

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2024

OLHC



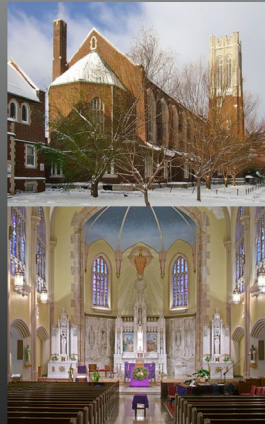
Our Lady of the Holy Cross

SA



St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist
St. Augustine

SEMJB



St. Matthew, the Apostle

SMA



Parish Staff

Parochial Administrator: Father Scott Scheiderer
scottscheiderer@archstl.org

Associate Pastor: Father Arthur Cavitt
cavitt@lwangacenter.org

Priest in Residence: Father Chris Adinuba
Deacon: Edward Grotpeter

Business Manager: Vivian Fox

Secretaries & Child Safety Coordinators:

Lynnda Brand - lb9853@swbell.net

Michele Brown - st.augustine.cc@gmail.com

Yvonne Ward - stmatthews@sbcglobal.net

Music Ministers

Judith Jackson - Jujacardinal137@gmail.com

Simeon Layne - Simeon.a.layne.jr@gmail.com

Michelle Williams - Ministermusic@aol.com

New Parish Transition Team

Kenneth Bell	Barb Johnson
Stephen Belt	Simeon Layne, 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

OLHC - 314-381-0323

www.olhcstl.com

SA - 314-385-1934

www.st.augustine.cc@gmail.com

SEMJB-SMA - 314-531-6443

SMA - 314-531-6443

www.stmatthews@sbcglobal.net

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

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

RECONCILIATION

One (1) hour before Mass and by Appointment

Pastor's Pen

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace! **A blessed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend to you all!** In honor of the life and legacy of Dr. MLK, Jr., we will be offering Masses for the Preservation of Peace and Justice at all our weekend liturgies. Also, **I hope you can join the 48th Annual Archdiocesan Celebration commemorating Dr. MLK, Jr.,** at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, Sunday, 1/14, at 2:30 p.m. I'm thrilled to announce that **one of our youth, Mr. Carl Summers, of the St. Matthew, the Apostle location and Cardinal Ritter College Prep High School will be honored with the "MLK, Jr. Model of Justice Award."** Congratulations, Mr. Carl Summers! We are all so proud of you! And thank you for all you do for our parish! Mr. Carl Summers is a regular lector at our youth Mass celebrated every 4th Sunday of the month.

It really is amazing to consider how much Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., accomplished not only for the Civil Rights Movement but for humanity in general at just 39-years-of-age. **All the Lord needs is an open ear and a willing heart!** How fitting our readings are this weekend as we hear the call of Samuel the prophet in the Temple and his famous response, "Speak, for your servant is listening," as well as the great desire of the Apostles, Andrew and John, to "be with" the Lord. There's no doubt, Dr. MLK, Jr., had that same openness to the inspiration of the Spirit and the same willingness to follow no matter the costs. I pray we as a community of believers can all be filled with such magnanimity, such greatness of soul!

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

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

Saturday Vigil, January 13

4:00 PM

Ushers: Barbara Morrow, Bernard Anthony

Lector: Teresa Scurlock

Acolyte: Kim Reid

Sunday, January 14

8:00 AM

Ushers: Luci Rucker, Linda Hancock-Ross

Lector: Abraham Lopez

Acolyte: Shirley Robinson

EMHC:

10:00 AM

Ushers: Claire Hay, Brenda Busby, Kim James

Lector: Anjanette Clark

Acolyte: Venus Spain

EMHC: Isom Williams (Choir), Terri Grotpeter (Main, check in with Fr. Scott before Mass)

Announcer: Sandra Wilson

Saturday Vigil, January 20

4:00 PM

Ushers: Barbara Morrow, Bernard Anthony

Lector: Brenda Vanderford

Acolyte: Kim Reid

Sunday, January 21

8:00 AM

Ushers: Luci Rucker, Robbie Sanders

Lector: Helen Smith

Acolyte: Pam Mason

EMHC: Shirley Robinson

10:00 AM

Ushers: Claire Hay, Brenda Busby

Lector: Linda M. Ross

Acolyte: Venus Spain, Corliss Cox

EMHC: Teresa Scurlock (Choir), Venous Spain (Main, check in with Fr. Scott before Mass)

Announcer: Michele Brown

FEBRUARY MASS SCHEDULE

All school Mass remains at St. Louis Catholic Academy at 9:00 a.m. on Monday.

