THE ORATORY OF SAINTS

# GREGORY & QUGUSTINE



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# Welcome to the Oratory of Saints Gregory and Augustine

The Oratory of Saints Gregory and Augustine is pleased to welcome you. We are an apostolate of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis faithful to the teachings of the Church and striving to grow as a family of faith through the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass and other Sacraments.

In the First Book of *The Confessions*, the other great St. Augustine (of Hippo) wrote the following: "Thou hast made us for Thyself and our hearts are restless until they find rest in Thee." Whether you are curious about the traditional Latin Mass and interested in exploring its beauty, searching for a parish community where you and your family will feel at home, or seeking rest for your heart, we hope that the Oratory of Saints Gregory and Augustine can provide that respite for you.

Our bulletin serves to provide information about the weekly activities occurring here at the Oratory. Along with our website (<a href="www.stlouislatinmass.com">www.stlouislatinmass.com</a>), the bulletin is your point of contact with the ever-increasing activities at the Oratory. I hope this will give you some sense of the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. I am delighted that God has brought you here! **Oremus pro invicem!** ~ The Very Reverend Monsignor C. Eugene Morris, Rector

#### MASS AND SACRAMENTS

#### **Sunday Masses**

- 6:30 am (Low Mass)
- 8:00 am (Low Mass)
- 10:00 am (High Mass)

## Weekday Masses

- Monday thru Friday: 6:30 am & 12:15 pm
- First Friday: 6:30 pm
- Saturday: 8:15 am

#### Confession

- Sunday: 7:30 am 10:30 am
- Monday thru Friday: 11:00 am 12:00 pm
- Wednesday: 5:00 pm 6:00 pm
- First Friday: 5:00 pm 6:00 pm
- Saturday: 7:00 am 8:00 am

#### Adoration

• Wednesday: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

#### **Divine Office**

- Sunday: Prime @ 7:20 am; Terce @ 9:40 am; Vespers @ 2:30 pm
- Monday: Vespers @ 6 pm; Compline @ 6:30 pm
- Tuesday & Thursday: Compline @ 6:30 pm
- Wednesday: Vespers @ 6 pm; Compline @ 6:30 pm

Infant Baptism – Baptisms are normally scheduled on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month beginning at 10:00 am. Families expecting newborns and anticipating that they will be baptized here at the Oratory should schedule their baptism at the earliest convenience by contacting the Oratory office.

Adult Baptism – If you are interested in becoming Catholic or if you are an adult Catholic not yet confirmed, please contact the Oratory office for more information about adult catechesis.

**Matrimony** – Please contact the Oratory office at least six months prior to the desired date for the rite of marriage. The date is reserved after consultation and confirmation from the Rector of the Oratory.

Extreme Unction/Visitation of the Sick – Contact the Oratory to arrange the sacrament either at home or in the hospital.

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## The Holy Innocents

#### FROM THE RECTOR

Today's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Innocents requires a lively faith and a profound hope because the juxtaposition of Christmas joy with the sacrifice of Innocents can be an overwhelming reconciliation. This natural tension between the joy of Christmas and the sacrifice of the young babes can only be reconciled by faith in the Christ child who is among us. The words of Saint Matthew's Gospel are vivid as he plainly sets forth the hatred, jealousy and fear of Herod who believes the Magi and his chief priests that there is a new king to rival his authority. Sadly, Herod's hardness of heart makes it impossible for him to understand the true gift that has been given: salvation has come to his house, but he fails to recognize the messianic fulfillment taking place in his midst. We, however, know that Christ, our King, has come to bring life to the world and peace to all men. We share in the sad laments of the mothers witnessing the death of their children but rejoice in their sacrifice as they give their lives to witness to the truth of the King of Kings. Let us continue to contemplate the joys of the Christ-Child committing ourselves to die in His name that we might share in His glory!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Sunday, 28 December:

- Prime @ 7:20 am
- Confessions @ 7:30 am
- Terce @ 9:40 am
- Coffee Hour @ 11:30 am
- Vespers @ 2:30 pm
- Compline @ 6:30 pm

## Monday, 29 December: OFFICES CLOSED

- Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Compline @ 6:30 pm

#### Tuesday, 30 December: OFFICES CLOSED

- Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Compline @ 6:30 pm
- Choir practice @ 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday, 31 December: OFFICES CLOSED

