

St. Augustine Catholic Church

September 17, 2023



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Welcome to Worship

on the Lord's Day

10:00 AM

St. Augustine Catholic Church

1371 Hamilton Ave.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 10:00 AM, St. Augustine
Monday: 09:00 AM, Catholic Academy
Tuesday: 12:00 PM, St. Matthew
Wednesday: 12:00 PM, St. Augustine
Thursday: 12:00 PM, Our Lady of the Holy Cross
Saturday: 04:00 PM, St. Matthew

RECONCILIATION

One (1) hour before Mass and by Appointment

St. Augustine Transition Team

Michele Brown
Corliss Cox
Simeon Layne, Jr

Feel free to contact one of the team members with questions and ideas as we begin the All Things New transition.

Parochial Administrator: Father Scott Scheiderer

scottscheiderer@archstl.org

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cavitt@lwangacenter.org

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385-1934 Michele Brown, Secretary, Child Safety Coordinator

385-1934 Fr. Bob's Outreach

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Shirley Robinson, President

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361-9406 SLACO Community Organizations
5888 Plymouth, 63112
Kevin McKinney, Executive Director

389-0008 Medical Health Resource Clinic

Pastor's Pen

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace as we celebrate the **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time!** This weekend in our Gospel we conclude our journey through Matthew "Chapter 18," Jesus' famous discourse on the Church. This exalted teaching of Jesus ends with one of my favorite parables in the whole of the Gospels, **the parable of the unmerciful servant (Matthew 18:23-25).** This parable underscores **the importance of forgiveness and mercy.** In fact, Jesus prefaces His words emphasizing our need to forgive "not seven times but seventy-seven times" (18:22). **When we consider the mercy and forgiveness extended to us by God, who are we to not forgive our brothers and sisters in Christ?** It is like the unmerciful servant demanding his fellow servant to pay him back after his debt, a much larger debt, was just forgiven by the king. As God extends His mercy to us, so we ought to imitate Him in our dealings with one another (Luke 6:36). We pray so often, "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us" (Matthew 6:12). Let us not forget to put those words into action!

This weekend also marks **Our Lady of the Holy Cross' parish feast day!** On September 14th, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Since this is the patronal feast of Our Lady of the Holy Cross, there will be a **special Sunday Mass celebrated at the parish at 12:00 p.m.** Following Mass, Our Lady of the Holy Cross will host a chicken dinner! Come join in some fellowship and fun!

"We adore you O' Christ, and we praise You, because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world." God bless and keep you always... My prayers remain for you, your loved ones, and your intentions!

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

September Birthdays & Anniversary

Happy Birthday
&
Anniversary
to all who celebrate this month!

HOMEBOUND AND SICK

Harold Cole, Gus Hinton, Arsenia Kincade, Finley Martin, Harriett White, Ethel Franklin, William Bonnett, Violet Blackmon, Carrie Brown, Grace Brown, Mariah Casey, Roger Casey, Senola Collier, George Cross, Rhonda Dorsey, Naomi Gardner, Leodia Gooch, Barbara Ingram, Stanley King, Janie Kirkland, Elizabeth McFarland, Wendell Scales, Shirley Shelton, Sandra Simmons, Doris Smith, Laverna Spinks, Veronica Whalum, Lillian Whitley, Mattie Williams, Eugenia Young

PARISHES NEWS

Our Lady of the Holy Cross
Offertory September 10th
\$ 1,470.00 - General Fund
\$ 200.00 - Online Giving

St. Elizabeth, MOJB
Offertory September 10th
\$ 1,280.00 - General Fund
\$.00 - Online Giving

St. Augustine
Offertory September 10th
\$ 2,187.54 - General Fund
\$ 1,473.00 - Online Giving

St. Matthew the Apostle
Offertory September 10th
\$ 530.00 - General Fund
\$ 235.00 - Online Giving



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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass is live-streamed.

