We Believe. We Belong.

This Weekend
Saturday
4:30 pm Mass, Bishop Matthew Clark Celebrant
5:30 pm, Fruit of the Vine Reception and Presentation by Bishop Clark, PMH

This Week at St. Louis
Daily Mass Schedule p.2

Monday - August 25
Feast of St. Louis
6:30 am - Men’s Spirituality Group, Manse

Tuesday - August 26
7:30 am - Understanding Sunday’s Scriptures, Manse
7:00 pm - Beginning Experience, Parish Meeting Hall

Wednesday - August 27
7:30 pm - Bible Basics, Manse
7:30 pm - Regional Charismatic Prayer Group, PMH

Thursday - August 28
7:00 pm - Holy Hour, Church

Saturday - August 30
3:30 pm - Confessions
4:30 pm - Mass (Sign Language Interpreted)

Sunday - August 31
7:30 am - Mass
9:00 am - Mass, No Children’s Liturgy of the Word
11:00 am - Mass, No Children’s Liturgy of the Word
5:00 pm - Mass

Please Note:
The Ministry Center closes at 12 noon on Friday during the summer!

Opportunities Galore

Can you believe Labor Day is just a week away? Our seminarians are back to their seminaries, our college students back to college. St. Louis School is in tip top shape, ready for the students to return, thanks to our amazing maintenance team, and faithful teachers getting their classrooms ready. The first day of school is Wednesday, September 3. The opening school liturgy is Monday, September 8 at 9:10 am and you are invited! Faith Formation programs, Sacramental Preparation programs, Adult Faith Formation opportunities are all in place, again thanks to our terrific staff’s hard work these past few months. Seasons of Faith kicks off Sunday, September 21, and Living Faith kicks off Tuesday, September 23. Check inside to see when other programs start up. Let the learning begin!

Years ago I might have used the word ‘catechesis’ to speak of these many opportunities, fearing the words teaching/learning could evoke images of a classroom, a blackboard, a lecture, and taking notes. However, nowadays, even in elementary schools (certainly ours!), blackboards are gone, replaced by interactive ‘smart boards’. The teacher standing in front of class lecturing is almost passé, learning groups and hands on learning are in the ascendancy. Hopefully we all realize learning is an interactive multifaceted process, not just giving information to be absorbed. Not only that, most folks also understand that, while we may not do it sitting in a classroom, we all do keep learning our whole life long.

Call it learning, catechesis, mystagogia, didache, or kerygma; disciple making, faith formation, growing in faith: call it what you will, this is at the heart of being church, along with worship, community building, and service. So central in fact, that early this FALL, learning will be our key focus. We Believe, We Belong. We Learn. Learning’s centrality is why St. Louis School is such an important mission of our parish, and who we are; why we offer a variety of faith formation or religious education programs for children, why sacramental preparation is so essential, why we offer a variety of ways and opportunities for adults to keep learning and growing in faith.

Just check out this bulletin. There is hardly a page that doesn’t include opportunities to learn and grow in faith. Take reading the scripture page; not a bad place to start. It provides an opportunity to further reflect on the readings that were proclaimed at Mass. Read it each week, and in time your understanding of the Bible, and how to mine its riches, will grow dramatically. For more, check out the Bible study opportunities. Consider Symbolon. Consider Fruit of the Vine. Watch for the book study on What Happens at Mass. The start-up of Journey through the Bible. Pick up the flyer on Adult Education next week. Check out offerings at Notre Dame Retreat House. Or Magnificat. How will you make sure learning is part of your life this FALL?

May God bless all of these efforts, and guide us all as, through what we learn, we grow closer to Christ. Peace! Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - AUGUST 25
Louis, Confessor & King of France,
Parish Feast Day
2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
11:00 am Rose Simone - Family
5:15 pm Stanley M. Banas - Family

TUESDAY - AUGUST 26
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
6:45 am Florian Babiarz, Jr. - Pittsford American Legion
11:00 am William B. Thaney - Lowell & Nancy Patric

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 27
St. Monica
2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32
11:00 am Annette DeRoberts - Ed & Carm Fugo
5:15 pm Harold Barnes - Babette

THURSDAY - AUGUST 28
Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of Church
1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
6:45 am Dorothy Ward - Loyola & Jack Connolly
11:00 am Joyce Considine - Louis Tasciotti

