



2022 SAINT RICHARD

GUIDE BOOK + DIRECTORY

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus
Christ, for all the benefits thou has
given me, for all the pains and insults
thou has borne for me.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and
brother, may I KNOW thee more
clearly, LOVE thee more dearly and
FOLLOW thee more nearly,
DAY BY DAY.

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St. Richard Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

Here is the newest edition of our parish Guide Book & Directory.

I sincerely hope you will find it informative and useful throughout the year. Our sincere apologies if we have inadvertently left out anyone's name, or if there is a mistake with your entry in the directory. Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible so that corrections can be made and the directory updated for the coming year.

You will notice a listing of the many organizations and ministries in which parishioners have the opportunity to use their talents and gifts to help one another to pray, work, learn, serve and socialize. We ask your participation in these organizations and ministries, so that together we may strive to strengthen and build up the parish family of St. Richard for the greater honor and glory of God.

We are still somewhat in pandemic mode. Many organizations have gotten back to regular meetings, though they may be on a different day or at a different time. Please see the parish website for the most up-to-date information at www.strichardstl.org. Also, please see each week's bulletin for pertinent information, also available on the parish website.

May God bless our journey this coming year!

Sincerely,

Fr. Gene Robertson
Pastor

Schedule of Worship

MASSES:

Weekdays	8:15 a.m.
Saturday (Vigil)	5 p.m.
Sunday	9 & 11 a.m.
Holy Days	Check the bulletin or parish website (strichardstl.org)

DEVOTIONS:

Adoration:	The first Friday of each month for a full 24 hours
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:	Every Friday after 8:15 a.m. Mass until 10 a.m.
Perpetual Help Devotions:	Every Tuesday after 8:15 a.m. Mass
Rosary:	Monday - Friday after 8:15 a.m. Mass Monday evening 7 p.m. in church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.
or by appointment

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

Participation in our Baptismal preparation program is required of parents (and godparents, if available) for their first child. Please call the Parish Office for instruction appointments and to set the date for the Baptism.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

Those contemplating marriage should contact the Parish Office to begin the process of preparation at least six months in advance.

FUNERALS:

The parish staff and community want to assist you in planning the funeral when you have a death in your family. The funeral home will consult with you regarding the schedule for visitation and then call us to meet with you to plan the funeral liturgy.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for Communion to be brought to a homebound person.

ANointing OF THE SICK:

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick to be given. If it is after hours and the person is near death, call 314-432-6224 Ext. 1016.

Parish Staff

Rector

11223 Schuetz Road (63146-4932).....	314-432-6224
Website.....	www.strichardstl.org
Pastor	Rev. Gene Robertson
Deacon	Deacon John Bischof
Administrative Assistant	Kathy Reznikov
Office Manager.....	Mary Steingruber

History of Saint Richard Parish

Saint Richard Parish was formed from Saint Monica and Saint Jude parishes. The first Mass was celebrated on September 1, 1963 at the Creve Coeur Country Club Hall. There were 250 families at that time. In 1965, the new church was completed. Cardinal Joseph Ritter dedicated the church and school on January 9, 1966.

Saint Richard School was opened in September 1966 with grades one through four. The school was staffed by two Sparkhill Dominican Sisters and two lay teachers. Each year a grade was added until the school consisted of grades one through eight. In the fall of 1993, a full-time kindergarten was added.

In 1976, Cardinal John Carberry gave permission to build a rectory and multi-purpose building. Groundbreaking for this project was on July 11, 1977. Bishop Charles Koester dedicated the new buildings on June 10, 1979.

In 2002, Archbishop Justin Rigali gave permission to renovate the interior of the church and install air conditioning in the school. The school renovation was completed in August 2006. Work on the church began in September 2007 and the first Mass celebrated in the renovated church was on March 15, 2008. Archbishop Raymond Burke rededicated the church on June 8, 2008. Major features of the renovation are a 25-foot high Crema Marble Sanctuary Wall framed in rich wood and four stained glass saint windows, including St. Richard of Chichester in the south window.

At the conclusion of the 2013-2014 academic year, the full-time school program was ended.

In the summer of 2019, Archbishop Carlson established the new archdiocesan office for Catholic Deaf Ministry at St. Richard Parish.

Currently there are 394 registered households comprising St. Richard Parish.