- Adoration/Confessions @ 5:00 pm
- Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Compline @ 6:30 pm

#### Thursday, 1 January 2026: OFFICES CLOSED

- Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Compline @ 6:30 pm

## Friday, 2 January: OFFICES CLOSED

- FIRST FRIDAY
- Church Cleaning @ 1:30 pm
- Confessions @ 5:00 pm
- Holy Mass @ 6:30 pm
- Vita Communis Gathering @ 7:30 pm

#### Saturday, 3 January:

- FIRST SATURDAY
- Almonry Meeting @ 9:00 am

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#### **PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2025-2026**

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12/28-01/04 Kenney	01/04-01/11 Raymond	
01/11-01/18 Hayes	01/18-01/25 Schuette	
01/25-02/01 Filla	02/01-02/08 Petrick	
02/08-02/15 D'Cunha	02/15-02/22 Alexander	
02/22-03/01 Stolarski	03/01-03/08 Henry	
03/08-03/15 Santschi	03/15-03/22 Kiser	

#### 03/22-03/29 Agnew 03/29-04/05 Buyle 04/05-04/12 Leljedal 04/12-04/19 Grizzle 04/19-04/26 Turntine 04/26-05/03 Haulard 05/03-05/10 Kelly 05/10-05/17 Jones 05/17-05/24 Holman 05/24-05/31 Carapella 05/31-06/07 Cook 06/07-06/14 Hayward 06/14-06/21 Joseph 06/21-06/28 Blum 06/28-07/05 Wisniewski 07/05-07/12 Catalano 07/12-07/19 Kenney 07/19-07/26 Raymond 08/02-08/09 Schuette 07/26-08/02 Hayes 08/09-08/16 Filla 08/16-08/23 Petrick

Drop off and pick up the statue in the vestibule (back of church). Place the statue bag on the floor to left of the Oratory table. To join or to quit the schedule contact Sharon Alexander saalexa@sbcglobal.net

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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, 29 December - St. Thomas Beckett

6:30 am: John Mendel (d)

12:15 pm: Eric "Bill" Friedrich (d)

#### Tuesday, 30 December - Sunday-Octave of Christmas

6:30 am: Br. Macarius of Jesus Christ Crucified

12:15 pm: Matthew Keys (d)

Wednesday, 31 December - St. Sylvester

6:30 am: John Mendel (d) 12:15 pm: Matthew Keys (d)

#### Thursday, 1 January – The Circumcision of the Lord

6:30 am: Pro Populo 12:15 pm: Shane Kiser (d)

## Friday, 2 January – Octave of St. Stephen

6:30 am: Donna Kallal (d) 12:15 pm: Donna Mueller 6:30 pm: Mary Knollmeyer (d)

#### Saturday, 3 January - Octave of St. John the Apostle

8:15 am: John Mendel (d)

#### Sunday, 4 January - Holy Name of Jesus

6:30 am: Pro populo 8:00 am: Mark Schilling (d) 10:00 am: Charlie Kirk (d)

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## FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Starting on Friday, 2 January 2026, there will be First Friday Eucharistic Adoration at the Oratory from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm. Adoration will take place every First Friday afternoon to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Faithful are needed to adopt an hour of adoration to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone. To sign up for an hour, please email Anthony Jones at events@oratorysga.org.

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#### COAT DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations of coats for local kids from the month of December through 1 February 2026. Please deposit coats in the large box in the vestibule and contact Jack Ryan with any questions: imryan2023@gmail.com or 314-677-7754

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#### THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to our OSGA families of the homeschool co-op, our OSGA young adult group, Vita Communis, and our parish family for all of the responses for our advent blessing bags for Birthright in Hillsboro.

We were able to provide over 30 bags for moms including a small gift and some chocolates; 35 baby gifts including an outfit and a gift; 28 "baby showers in a basket"; and 10 boxes and packages of diapers and wipes. Our children had a gathering event in which they were able to assemble these bags, perform some beautiful advent music to each other, and have some fun family time. A huge gratitude of thanks to our young adult group, Vita Communis for adding to these gifts and transporting them to Birthright for us.

