MASS DECEMBER

Daily Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the month of December will be held at the St. Augustine Church site, at 12:00 PM.

1371 Hamilton Ave. St. Louis, MO 63112

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

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul in St.

Louis launched its new E-commerce shop. Online sales provide financial support to our area Neighbors In Need (www.ebay.com/str/svdpstl). You can find listings for men's, women's and kid's apparel, specialty sport items, jerseys, and shoes! New items are posted daily. Purchases can be shipped to anywhere in the continental United States. It's a great way to provide help to those in need!

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

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.**



Safe Environment

To report any suspicion of abuse by any Church personnel please contact local law enforcement, or call the Missouri Department of Social Services Child Abuse Neglect Hotline Number: 1-800-392-3738.

In addition, anyone who has knowledge of sexual abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy, an employee or volunteer of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis is urged to call the **Office of Child and Youth Protection at** 314-792-7704. For more information on how the Archdiocese is responding to the current abuse crisis please visit:

https://www.archstl.org/promise.

ADVENT SEASON

Advent season begins **Sunday**, **December 3rd**. This is the beginning of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church. During this time we as Catholics anticipate the arrival or "advent" of Jesus, our long awaited Messiah. Let us celebrate this time with reflection on the virtues of hope, peace, love and joy.



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

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.

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New Parish "Name Proposal"

Saint Mirabilis, the Astonishing Submitted by Celeste Jones (St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist)

"Naming the newly merged Parishes erected through the merger of OLHC (Divine Love), SA (Catholic Faith), SEMJB (Devotion & Charity) and SM (Angels) signifies here what Saint Mirabilis has shown us as parishioners of this newly formed parish... 'We are ready when the unexpected occurs!'

This is our time of resurrection as well to help raise this new parish be full of vigor, stupefy with amazement as we chart this new course together."

"Christina the Astonishing, also known as Christina Mirabilis, was born to a religious family, the youngest of three daughters, in Belgium. After being orphaned at the age of fifteen, she worked taking the herds to pasture. She suffered a massive seizure when she was in her early twenties. Her condition was so severe that witnesses assumed she had died. A funeral was held, but during the service, "she arose full of vigor, stupefying with amazement the whole city, which had witnessed this wonder. She levitated up to



the rafters, later explaining that she could not bear the smell of the sinful people there. Christina is primarily known for her legendary resurrection during her funeral mass, and numerous other miracles attributed to her during her life.

She related that she had witnessed Heaven, Hell and Purgatory. She said that as soon as her soul was separated from her body, angels conducted it to a very gloomy place, entirely filled with souls enduring such torments that it was impossible to describe them. She claimed that she had been offered a choice of either remaining in heaven or returning to earth to perform penance in order to deliver souls from the flames of Purgatory. Christina agreed to return to life and in that instant stood up. She told those around her that she had returned to life for the sole purpose of bringing relief to the departed and conversion to sinners.

Christina renounced all of life's comforts, reduced herself to extreme destitution, dressed in rags, lived without home or hearth, and not content with these privations eagerly sought out all that could cause her suffering. At first, she fled human contact and, suspected of being possessed, was jailed. Upon her release, she took up the practice of extreme penance.

Thomas of Cantimpré, then a canon regular who was a professor of theology, wrote a report eight years after her death, based on the accounts of those who knew her.

The reference was to Cardinal Jacques de Vitry, who met her and recounted that she would throw herself into burning furnaces and there suffer great tortures for extended times, uttering frightful cries, yet coming forth with no sign of burns upon her. In winter she would plunge into the frozen Meuse River for hours and even days and weeks at a time, all the while praying to God and imploring his mercy. She sometimes allowed herself to be carried by the currents downriver to a mill where the wheel 'whirled her round in a manner frightful to behold', yet she never suffered any dislocations or broken bones. She was chased by dogs which bit her.

After being jailed a second time, upon her release she moderated her approach somewhat. Christina died at the Dominican Convent of Saint Catherine in Sint-Truiden, of natural causes, aged 74. The prioress there later testified that, despite her behaviour, Christina would humbly and fully obey any command given her by the prioress.

While for some Christina's *Vita* is an example of credulous medieval superstition, historian Barbara Newman finds that there is reason to understand Christina's behavior in terms of hysteria.

Christina the Astonishing has been recognized as a saint since the 12th century. She was placed in the calendar of the saints by at least two bishops of the Catholic Church in two different centuries that also recognized her life in a religious order and preservation of her relics. The Catholic Church allows and recognizes veneration of saints upheld by the laity; canonization is understood as a re-affirming of the more notable examples of Christian life as mentioned in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and Saint Christina the Astonishing, having early church recognition, is due her title of Saint as stated by the church's Magisterium and sacred tradition.

Veneration of Christina the Astonishing has never been formally approved by the Catholic Church, but there remains a strong devotion to her in her native region of Limburg. Prayers are traditionally said to Christina to seek her intercession for millers, for those suffering from mental illness, and for mental health workers."

Source: Wikipedia

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
		314-531-1937
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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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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

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Be a member of The Holy Name Society

Try to attend Daily Mass

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

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Memorialize a loved one In this space

In Loving Memory of Choi S. Handley

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

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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

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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**

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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)

In Memory of Earl Franklin Johnson, Sr. Earl Franklin Johnson, Jr. **Marian Fleming** John E. Ford. Jr. Ella & Willie Butler **Samuel Sheppard** Marquez Oliver



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