FRIDAY - AUGUST 29
Passion of John the Baptist
1 Cor 1:17-25/Mk 6:17-29
11:00 am Mary Nolan - Family
5:15 pm John Serafine - Julie Lawther

SATURDAY - AUGUST 30
1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
9:00 am Marion Malone - Ted & Patricia Malone
4:30 pm Samuel & Geraldine DiPalma - Family

SUNDAY - AUGUST 31
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
7:30 am Martha Serio - Jennifer, Jeffrey & Ronald Serio
9:00 am Raymond Micciche - Yolanda LaMendola
11:00 am Ann Ring - Marian Battle
5:00 pm Dr. Robert Parker III - Nancy DiPasquale Patric

We pray for people with serious illnesses and their caregivers

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 Jim DeBloom
(Our Wedding Anniversary)
By Betsy.

One Lamp Will Burn
In Memory of Barb Yankowski
By Thursday Evening Holy Hour.

One Lamp Will Burn
In Memory of Veronica Heydens
By Family.

Saturday & Sunday, August 30 and 31
Thank you, faithful servants!

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Sunday Communion Service - August 31
The Highlands: Mary Ann Monley    Heather Heights: Richard Caruso
Keys and Trust
Who would you trust with the keys to your house? We don’t know much about the master of the palace, Shebna, except that apparently he proved untrustworthy. He had to be removed from office, replaced by someone honest and reliable. It isn’t hard to see why this reading was chosen to precede today’s Gospel. Read this scripture, then the Gospel, and catch the echoes, echoes Fathers of the Church and theologians have unpacked for ages. Giving the keys of the kingdom to Peter in the Gospel echoes bestowing the keys of the palace upon Eliakim. Authority to bind and loose is a development of the authority to open and to shut which we see in Isaiah. Peter: a rock upon which the church will be built, builds on the description of Eliakim, fixed like a peg in a sure spot.

Back to home, there could well be a number of folks we might entrust with the keys to our house. But the keys to our heart – pray about that one!

Mystagogy Follow-up
Recall last week’s front page about mystagogia? Our second reading offers great perspective. Should we try to teach all there is to know about God and the faith BEFORE someone receives a sacrament? Impossible! The depth of the riches and wisdom of God are inscrutable and unsearchable. So instead, a person prepares to receive Baptism, is immersed in the mystery of God’s grace, but then must discover what living our baptism means, learning and growing year by year, each Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and through Ordinary Time, being formed in the Christ life. Candidates prepare for Confirmation, to be anointed with the Spirit. In that grace received, one grows into understanding how to live by the Spirit. Preparing for First Eucharist entails learning the simplest things about the sacrament, and receiving communion. All that Eucharist holds requires a lifetime, and more, to fully understand! Still not clear? Imagine if marriage preparation had to last until the couple knew all there is to know about marriage!

What About Those Keys?
Remember Jesus’ critique of those who ‘bind heavy burdens and lay them on men’s shoulders, but they are unwilling to move a finger to budge them’? Pharisees claimed the power to bind and loose – the power to interpret the law. Was a person restricted by a particular law (bound) or not (loosed)? Was a particular action forbidden or permitted? A day could be ‘bound’ by declaring it a fast day.

A sharper focus, the power to forgive sins, comes into view in light of Jesus’ critique noted above, and his Pentecost declaration: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven then, whose sins you retain are retained.’ Pulling it all together, the Catechism teaches:

553 Jesus entrusted a specific authority to Peter: “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” 287 The “power of the keys” designates authority to govern the house of God, which is the Church. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, confirmed this mandate after his Resurrection: “Feed my sheep.” 288 The power to “bind and loose” connotes the authority to absolve sins, to pronounce doctrinal judgments, and to make disciplinary decisions in the Church. Jesus entrusted this authority to the Church through the ministry of the apostles. 289 and in particular through the ministry of Peter, the only one to whom he specifically entrusted the keys of the kingdom.

Give Me More!
The homily, a paragraph or two in the bulletin – want to get even more out of the Sunday readings? Start the day a little earlier, and come on Tuesday morning, 7:30 AM to the Manse for Bible study and scripture sharing. Look back at what you heard Sunday, and prepare for the next weekend’s message. No prior experience required, just hunger for the Word.
THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT
NAZARETH HOME FOR GOD’S CHILDREN

NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT
HOUSE OF MERCY

House of Mercy was founded in 1985 by Sister Grace Miller and the Sisters of Mercy. The purpose for House of Mercy is to help with homelessness in Rochester, NY. House of Mercy serves over 4,000 people a month, providing food, clothing, shelter, advocacy and a spirituality based on the Beatitudes. Their ministry operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week on a small shoestring budget and still has never turned anyone away. House of Mercy has a very small team which provides distinctive and compassionate assistance to those in need. The House of Mercy continues to be a beacon of hope for the poorest of the poor; they never give up on the people they serve.

