JESUS SAID, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD, YOUR GOD, WITH ALL YOUR HEART... YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. THE WHOLE LAW AND THE PROPHETS DEPEND ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS."

MATTHEW 22:37, 39

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THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS

Love your neighbor. It sounds so simple. Yet it is not always easy to accomplish. Many things get in the way of taking this commandment to heart. Sometimes, it is things that get in the way, but more often, we get in the way. We tend to see things through our own perspective, rather than considering the other person's point of view. In our interactions with others, we often fail to truly listen, focusing instead on our next response or point to be made. We say we love our neighbor, right up to the point at which doing so requires some sacrifice of time, attention, or financial support, and then suddenly, a thousand reasons for keeping to ourselves emerge. Jesus knew this when he summed up the great commandments of loving God and neighbor. Notice what he said about this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

LOVE GOD

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). In this greatest and first commandment, Jesus describes deep and intentional love of God. Like the Thessalonians to whom Saint Paul wrote, we are to turn away from anything that could become an idol, anything that takes first place in our lives ahead of God. Loving God so completely calls us to place our lives in the heart of God, assured that when we do, all will be well. When we love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, we gradually learn to see the world and all people through the eyes of God, who is love.

LOVE NEIGHBOR

When God gave the covenant to Moses, the commandments of loving God and neighbor were clear, including what love of neighbor is all about. For example, "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourself in the land of Egypt" (Exodus 22:20). In other words, care for the least among you; their struggles are not so different from your own. And remember, they are precious in God's sight, as are you. All are held in love by our good and gracious God. Jesus is the ultimate sign of God's love, and the perfect model of what it means to love God. Jesus teaches that real love requires sacrifice. There are moments when loving our neighbor requires us to put the other

person first. No longer is it just nice to help the person who is poor, ill, lonely, in prison, homeless, or grieving. It is necessary. Their need is greater than our own. Failing to meet the person in his or her need is to ignore our very self. To love God is to love our neighbor; to love others is to love God, in whose image all are made.

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 22:20–26 Psalm 18:2–4, 47, 51 1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10 Matthew 22:34–40

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Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., Spanish Mass 2:00 p.m. WEEKDAY MASSES: See Mass Schedule & Intentions section of bulletin <u>CONFESSIONS</u>: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020 30^m sunday in ordinary time

LIVING JUSTLY: "You give that back right now!" How many of us have heard that line, probably more than once, as we were growing up? We come home with the trophy of what we thought was a really sweet deal, only to have our parents undo our profits by making us return the spoils. They had a different idea of what constituted a "fair trade agreement." Justice in our dealings with others continues to be an important measure of our character, and like a good parent, God cares very much about how we treat each other and about how others treat us. God hears the cry of the poor, and answers the call of the oppressed. God's beloved children are not to behave like bullies. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKEND LITURGY

<u>First Reading</u>: You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

<u>Psalm</u>: I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

<u>Second Reading</u>: You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

Gospel: You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

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READINGS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

<u>Monday</u>: Eph 4:32 - 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17 <u>Tuesday</u>: Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21 <u>Wednesday</u>: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16 <u>Thursday</u>: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35 <u>Friday</u>: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6 <u>Saturday</u>: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11 <u>Sunday</u>: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK (10/26-11/1))

Monday 8:30 AM: NO MASS <u>Tuesday 5:30 PM</u>: NO MASS <u>Wednesday 11:00 AM</u>: Dickie Greenwell <u>Thursday 5:30 PM</u>: NO MASS <u>Friday 8:30 AM (School Mass Only</u>): Woody & Sharon Dean, Marsha Daugherty <u>Saturday 8:30 AM</u>: Jim & Fanny Rudd, Tony Begley <u>4:30 PM</u>: For the parish <u>Sunday 8:30 AM</u>: Bud Hardin, Debbie Barber & Natalie <u>10:30 AM</u>: John Frank & Robbie Barber 2:00 PM (Spanish Mass): Presider's Intentions

LITURGICAL ROLES

Weekday Lectors: (Mon.) NO MASS, (Tues.) NO MASS, (Wed.) Wassie Parrott, (Thurs.) NO MASS (Fri.) School, (Sat.) Katie Simms Weekday Sacristans: (Mon.) NO MASS, (Tues.) NO MASS, (Wed.) Mary Ann Hale, (Thurs.) NO MASS, (Fri.) School, (Sat) Belle Sutton Weekend Liturgical Roles for the month have been sent/will be sent via email.

<u>Tithing Contributions</u> for this past week (includes contributions during the week &/or ACH contributions, etc.): \$25,679.37

MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS

<u>In Sympathy:</u> Our condolences in Christ to Dee Dee Logsdon, at the loss of her son, Kyle Logsdon. May the grace of God and the prayers of your church family bring you comfort at this time.

<u>All Souls' Remembrance:</u> Monday, Nov. 2, is the remembrance of All Souls. The 8:30 AM Mass will be offered up for any number of intentions remembering the faithful departed. The names of those remembered will be displayed on All Souls' Day. The offerings will go to St. Dominic/Holy Rosary Cemetery. <u>Please use the envelopes provided on the table in the back of church and have them turned into the parish office **by no later than, Wed., 10/28.**</u>

<u>Praying the Rosary</u>: Each year, the month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. In celebration, St. Dominic School eighth-graders will be leading the rosary on **Wednesday, October 28th at 2:00 p.m**. We will be live-streaming on St. Dominic Elementary <u>School's</u> Facebook page; please tune in if you can! The students would like to offer up this rosary for all in their families and community who are sick, especially those suffering from the COVID virus.