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#### ST. JOHN'S DAY WINE BLESSING

St. John, the Beloved Apostle, was once given poisoned wine by his enemies. After blessing the wine, he was able to drink it unharmed. From this event, the Church developed the pious custom of blessing wine on the Feast of St. John. To receive the St. John blessing for your wine, please attend St. John's Mass on Saturday, 27 December at 8:15 am and place your bottle near the St. Joseph Altar NO LATER than 8:00 am. Please be sure to label your bottle with your name.

At least some of the wine blessed on the feast should be enjoyed on the day of the feast itself. When it is drunk on his feast day, we drink it before dinner as a toast to St. John. The father of the house lifts his glass toward mother and says, "I drink you the love of St. John." The mother replies "I thank you for the love of St. John" and then turns to the oldest child, lifts her glass, and says, "I drink you the love of St. John..." —and on it goes down the line until each has been toasted. Source: Mater Dei Catholic Parish

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#### **NEW YEAR'S DAY & EPHIPHANY SCHEDULE**

January 1 (REGULAR SCHEDULE): 6:30 am Holy Mass and 12:15 pm Holy Mass (with confessions at 11:00 am)

## January 5 (REGULAR SCHEDULE):

6:30 am Holy Mass and 12:15 pm Holy Mass (with confessions at 11:00 am): High Mass and Blessing of Epiphany water, salt, and chalk.

January 6 (REGULAR SCHEDULE):

6:30 am Holy Mass and 12:15 pm Holy Mass (with confessions at 11:00 am)

Epiphany water, salt, and chalk will be available for people to take.

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#### CANTORES SANCTI LUDOVICI ADVENT FUNDRAISER

Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, the Cantores Sancti Ludovici will host a fundraiser to support its mission of promoting the traditional liturgical life of the Church at the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine and beyond. Our goal is to raise \$15,000. God bless your generosity!

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#### DRINK BREVIARY COFFEE & SUPPORT THE ORATORY

Breviary Coffee is for sale at all coffee hours. Our coffee is locally roasted specifically for us in small batches from a single-origin, fair trade source and makes for a great Christmas gift for family and friends. 100% of the profits go to support the Oratory and fund our coffee hours. If you would like to purchase a 1-lb bag, the cost is \$16 and our coffee hour volunteers will be happy to assist you with the purchase. We can sell both ground and whole-bean. The roast is a medium-light roast and the cup of coffee that results is well-balanced and easy to drink, with notes of citrus but still sweet with a clean taste.

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#### CHRISTMAS CELELBRATION

For the celebration of the Lord's Birth on Christmas Day, the Oratory will have the opportunity to celebrate three Sung Masses. The principal Holy Mass will be at Midnight. This will be Solemn High Mass assisted by our choir. On Christmas morning, Holy Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 am and 8:00 am. There are NO CONFESSIONS on Christmas day.

## PLANNING AHEAD: OFFICES CLOSED

The offices of the Oratory will be closed starting on 23 December 2025 and will return to normal business hours on Monday, 5 January 2026. In advance, blessings to everyone on the upcoming Holy Days.

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#### BULLETIN \*\*EARLY DEADLINES\*\*

Due to Advent, Christmas, and New Year's – all bulletins, through the first Sunday of January, are due very early. If you would like to submit something for the bulletin it must be received via email no later than two weeks prior to the bulletin date. Please email the office with any questions.

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#### YEAR-END UPDATES

If you are currently enrolled in online giving, there is no need to do anything to continue your contributions for 2026. You can make modifications to your account at any time; if you do nothing, your current elections will continue. If you are still receiving envelopes and you are enrolled in online giving, please email Donna (office@oratorysga.org) to have the envelopes discontinued ~ it helps the Oratory save costs. If you are not enrolled in online giving...you can join at any time! All contributions must be made by Wednesday, 31 December in order to be included in your 2025 contribution statement. Thank you!

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#### **ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS**

Annual Giving statements will be available beginning Sunday, 18 January 2026. You will find your statement in the boxes on the back table in the Church vestibule. Please notify the office (via email please) immediately if any changes to your contact information need to be made regarding your name or address. This is also an opportunity to notify the office with any changes to phone number, cell number or email address. Again, please make every effort to notify the office of these changes through email. Our email address is office@oratorysga.org. In advance thank you for your generosity and attentiveness to these details.

