THIS WEEKEND:
2nd Collection Catholic Home Missions Appeal

THIS WEEK AT ST. LOUIS (Daily Mass Schedule p.2)

MONDAY - APRIL 30
6:30 am - Men’s Spirituality Group, Parish Meeting Hall

TUESDAY - MAY 1
7:30 am - Bible Study, Manse

WEDNESDAY - MAY 2
7:30 pm - Regional Charismatic Prayer Grp, PMH

THURSDAY - MAY 3
6:00 pm - Holy Hour, Church

FIRST FRIDAY - MAY 4
11:30 AM - 4:00 PM
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, CHURCH

SATURDAY - MAY 5
7:45 am - Pietra Fitness, PMH
9:45 am - Women’s Bereavement Group, Manse
11:30 am - First Communion Mass
3:30 pm - Confessions
4:30 pm - Mass (Sign Language Interpreted)

Youth Group Bake Sale
5:45 pm - Great Dates

SUNDAY - MAY 6
Youth Group Bake Sale
7:30 am - Mass
9:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Catholic Conversations, Manse
11:15 am - Mass, Children’s Liturgy of the Word
5:00 pm - Mass
6:15 pm - Middle & High School Youth Ministry
7:00 pm - Youth Group Parent Meeting, Church

5th Sunday of Easter

“ Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:4-5
**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**Monday - April 30**
Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
11:00 am Anabeliz Rivera - St. Louis Maintenance Staff
5:15 pm Sharon Stiegman - Betsy DeBloom

**Tuesday - May 1**
Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
6:45 am Mrs. Brian Kerr & Family - Karen Leaderer
11:00 am Annetta & Gerald Morreale - Daughters

**Wednesday - May 2**
Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
10:30 am Mass at Highlands Living Center for Residents & Staff
11:00 am Ken Rizzuto - Peter & Pat Spinelli
5:15 pm 2nd Month Memorial Mass for Margaret Mitsuti - Ferranti Family

**Thursday - May 3**
1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
6:45 am Robert Dezen - VFW Post 16
11:00 am For the People of the Parish

**Special Intentions This Week:**

We invite you to have a Sanctuary Lamp lit at the Blessed Sacrament to have your very special intentions remembered for a week.

To reserve a candle, please call or visit the Ministry Center.

One Lamp will Burn in Memory of Harry Midgley by Peggy.

One Lamp will Burn for a Special Intention for Hailey Fuller by Grandma.

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**Requiem Aeternam**

Ken Rizzuto
Mary Jane Swift

All are welcome to spend an hour this Friday, May 4, for First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 11:30 am - 4:00 pm. Join us at the Tabernacle Chapel.

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**Saturday & Sunday, May 5 & 6**

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Sunday Communion Service - May 6
The Highlands - Mary Ann Monley
Heather Heights - Diane Salipante
God’s Holy Word

Our Weekend Scriptures:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31
The church: at peace, built up, growing!

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
Let us love in deed and truth

Gospel: John 15:1-8
I am the vine, you are the branches

Looking Ahead:

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Baptism and the Holy Spirit

2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10
Let us love one another

Gospel: John 15:9-17
That your joy may be complete

Who’s Who?

One dynamic we can see in the 1st reading: people really can change, given the chance. We have Saul, who began as a persecutor of the early Christians. Soon he will have a new name, Paul, a fervent disciple of Jesus. Think about it: the others accepting that he is a new man was necessary for his witness to be effective.

We also have John, a Jew from Cyprus who was renamed Barnabas upon becoming a Christian; Barnabas meaning ‘son of encouragement’ or ‘son of consolation’. He lives up to his name, encouraging the others to accept Paul, and encouraging Paul to enter their fellowship.

We have disciples who move from being afraid of Paul, to protecting him and sending him out on mission. That took a risk, and a change of heart. Where did the courage come from? The key driving force in the Acts of the Apostles: The Holy Spirit!

The Holy Spirit can move us from pigeonholing everyone, to praying for, recognizing, affirming and giving thanks for continual transformation. How might this reading be moving you?

We are Given the Spirit

John (in our 2nd reading) would agree with Luke – the Holy Spirit is essential. The way to union with God and to love-in-action toward one another is through the Holy Spirit. This passage makes it crystal clear. Faith and works go hand in hand. Believe in Jesus. Love one another. Reflect on the first sentence. Beloved, love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves if begotten by God and knows God. How has your loving others brought you closer to God, helped you experience God?