Pastors

Rev. Joseph O'Brien.....	1963-1985
Rev. Msgr. Adolph Schilly	1986-1991
Rev. Msgr. Donald Sullivan.....	1991-1992
Rev. Msgr. Dennis Delaney	1992-1994
Rev. Robert Dorhauer	1994-2006
Rev. Charles Burgoon	2006-2014
Rev. John Seper.....	2014-2018
Rev. Phil Krill.....	2018-2019
Rev. Daniel Kavanagh.....	2019-2021
Rev. Eugene Robertson.....	2021-Present

Principals

Sister Marian Francis Anderson, O.P	1966-1975
Sister Ann Gregory Bischof, O.P	1975-1985
Mrs. Bonnie Mater	1985-1986
Sister Louise Schmid, O.P.....	1986-1992
Mr. Michael Corley	1992-1999
Mrs. Julie Blow	1999-2007
Miss Julie Smith.....	2007-2014

Saint Richard of Chichester

Richard de la Wych, better known as Saint Richard of Chichester (England) was born c.1197. He probably attended a monastery near his home in Droitwich, and on the death of his parents took over the family farm. Richard later continued his studies, and attended Oxford University where he became Chancellor. Following travels in Italy and France he decided to become a priest, serving in Kent for a time. Richard was appointed Bishop of Chichester in 1246. He encouraged pilgrimages to the Cathedral Church, and the yearly offerings were known as "St. Richard's Pence." He died at Dover in 1253, after only eight years as Bishop.

Bishop Richard was canonized in 1262. Subsequently, his body was transferred from a tomb in the north aisle, to a shrine on the platform in the retrochair, immediately behind the high altar on the 16th of June 1276, in the presence of Edward I. This became the focus for thousands of pilgrims. The shrine remained in this position until it was destroyed by the order of Henry VIII late in the 16th century. The fate of the Saint's remains is not known. The anniversary of Saint Richard's death is the 3rd of April.



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Parish Mission Statement

May we know Him more clearly, love Him more dearly, & follow
Him more nearly, day by day.

Activities and Organizations

(Unless otherwise noted, all phone numbers have a 314 area code)

Know Him More Clearly

- Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Word of God, structured for children in grades K through four, is available to children each Sunday during the 9 a.m. Mass. No enrollment is necessary. Adults interested in becoming leaders should call Doris Smith at 872-7823.

Eucharistic Adoration

Time spent before the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, held the first Friday of each month in church following the 8:15 a.m. Mass and continuing until 8 a.m. Saturday morning. Come rest in Jesus' loving presence. For more information, or to become a regularly scheduled adorer or a substitute, call Celia Gillam at 997-4885. Adoration is also held weekly on Fridays following the 8:15 a.m. Mass until 10 a.m. in the church.

Men's Ministry

This is a group open to all men in the parish who want to deepen their faith. This group discusses topics of interest to men's spirituality and promotes participation in local men's conferences. The group reads and discusses books that inspire deeper faith in Christ. This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., in the St. Joseph Room. Contact Mike Matthews at 276-4608 or mikematthewsstl@gmail.com for more information.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Open to anyone in the parish interested in knitting or crocheting prayer shawls for grieving or ill parishioners. We need your time and talent. Contact Carol Underriner at 330-3947.

Retreats

A.C.T.S. Retreat: An ACTS Retreat is a Catholic lay retreat presented by fellow parishioners. The retreat begins on Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday at a Mass celebrated with the parish community. Retreats for men and women are given separately. The retreat facilitates the attainment of a new or deeper relationship with the Lord through:

Adoration: the call by, acceptance of, and response to God;

Community: the love and caring of each other;

Theology: the study of God through scripture and the Catholic Faith; and

Service: to God and His people.

This is an opportunity to grow in love for God, your Catholic faith and your parish community. St. Monica sponsors the retreats in partnership with St. Richard. If you have questions or would like to attend the retreat, please call the St. Monica Parish Office at 434-4211 or contact St. Richard parishioners Doug or Karen Meadows at ramdoug2002@yahoo.com or 504-5643.

White House Retreat for Men: Open to the men of the parish, this is an annual event, usually on the second weekend of October at the White House. A perfect time for reflection, prayer, counseling if desired, and rest. For more information call Deacon John Bischof at 569-3855.

White House Retreat for Women: Open to the women of the parish at various time during the year. For more information, contact the White House at 416-6400 or call Deacon John Bischof at 569-3855.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA prepares all who wish to join the Catholic Church. If you are interested in joining the Church, or even if you are just curious, contact the Parish Office.