Here is a link you can use in YouTube or even a browser that will take you to the church live-stream page:

@olhc-sa-semjb-sma

**September 17, 2023
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday Vigil (SMA)

Ushers: Lynn Wolfolk, Volunteers

Lector: Kim Reid

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Margaret Ann McCabe

Acolyte: N/A

Sunday Mass (SA)

Ushers: Luci Rucker, Leslie House,
Caroline Brown,
Yvonne Harris

Lector: Anjanett Clark,
Peter Jones

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
Terry Grotpeter

Acolyte: Rodgerdreka Davis,
Venus Spain, Corliss Cox

**September 24, 2023
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday Vigil (SMA)

Ushers: Volunteers

Lector: Jane Brown

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Margaret Ann McCabe

Acolyte: Michael Williams

Sunday Mass (SA)

Ushers: Demicoe Taylor,
Demetria Taylor, Roger Echols,
Deanna Hannon

Lector: Lotanna Ezepue,
Carl Summers, Jr.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:
Terry Grotpeter

Acolyte: Samuel Wade,
Brennan Anderson,
Rogerdreka Davis

The More You Know: Read the Bible in a Year

The *Bible in a Year* Podcast is available on You Tube as well as the *Catechism in a Year*. Learn more about the Bible and your faith in these engaging programs.

**September 17, 2023
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Reading I

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins
will be forgiven.

Psalm 103

The Lord is kind and merciful,
slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Reading II

Romans 14:7-9

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

I say to you, forgive not seven times,
but seventy-seven times.

Scripture Readings

September 18th - September 23rd

Monday: 24th Week in Ordinary Time

1 Tim. 2:1-8, Ps. 28; Luke 7:1-10

*World Peace

Tuesday: 24th Week in Ordinary Time

1 Tim. 3:1-13, Ps. 101; Luke 7:11-17

*Deceased of the Parish

**Wednesday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon,
Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and
Companions, Martyrs**

1 Tim. 3:14-16, Ps. 111; Luke 7:31-35

*Special Intentions

Scripture Readings (cont'd)

**Thursday: St. Matthew, Apostle &
Evangelist**

Eph. 4:1-13, Ps. 19; Matt. 9:9 -13

*Benefactors

Friday: 24th Week in Ordinary Time

1 Tim. 6:2-12, Ps. 49; Luke 8:1-3

Saturday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

1 Tim. 6:13-16, Ps. 100; Luke 8:4-15

September 24, 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Psalm 145

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Reading II

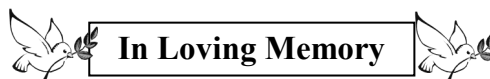
Philippians 1:20-27

For me to live is Christ;

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Are you envious because I am generous?



Remember all of our departed loved ones.

Lovie Marie Haynes

*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*

Transition Team Update

On Wednesday, 9/6, the Transition Team met in the parish hall at Our Lady of the Holy Cross for our bi-monthly meeting. After beginning the meeting with evening prayer from the *Liturgy of the Hours*, **we discussed our first “transition of weekend Masses.”** As you know, for the month of September, our Saturday Vigil Mass moved from Our Lady of the Holy Cross to St. Matthew, the Apostle and our Sunday Mass moved from St. Matthew, the Apostle to St. Augustine. As we rotate parishes from month-to-month, **we want these transitions to go as smoothly as possible.** In order to facilitate this process, we have assigned a Transition Team member from each parish to help coordinate the moves. This Transition Team member will serve as a “point person” and work closely with me to make sure the different aspects of our weekend celebrations are in order. For example, we will coordinate our liturgical ministers and address various housekeeping items so the faithful are aware of their surroundings (i.e., location of bathrooms, emergency exits, etc.).

Now that we have allotted several weeks for parishioners to sign-up for liturgical ministries, we will begin training sessions for these ministerial roles. Our **training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** is first: **Saturday, 9/16, at 10:00 a.m. (St. Augustine).** I realize this is short notice, but after consulting with the Transition Team, there seems to be a great need for these trainings, and we want to start as soon as possible. There will be other opportunities to complete this training so be on the lookout for those dates. An **altar server training** will follow the next weekend: **Saturday, 9/23, at 12:00 p.m. (St. Augustine).**

Another item discussed in the realm of liturgy and worship was our need for a **Liturgy Committee.** I will begin forming this committee which will consist of both clergy members and lay representatives of the various liturgical ministries (extraordinary ministers, servers, lectors, ushers, musicians, etc.). We will meet on a monthly basis.