Weekday Mass (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday) will be at **St. Augustine at 12:00 noon.**

Weekend Mass (**Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.**) at **Our Lady of the Holy Cross.**

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Scripture Readings

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Reading II

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel

John 1:35-42

January 8-13, 2024

Monday: 1 Samuel 15: 16-23, Psalm 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23, Mark 2: 18-22

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13, Psalm 89: 20, 21-22, 27-28, Mark 2: 23-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51, Psalm 144: 1b, 2, 9-10, Mark 3: 1-6

Thursday: 1 Samuel 18: 6-9, 19: 1-7, Psalm 56: 2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13, Mark 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Samuel 24: 3-21, Psalm 57: 2, 3-4, 6 and 11, Mark 3: 13-19

Saturday: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-37, Psalm 80: 2-3, 5-7, Mark 3: 20-21

January 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, Shirley Carson, Ruby Carter, Mariah Casey, Roger Casey, Harold Cole, Senola Collier, Bernice Culmore, Lily Davis, Rhonda Dorsey, Ethel Franklin, Naomi Gardner, Leodia Gooch, Kenneth Herndon, Gus Hinton, Barbara Ingram, Ricki Kibby, Stanley King, Janie Kirkland, Finley Martin, Elizabeth McFarland, Wendell Scales, Shirley Shelton, Sandra Simmons, Frances Simms, Crystal Small, Doris Smith, Laverna Spinks, 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*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
JANUARY 15 thru JANUARY 21**



Monday, January 15

9:00 a.m. School Mass for MLK, Jr. Observance
Moved to Tuesday, January 16, 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 16

9:00 a.m. **Deacon Mike Patterson**
12:00 p.m. **Angela Brand**

Wednesday, January 17

12:00 p.m. **Patricia McDerby**

Thursday, January 18

12:00 p.m. **Jerry Hall**

Saturday, January 20

4:00 p.m. **Bill Kelly**

Sunday, January 21

8:00 a.m. **John Mulderig**
10:00 a.m. **People of the Parish**

Offertory

January 7, 2024

Our Lady of the Holy Cross

\$ 968.00 Gen. Fund

\$ 300.00 Online

St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist

\$3,310.00 Gen. Fund

\$ 105.00 Online

St. Augustine

\$4,548.02 Gen. Fund

\$ 0.00 Online

St. Matthew, the Apostle

\$ 967.32 Gen. Fund

\$ 0.00 Online

Jesus make our hearts like yours



PARISH NEWS

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

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.

FORMATION OF PARISH MEN'S COUNCIL

ATTENTION—All Men of the Parishes!

If you are interested in forming a Men's Club of the combined parishes, please contact Gerron Houston, (314) 397-3509, or email HoustonGerron@gmail.com. This would be a great opportunity to get to know our parish family, each other and serve our church and community.

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 rectory. It's not too late to join us.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Our music ministry is seeking new members. All ages are welcome for our adult, youth or children's choirs. See any choir member or director for more information. Come join us to make a joyful noise. Those who sing pray twice.



PRE-LENTEN CELEBRATION
FASCHING/MARDI GRAS

Lent is approaching quickly - less than six weeks away. Since Ash Wednesday is February 14, we are planning a pre-Lenten celebration for Sunday, February 11. At this time we are seeking volunteers to help set up, serve, clear tables, clean up, sell tickets, etc. If you are interested in volunteering, there is a sign up sheet in the back of church or you can contact the parish offices. **THANK YOU** in advance for volunteering your services.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION
The Road to Emmaus

Save the date for the parish Day of Reflection, **Saturday February 24th**. The tentative location is Our Lady of the Holy Cross. The time will be announced at a later date. Please reserve this time during Lent to help in the preparation of our body and soul for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord.

Not feeling yourself today?

Not feeling well or maybe you are coughing or sneezing frequently, it is alright to miss Mass when you are not feeling well. Or, you might want to wear a mask until your symptoms subside.

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.



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

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

st.augustine.cc.stl@gmail.com

Announcements must be emailed no later than **close of business on Tuesdays.**



January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE COMMUNITY

TODAY
Dr. Martin Luther King
Commemoration



48th Annual Archdiocesan Celebration on the Holiday Weekend Commemorating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., **Sunday January 14, 2024, at 2:30 PM**, at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. This is inclusive of Mass and the 17th Annual Dr. MLK, Jr. Model of Justice Awards. Mark your calendar!