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#### **ESTATE PLANNING WITH THE ORATORY**

Have you prayerfully considered including The Oratory of Saints Gregory & Augustine in your will or estate plan? You can name the Oratory as a beneficiary of a gift, such as a bequest in your will, or a beneficiary on an IRA or life-insurance policy. Any amount helps the Oratory continue its mission of traditional worship and care for souls. Talk with your attorney or financial advisor for more details.

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#### **CONSIDER AN IRA GIFT TO THE ORATORY IN 2025**

If you are 70½ or older, you can make a gift to the Oratory of Saints Gregory & Augustine directly from your traditional IRA. This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). In 2025, you can give up to \$108,000 per person tax-free to qualified charities. Married couples with separate IRAs can each give up to \$108,000. A QCD may lower your taxes and it counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution once you are required to take one (generally starting at age 73). To do this, ask your IRA provider to send the gift directly to the Oratory. Please consult your tax advisor for more details.

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Electronic giving offers a secure and convenient way to support the Oratory's mission of prayer, sacramental life, and service. Benefits include:

- Consistent support even when you are traveling or cannot attend Mass.
- Easy setup for one-time or recurring gifts; change or pause at anytime.
- Secure processing with instant confirmation.
- Fewer envelopes and checks to manage.

Visit our parish giving page at <a href="https://www.osvhub.com/st-louis-latin-mass">https://www.osvhub.com/st-louis-latin-mass</a> to sign up for electronic giving. Please email the office at <a href="https://www.osvhub.com/st-louis-latin-mass">office@oratorysga.org</a> if you have any questions.

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#### A STORY ABOUT OUR BELL

Christians and secularists alike take for granted the presence of bells in old church bell towers. The Church's use of large bells to summon the faithful to prayer stretches back to the roots of monasticism in third century A.D. However, what many do not know is that bells are not simply a nostalgic remnant from a bygone era, but living sacramentals which bear an important role in spiritual warfare and the sanctification of the world around us.

The blessing of church bells, so sacramentally rich it is often called a Baptism, began as early as the 11<sup>th</sup> century. At a bell's Baptism, which may only be performed by a bishop, it is washed with Holy Water, anointed inside and out with both Chrism and the Oil of the Sick, incensed, and prayed over with the solemn words:

Let the people's faith and piety wax stronger whenever they hear its melodious peals. At its sound let all evil spirits be driven afar; let thunder and lightning, hail and storm be banished; let the power of your hand put down the evil powers of the air, causing them to tremble at the sound of this bell, and to flee at the sight of the holy cross engraved thereon ... when the peal of this bell resounds in the clouds may a legion of angels stand watch over the assembly of your Church, the first-fruits of the faithful, and afford your ever-abiding protection to them in body and spirit.

Thus, even though we do not see our bell up in the tower here at the Oratory, we can be sure that its peals have true spiritual power against the forces of darkness which we see running rampant even here in the very neighborhood of the church.

After spring rains damaged the electrical system which previously rang the Oratory bell, a team of Oratory members conducted a brief study on how to make our bell ring once again. They determined that the simplest solution was also the most traditional - to restore the bell's manual pull-rope system which had been abandoned sometime in the '60s. The original weathered old rope and great wooden wheel still rest in the corner of the bell tower amidst decades' accumulation of pigeon and squirrel bones.

Now, about fifty feet of new rope runs from the bell's current iron wheel through special holes in the bell tower's two tall stories straight into the side choir loft where it is accessible to the altar boy tasked with the porter's duty of ringing the bell. Manual ringing by rope not only allows the bell to swing as it was designed even as far as 360 degrees around its cradle and thus produce a more beautiful sound, it also bears a greater spiritual beauty. Whether the bell rings in fast "peals" on joyous occasions, or slow "tolls" for days of sorrow, one knows that a member of the faithful, usually a young boy, uses his own hands to ring the bell with prayer and love; it no longer owes its voice to a soulless electrical system installed merely for ease and convenience.

May we faithful of the Oratory thank the Lord for the gift of our bell and keep our hearts ever open to the bountiful graces it brings.