Christian education was an important topic of discussion at our meeting. Under this topic, we deliberated on several items: adult faith formation, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), and youth and child faith formation. I would like to begin **inquiry sessions for RCIA** as soon as possible. These are sessions in which those inquiring about becoming Catholic gather to talk about their faith journey and ask questions. RCIA classes will then follow from there. **Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic?** Please contact me or a parish office representative. The formation of a **“merged” Youth Group and Children’s Liturgy of the Word team** is also in the works.

Personnel needs were again addressed at our meeting. I am happy to announce that our maintenance needs have been met as we now have a maintenance supervisor and an additional member on staff to help at the four parishes. The interview process for hiring a business manager is also materializing. For the time being, secretarial duties will be shared amongst the current staff available.

In other news, a **Social Committee** will begin to meet to discuss the coordination and planning of future social events. If you are interested in being a part of this effort, please contact me. Also meeting regularly is our **Communications and Media** team. They are working to improve communication amongst our four parishes through various social media platforms. Thank you Communications and Media Committee for all your work!

The process of **receiving “new names”** for our potential merger continues! We are receiving many great suggestions, and we want you to know about the input. To accommodate this desire, **we will highlight a “name” suggestion each week in the bulletin.** This bulletin insert will include the name, why it was chosen, and some additional information regarding the proposed name. Look forward to seeing these each week in the bulletin!

My prayers continue for you and your loved ones! **If you need to reach out to me for any reason, please don’t hesitate to contact me:** 314.531.6443 (office); 303.579.1266 (cell); scottscheiderer@archstl.org. Thank you!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Scott Scheiderer

September 17, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

New Parish “Name Proposal”: St. Josephine Bakhita
Submitted by Michele Brown (St. Augustine)

“Saint Josephine Bakhita, canonized on October 1, 2000, by Pope John Paul II, is a remarkable modern-day saint who embodies the virtues of resilience, faith, and compassion. While her ethnicity and background are significant, it is not the sole reason for proposing her name. Sister Josephine Bakhita's story and her unwavering devotion to God make her an ideal candidate to be recognized and celebrated by all Catholics, regardless of their own backgrounds.

One of the primary motivations behind this proposal is to honor and acknowledge the significant contributions of African-Americans within the Catholic Church. By naming a parish after Sister Josephine Bakhita, we pay tribute to her legacy as the patron saint of Sudan, a country with a rich African heritage. This gesture will resonate deeply within the African-American community, inspiring and uplifting them as they encounter the story of a saint who shared their struggles and triumphed over adversity.

Furthermore, Sister Josephine Bakhita’s life and teachings hold universal lessons that transcend race and gender. By naming a parish after her, we recognize her as a role model for all, particularly women within the Catholic Church. Her experiences of slavery, liberation, and her ultimate journey towards faith and service are a beacon of hope and inspiration for people of all backgrounds.

It is worth noting that, at present, there are only two parishes in the United States named and recognizing St. Josephine Bakhita. One is a parish in Rock Hill, CT, established after the merger of two parishes. The other is a mission parish in Phoenix, AZ. By bestowing her name upon a parish in St. Louis, not only do we bring greater recognition to this extraordinary saint, but we also create an opportunity for Catholics in the United States to learn about her life, teachings, and the profound impact she had on the world.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to consider naming the new parish in St. Louis, Missouri, ‘Sister Josephine Bakhita Parish.’ By doing so, we honor an exceptional saint, provide inspiration to the African-American community, and recognize the pivotal role of women within the Catholic Church. This decision will undoubtedly foster unity, celebrate diversity, and strengthen the faith of all who are touched by Sister Josephine Bakhita's remarkable story. Thank you for your time and consideration.”

Naming Our New Parish

Parishioners of Our Lady of Holy Cross, St. Augustine, St. Elizabeth Mother of John the Baptist and St. Matthew the Apostle are invited to recommend a new parish name for the merged parish.

Criteria for parish name should be taken from:

- The Blessed Trinity
- A mystery of the life of Christ that is present in the liturgy
- The Holy Spirit
- The Blessed Virgin Mary
- The Holy Angels
- The Saints

It is preferable not to choose a name that is in use within the Archdiocese.

Hyphenated names of current parishes are not permitted

The names of other parishes, Catholic and non-Catholic in or near the new parish (when determined) should be taken into consideration in the interest of avoiding any confusion.

