



JANUARY 8, 2017 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Call during office hours -
If emergency after hours call, follow prompts to the emergency line

BAPTISM

follow Masses
on the Weekends

Baptismal Class

English - First Saturday
in Grace Hall 9 a.m. – Noon

Spanish – Second Saturday
in Bible Study Room 9a.m. – Noon

MATRIMONY

Contact Priest 6 months prior to the
wedding date

CONFESSION

Thursday
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
(with Adoration until 6:30 p.m.)

Saturday
4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.
(Also by appointment)

FOR HELP WITH ANNULMENTS

Contact: Beverly Dickey
runningranny@hotmail.com

HOLY EUCHARIST

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday - Friday 12:05 p.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses
9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
& 5:00 p.m.
Spanish Mass at 1:30 p.m.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH

(254) 754-1221

Website: www.stlouiswaco.com

Office Hours: Monday - Friday
8:30 am. - 12:30 pm. &
1:30 - 5:00 pm.

***Friday office closes at 4:00 pm.**

ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Liturgical Music

Saturday - Vigil Mass: 5 p.m. & Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m.	
Processional.....	Gather #374
<i>"As With Gladness Men of Old"</i>	
Psalm.....	Missalette p.90 #72
<i>"Lord, Every Nation on Earth Will Adore You"</i>	
Offertory.....	Gather #373
<i>"We Three Kings of Orient Are"</i>	
Communion.....	Gather #830
<i>"One Bread, One Body"</i>	
Recessional	Gather #376
<i>"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"</i>	

Mass Intentions

Sat. Jan. 7	5:00 p.m.	Mildred & Larry Larson
Sun. Jan. 8	9:30 a.m.	Lillian Glockzen
	11:30 a.m.	Jeff Tucker (L)
Spanish Mass	1:30 p.m.	The Parish; Living & Deceased
	5:00 p.m.	Lisa Cofsky
Mon. Jan. 9	8:00 a.m.	Justin Ryan (L)
Tues. Jan. 10	8:00 a.m.	Jeff Tucker (L)
Wed. Jan. 11	8:00 a.m.	Josefina Udell
	12:05 p.m.	Arline Holub
Thurs. Jan. 12	8:00 a.m.	Betty Jackson
	12:00 p.m.	Daniel Harmon
Fri. Jan. 13	8:00 a.m.	Kenneth Love
	12:05 p.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Reardon & Son (L)
Sat. Jan. 14	5:00 p.m.	Jose DeLaGarza
Sun. Jan.15	9:30 a.m.	Annie Holacka
	11:30 a.m.	Frank Scarmardo
Spanish Mass	1:30 p.m.	The Parish; Living & Deceased
	5:00 p.m.	Joe Woycheshin

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29/Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19/Mk 2:13-17

Notes of Special Interest

NEXT WEEKEND, January 14 & 15 we will once again take up a special collection for our Building Fund. There are several much need project around the church that needs our attention. Thank you for your continued support!

2017 COLLECTION ENVELOPES will be available only by contacting us at 754-1221 or stopping by the parish office during regular office hours; Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. or on Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Signing out envelopes is especially important to the families who have children enrolled at St. Louis School and Reicher High School.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTION LETTERS FOR 2016 will be mailed out automatically for contributions of \$250.00 or more by the end of January. Letters for amounts lower than \$250.00 will need to be requested. Contributions toward 2016 may be made through January 15, 2017.

NEWCOMERS - If you are new to our community, please fill out a Parish Registration (Census) form found at each entrance of the church. Just complete and drop in the collection basket or give to one of the Ushers. We welcome you and your family with open arms and warm hearts.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CLASS - Anyone interested in facilitating a Theology of the Body Class please contact Father John at (254) 754-1221.

Parish Events and Meetings

WOMENS' SUPPORT AND PRAYER GROUP will meet **Monday, January 9** . Please consider join us to see what it is all about. Call Sandy at 254-723-4220 for more information.