Rosary Group

Answer Our Lady's call and be part of her cohort. She needs you now more than ever. She pleads each day for your prayers: to pray the Rosary for her priests and the salvation of souls.

Mornings: Immediately following the 8:15 a.m. Mass Monday through Friday, the rosary is prayed followed by Holy Father's monthly intention. On Tuesday, the Perpetual Help Devotions are prayed. On Thursday, the group prays the Scriptural Luminous Rosary.

Evenings: Each Monday at 7 p.m. in the church, the Rosary Group meets to pray the Scriptural Rosary followed by the Memorare, Prayer to St. Michael, monthly intentions of Holy Father, the Litany of Our Lady, and short prayer for the souls of the faithful departed. Contact Donna Walton at 660-4324 or dwalton51@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Small Faith Sharing Groups

Members read and reflect on scripture for the upcoming Sunday Mass and share insights with the rest of the group, read inspirational books which help them deepen their faith, and pray for members' needs. The groups meet on different days and times as follows:

Every Monday 9 a.m. Coordinator: Linda Shead 567-6937

Every Monday 7 p.m. Coordinator: Deacon John Bischof 569-3855

Every Wednesday 2 p.m. Coordinator: Jan Henderson 432-5301

Love Him More Dearly - Worship

Angel Dusters

This ministry is open to men or women interested in dusting God's house. Contact Karen Clements at 630-0364 or 20kclements@gmail.com.

Arts & Environment

This ministry is responsible for the placement and care of all church flowers for special feast days and during the liturgical season of Christmas and Easter. Contact Kathy Engelbrecht at 808-0307.

Emmaus Choir

The Emmaus Choir invites both youth and adults who enjoy singing contemporary and traditional music and/or playing guitar, keyboard, or any other instrument. The group sings at the 11 a.m. Mass on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Practices are held every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Contact Ruth Ferris at 991-6854.

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

Parishioners, 18 or over, who are interested in assisting with distribution of the Eucharist to fellow parishioners, and/or carrying the Sacrament to nursing home residents. Contact the Parish Office at 432-6224.

Resurrection Choir

A volunteer group of parishioners who are available during the daytime and able to be "on call" for ministry as singers for funerals. We rehearse immediately before each funeral. Contact Jim Randazzo at jrandazzo@strichardstl.org.

Greeters

Members of this hospitality ministry welcome parishioners and guests at the beginning of the weekend Masses. Contact Meg Kupferer at 994-7673.

High School Greeters & Lectors

Open to parish high school students who serve as Greeters and Lectors on the first Sunday of the month at the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass. Contact Doris Smith at 872-7823.



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Lectors

For men and women of high school age and above who desire to proclaim God's Word at Mass. Contact the Parish Office at 432-6224 or info@strichardstl.org.

Linen Ladies

Ladies serve by washing and ironing the linens upon which the Body of Christ rests at the Consecration of the Mass, including the linens used during the distribution of the Eucharist. Ladies take turn once a month. If you would like to participate in this form of prayer, please contact: Molly Vehige at 994-7594 or mvehige221@gmail.com.

Servers

An **altar server** can be male or female, in fifth grade or above - including adult men and women. To learn more about this service ministry, contact the Parish Office (info@strichardstl.org /314-432-6224).

St. Richard Choir

Open to men and women interested in singing. The St. Richard Choir participates in the Liturgy at the 11 a.m. Mass on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month from September through June. Rehearsals are at 7 p.m. every Thursday in the church. Contact Jim Randazzo at jrandazzo@strichardstl.org.

Ushers

Anyone high school age or older can be an usher. To learn more about this service ministry, contact: Doug Meadows (ramdoug2002@yahoo.com/314/504-5643) or Larry Sokol (stl-imprints@msn.com/314-429-7500).

Follow Him More Dearly - Outreach

Athletic Association

Athletic Association: Coordinates team sports for children who are interested in participating in soccer and basketball.

Soccer played August-NovemberSign-ups usually in May
Basketball played December-March.....Sign-ups usually in September

More information at strichardathletics.org and watch the bulletin for dates.

Fish Fry

Held on Friday evenings during Lent. Staffed by parish volunteers who work as cooks and servers. Contact Gordon Hartweger Jr. at 267-6263.

Garden Club

This group plants and cares for the rose bushes, perennials and annual plants around the parish buildings. Contact Carol Underriner at 330-3947 or carolt2330@gmail.com.

