### What’s New at St. Louis

Given the size of our parish, and the abundance of talents, there is always something new. The latest is our newly installed hearing assistance loop. We’ve had a local FM broadcast system for years, but to use it, one needs to pick up a receiver. That system is still in effect, but we have added a hearing assistance loop. Those who use a hearing aid with a telecoil setting can simply use the “T” switch; desired sound, from our microphones, will be transmitted directly to their hearing aid, without other sounds in the church being amplified and interfering. The loop covers the entire main seating area of the church, and makes us fully ADA compliant. Microphones used in the sanctuary and side choir area would compromise the effectiveness of a system in those areas, so those areas have not been ‘looped’. If you do have a hearing aid and use the “T” switch, you may wish to try sitting in different areas of the main church to see where the ‘perfect’ location is for your personal hearing level.

Also new: the changes in sacramental preparation that you read about in the bulletin last week. This information will be repeated, and we will provide an opportunity in September for a question and answer time. We are also trying a new dimension in our baptismal preparation process. In recent years, the group session sessions have utilized a video program to teach about the sacrament of baptism, the symbols and ritual, the role of parents and godparents in the child’s ongoing faith formation and such. As we’ve reviewed the process, an inspiration came: why not watch a baptism on the screen, when, with the number of baptisms celebrated here, we could just as easily invite those preparing for a baptism to come witness one first! See exactly how our community celebrates this sacrament; discussion and learning to follow immediately after the Mass. Not only does it add a ‘3D’ dimension to the preparation, it is more experiential (the way adults learn best), and provides an opportunity to make connections to more of the terrific folks in our community. We’ll see how it goes!

Pastoral Council is also charting new waters. This spring we changed the size of the Council, to keep it in line with current wisdom regarding the size of a manageable working group, and to reflect recommendations the diocesan offices have made for years. We have already had a strategic planning session, and could see the reduction in size really made it much easier for all to participate and contribute effectively. We have a new working constitution, and are promoting a new way for the Council to work together more effectively, supporting committees and working with staff.

From the Gospel a few weeks ago: ‘Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household, who brings from the storeroom both the new and the old.” Yes Lord, we’re trying! God bless you and your household!  Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

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

To arrange this, please call or visit the Ministry Center. The Thursday Holy Hour Ministry will offer special prayers for your intention.

One Lamp Will Burn
In Memory of
Jan Streb
by Jo.

Saturday & Sunday, August 16 and 17    Thank you, faithful servants!

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Sunday Communion Service - August 17
The Highlands: Richard Caruso    Heather Heights: Ann Murty
**The Word for the Week**

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a  
*Finding God in the tiny whispering sound*

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5  
*St. Paul’s love for his fellow Jews*

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33  
*Walking on water*

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**Not in the Headlines**

Elijah had a tremendous showdown with the many prophets of Baal, a foreign God of a foreign faith, whose worship had infiltrated and practically replaced the traditional faith of the Northern Kingdom, Israel. Elijah called down fire from heaven. He was vindicated. But he knew this had infuriated Queen Jezebel, and now his life was at risk. Those headline events on Mt. Carmel would capture anyone’s attention. But the quiet after a storm, an earthquake, and fire: how could the quiet capture anyone’s attention, after so much drama? Our take home from this reading today: don’t spend an inordinate amount of time waiting for God to come to you flamboyantly, to speak to you in high drama and flashy headlines. Look more closely at the ordinary, everyday ways God quietly acts, inspires, guides, comforts, heals, forgives; the quiet after the storm can be a very holy place!

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**Feeling with Paul**

Born a Jew, steeped in Judaism; his family, former friends and associates all likewise Jewish – after Paul was called by Christ, it broke his heart when so many of his fellow Jews would not accept Jesus as the Messiah. The words we hear from him this weekend are the beginning of his struggle to put it all in perspective (Romans 9-11). These might be good chapters to pray with if we have family members or loved ones who have left the faith. How could that help? Our own experience can help us identify with Paul’s pain and struggle. We might share what is going on inside us with him, knowing this great saint has been there. We can ask his intercession. Most importantly, we can pray for some of Paul’s confidence that somehow, God will be able to bring good out of this.

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**Walking on Water**

In 1986, when the water level in the Sea of Galilee was at a record low, the skeleton of an ancient wooden fishing boat was discovered, buried in the mud. Carbon-dated to the 1st century, this rare find was quickly dubbed ‘the Jesus boat’, and given a museum of its own in Ginosar. Could it be the boat Matthew is speaking of in our Gospel today? We don’t know. But we do know Matthew had more than one boat in mind.