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#### **BLESSED ITEMS**

If you wish to have items blessed, please drop them off at the rectory (Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm) and include your name and telephone number. Please make sure all items are clearly marked. Once Msgr. Morris or Fr. Rennier have blessed the items Donna Mueller, Administrative Assistant to the Rector, will call you to let you know the items are ready for pick up (from the rectory office, Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm). Please drop off/pick up items at the front door on Dale Avenue, across from the field parking lot.

#### **CRITICAL/EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

The recent violence against Christians, and particularly the Catholic Church, is a serious cause for concern. While being vigilant and aware of the various situations in which we might find ourselves, we must guard ourselves against living fearfully in the world. Assisting in finding this proper balance, the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine has plans in place in the event of a critical or emergency incident. In consultation with the Rector of the Oratory, the Ushers of the Oratory will be the men in charge of responding to any emergency situation. All the faithful of the Oratory are asked to follow their directives in the case of any critical incident or emergency situation. A proper chain of command, led by those with the necessary training, will assist the whole community if a critical and/or life-threatening situation should present itself. I am grateful to Dr. Robert Morgan and Tim Turtine for their leadership and expertise along with other members of the community and all of the ushers for undertaking this necessary and serious responsibility. If anyone is interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Dr. Morgan at ostiarii@oratorysga.org to become an usher which will facilitate your participation. Finally, if any member of our community has concerns, please communicate those directly to Rector.

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#### STREET PARKING

As our community continues to grow, parking on Sundays is at a premium, especially at the 10:00 am Holy Mass. If you are parking on the street, please do not block any driveways. It was recently communicated that a driveway was blocked and the person living there was unable to get out. Fortunately, this neighbor was willing to wait until the conclusion of Holy Mass. Sadly, not all of our neighbors are happy about our presence or our growth and it is important that we work with them even if they do not want to work with us. Let's not provide any opportunity to cause or create a problem. Please be conscious of working to be good neighbors and do not block drives or park in places that are not available to us.

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#### ADULTS SEEKING THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

We welcome those interested in becoming Catholic. To get started in that process within the OSGA community, please email one of our priests for an introductory meeting. Their contacts are available in the bulletin. After this, candidates for Initiation at the Oratory will be directed to complete a registration form with our Administrator.

Catechism classes are held in the St Joseph Room (rectory basement) generally on a bi-monthly basis on the  $2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  Wednesdays from 5:45-6:45 pm.

The content surrounds a set of topics central to Catholic teaching, as set forth by Msgr. Morris. Deacon Pieper moderates most meetings through a question and answer format and hopes to promote sincere dialogue with the candidates regarding those topics and/or related questions. The intent is to communicate Christ and His Church. Sacraments are offered on an individual basis, on a rolling schedule throughout the year, after mutual discernment by the candidate, our deacon and priests.

#### THE ORATORY VESTIBULE

The Rector of the Oratory has requested that any materials left in the vestibule of the Oratory be approved before dissemination. This permission includes materials deemed pious and worthy by the individual leaving the materials. To the person(s) who continues to leave material related to the Miraculous Medal, please contact the Rector of the Oratory before leaving any more materials. The material that has been left has been collected and is being kept in the Oratory offices. This will continue to be the practice of any, and all, materials left in the vestibule or at the doors of the Church without permission: the material will be confiscated or disposed of completely.

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#### **NEW PRO-LIFE COORDINATOR**

The whole community would like to thank Rory (Aurora) Miller for serving as the coordinator of Pro-Life activities for the Oratory for the past several years. Rory has done a great job leading the Oratory's involvement in fostering the culture of life. She has elected to step down from this position and we are in need of a new volunteer coordinator.

The duties of the position in its current configuration include:

- Attends diocesan pro-life meetings at Rigali Center.
- · Coordinates 40 Days for Life twice each year.
- Goes to monthly meetings at the pro-life Advocacy group.
- Gathers information about upcoming Pro-Life events and submits this for posting and publication at the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine.

The new coordinator is encouraged to explore other avenues for the Oratory community to remain involved in and part of the Pro-Life efforts of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

If you are interested, please contact the rector, Msgr. Morris (<u>rector@oratorysga.org</u>). In advance, thank you for your consideration and generosity.

