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SUNDAY MASS:6:45, 8:00 & 11:30 a.m.

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Monday and Friday12:15 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday7:00 a.m.
Wednesday6:30 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY:

First Friday of each month.....7:00 p.m.
First Saturday of each month.....8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Monday11:00 a.m. -- Noon
Wednesday5:00 p.m. -- 6:00 p.m.
Friday11:00 a.m. -- Noon

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2020

FROM THE RECTOR – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

In a reflection I was reading regarding our Gospel for today it concluded with the simple phrase: Charity is the key which opens us to heaven. How easy it is sometimes to neglect the practice of charity in all of its forms, but especially as our Gospel reminds us through our care and concern for those less fortunate than ourselves. None of us is able to solve the world’s problems; however, we can respond to those around us who might be in need. The decision to assist us and how to assist should be prudent and always made in conversation with the Lord. This is why our daily prayer lives are so important. We must learn to listen to the Lord and allow these constant conversations with Him to determine the direction of our lives. It also must be remembered that our charity is not limited to what we can give but must also be manifested in our willingness to love neighbors, enemies and strangers alike. It is often forgotten that our citizenship is heaven and our desire should be salvation. Let us strive to live Christian charity for the sake of others but also for our journey to heaven.

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CONGRATULATIONS

The Oratory offers heartfelt congratulations to our young people who were recently confirmed and received their First Holy Eucharist. May God continue to bless and strengthen them.

- Annarose Catherine (St. Kateri Tekawitha) Colton
- Anastasia Kate (St. Maria Goretti) Filla
- Gianna Therese (Blessed Virgin Mary) Kelly
- Mariana Rita Gerard (St. Elizabeth of Hungary) Petrick
- Kateri Victoria (St. Barbara) Stein
- Isabella Marie (St. Cecilia) Streiler
- Catherine Jane (St. Cecilia) Turntine
- Mary Helen (St. Gianna Molla) Valenza
- Ava Clara (St. Therese of Lisieux) Wisniewski
- Simon Paul (Blessed Virgin Mary) Wisniewski

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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF BVM

For the Solemnity of the Assumption (Saturday, 15 August 2020), Solemn High Mass will be celebrated at 8 am with confessions from 7:00 to 7:45 am. Please join us in celebrating the gift of the Blessed Mother in the life of the Church.

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CELEBRATION OF ST. LOUIS, KING OF FRANCE

The Feast of St. Louis, King of France is celebrated on 25 August which is a Tuesday this year. Given that he is the patron of the Archdiocese along with the desire on the part of some members of the community to discredit and dishonor him, this year we will give even more attention to our celebration of this great saint of Holy Mother Church.

On Monday, 24 August 2020 beginning at 4:30 pm we will have Eucharistic Adoration; at 5:15 pm we will celebrate Sung Vespers; at 6:00 pm we will conclude with Benediction. This schedule allows those who want to make their way to the Statue of St. Louis in Forest Park for the Rosary at 6:30 pm.

On Tuesday, 25 August 2020, we will have our normal 7:00 am Holy Mass; in addition, we will celebrate High Mass at 12:15; the day will conclude with Adoration at 4 pm until 5 pm Benediction and then a procession from the Oratory to the Statue of St. Louis in Forest Park (approx. 1.9 mi.) for the rosary at 6:30 pm.

I would strongly encourage everyone to make an effort to be a part of all or some of these liturgical opportunities.

Schedule for 24 and 25 August 2020

AUGUST 24

- 4:30 pm: Eucharistic Adoration
- 5:15 pm: First Solemn Vespers of St. Louis and Benediction
- 6:30 pm: Art Hill - St. Louis Forever Rosary

AUGUST 25

- 12:15 pm: High Mass

- 4:00 pm: Eucharistic Adoration
- 5:00 pm: Procession from Church to Art Hill (1.9 miles)
- 6:30 pm: Art Hill - St. Louis Forever Rosary

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GREGORIAN MASSES

The practice of Gregorian Masses is an ancient tradition in which it is held in faith that a continuous series of thirty Masses would release the soul of a deceased person from the punishments of Purgatory. The Gregorian Masses for the month of August are being offered for Alex A. & Rita O. Okwuashi. Two of their children are parishioners here at the Oratory. Please join me in praying for the repose of their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed.