Matthew wants us to know about the actual boat, an evening when the disciples were at risk, and how Jesus, the Son of God, with power over nature, utilized his power to save. But Matthew was also bringing the story into the present, to speak to his community, the “barque” of Peter. Early on, the church was seen as a ship, tossed about on a sea of worldly values, disbelief and persecution. As Jesus had the power to still the wind and calm the actual sea, so he could still the winds buffeting the church; calm the rough seas in his community’s life. Trust, Matthew is telling his people, Jesus will bring this ship safe to land.

Our task – follow Matthew’s example. See this Gospel as a revelation of who Jesus is and what he can do. Bring to mind the storms in our life. Trust that Jesus can come to us, even through fierce wind and rough seas. Notice that when Peter was focused on Jesus, he could walk on the water. When he focused on the wind, he began to sink. Learn how to keep focused on Jesus. When we fail, remember, when Peter began to sink, he called out to Jesus, he was pulled up from the waves. When we call out, ‘Lord, save me!’, the Lord will do no less for us!

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**Preparing for Next Weekend**

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7  
*A house of prayer for all peoples*

2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32  
*The gifts and call of God are irrevocable*

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28  
*Great faith works wonders*

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**Getting More from the Scriptures**

Tuesday morning Bible Study at the Manse from 7:30-8:30 AM has resumed. Come any week. We spend time looking at any questions raised by the previous Sunday’s scriptures, and then prepare for the following weekend by studying the coming weekend’s Bible readings. There is a place at the table for you, any time!

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“Through the vulnerability and dependence of the dying person, we discover a call to reach beyond ourselves to those around us and ultimately to God Himself.”

~ Ruth Ashfield,  
“The Gift of the Dying Person,”  
Communion, 39 Fall 2012
OUR GIFT TO GOD
LAST WEEKEND

August 3, 2014
Attendance ............... 1,538
Collection ............... $20,247.00

Thank you for joining us in worship! Thank you too for contributing to the support of our parish, as well as the various ministries we support through our tithing. May the Lord take what we have, and multiply it, as he multiplied the loaves and the fish, for the nourishment of all.

Recycling the Bulletin
Did you know that the parish bulletin could serve as an invitation? Once you’ve read it, consider giving the bulletin to a friend, along with an invite. ‘We would love to have you join us at St. Louis one of these weekends. Here is a bulletin, for a flavor of the place, and with the various Mass times. Seriously, I think you would be surprised at what you experience if you join us some Saturday evening or Sunday.’

Dear Friends at St. Louis Parish,

We at Advent House would like to extend our sincere thanks for your generous donation of $2,193.50 from your tithing account. We are so grateful for your generous support of our Home. There are many needy organizations and we truly appreciate your selection of Advent House.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity enables us to continue to care for our Residents and their families in a loving homelike environment with no cost to them and no type of insurance reimbursement to us. Without your support in so many ways, we would not be able to provide this ministry to the dying and their families.

Thank you for your caring and compassionate commitment to our Home. Your generosity blesses us and touches the hearts of many.

We are so very blessed by all you do to support this ministry to the dying and their families.

Peace,
Glenda Hastings, Director

THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT
EMERGENCY FUND

NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT
ST. PETER’S KITCHEN

St. Peter’s Kitchen was founded in 1982 by Father Richard Czerwin and has been serving the West Side Community of the City of Rochester, NY for over 32 years. St. Peter’s provides a well balanced and nutritional lunch program Monday- Friday for those who need it. On average, St. Peter’s Kitchen serves over 140 people a day; anyone who walks through the door is welcome to share in a meal. The 150 volunteers at St. Peter’s Kitchen work together donating their time and talent to feed the hungry, which allows St. Peter’s to average over 35,000 meals a year.

St. Peter’s Kitchen also helps the community by providing a sit down meal at Thanksgiving and Christmas, an Emergency Antibiotic Drug Program and an Annual Christmas Store for the children. St. Peter’s also provides services such as; the use of a phone, a fax machine, and a copy machine. This allows the community to make doctor’s appointments, contact Social Security, secure housing, jobs and other daily needs.

St. Peter’s is funded by private donations; they are not under the umbrella of a larger organization. 100% of the donations received benefit the community that St. Peter’s Kitchen serves. More information about St. Peter’s Kitchen can be found at http://stpeterskitchen.org. If you are interested in volunteering call (585)235-6511 or email at stpeterskitchen@dor.org.

MISSION APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND, AUGUST 16-17

Every summer each parish welcomes a missionary or a representative to speak on a particular cause.

Next weekend, August 16-17, Father Robert Bradler, Diocesan Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and Jamie Winebrake will be here at all the Masses seeking your prayers and financial gift for the work of Hands Together, an organization founded by Father Tom Hagen, OSFS to help the poorest of the poor in Haiti.