Use this link to access form: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/h1pv55xr0s2vp8d16wiyr/Recommended-Name-for-New-Parish.pdf?rlkey=11vowiam6bcqdckpq6h2qen6r&dl=0>

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SPECIAL INVITE

Greetings, you are invited to **St. Elizabeth, Mother Of John The Baptist Catholic Church** Social Justice Zoom Meeting on Sunday, September 17, at 1:00 p.m. Zoom by link [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/tZlkfuygrTlrH9ZjvHb5QcG6Z1UAHCJME4M9/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGupzIvEtecsRyFRpwAHYr4Z_zztlhcgvpnlgnNAXViYSSgDLN3E5pcOvX1](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/tZlkfuygrTlrH9ZjvHb5QcG6Z1UAHCJME4M9/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGupzIvEtecsRyFRpwAHYr4Z_zztlhcgvpnlgnNAXViYSSgDLN3E5pcOvX1) Zoom by phone ID - 85866884941. No passcode necessary. We are seeking new membership. Zoom link will be sent to new members who provide contact information. We are a diverse group dedicated to serving others, as defenders of truth, seekers of justice and change. "If you do not challenge, speak out, and offer solutions, how can there be change in the world?" We meet on Zoom the third Sunday, every other month at 1:00 p.m. Please provide your contact information to **Co-Chair, Dorothy Dempsey, 314-383-1673, dotlemore@gmail.com** or **Secretary, Sharon Shanks, 314-688-4405. Sharonshanks60@gmail.com.**

PARISH GATHERING

Save the date, Wednesday, September 20 at 1:30 p.m. All members of our four parishes, please join us for an afternoon of sharing, fun, bingo and refreshments at the Parish Center, 1022 Baden Avenue. Bring a treat to share. Please RSVP to the office at 314-381-0323. Come and join us in sharing ideas for our next gatherings, activities and events. Hope to see you on the 20th.

"SOCK ANGEL CAMPAIGN"

The Knights and Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver are requesting donations of much needed **new socks** to be given to our homeless community. Participating is easy. Just drop new socks in the box for the needy. Look for our sock box located in the church. Please help those in need.

ST LOUIS CATHOLIC ACADEMY

St. Louis Catholic Academy, proudly located in the Penrose neighborhood of North City, is excited to expand our team of educators for the 23-24 school year. We're a Catholic school devoted to faith-based education and partnering with our families to help students grow. We're seeking instructional aids, who love Jesus and want to share the gospel with our scholars. Instructional aids support classroom teachers in meeting the needs of all students, through small group interventions and individual student support. Our instructional aids help with cafeteria/recess duties and also occasionally serve as substitutes. We welcome candidates who might want to work part-time. Benefits are available for full-time candidates. Please reach out to Christy Toben with a resume and cover letter at toben@scla-stl.org.

Fun, Fellowship, Food, Fredbird ... and Free! The Friends of the Poor Walk is a national St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) event held annually at 250 locations across the country. SVDP Conferences at St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist and St. Clement have co-hosted a Walk at St. Clement (1510 Bopp Rd, 63131). We hope you will join us on Saturday, September 23, for a morning of fun for all ages. Activities begin following 8 a.m. Mass, with a ¾ mile walk at 9 a.m., Fredbird at 9:30 a.m., and food, fellowship, face painting, and more all morning. Even if you can't complete the walk, come for the comradery! Attendance is free, but registering in advance helps us plan. A chartered bus will be provided if there is sufficient interest. Register at bit.ly/FOPattend or by calling Mary at 314.852.2305.

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/>

September 10, 2023

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Interim Mass Schedule (September)

(starts Sep. 11)	Mondays 9 a.m.	St. Elizabeth/Catholic Academy 4720 Carter Ave., 63115
	Tuesdays 12 p.m.	St. Matthew the Apostle 2715 N. Sarah St., 63113
	Wednesdays 12 p.m.	St. Augustine Catholic Church 1371 Hamilton Ave., 63112
	Thursdays 12 p.m.	Our Lady of the Holy Cross 8115 Church Road, 63147
	Fridays	No Public Masses
	Saturdays 4 p.m.	St. Matthew the Apostle 2715 N. Sarah St., 63113
	Sundays 10 a.m.	St. Augustine Catholic Church 1371 Hamilton Ave., 63112

**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.

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