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For those in our community who are new to the Traditional Latin Mass, when you approach the altar rail for holy communion it is the custom to begin filling in the altar rail at the far right near St. Joseph's altar and fill in the rail until its end at the Marian altar. This practice is not impacted by which side of the Church you are seated. You are allowed, and encouraged, to switch sides in order to keep the communion line moving. This is particularly important when there are two sacred ministers distributing Holy Communion. So too, do not overly delay approaching the rail waiting for others to return to their pews. If everyone moves with attention to what is happening, there should be a flow of movement between those departing the altar rail and those approaching the altar rail. Also, for daily Holy Mass: please kneel at the rail only where the houseling cloth has been prepared for communion. Please keep in mind that we should not keep the Lord waiting but moving with grace and deliberation to the altar rail to receive our Eucharistic Lord.

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#### NEW FAMILIES for NOVEMBER (alphabetical order)

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- Sister Teresa Joseph, OP
  - Geno Acinelli
  - Arda Arik
  - The Chen Family ~ John, and Jack
  - Bill Erdel
  - The James Family ~ Billy & Fern
  - Dan Lehane
  - Angelina Patrinostro
  - Joseph Storie

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#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your charity, please pray for the following members of the Oratory who are ill: Mary Jane Bolte; Amanda Camarillo, daughter of Gregory & Nancy Latham; Heath Cheaney, son of Michael & Jaime; Jeanmarie DeCoster; Donna Hagan; Dotty Kuhlmann, mother of Donna Mueller; Mary McMahan; Donna Mueller; Michael Norfleet, son of Marsha Norfleet; Elizabeth Ryan; Mary Joseph Schenk, daughter of Nicholas &

Elaine; Patrick Schneider; Sylvester Soldinie; Caleb & Sheila Ten Eyck; Lara Trudell, daughter of Sharon and Jim Alexander; Renee Weidner; and Msgr. Witt.

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#### PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- Shane Kiser, husband of Maggie Kiser
- Mary Knollmeyer
- Mark Schilling, father of Sheila Ten Eyck

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#### **USHERS' SCHEDULE**

Sunday, 28 December

**6:30 am** Chris Bauman\*, Brayden Bauman **8:00 am** Jeff Martin\*, Michael Nelson, Kenny Buyle, Ken

Catalano **10:00 am** Josh Cummins\*, Patrick Kelly, John

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#### + Altar Server Schedule: December 2025 +

Date	Time	MC at High Mass / Acolyte at Low Mass	Thurifer	Acolyte 1	Acolyte 2
28 December 2025	6:30	Jack Ryan			
	8:00	Peter Blum			
	10:00	Sebastian Petrick	Michael Rennier	William Hayes	John Paul Sinak

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## **GIVING TUESDAY UPDATE and THANK YOU!!**

Thank you to all our generous Giving Tuesday donors! This year, we raised \$31,418. Although this amount was short of our dollar goal, which was an ambitious \$45k, we still raised enough to move forward on several of our key wish list items. In addition, we ranked among the "Top-10" on both archdiocesan leaderboards, which rank organizations in a friendly competition for dollars raised and number of donors.

Giving Tuesday Archdiocesan Final Standings (see table on right):

Thank you again. May God reward you!

#	Participant	Raised	#	Participant	Donors
1	Affordable Housing Fund	\$723,975	1	Chesterton Academy of St. Louis	441
2	Duchesne High School	\$570,038	2	Duchesne High School	270
3	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	\$261,666	3	Sts. Joachim & Ann Catholic Church and School	176
4	Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis	\$152,167	4	St Paul Catholic Church - Fenton	154
5	Chesterton Academy of St. Louis	\$70,965	5	St. Margaret of Scotland	113
6	Peter & Paul Community Services	\$54,360	6	St. Clare of Assisi	110
7	St Paul Catholic Church - Fenton	\$45,156	7	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	89
8	Sts. Joachim & Ann Catholic Church and School	\$44,873	8	Oratory of Ss. Gregory & Augustine	81
9	St. Bridget of Kildare Catholic Church	\$34,850	9	St. Francis of Assisi Church	69
10	Oratory of Ss. Gregory & Augustine	\$31,418	10	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish (O'Fallon)	59

~ 12/14/2025 ~				
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 15,299.15			
Online Giving	\$5,019.58			
Total	\$ 20,318.73			
Needed	\$ 16,800.00			
Year to Date Total	\$ 427,375.74			



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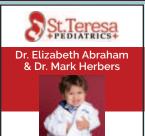
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