Motivated by God’s call to love and provide hope, comfort, and dignity to people living in poverty and misery, members of Hands Together spread God’s love through simple projects designed to help the very poor – focusing on the powerless and marginalized. Please be generous, as your means will allow, in the second collection next weekend.
Worship and Sacraments –

This online hybrid course covers historical, anthropological and theological investigations of Christian worship and sacraments with special attention to the Roman Catholic sacraments of baptism and Eucharist. Hybrid format: Face-to-face sessions on Wednesdays, 8/27; 10/22 & 12/10, 6:00 – 10:00 pm. Plus 12 weeks of online work. Financial aid is available. Learn more about graduate studies at St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry at www.stbernards.edu or by calling (585) 271-3657 ext. 289.

A 10 INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE –

NEW COMPLETELY ONLINE COURSE

This course is designed to acquaint the beginning student with the variety of methods used to interpret the Scriptures within the wider Church community today. We will examine how the Church has understood the Bible throughout history, the question of literal and fundamental interpretations of Scripture, as well as the concepts of inerrancy and divine inspiration. Through an analysis of select passages we will look at the methods used by the Church to develop its theological and pastoral understanding of today’s world. Instructor: Rev. George Heyman. Course opens Monday, September 15 at noon and ends Friday October 10th Computer and High Speed Internet Access are required. Additional online guidelines are available upon request. To register, go to www.stbernards.edu or call (585) 271-3657 ext. 289.

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Theology on Tap

2014 Summer Series for Catholics and friends in their twenties and thirties!!!

Good Company…Interesting Speakers…Lively Conversation…

For more information call 328-3228, ext. 1218.

For Those Even Younger

2014-2015 REGISTRATION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SACRAMENT PROGRAMS

Our registration for the 2014-2015 school year for religious education and sacrament programs has just begun. Please register now!! Registration forms were distributed through your child’s program on their last day of class and are available at the Faith Formation bulletin board in the Narthex hallway and at the Ministry Center.

The packet of registration materials includes a cover letter with general information, a detailed sheet of information about our religious education and sacramental preparation programs, and the registration forms.

If you have any questions please contact Sue Payne at 586-5675 (Ext. 233) or email spayne@dor.org
What Does Your Faith Allow You To Do?

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

The mission of the Church is to continue the work of Jesus. The family, the domestic church, participates in this mission too.

How does your family participate in the mission of the Church. What ways do you seek to reach out to your neighbors and people in need through acts of kindness, mercy, and justice. Talk about how Peter wanted to be like Jesus, to walk on water like Jesus did. Peter was successful for a time, but then he doubted Jesus, and he began to sink into the water. Talk about how your family's acts of mercy and justice are rooted in your faith in Jesus. Pray together that Jesus will continue to work through your family to prepare the kingdom of heaven.

LIFE . . . in Focus!

"The Gospel of Life is to be celebrated above all in daily living which should be filled with self-giving love for others. In this way, our lives will become a generous and responsible acceptance of the gift of Life and a heartfelt song of praise and gratitude to God."

~ Pope John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae

Consider: each day, going out of your way, just a little, to do one random act of kindness for someone. Their world will brighten and so will yours!
It’s Almost Time For Fruit of the Vine

Fruit of the Vine Conversation Series is a program for adults to learn more about the Catholic faith in a comfortable, friendly and relaxing venue. These monthly gatherings provide an opportunity to attend Mass and then join with others for a glass of wine and sharing in the discussion on a topic of faith.

Our Scheduled Speakers Are:

August 23rd: The Most Reverend Bishop Matthew Clark*
September 27th: Father Jim Schwartz*
October 25th: Sister Mary Lou Heffernan, SSJ
November 22nd: Wreath and Wassail with Father Bob Ring*

*Will be presiding at the 4:30 pm Mass prior to the event

Join us for Mass at 4:30 pm
Lite reception 5:30 pm in the Parish Meeting Hall
Presentation and conversation 6:00 pm in the Parish Meeting Hall

Please bring your favorite appetizer to share!
Beverages will be provided.

Watch for further details in the bulletin. Hope to see you there!
School Supply Time (again)

School supplies and backpacks are needed for refugee children who arrived in Rochester this summer and will start school for the first time in September. Saint’s Place provides each school-aged refugee with a backpack filled with needed school supplies. During the year, Saint’s Place distributes about 300 backpacks filled with supplies.

During the month of August, school supplies are at their lowest prices of the year. Many items such as notebooks are as low as 50 cents or one dollar. If you can help by purchasing one backpack and/or supplies for a backpack, it would be greatly appreciated.

Don’t miss the sales! The following items are needed:

- Backpacks
- Loose leaf paper
- Crayons
- Rulers
- Folders
- Pencil sharpener
- Composition notebook
- Spiral notebook
- Markers
- Scissors
- Calculator
- Pens/pencils
- Glue sticks
- Erasers

If you can help by purchasing one backpack and/or supplies for a backpack, it would be greatly appreciated.

