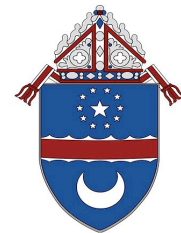




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1 John 4:19

December 27, 2020 ~ Solemnity of the Holy Family

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Pastor: Rev. Keith O'Hare
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Rev. Andrew Haissig

Sunday Mass

7:30am 8:45am
10:30am *Traditional Ad Orientem*
12:30pm

Saturday Mass

8:45am
5:30pm Vigil Mass

Monday-Friday Mass

6:30am 8:45am

Confessions

Mon-Sat: 9:15am
Wednesday: 6:30pm
Saturday: 4:30pm-5:30pm
Sunday: 8:30am-9:15am

Misa en Español

Domingo 3:00pm

Confesiones: Dom. 2:15pm-3:00pm

Grupo de Oración

Sábado 6:30pm

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Mass Every Day
7:00am (Gregorian chant)

Sunday Devotions

Eucharistic Exposition
8:00am - 4:00pm
Rosary 4:00pm
Benediction 4:30pm



Pro Deo et Pro Patria

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Dear Friends,

Happy Feast of the Holy Family! The Sunday after Christmas is specially dedicated to honor the Holy Family and to pray for all families. We are very grateful to the Knights of Columbus for providing the "Consecration to the Holy Family" prayer cards for us today!

The Holy Family is the ONLY perfect family - no other human family is perfect. All of us are sinners and we need God's grace to live as we should as members of our families (as parents, spouses, children, siblings, grandparents, et al). Reflect prayerfully on your vocation as it pertains to your various roles in your family. Ask for the grace to be more faithful and more generous in your family life.

As you prepare to make your "new year's resolutions," give consideration especially to strengthening your life of prayer. A great resolution would be to attend our new "Monthly Evening of Recollection." These will take place on Thursday evenings at 7pm. The first Thursday of the month will be for women; the third Thursday of the month will be for men. If you want to make a new year's resolution that will really impact every area of life, then choose this monthly habit of concentrated prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: *"Whoever is in Christ is a new creation!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17)

See you at the New Year's Masses!

Your Pastor,



Father O'Hare



Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday December 31

9:15am ~ 5pm (Benediction at 4:45pm)

Adore the Lord on the last day of the year!



New Year's
is a Holy Day of Obligation!

Mass for the Solemnity of
Mary, Mother of God:

Thursday Dec 31
6:30pm

Friday Jan 1
8:45am, 10:30am, 12:30pm

Parish Office Closed during the Holidays

Will re-open Monday January 4th

Women's Silent Retreat

with Fr. Donald Haggerty

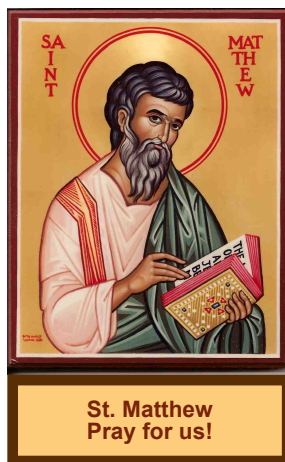
**Registration Opens on
January 1 at 9am**

The annual silent retreat for women with renowned preacher, Fr. Donald Haggerty, priest of the Archdiocese of New York, will be held from March 25-28 at San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA. To learn more or to register go to <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/womensretreat/>

Volunteer as a Money Counter!

The money counting team meets on Friday mornings after the 8:45am Mass.

We have fun! Contact Ignacio in the parish office at admin@saintlouisparish.org



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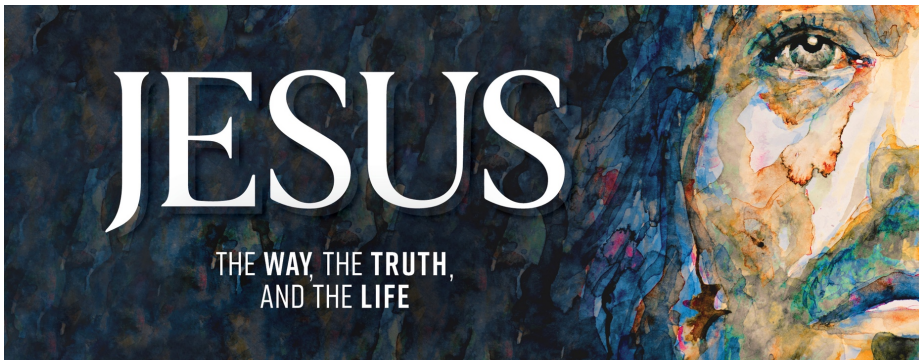
If any of your parish registration details have changed (phone number, address, children living at home, etc.), please contact the parish office by phone or email - admin@saintlouisparish.org.