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IN GRATITUDE

I want to thank everyone for the prayers during my recent knee surgery. Thanks also to all who brought food and made sure I had all the things I needed. I am most grateful to the whole Oratory for their solicitude and concern for the Rector. All is going well, and I am making the progress that is expected. This time of recovery has revealed to me yet again how blessed I am truly am to serve as your rector. Each of you through your generosity, your prayerful witness and love of Holy Mother Church make me a better priest. Please know, even if I at times fail to express it, how dear each of you is to me. You are always in my daily prayers. Thank You!

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UPCOMING PROJECTS (update)

At present, work is complete on the breezeway between the Rectory and the Sacristy. Work has been done on the 3rd floor of the school to provide more learning space and to make the general ambience more hospitable.

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CHURCH KNEELERS

As many of you may be aware, many of the kneelers in the Church are in need of repair because they are cracked and/or the padding as worn out. We have secured a bid for this project and are planning on proceeding with replacing all the kneelers in the Church. The cost of replacing all the kneelers is \$20,000.00. We are blessed with the financial resources to complete this project; however, if you are able and willing to contribute to this project to offset some of the cost, please contact the Rector by email: msgrmorris@gmail.com. In advance, thank you for your generosity.

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JUVENTUTEM

Juventutem will be assisting the Oratory with Sung Mass each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm. I am grateful to *Juventutem* for choosing the Oratory and encourage all those who are able to attend. Please encourage others to join you for Holy Mass. For more information on *Juventutem*, please see their Facebook page: [Facebook.com/JuventutemSTL](https://www.facebook.com/JuventutemSTL).

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CELEBRATIONS OF 1ST CLASS FEASTS

In order to enrich our spiritual and liturgical life here at the Oratory, going forward we will be celebrating 1st Class Feasts and other major feast days with High (Sung) Masses. These Holy Masses will be in addition to our regular schedule of daily Masses. Please check the **Upcoming Events** section of the bulletin for times for these events. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE

7/12 - 7/19 Kelly	7/19 - 7/26 Wisniewski
7/26 - 8/2 Jones	8/2 - 8/9 Armstrong
8/9 - 8/16 Carapella	8/16 - 8/23 Cook
8/23 - 8/30 Hayward	8/30 - 9/6 Fowler
9/6 - 9/13 Houlard	9/13 - 9/20 Catalano
9/20 - 9/27 Kenney	9/27 - 10/4 Raymond
10/4 - 10/11 Flannigan	10/11 - 10/18 Gelhot
10/18 - 10/25 Horan	10/25 - 11/1 Schuette
11/1 - 11/8 Filla	11/8 – 11/15 Petrick
11/15 – 11/22 Stein	

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BULLETIN ASSISTANCE

We are still in need of advertisers for the back of the bulletin. If you have your own business or are aware of someone who would be willing to advertise their business in our bulletin, please contact the rectory. I also want to thank those who currently advertise in the bulletin and thank them for their generosity.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 27 July – *Feria*
12:15 pm: James (Jim) Unger

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Tuesday, 28 July – *Ss. Nazarius & Celsus, Victor, Innocent I*
7:00 am: Alan Zimmermann
Wednesday, 29 July – *St. Martha, Virgin*
6:30 pm: Alan Zimmermann

Thursday, 30 July – *Feria*
7:00 am: Alan Zimmermann

Friday, 31 July – *St. Ignatius of Loyola*
12:15 pm: Charles Hill

Saturday, 1 August – Immaculate Heart of Mary
8:00 am: Alex A. & Rita O. Okwuashi

Sunday, 2 August – *9th Sunday after Pentecost*
6:45 am: Pro Populo
8:00 am: Alex A. & Rita O. Okwuashi
11:30 am: Charles Hill

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SERVERS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JULY 26 – 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
6:45am Low Mass

- Acolyte(s): Steven Gilroy

8:00am Low Mass

- Acolyte(s): Gregory Grizzle

11:30am High Mass

- Master of Ceremonies: Cameron Ackerman
- Thurifer: Ryan Lavery
- Acolyte 1: Philip Petrick
- Acolyte 2: Sebastian Filla
- Crucifer: Austin Jackson
- Choir Master of Ceremonies: Matt Menendez
- Torchbearers: Sebastian Petrick, Damian Filla

~ 07/19/2020 ~

	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 4,011.25
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Total	\$ 5,008.10
Year to Date Total	\$ 23,892.31

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