NEED HEALTHCARE BUT HAVE NO INSURANCE?

WE CAN HELP YOU.

We offer medical care, dental care, personal and family counseling, specialties and other services for the uninsured and under-insured.

Call 585-325-5260 for more information, or visit our website at www.sjncenter.org

Catholicism 101

The Ten Commandments

We all know what the Ten Commandments are, as well as the Commandments of Jesus. Once in a while we need to be reminded that they call us to live as children of God. I recently found this description of both commandments and thought I would share it.

“We must not only honor God (the first three commandments), but also love our neighbor – the other seven. Family life must be protected (fourth). We do not kill life but protect and nourish it (fifth). We must not abuse God’s gift of sexuality by perverting it to selfishness and the using of another person (sixth). We must honor the goods of others, both their work and it’s true value, and their property as sacred possessions (seventh). We must respect truth, no matter where it leads (eighth). And we must realize (ninth, tenth) that sin and virtue are first of all in the mind and the heart.

The commandments of Jesus are found in the Gospels. They go far beyond the Ten Commandments. They are ways (like the Ten) in which we live out our relationship with God. To be a follower of Jesus and a child of the Father is to be aware of this relationship—and to communicate with this loving God. Prayer is consciously being in God’s presence — silently or verbally, alone or with others, or in the liturgy.” — Juan Jose Gutierrez
THE LAST WORD

Needed: YOU!
A new job in a new state can be a great blessing to a family, even if not so much for the parish they are leaving. The same with someone discovering a new ministry or responsibility locally: it can leave a position that needs to be filled. If you have discovered that in giving of ourselves, we receive, you may be just who we need for Stewardship Council! Send me an e-mail (Ring@dor.org), catch me after Mass or call, either to learn more, or to nominate someone you think I should ask. Fr. Bob

CHRISTIAN LOVE: FEEDING THE HUNGRY

FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS FOR SISTER REGIS FOOD CUPBOARD, NEXT WEEKEND! AUGUST 16 & 17

☐ Cereals, Rice
☐ Canned/boxed soups
☐ Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)  
☐ Canned pastas (Spaghetti-O’s, etc)
☐ Pasta & Spaghetti sauce
☐ Salad dressings, Salt & Pepper, Sugar, Flour
☐ Prepared meals (mac & cheese, etc)
☐ Peanut Butter, Jam & Jelly
☐ Gravies (canned or boxed mixes)
☐ Canned fruits (peaches, pears, etc.)
☐ Canned vegetables (corn, peas, tomatoes)
☐ Canned Beans (pinto, kidney, etc.)
☐ Feminine products
☐ Diapers
☐ Toiletries: Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorants
☐ Paper Goods: toilet paper, napkins, tissues, towels

“Gifts Beyond Compare”
This Fall’s Weekend Retreat Theme
Notre Dame Retreat House
Canandaigua, NY

Our Catholic faith is rich in sacraments. Join a men or women’s weekend retreat this fall and learn how your life has been gifted with these wonderful graces that are yours and ours to participate in and receive.

Women’s Weekend Opportunities:
September 12-14, 2014
September 26-28, 2014
October 24-26, 2014

Men’s Weekend Opportunities:
September 19-21, 2014
October 17-19, 2014
October 31-November 2, 2014

For more information on the retreat weekend schedule and pricing, please contact: Nancy Lynch (Notre Dame Retreat House) at 585-394-5700 or ndlynch@rochester.rr.com.

For details on the retreat house and directions, visit www.ndretreat.org or call Notre Dame Retreat House.

Summer is festival season in Rochester and the Abruzzese Italian Festival will generously include Catholic Family Center as one of their beneficiaries, but we need some volunteers. Whether you’re Italian or not, come join me as a volunteer at the festival on Sunday, August 24 at St. Theodore’s Church & Gates Memorial Park; 160 Spencerport Road; Rochester. Come early for Mass with Bishop Matano or stay late for Lou Graham and fireworks. If you have 4 hours to contribute, are at least 18 and able-bodied and would like to help with Food prep, Children’s games, Information booth, Set up, Clean up, Cashier, Security or Parking, please contact Claudia Gill, 585-262-7044 or CGill@CFCRochester.org. Thank you!

Stewardship Prayer

Loving God, you are the source of every good gift; gifts of creation that surround us, the mysteries and gifts of human life within. We praise you and thank you for all these treasures, and for your tender, faithful love.

Center us in gratitude. Open our eyes to how blessed we are, and what a blessing we can be. Teach us the joys of generosity. Give us the courage to give as freely as we have received. Help us to believe, to belong and to make this parish all that it can be. Together we can accomplish amazing things in your name. Help us open our hands and hearts, becoming a blessing to others, to your honor and glory. Amen
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