8th Grade Presentation: Students will dress up as and present facts about their Confirmation Saints at the school Mass on Friday, October 30th at 8:30 a.m. Though we cannot invite parishioners to attend Mass in person due to social distancing requirements, we invite you to tune in to St. Dominic Elementary School's Facebook page where the entire Mass will be live-streamed.

St. D PTO Chili Supper: The PTO will be hosting their annual chili supper on November 3rd, from 4-8 p.m. This year it will be drive-thru only at St. D School (parking lot). The cost will be \$8 per meal. This will include a bowl of chili, a peanut butter or pimento cheese sandwich, and dessert.

<u>Youth Group</u>: Due to a scheduling conflict, our November gathering will be the third Tuesday of the month instead of the usual second Tuesday. Hope to see all of you on **Tuesday**, **November 17**th from 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. in the church basement. What a fantastic turnout last month, 32 youth!!!

<u>Masses:</u> Just a reminder to call ahead (Monday through Thursday) if you plan to attend Mass this coming weekend, space is limited due to social distancing requirements. Please contact us in one of two ways, by calling 859-336-3569 or by email at stdom@bellsouth.net. Seating charts are finalized on Thursday afternoons. <u>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</u>: Thursdays at 6 p.m. (after the 5:30 p.m. Mass) & on Sundays from 4-7 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child: Parishioners are invited to pack shoeboxes for OCC this year. GO (Gospel Opportunity) boxes will be located on the table in the breezeway. You may pack your box(es) and bring to church any time before the Sunday of November 22nd and place in the confessional. Brochures with labels for boxes and tips on packing will also be available on the table with the GO boxes. If you have any questions about packing, contact Lori A Tucker at 859-805-0121. **2020 Catholic Services Appeal - Bringing Christ to Others:** St. D Parish Goal: \$46,900 - St. D Parish Gifts to Date: \$11,975 - Parish Participation Goal: 159 Households - Parish Participation to Date: 35 Households. Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2020 Catholic Services Appeal. There is still plenty of time to respond with a gift. Gifts can be made through our parish office or online at www.ArchLou.org/CSA or by using a designated Catholic Services Appeal Envelope, which can be found in the pews at church. **Possibly interested in joining the Catholic Church?** Contact Fr. David at 336-

3569.

St. D Praver List: Coronavirus Pandemic, World Peace, Healthcare Workers, Victims of Abuse, U.S. Military, Unborn & Elderly, Addictions, Fr. Joe Hayden, Kim Pinkston Spalding, Ted McNeal, Joseph Chandler, Jim Smith, Steve Smith, Bobby Price, Pat Kelly, Beth Hellman, Dennis Rust, Teddy Brothers, Jeannie Hatchett, Lames Thomas, Katie Haydon, Tammy Harley, Jane Rudd Volz, Dennis Newton, Lucille Spalding, Mary Devine, Roberta Williams, Jerry Craig, Larry Smith, Tom Miller, Margaret Fave Martin, Charlotte Disponett, Carolyn Greene, Marian & Wade Elliott, Sue Carter, Michael & Jennifer Jarboe, Debbie Hamilton, Buddy & Charlotte Smith, Wheatley Hamilton, Corbin Noel, Dorothy Mattingly, Colin Walker, Cassie Robinson, Olivia Montgomery, Audrey Edelen, Marilyn Watkins, Sueanna Graves, Helen Parrot, Christy Caldwell & Nancy Hardin. Our church always prays for and cares for our sick sisters and brothers at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes. You are always in our hearts, minds and prayers as we celebrate the Eucharist at St. Dominic. If any who are sick want to ask in faith for the church's prayers, please do not hesitate to contact our parish office at 336-3569.

<u>Information that has been temporarily removed,</u> <u>or yet to be posted to the bulletin (in paper form):</u> 2020 Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection (Nov. 21/22):

Our parish will take up a special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds collected will remain in the Archdiocese of Louisville to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at *www.usccb.org/cchd/collection*.

St. D School Scrip Program: Gift card fundraising is the best way to raise money for St. Dominic School. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn money for St. D on your purchases. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted. How it works: Buy gift cards at face value, St. D can earn up to 20% on every gift card you buy, use gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases. Get started: **Create an account on the RaiseRight app or at ShopWithScrip.com using St. D's enrollment code: 6L353D8L3433L.** Seamlessly check out by securely paying online. Have questions? Contact: Theresa Mattingly by email @ theresa.mattingly@yahoo.com.

<u>AmazonSmile</u> is now available in the Amazon Shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones. AmazonSmile customers can now support St Dominic Church (proceeds benefit St. D School) in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device, go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings', tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process. If you do not have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app, update your app.

<u>The St. D Newspaper Recycling</u> drive is held the second Monday of the month, weather permitting. If you live within city limits & participate in our newspaper drive, please have your papers by the curb <u>no later than 9 A.M.</u> This will help accommodate the volunteers who need to do pick-up in the morning hours. Pick-up times vary from driver to drive. There is no pick-up during the months of July & December.

IGA Receipts, BOXTOPS for Educations & Campbell's labels are all fundraisers for our school. We ask that you continually save them and drop them in the wooden boxes in the back of church.