COMING SOON – SATURDAY/SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 & 7
ST. LOUIS’ 43 RD CORN SALE (AFTER ALL MASSES)
To benefit St. Damien Pediatric Hospital in Tabarre, Haiti, Fr./Dr. Rick Frechette, NPH Director

For 43 years, the a-m-a-i-z-i-n-g-l-y generous Powers Farm Market Family on Marsh Rd., Pittsford, has planted a field of delicious corn to lessen World Hunger. Totally pro bono, they also harvest the crop and bring it to St. Louis fresh just before each Mass. Funds raised support St. Damien Pediatric Hospital - Haiti’s only hospital that offers oncology services and free medical care to the indigent, a huge effort of our parish friend Fr. Rick Frechette. Find info about St. Damien's at: www.NPH.org/haiti

The donation is $5 for 8 ears and $3 for 4 ears. Last year, we sent the hospital $3,225 from the Corn Sale. We hope to exceed that amount this year!

“I Was Hungry And You Gave Me Food”
Many thanks to all who brought in food last weekend, to help keep the Sister Regis Food Cupboard stocked.

If you miss the third weekend collection, food may be left anytime for Pittsford Food Cupboard. There is a drop off drawer in the entry way near the grand piano at the front of church. There is also a bin in the Narthex near the handicap door. Contributions of non-perishable food can always be donated.

Count Me In!
A parish doesn’t have the number of people who live stewardship, doesn’t have so many involved in ministries, doesn’t make such a difference in the world as St. Louis without people behind the scenes, keeping us focused on being good stewards. Devoted to that behind the scenes effort: Stewardship Council. Want to join the team? E-mail (Ring@dor.org), catch me after Mass, or call to learn more, or to nominate someone you think I should ask. Fr. Bob
REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS!!

Please register NOW for Seasons of Faith, Living Faith, Family Faith and Crossroads for the 2014 - 2015 school year, also, please register NOW for the sacraments of First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation.

You can register on line, but please send in your payment as soon as possible so we can complete the registration. You can also pick up registration forms at the Ministry Center, 64 South Main St., or at the Faith Formation bulletin board in the hallway of the Narthex at the back of church. Please include your payment with the completed form.

Please read all information very carefully so your child’s registration is not delayed because of incomplete requirements, especially for the sacrament preparation programs with our new guidelines.

Specific information about our programs can be found on our web site: www.stlouischurch.org

Here are some guidelines and requirements:
- Families need to be registered parishioners of St. Louis Church.
- Public school children, Kindergarten through eighth grade, are required to be in a religious education program every year.
- Sacramental preparation programs of First Penance, Confirmation and First Communion are separate programs in addition to children receiving their religious education through one of St. Louis’ programs or Catholic school.
- For a child to prepare to receive a sacrament, they ideally should be in a religious education program or Catholic school for at least one year prior to the preparation program.
- Parents are asked to actively participate and help in our programs.

If you are new to our parish or have children who will be coming of age to enroll into one of our programs, please call Sue Payne at the Ministry Center, 586-5675 or email spayne@dor.org for details of what you need to do to register.

It is imperative that you register NOW for these programs. We need to adequately prepare for these programs so we need your registrations ASAP!

WOMEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT ~~~
A LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

The New Testament is neither a biography nor a history of the life of Jesus. It is much more. It is about how the interaction between Jesus and the men and women of his times changed them and challenges us. This scripture study focuses on the women of the New Testament, who they were, what they did, and how we can be inspired and challenged because of them.

This 7 week study will explore the lives of these women through the reading of scripture, completing a workbook of reflection questions and sharing our own faith together over a cup of tea. Please join us beginning on Tuesday, September 23 at 1:15 pm in the Parish Meeting Hall. Materials will be provided at a cost of $12.00. If you have questions, please contact Cris Wensel at the Ministry Center, 586-5675, ext. 224 or cwensel@dor.org.