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Join Christians from many communities in prayer for the greater visible unity of the Body of Christ.



Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski,
Archbishop of St. Louis, Presiding

Bishop Michael Jones, Friendly Temple Baptist Church, Preaching

WHEN:

Sunday, January 21 @ 7 p.m. with a reception to follow

WHERE:

St. John Bosco, 12934 Marine Avenue,
Creve Coeur, MO 63146

Free and open to the public.

CATHEDRAL CONCERTS
NORTH CITY DEANERY CHOIR

An evening of moving spiritual and gospel music performed by the North City Deanery Choir, Simeon A. Layne, Jr, Director. **Friday, February 2, 2024 at 8:00 P.M.** The Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd.. The concert is free to the public.

BE NOT AFRAID

We are so excited about the 2024 Catholic Men For Christ Conference: "Be Not Afraid".

We have a dynamic lineup of nationally recognized speakers to help us live our Conference theme based on Isaiah 43:1, *"But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, Jacob, and formed you, Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine."*

The event will be held at the Si Commons at St. Louis University High School on Saturday, February 17, 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration is \$40.

You can register online at www.catholicmenforchrist.org.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES



As we continue our transition through the All Things New Process and continuing our operation remotely, the Center continues to lift each of you and our parishes in prayer. As part of our adaptation, the Center's Bible Study resumed with our exploration of and prayer with "The Book of Isaiah" on Wednesdays, **1:00 p.m.**, St. Nicholas Church site of St. Josephine Bakhita Parish, located at 701 N. 18th St., St. Louis, MO 63103. Noon Mass precedes the session. You are welcome to join us for the liturgy. Please bring a Bible, New American Edition preferred. There is no charge for the sessions. Free will offerings are welcome. If additional information is needed, please call the St. Nicholas phone line at 314-231-2860, ext. 24.

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.

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

NEW PARISH "NAME PROPOSAL"

**The Uganda Martyrs
(Submitted by Corliss Cox)**

In 1886, a tragic event unfolded in Uganda that would forever be remembered as the martyrdom of the 22 Uganda Martyrs. Many of these young men had been led and converted to Catholicism by Charles Lwanga. Along with other members of the royal court, these young men were executed under the orders of King Mwanga. The executions were a result of the refusal to yield to the king's religious demands. It is believed that the king perceived this as insubordination and feared the strength and power that they held because of their Catholic beliefs.

The reasons behind the executions are multifold. One significant reason was the opposition of the young Christians to the political agenda of the senior members of a court. These Christians saw the political agenda as going against their Catholic beliefs. The refusal to conform to the establish norms and beliefs of the ruling class challenged King Mwanga and threatened the stability of his reign. Another disturbing reason for the executions, was the martyrs refusal to comply with the king's demand to engage in sexual activities with members of his court. The king saw this as a way to assert dominance and control over his subjects. However, the young Christians guided by their religious conviction stood firm in their refusal to participate in such acts.

The martyrdom of the 22 Uganda Martyrs serves as a powerful testament to their unwavering faith and commitment to their Catholic beliefs, even in the face of extreme persecution. On June 6, 1920, Pope Benedict XV beatified Charles Lwanga, Matiya Mulamba and the 20 other young Uganda Martyrs. Pope Paul VI canonized them on October 18, 1964. Their sacrifice and courage continues to inspire and resonate with people around the world, reminding us of the importance of religious freedom and the pursuit of justice.

A decision to honor the Uganda Martyrs should be seen as a testament to the universal message of faith, sacrifice, and an inspiration that transcends any specific ethnic or racial group. This name for our new parish celebrating the Uganda Martyrs, who came from many different tribes, but were united in one faith, can serve as a bridge between different cultures and communities within the parish. By celebrating the Uganda Martyrs, the parish can promote unity and encourage dialogue among its parishioners, fostering a stronger sense of community.

The Uganda Martyrs can also be an inspiration to all of the parishioners, especially the youth. The name will be a constant reminder of the incredible strength and devotion displayed by these young men and serves as an inspiration for all, motivating us to live out our lives with a similar conviction and dedication.