ST. VERONICAS will sponsor their **monthly pot luck luncheon Thursday, January 12 at 12:30 p.m.** Come enjoy the a good lunch and wonderful fellowship. All are welcome!

TOWN HALL MEETING - Mark your calendars for **Monday, January 23**. We will hold a town hall meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the church. The Parish Council, Parish Finance Committee along with the Priest will be in attendance to answer question, concerns, complaints, take suggestion, etc. This is your chance to have your voice heard. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

AN IDEA FOR A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: Consider joining the Wednesday night Bible Study as we begin a new 10 week study in January; the Jeff Cavin's study on REVELATION. We will meet from 5:30-7:15 pm in Grace Hall in conjunction with the CCE calendar. There will be a short Introductory Meeting On Wednesday evening, January 11th with the first lesson beginning on January 18th. Cost of materials is \$20. For more information or to reserve a spot please contact Diane Schlecte at dschl@swbell.net or 254-776-4241.

Youth Ministry

SLY (St Louis Youth Group) High School 9th - Food Ministry Volunteers needs volunteers to help provide meals for our teens on Sunday evenings at 6pm. If you can help please let Tracy know which date you can cover. We appreciate your help and generosity! God bless! Jan 15,22; Feb 5,12,19,26; Mar 12,19,26; Apr 2, 9, 23, 30. For information contact Tracy Gomez stlouisyouthwaco@mygrande.net 754-1221

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION - Classes will be from 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm at the SLAC **beginning Wednesday, January 11th**. The mandatory retreat will be March 17th - 19th at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet, TX. Confirmation will take place at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 8th. If you are a Reicher student and have not registered, please visit www.slywaco.org/confirmation to download the forms and review the requirements. For more information or questions please contact Tracy Gomez at (254) 754-1221 or stlouisyouthwaco@mygrande.net.

MLK Service Day - Mission Waco will be sponsor a day of education and service on **Monday January 16th**. We will take 11 teens to this event. If you are interested in going please contact Tracy by January 13th. There is no cost for this event.

DCYC - The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference of Austin is January 27-29, 2017. It is open to all teens in 9th - 12th grade. The conference is a weekend full of dynamic speakers, praise and worship, breakout sessions, Adoration, Reconciliation, Mass and a time to share and enjoy your faith with thousands of other teens. This is truly a wonderful weekend. The cost of the conference is \$60 per teen. We would love for are teens to attend with us. Registration is open now through January 1st. Registration forms can be downloaded on our website at www.sly.org or you can come by the Church office or pick them up at youth group or contact Tracy Gomez at stlouistyouthgroup@mygrande.net. Service hours are given to Reicher students that attend with us.

FATHER/DAUGHTER DATE NIGHT - The Youth Group will host their annual Father/Daughter Date Night on **Saturday, February 11th from 6pm to 8pm** at the SLAC. The night will consist of dinner, dancing and pictures. Tickets are \$20 for 2 and \$10 for an additional guest. Tickets can be purchased at the Church office, from a youth member after Mass or at St Louis school. Funds will help our teens going on our Spring Break Mission trip and CHWC.

Community Notes

PRO-LIFE WACO will host its Second Sunday luncheon/meeting this **Sunday, January 8** at the parish hall of St. Mary's Church in Waco. An Italian luncheon will be served throughout the noon hour—adults \$3. Free for children and first-time attendees. For the meeting from 1-2 p.m. the featured speaker will be national pro-life leader and former State Representative Molly White of Belton. For questions, contact John Pisciotta (644-0407 or prolifewaco@gmail.com).

ROSARY PRESENTATION IN WEST - Father Robert Becker will present "The Rosary: History, Theology and Peace" on **Tuesday, January 10** at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary, Church of the Assumption Parish in West. This is a presentation that Father Becker has developed in honor of the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. Materials and rosaries will be available; however, the rosary will not be prayed during the presentation. No registration is required.