Knowing the Faith

Sunday, 9/28 – 10/26
12:15 pm

OR

Thursday 9/25 – 10/23 7:00 pm
Parish Meeting Hall

Whether you are looking to grow in your faith or learn about the Catholic Church for the first time, Symbolon* will take you through a journey into the timeless beauty and truths of the Catholic faith and reveal God’s incredible love for us — the story of our salvation!

*We will cover the first 5 sessions in the fall and the second 5 sessions beginning in January 2015.
NEW! RCIA Team Being Developed
Have you ever wanted to share your faith and Catholic knowledge with adults who are interested in becoming Catholic? Would you like to learn more about our faith? Are you willing to spend some time walking with another disciple as Jesus did on the road to Emmaus? Please consider joining the New RCIA team. We are taking a new approach in the RCIA process and looking for open-minded, self-motivated, spirit-filled companions to serve as catechists and sponsors for those inquiring about the Catholic faith. If this is something that you might be interested in, contact Cris Wensel in the Ministry Center.

Profession of Faith
In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter’s response, Jesus calls him the “rock” upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

The use of the term church in today’s Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew’s Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus’ identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Today’s Gospel reminds us that the Church is built on the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. Peter announces the core of our faith, that Jesus is God’s only Son. The family, as the domestic church, has this same faith as its foundation.

As you gather together as a family, talk about people whose faith has helped you to be a member of the Church and talk about what you have learned from leaders in our Church today. Talk about what we can learn from Peter and his profession of faith about Jesus.

An Act of Faith
O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the holy Catholic Church teaches, because you have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

Magnificat Rochester, a ministry to Catholic Women, invites all women to a full-course breakfast on Saturday, September 27; program begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at Noon at the Holiday Inn Rochester Airport, 911 Brooks Ave., Rochester.

Kelly Nieto is a former Miss Michigan and Miss America Runner-Up in 1986, was raised with no faith and was heavily involved in New Age. God changed her life; hear about her journey and how she went on to create “The Cross and the Light” – a stage production based on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. Confessions will be heard at 8 a.m. and again at the end of the program.

Early Reservations $18.00; after September 22nd $20.00; Student $10.00; Clergy, Religious, and Pastoral Administrators complimentary. Registration required; no tickets sold at the door.

To register, mail check to: Magnificat Rochester, PO Box 24787, Rochester NY, 14624; include your name, address, phone number and email address. You can also register via PayPal on our website at www.MagnificatRochester.org. For more information: call Kathy Murty at 585-436-1284, or email to: MagnificatRochester@frontier.com

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The Rock, Day of Prayer
Tuesday, September 8, 2014
Notre Dame Retreat House,
5151 Foster Rd., Canandaigua

Rock of Ages
“. . . And on this rock I will build my church and not even the gates of the netherworld shall prevail against it” Matthew 16:18

“The Church, the Anvil that Wears Out All Hammers” Presented by Fr. Paul Miller, C.Ss.R

Please call 585-394-5700 to make a reservation. The $25 fee includes conference and lunch. The day begins at 9:00 am with refreshments and concludes with mass beginning at 2:00 pm.
Good News!!

Final numbers for the Annual Sale are well over $70,000; additional donations are still being counted!!!

Refugee students from the Rochester International Academy volunteered at the Annual Super Sale. They are giving back to the community that helped them. During the 2014-5 school year, they will be assisting at the Clothing Closet located at St. John of Rochester two mornings a month.

Two recently arrived refugees, who also volunteered at the Annual Super Sale, are now members of the Nazareth College Class of 2018. Many refugees are attending area colleges and universities fulfilling their American dream.

Saint’s Place has had an ongoing partnership with ABVI Goodwill for over 8 years. Each week, Goodwill helps Saint’s Place find homes for donated goods we cannot use for the refugees. The Goodwill truck stops at 46 South Main Street then proceeds to our St. John of Rochester location. At each stop, the ABVI crew loads bags of clothing and household items onto their truck. All of these items have been sorted and reviewed by our volunteers.

In return for all the items we give to ABVI Goodwill, they provide Saint’s Place with gift cards in excess of $2,000 annually to use in their stores. These gifts cards are used to purchase men’s clothing, warm winter boots, coats, hats and any other items that are in short supply for the refugees. It is a very rewarding partnership that benefits all. Our special thanks goes to Mary Boland for her coordination efforts and care.