The Verbs!

There are many different ways to mine the gold in the Sunday readings. Here is yet another. After reading through the Gospel, go back and collect a few key phrases. Verbs are often key. Bear fruit. Pruned. Remain in me. Do any of these connect with the other readings? I see a line drawn between bearing fruit, the church being built up and growing in numbers, as well as love in deeds.

Another clear line connects ‘remain in me’ in the Gospel, and the last sentence of the 2nd reading, ‘Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.’ As for the pruning it is that time of year. It works in the garden, it works with us if we want to be more fruitful. It works in the garden because the plants energy gets more focused. Same for us. Verbs are key because they are about us being moved to become the person God is leading us to become.

Lectors – remember: the verbs are always important. Listen to how you proclaim the Word. Do the verbs get the energy they deserve?

Joy of the Gospel

Next week Jesus will tell us in the Gospel that he wants our joy to be complete. Is that a gift you would relish? Be sure to read next weekend’s readings this week. Be prepared. Come ready to have the message reinforced, deepened, so that it can really take root.

This weekend (April 28) and next (May 5) are our First Eucharist weekends!

There is a special First Eucharist Mass on both Saturdays at 11:30AM. Please pray for all of the children coming to the Table of the Eucharist for their first time!
ST. LOUIS HAITI TEAM
Annual Information Meeting

Tuesday, May 8, 7:00PM
Parish Meeting Hall

ALL WELCOME WITH NO OBLIGATION

Please come to learn about our 48 year old parish team which efficiently accomplishes so, so much, including its Annual Corn and Ornament Sales; and how our parish investment has paid off multi-fold over these 48 years. We will also unveil the lovely 2018 ornaments.

“Many hands make light work!”

THANK YOU:
Gena Heraty who runs the "Special Needs Program" at NPH is most grateful to our St. Louis School children for sharing 146 pairs of their gently used sneakers. The "Special Needs" children in Gena’s care feel blessed to receive those shoes just as the St. Louis children will be blessed for sharing them – Merci!

SPECIAL NOTE:
St. Damien Pediatric Hospital Fund headquarters in Chicago singled out St. Louis Parish with special Kudos on the front of its Easter publication. Great work St. Louis Team of which all parishioners are members!

Any questions, please call:
Marcia Mendola, 381-6872

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION
This Weekend, April 28 & 29

Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as home missions. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal takes place this weekend to support these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. Please be generous in this Appeal and share your resources to strengthen the Church at home.
**Coming up!**

**It’s Time to Volunteer for The Sunshine Luncheon!**
May 17 at Reddington Hall Gym

Our guests are residents of 19 area nursing homes and also our own St. Louis parishioners who find it difficult to get out. We expect about 200 guests!

- We need HELPING HANDS - off-site/at home --
  - Prepare homemade casseroles (recipe provided)
  - Bake a homemade dessert or make an appetizer (These can be dropped off before going to work!)

- We need HELPING HANDS - the day of event --
  - Hostess and greet at one of our 20+ tables!
  - Assist our serving staff of SLS 5th graders
  - Help in kitchen - dish up meals, plate desserts - yum!
  - Help with arrivals and departures of guests in wheelchairs & walkers (Warm welcomes are the BEST sunshine!)

And everyone can enjoy entertainment from our precious School children and St. Louis’ own Accafellas!

Please contact Bernie Eilertsen (385-3384 or beilertsen@frontier.com) to volunteer for any category!

**Thank you!**

**Catholic Perspectives on Modern Day Health Care**

May 5, 2018 ~ 8:30am-5:30pm
RIT Inn & Conference Center, Henrietta, NY

**Featured Speakers**

Wesley J Smith, JD  
Anne L Nolte, MD  
Fr. McTeigue, PhD

For More Information or to Register, visit: [www.FingerLakesCMA.org](http://www.FingerLakesCMA.org)

**Sign me up!**

“Catholic Perspectives on Modern Day Health Care” is the title of an upcoming conference jointly organized by the Catholic Medical Guilds of Rochester, Buffalo, and Syracuse. Featured speakers include Wesley J. Smith, JD; Anne Nolte, MD, and Fr. Robert McTeigue, SJ, PhD. This event is particularly relevant to Catholic physicians, nurses, attorneys, clergy, and is open to the general public. Timely issues that impact Catholic medical professionals will be discussed, including: physician-assisted suicide, conscience protections, moral courage in medical practice, and the threat of utilitarian bioethics. The day culminates with the White Mass for Medical Professionals celebrated by Rochester Bishop Salvatore R. Matano. Pre-Registration is required. CME/CEU Credits Available.