If you are not currently registered, please register! Registration forms are available in the pamphlet rack in the vestibule of the church.



New Weekly Bible Study!
Sundays after the 8:45am Mass in the Gym

Join our very popular weekly Bible study, led by John and Lina Gray!
Fun, informative, and inspiring!



**Jesus: The Way, the Truth,
and the Life**

Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be? We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for *Jesus: The*

Way, the Truth, and the Life, a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what he means for us as Catholics today. St. Louis will begin the *Jesus* study on January 10th, 2021 in the gym after the 8:45am Mass (coffee and light snacks provided). Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, <https://study.ascensionpress.com/location/alexandria-va-st-louis-church-1> or contact John Gray at 571-229-6453 or johngray91@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!

**Evening of Recollection for Women
1st Thursday of the Month!**

All women are invited to a monthly evening of prayer, confessions, a spiritual talk, Eucharistic Adoration, and social time on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7pm.

See you there! First one will be on February 4, 2021

For info contact the parish office



**Evening of Recollection for Men
3rd Thursday of the Month!**

All men are invited to a monthly evening of prayer, confessions, a spiritual talk, Eucharistic Adoration, and social time on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm.

See you there! First one will be on January 21, 2021

For info contact the parish office





Your Journey Into the Catholic Church Begins Here

RCIA

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All those adults interested in becoming Catholic or those who need one or more sacraments are invited to join us for RCIA classes, beginning in January, 2021. Please contact Lisa Temple at rcia@saintlouisparish.org, or call the parish office at 703-765-4421.

Explanation of the Symbols in our New Parish Logo

Face of Saint Louis IX, King of France: This image is drawn based on the famous statue "Apotheosis of St. Louis"

Fleur de Lis: the three-leaf lily flower in his crown is a symbol of devotion to Mary, which was deep in the life of St. Louis

Crown of Thorns: St. Louis built a church exclusively to house the true relic of the Crown of Thorns

"Tau" Cross: The cross in the form of a Greek letter "T" is the Franciscan style, a reference to St. Louis' devotion to St. Francis of Assisi. St. Louis is co-patron of the Third Order Franciscans.

Pax et Bonum: This Latin phrase means "Peace and Goodwill," and is the customary greeting of Franciscans, the spirituality which inspired St. Louis to love the poor and seek peace

1925: On May 2, 1925, the one-room Groveton Schoolhouse was purchased by the Bishop of the Diocese of Richmond to serve as the Catholic chapel for the growing Catholic community here in Groveton (Alexandria). This chapel became St. Louis Parish in 1949.



New Weekly Latin Mass!

Beginning on January 13, 2021, the Traditional Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form "Low Mass") will be celebrated every Wednesday here at St. Louis Parish at 7:15am. If you've never experienced this form of prayer, you are encouraged to learn about this centuries-long traditional form of liturgy which our favorite saints (like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Therese of Lisieux) attended throughout their lives. To learn more check out this website: <https://catholicgentleman.net/2016/06/lift-hearts-10-tips-newcomers-latin-mass/>



Bilingual parishioners can help the St. Vincent de Paul Society assist more families within our community.

The St. Louis Society of St. Vincent de Paul (StVdP) needs bilingual members who can assist with requests from our Spanish-speaking neighbors. Please consider becoming a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Louis, which provides direct assistance to local families who are struggling to afford food, rent or utilities. For more information about volunteering, contact David Hobart, hobietwo@hotmail.com or Robin Bachman at robin@sudpalexandria.org.



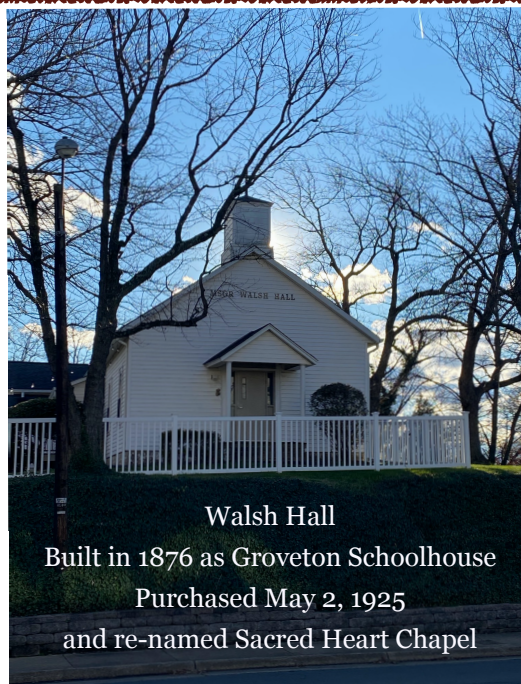
End of Year Donations: IRA Charitable Rollover Gifts

Current law allows individuals age 70½ or older to make tax-free gifts up to \$100,000, from a traditional IRA directly to a parish, school or the Diocese prior to **Dec. 31, 2020**. IRA gifts after Dec. 31st will be counted for 2021.