Helping Hands

To help members of the parish in emergency situations, e.g. cooking, funeral meals, visiting, etc. If you need help in an emergency or wish to donate your time, please contact Kathy Peters at 569-0678.

Homebound Eucharistic Ministers

For various reasons, there are members of our parish family who are not able to attend Mass in person. Members of this group bring the Eucharist to them at home or in a care setting typically once a week. The schedule is set by the Eucharistic Minister and the parishioner. Contact Deacon John at 569-3855 to learn more and to volunteer.

Hospitality Committee

Undertakes specific social activities for the parish. For information, or to volunteer, call Kathy Peters at 569-0678.

Ladies' Bowling League

Open to all women of the parish and their friends who are interested in the sport of bowling and the good exercise involved. Season extends from September-April at Olivette Lanes on Wednesday mornings at 9:15 a.m. For information, call Doris Smith at 872-7823.

Ladies' Club

We invite you to share in the rewarding experience of the Ladies Club of St. Richard. Our ages range from thirty-something to seventy-something. We are married, single, have kids, no kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids! Our mission statement: We, as members of the Ladies Club of St. Richard, will strive to encourage and support a sense of Christian Community among all women of our Parish. It is our common goal to provide women an opportunity to meet others, and grow in faith and friendship by sharing our time, talents and hearts through social activities. For information, contact Carolyn Sousa at strladiesclub@gmail.com or 489-2358.

Leisure Club

Open to all mature adults. Members participate in and enjoy many activities and pleasant times together. Meetings are 11 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the Sacred Heart Room. Contact Sharon Cusick at 482-3317.

Men's Club

The purpose of the St. Richard Men's Club shall be to provide a forum for meeting and interacting with other men in the St. Richard congregational community in order to foster friendship, support, and brotherhood with a focus of lifelong learning and service to the parish of St. Richard. Membership is open to adult male members of St. Richard. The Men's Club meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Contact Eric Vehige at 991-2897.

Pancake Breakfast

A pancake breakfast is held after the 9 a.m. Mass once or twice a year, offering parishioners an opportunity to socialize, meet each other, and enjoy good food. Contact Gordon Hartweger, Jr. at 267-6263 to volunteer.

Prayer Chain

It has been a tradition here that parishioners have prayed for each other in emergency situations or in times of need. For more information contact Mimi Minner at mkzmin@sbcglobal.net.

River Crossing Ministry

Members of this group provide communion on Monday to Catholics at River Crossing of Creve Coeur. Contact Doris Smith at 872-7823.

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP)

Members of this group meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. and hold discussions concerning the needs of our less fortunate clients. We offer compassion, financial aid and other resources to people who struggle to meet their daily basic needs. Home visits and telephone interviews determine needs such as electric and gas bills, clothing and household items, and at times, someone just to listen. Our conference is also involved in various other ministries. You are invited to attend a meeting and to consider becoming member of our SVDP Team. Contact Paul Wienke at 997-4347 for more information.

Casserole Program

Last Saturday of the Month – Parishioners prepare and serve a meal of salad, chili, cornbread and dessert at St. Vincent de Paul Parish to homeless and poor clients. This is a very enlightening and fulfilling service opportunity. Contact Jane Kreher at 993-6134 or Mary Lou Johnson at 432-2741.

Sandwich Program

November through March – Parishioners make sandwiches twice monthly on Mondays for the men's shelter at Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Sandwiches are given to the men as they leave in the morning. This is a good project for children to assist with. Contact Peg Bischof at 569-3855.

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Administration

Finance Committee

Members of the parish are appointed by the Pastor to develop and manage the parish budget, monitor plant maintenance, implement parish development programs, and advise the pastor and staff on financial matters as required. Contact Mary Steingraby in the Parish Office at 432-6224 for more information.

Gift Card Program

Cards from grocery stores, restaurants and retail stores are purchased at a discounted price then sold at full value to raise funds for St. Richard Parish. Gift cards can be purchased after all Masses. Contact the Parish Office at 432-6224.

COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE: There are many services available for counseling and guidance. Several are listed below.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)	647-3677
Catholic Charities	367-5500
Catholic Family Services	544-3800
Birthright.....	962-3653
Al-Anon Family Groups.....	645-1572
St. Martha's Hall (Domestic Violence Shelter)	533-1313
Weinman Center (Domestic Violence Shelter)	423-1117
Women's Safe House (Domestic Violence Shelter)	772-4535
Safe Connection (24-hour Crisis Hotline)	531-2003
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.....	988 or 800-273-8255