**Save the Date for the 1st Annual Relay for Moms on Saturday, May 12!**

Please join the Finger Lakes NY Life Runners Chapter in a fundraiser to benefit The Margaret Home in E. Rochester ([www.themargarethome.com](http://www.themargarethome.com)). The Relay for Moms is a 12-hour relay from 8 am to 8 pm (walking or running) at Fellows Road Park (499 Fellows Rd, Fairport, NY 14450). There is no fee to participate, stay all day or just for an hour, then plan on joining the family celebration picnic from 6-8 pm! To sign up, please contact Dan and Maria Mruzek at [Mruzek@rochester.rr.com](mailto:Mruzek@rochester.rr.com) or 585-377-3324 (call or text). To donate online visit: [www.razoo.com/story/Relay4moms](http://www.razoo.com/story/Relay4moms), or you can send a check (please make out to The Margaret Home) c/o Dan Mruzek at 16 Fairfield Dr., Fairport NY 14450.
Interested in volunteering? Please sign up here: bit.ly/2GuZaWQ
Making chores into holy work

Giving children chores helps them to contribute to the family and become good stewards over what God gives us. "The Lord God then took the man and settled him in the Garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it" (Genesis 2:15). When they contribute to the household by doing chores, they are contributing in an important way to the family.

Make it a family affair. Assign chores to everyone in the family. Let them see that parents have chores, too.

Give choices. Children can help with laundry, meal preparation, caring for pets, yard work, or house cleaning. Identify a few jobs to be done and let each person pick which one he or she wants to do.

Connect chores with privileges. "For each will bear his own load" (Galatians 6:5). Set deadlines and offer rewards if chores are done or consequences if they aren’t. Playtime can only happen if chores are done well, for example.

Show appreciation. Earning compliments for a job well done is a great self-esteem builder.

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**Scripture Lesson**

John 15:1-8, Remain in Christ’s love

This Gospel comes from Jesus’ Last Supper Discourse, a kind of farewell speech for his disciples. Jesus told his disciples – and us – that without him, we can do nothing. He compared our relationship to him to the branches on a grapevine. Just as the main stem is the source of life for the branches, so Jesus is the source of spiritual life for us.

We first received this spiritual life in Baptism. We preserve this life by staying close to Jesus and listening to his words. If we remain with Jesus, we will experience peace, joy, and hope. More importantly, we will be able to fulfill our mission. Our goal is to remain in God’s love and to share that love with others. We can only do this with Jesus’ help.

What should a parent do? Jesus told all his disciples that without his help, they could do nothing. Remind children that when it’s difficult to make the right decisions to ask God for help. With Jesus, we have everything we need to become the saints we’re called to be.

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**Parent Talk**

My son’s teacher suggested that we make Easter baskets for nursing home residents who had no one to visit them. At first, neither of my kids liked the idea. Abby was wondering how she would talk to people with memory problems, and Dakota was worried he would catch their illnesses. I reminded them that Jesus said when we show compassion to the sick, lonely, or the forgotten, we serve him.

We made up ten Easter baskets, each filled with a prayer card, a stuffed animal, and some candy, and brought them to the local nursing home. After checking with the nurse, we handed out the baskets. The kids were shy at first, but that changed when they saw the residents’ faces light up with joy. We visited with the residents for an hour and the children were reluctant to leave. I promised them we would come back to visit again.

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**Feasts and Celebrations**

April 5 – St. Vincent Ferrer (1419). Against his parents’ wishes, St. Vincent Ferrer joined the Order of St. Dominic. He became a famous preacher around Europe and aimed to prepare his listeners for judgment. During the “Great Western Schism,” three men claimed to be pope. St. Vincent’s efforts at unity caused the most stubborn candidate to be dethroned, ending the schism.