Basilica of the Uganda Martyrs
Namugongo

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

St. Vincent DePaul Society	8115 Church Rd. 1371 Hamilton Ave. 2715 North Sarah Street 4746 Carter Ave.	314-381-0323 314-289-6101 ext 1134 314-289-6101 ext 1169 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
Northside Community Housing	4067 Lincoln Ave.	314-534-5400
Child & Family Empowerment Center, Inc.	4145 Kennerly Ave.	314-449-1333
Unfailing Love Christian Church-Food Pantry	4068 Maffitt Ave.	314-371-1057
St. Louis Catholic Academy	4720 Carter Ave.	314-389-0401
St. Charles Lwanga Center	4746 Carter Ave.	314-231-2860 ext 24



Habitat for Neighborhood Business
We support existing and aspiring entrepreneurs and others who share our mission to increase commercial investment in under-served neighborhoods.

Contact Gladys Smith, Program Administrator, at 314-977-3625.

“Strengthening Neighborhood Businesses”

IN REMEMBRANCE
Patrick W. Rush
Patricia Rush
Barrington Gates
Patricia Crawford
Katherine Brewster
Lena Brewster Kennon
Inez Brewster McClinton

IN LOVING MEMORY

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

<p>In Loving Memory of Leroy & Maudesta Gougisha Jerone "Ronnie" Gougisha Janet Gougisha Joshua Johnson</p>	 <p>In Loving Memory of James & Margaret Bland Theresa Frisch-Gordon</p> <hr/> <p>Beloved Father & Mother and Grandmother</p>	<p><i>In Memory of</i> Mrs. Angela Akunmo <i>(née Ezepue)</i></p> <p><i>May her soul Rest in Peace.</i> Amen</p>
--	---	---

<p><i>In Loving Memory of</i> Stanley & Clayton Rice Ernest & Lucinda Rice John & Mary Briggs Clayton & Althlee Williams Harrison York Smith, II</p>	 <p>Be a member of The Holy Name Society</p> <hr/> <p>Try to attend Daily Mass</p>	<p>In Beloved Memory of Carl Jacob Westfall Carl Lewis Westfall Sophia Alexander Westfall Ann A. Parker William "Beanie" Westfall</p>
---	---	--

<p>In Memory of Beulah & Walter McPherson Mildred & Barney Simms And Other Family Members</p>	<p><i>Memorialize a loved one</i> <i>In this space</i></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of Choi S. Handley</p> <p>(wife, mother, daughter, sister)</p>
--	---	---

<p>In Loving Memory of of Ida Collins Lindell Collins Sr. Lindell Collins Jr. Ernest Collins Albert Mason Jr. William Collins Sr. Doris Mason</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of Jannia Fields Vivian Kirksey Henry Frank Clay, Jr. Henrietta Clay</p>	<p>Is Stephens Ministry for you? Contact Teresa Scurlock 314.397.2748 Margaret Ann McCabe 314.609-9285</p>
---	---	---


 <p>In Memory of Helena C. Anthony Shawn C. Anthony Lloyd Tilghman Francis Tilghman Theresa Tilghman John O. Tilghman Lloyd (chick) Tilghman</p>	<p>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, lola Abney</p>	<p><i>Memorialize a loved one</i> <i>In this space</i></p>
---	--	---

<p>In Memoriam Oliver McCullum Raymond Prisby, Sr. Gretchen McCullum Mary Prisby Holliday Levester McCullum Gladys Prisby-Ross Ruby Williams Raymond Prisby, Jr. Willa Mae McFarley Russell E. Prisby Virginia Ann Saunders Vivian Prisby</p>	<p><i>In loving memory of Thad Hollie, Jr., Esq.</i> <i>"Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable,</i> <i>always abiding in the word of the Lord, because you</i> <i>know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."</i> 1 Corinthians 15:58</p>
--	---


IN MEMORIAM

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

Liz Bell	Leo Glaze	Mary Hoskins	Ruth Mitchell
Beatrice Blackshear	Flora Hailey	Lillie Johnson	Jean Short
Henry Brown	Cloteal Harris	Ernestine Jackson	
Dorothy Cain	Gwendolyn Harris	Al & Felecia Leake	




Knights of Peter Claver
Father Zimmerman Council 150



Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary
St. Matthew Court 150

SPREADING EVANGELIZATION SINCE 1909
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



Be a member of
St. Ann Sodality

Attend Mass regularly
Meetings every 3rd Sunday

Please support the businesses and pray for the people that sponsor these ads. They make our bulletins possible!