Recap of an IRA charitable rollover: A donor and a spouse can each make a direct IRA gift if:

1. The donor is age 70½ or older on the day of the gift.
2. The donor transfers up to \$100,000 directly from the donor's IRA to a qualified charity.
3. The gift qualifies as a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and is not subject to income taxes.
4. This applies only to IRAs and not to other retirement plans.
5. The donor does not receive any goods or services in return for the rollover gift.
6. The gift needs to be transacted by Dec. 31, 2020, for the gift to qualify this year.

For questions or a sample letter of instruction for a donor to send to an IRA provider, please contact Gretchen Koch at (703) 841-3819 or gretchen.koch@arlingtondiocese.org or go to <http://www.arlingtondiocese.planmylegacy.org>



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Thank you for your Stewardship!

Together we are stewards of God's gifts, and I want to sincerely commend you for being generous stewards of God's gifts as parishioners here at Saint Louis Parish. Despite the challenges of the past year you have continued to give generously in the weekly collection and in other special collections for the needy. God sees your goodness and will surely reward you!

In the next month you will be receiving a letter of acknowledgment of your financial giving during the year 2020. If you do not receive a letter or find any errors in the letter, please contact the parish office.

Also, please know that in the coming months I will provide you with an update on the need for repairs of our beloved historic Walsh Hall, as well as the cost of a future replacement of our parking lot.



Current photo of interior damage

Walsh Hall roof

Please continue to use Faith Direct and give generously to the parish, knowing that the Parish Finance Council, my finance staff, and I take very seriously our responsibility to be efficient and productive with all of the parish's resources.

**"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10**

Prayer for the Homebound

Lord, you have a special love for those who are weak, infirm, and dependent. Bless the homebound parishioners of our parish as they carry their daily crosses. May our prayers bring them strength and consolation, and the Sacraments sanctify and inspire them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. This week we pray especially for the following homebound parishioners: Nellie Hiebert, Phoebe Ianelli, Katy Jakubowski, Donna Jenkins, Amir Kalil, and Bob Kopaz.



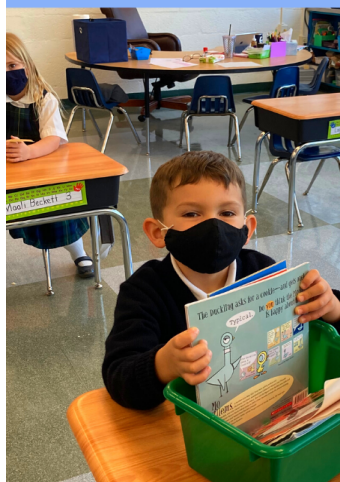
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Monday, December 28

6:30am, NO MASS
7:00am-Poor Clare, Intentions of Allison Clement
8:45am, + Bill Shlesinger

Tuesday, December 29

6:30am, NO MASS
7:00am-Poor Clare, +James Moreland
8:45am, +Les Bowman

Wednesday, December 30

6:30am, NO MASS
7:00am-Poor Clare, Intentions of Jim and Geneva Park
8:45am, +Bill Shlesinger

Thursday, December 31

6:30am, NO MASS
7:00am-Poor Clare, + Alvin Antonio
8:45am, Intentions of Rodger Stoner
6:30pm, +Avelino Cruz

Friday, January, 1

7:00am-Poor Clare, +JoAnne Drabik
8:45am, +Ricardo Catama
10:30am, Intentions of People of St. Louis
12:30pm, +Roman and Crisanta Namata

Saturday, January, 2

7:00am-Poor Clare, +Milagros Cruz
8:45am, +Anne Marie Frigon
5:30pm, Intentions of Susan Owens

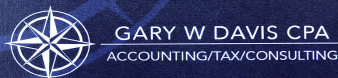
Sunday, January, 3

7:00am-Poor Clare, +Joan Carson
7:30am, +Emilia De Rayo and Mercedita Valenciano
8:45am, +Maria Agustin Bueno
10:30am, Intentions of People of St. Louis
12:30pm, Intentions of Justina Onah and Family
3:00pm, +Joseph Lozovina

**Eternal Rest
Grant Unto Them,
O Lord!**

**Francis O'Hara
Theresa Louise Mulroy
Jerry Bartell**

Monday	Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18	Saturday	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday	Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35		Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Wednesday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40		1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Thursday	Saint Sylvester I, Pope 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18	Sunday	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Friday	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God		



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