April 7 – St. John Baptist de la Salle (1719). St. John was born at Rheims, France, to a noble family, and was ordained a priest in 1678. St. John taught groups of poor children together, which was very unusual for his time. He formed the Brothers of the Christian School, a successful community of educators.

April 9 – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (1st Century). The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God. Even at her young age, she had complete confidence in God’s grace and trusted in his wisdom.

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints continues to support Saint’s Place. It has been more than two years since Saint’s Place has partnered with the Church. Every week two to three Mormon young men assist with picking up and delivering furniture. Recently we received over hundreds of hospitality kits and towels to be given to needy refugees and the poor in our community.

Our new Educational program is off to a great start. One of the students awarded a laptop computer is now on the Dean’s list at Monroe Community College. Saint’s Place is in the process of reviewing four more proposals for refugee students.

Starbucks employees spent a day volunteering at our Clothing Closet. They will also donate coffee for our volunteers at the Annual Super Sale. During the year they have conducted coats, books, and toiletries drives just to name a few. Starbucks has a deep commitment to helping refugees.

The number of newly arriving refugees continues to decline. We ask for your prayers that these people who are living in unconscionable conditions soon gain permission to enter the United States. Refugees are the most vetted people; they are interviewed and screened for years before being allowed to enter the United States.

Mark your calendar for the Annual Super Sale to be held July 10th – 14th. Preview evening is Tuesday, July 10th from 4 -8PM. Entrance fee for Preview Evening is a $25 donation. More information to follow.

Saturday Mornings at Saint’s Place Clothing Closet
Burmese refugees from the Lake Avenue Baptist Church have been coming to the Saint’s Place Clothing Closet to obtain clothing. Recently, on a Saturday morning, 39 refugees of all ages came to obtain “new to them” clothing.

Prom Time
On Saturday April 21st, Saint’s Place arranged for refugee students from the Rochester International Academy to visit the Fairy Godmother’s event site to select a prom dress, shoes and accessories for their prom on May 21st. It was a very exciting time for the young ladies; many who have never attended a prom.

ALL of this has happened because of your support and prayers. Thank You
CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT
UPCOMING SESSIONS

In accordance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People which the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops adopted in 2002, volunteers who work with children, youth or vulnerable adults are required to read and sign the Volunteer Code of Conduct, and complete the Background Check process before volunteer service begins.

This training is open to anyone who works with children, youth or vulnerable adults. Training is also available online. For more information for the online option or about CASE, please call the Ministry Center. All training and background checks are good for 3 years and annually for those who drive for their ministry. If your expiration date is anytime in 2018, please consider attending one of the sessions:

Monday, May 7th at 6:30 pm
in the Parish Meeting Hall

Tuesday, May 15th at 9:30 am
in the Parish Meeting Hall
(The courtyard parking lot will be open for these sessions)

ST. LOUIS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

DATE: Sunday, May 20th
PLACE: St. Louis School Gym
TIME: 1st Seating after the 9:00 am Mass
2nd Seating after the 11:15 am Mass

MENU
Pancakes with Syrup
Sausage
Fruit
Coffee, Tea, and Juice

COST per Plate: $5.00 for Adults
$3.00 for Children age 8 and under

***Seating will be limited***

Purchase your tickets at all church entrances before and after all Masses this weekend, Saturday, April 28th and Sunday, April 29th.

Proceeds from breakfast benefit vocations in the Rochester area.

Franciscan University of Steubenville Adult Summer Conferences
(Corrected Dates!)

Register with our group using the links at stlouischurch.org/summer-conferences

Defending the Faith
July 27-29, 2018
Standing for the Church with Boldness, Zeal, and Love

Applied Biblical Studies
July 25-27, 2018
Prophesy and Typology: Understanding Our Times in the Light of God’s Story

A conference can revitalize your faith, clarify your questions, and provide an unforgettable time of fellowship. A group of St. Louis parishioners will be going to Steubenville, Ohio to hear some of the best Catholic presenters IN PERSON! By registering as part of our group you will save on your registration if we get 10 or more people! Opportunities for carpooling will be available.

Contact Kathryn at 586-5675, ext 224 or Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org for more details.
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