RALLY FOR LIFE in Austin is the largest pro-life event of the year for Texas. Thousands march up Congress Ave to the steps of the Capitol for speeches, praise, and music. Waco will hold the largest banner in the march. Two vans will depart Waco at 11:00 a.m. and will return by 5 p.m. **Saturday, January 28**. The vanpool departs from St. Mary's Waco church parking lot. You can take your vehicle or ride in comfort with new pro-life friends at no cost. To reserve a spot on a van, contact John Pisciotta 254-644-0407 or prolifewaco@gmail.com

LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE - Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) is looking for the Longest Married Couple in all parishes. Why? Because WWME for the seventh year in a row is conducting the 2017 Longest Married Couple Project. The Project was created to highlight the value of marriage and to show the world that marriage really can go the distance. If you have been married for 50 years or more, or know a couple who have, please contact your parish with names, wedding date and city of residence. They will submit the information to WWME for nominated to the state and national project or you can go to the www.melmc.com website to see how you can nominate long married couples. What an honor this would be!

DEFENDING THE FAITH CONFERENCE: All adults are invited to join Fr. John this Summer in attending the *Defending the faith Conference* at Franciscan University, July 28th – 30th 2017. There will many speakers like Dr. Scott Hahn and Patrick Madrid. It will be a great weekend. If you are interested please contact Fr. John at 254-754-1221 or visit the website at <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/dfc/>

ALL CLERGY, PAID STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS working with youth and vulnerable adults are required to complete an Application for Ministry and attend an EIM workshop. **The Workshop is required for all new applicants within 60 days application submission and must be retaken every three years. Sign up for an EIM workshop is done on-line through your EIM account. Please contact your parish or Catholic school EIM site administrator if you need assistance.** Log-in to the Diocese; www.austindiocese.org and click on the link in the upper right hand corner called “quick links”.

St. Louis Catholic Church, Waco on January 28 from 10 a.m - 12:15 p.m. in Grace Hall.

Gospel Meditation

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"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." In our day and age, the star of Christmas has become a kind of decorative symbol that adorns manger scenes and Christmas trees. It suggests something good and bright and holy, a visual indicator that the "Light of the world" has appeared. But today, on the feast of the Epiphany, we recall that originally, this star was not just a pretty symbolic ornament. This star was a sign from God that intervened in the operations of the physical universe. The Magi understood that this star was sent from God to indicate where his Son would be born.

Of course it should not surprise us in this season of all seasons that God should choose to order the universe according to his purposes. Jesus has just been born of a virgin! God has just taken on human flesh. These events in themselves are extraordinary divine interventions--miracles that defy the standard operation of things. Why shouldn't God choose to send a luminous star where he wants it, when he wants it? Why shouldn't he reveal his plan through the things that he created in the first place?

The beauty of today's feast is found, in part, in the fact that the Magi were able to recognize this sign from God. They waited for it, they saw it, and they rejoiced in it: "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." We too should be overjoyed in this season of God's special revelation to us. We may need the eyes to recognize it, but truly we have waited for a Savior, we have seen his appearance at Christmas, and now it is time to celebrate! God is at work in our physical world. He has come here, now to save us. This is cause for rejoicing!

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THE ST. LOUIS PASTORAL COUNCIL meets monthly as an advisory group to our pastor. It also seeks consultation from members of the parish on church matters. If you have a question, concern, or compliment about the parish, please contact one of the members of the council. John Connor, Chairman 254-22-4312 stlouiswaco@gmail.com, and members Holly Collins, Raymundo Garcia, Sharon McCarthy, Susanne Nemmer, Jackie Zrubek, Mark Veselka, Maritza Perez and Mike Fulbright.

Collection Report

Weekly Average needed for School & Church.....\$21,500.00
Offering Christmas Weekend.....\$30,993.23

Site Improvement Report

Fund 3 phase project goal..... \$121,300.00
Collected to date.....\$ 35,609.04

Thank you for your generosity!

Electronic giving is available for regular Sunday collections only for more information call (254) 754-1221