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. 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

Baptismal Preparation

Soon to have a child, and you want to prepare for baptism in advance? Or you have a child to be baptized, and want to begin the process? Come to the 11:00 am Mass on August 31 (invite potential godparents as well): there will be a baptism at Mass. Stay after Mass for discussion on Baptism, the role of parents, the meaning of the sacrament and ritual; begin the process!

NEW HEARING ASSISTANCE LOOP!

St. Louis now has a T-coil hearing assistance loop, in addition to the existing FM receiver hearing system. The loop covers the main area of pews. Try your T-coil switch and find your best spot for perfect reception! Let us know how you like it. Email Fr. Bob at ring@dor.org, or Sally Schrecker at sschrecker@dor.org, or call the Ministry Center at 585-586-5675.
GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

NEED HEALTHCARE BUT HAVE NO INSURANCE? WE CAN HELP YOU.

At St. Joseph’s Neighborhood Center, 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.

Do You Have Room in Your Heart?

The Children, Youth and Family Department at Catholic Family Center specializes in foster care services for young people from around the world whose lives have been torn apart by war, tragedy and oppression. These children come from countries such as Nepal, Congo, Honduras, Guatemala and Eritrea. CFC’s unique Foster Care program provides for the safety and life needs of refugee youth in the present and prepares them for a successful future as independent adults. The program is in need of dedicated families to provide a home for the youth and assist them with their growth and path to independence.

For more information on how to become a foster parent please contact: Gina Montanarella, 546-7220 ext. 4830 or gmontanarella@cfcrochester.org OR Jennifer Berenson, 546-7220 ext. 4850 or jberenson@cfcrochester.org.

FAMILY FUN FEST CELEBRATING CATHOLIC COURIER’S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, September 14
St. John of Rochester Church,
8 Wickford Way, Perinton

Rain or Shine!
Free & open to the public!

1:00 p.m. Mass Concelebrated by Bishop Salvatore R. Matano and Bishop Emeritus Matthew H. Clark

Family fun from 2:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Music and dance on two stages!
Wegman’s Zoo Mobile
Bounce houses, face painting, games & crafts for the kids; food trucks; birthday cake-off, vendors & exhibits.

Performances by Izzy Hunzek, Borinquen Dance Theatre, Boland School of Dance, The Dady Brothers (5:30 - 6:30 p.m.)

Rochester Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (RDCCS) is hosting a Religious Emblems course for both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The program will run from 8-9 PM on Wednesday evenings September 2014 – January 2015. The program will culminate on February 7, 2015 at Sacred Heart Cathedral with a ceremony celebrating the faith of the youth which includes a presentation of the appropriate medals by The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of the Rochester Diocese. Classes will be held at the new Boy Scout office 2320 Brighton-Henrietta Townline Road, Rochester, NY, 14623. Contact Jeff Walent (H 334-6533 (jeffalope397@gmail.com) to sign up or with any questions or for further details.

Mary the First Disciple (formerly the Marian medal)
The Marian medal program is written for young catholic girls [ages 12 - 15] to enable them to proclaim the “Greatness of the Lord”. Through all the activities of the program, the participants are asked to hold before them, Mary, as an example of the church serving our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Ad Altare Dei (To the Altar of God) The Ad Altare Dei emblem assists Boy Scouts to develop a fully Christian way of life in their faith communities. The program is organized in steps based on the seven sacraments. Adherence to these sacraments is a primary means of developing spiritual growth. The Scout is assisted in the program by an approved religious emblem counselor.

28th Annual Community Care Health Fair
Thursday, September 11
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

St. Ann’s Community
1500 Portland Avenue, Rochester

Free Admission and Lunch

Over 30 exhibit booths offering information about community resources for seniors and those who care for the elderly

For additional information call: 585-697-6406

Women of St. Louis

Have you ever wondered if you have a problem with alcohol? Has anyone ever told you that you should seek help? There is a Women’s group at St. Louis who meet once a month to deal with this issue and offer support. Call Fr. Bob (586-5675) for a meeting time and place.
Dear Friends at St. Louis Church,

It was so wonderful to receive your note in the mail yesterday. Thank you does not even begin to express our gratitude towards all of you. Your generous tithing donation of $2,779.00 is enormously charitable. We are blessed to have you as part of the Andrews Center family.

Each day the children we work with remind us to be thankful for today and not to take anything or anyone for granted. Their time spent at the Andrews Center is oftentimes filled with moments of enormous growth and strength as well as times of difficulty and struggle. Our ability to be a place of support for the children not only while in foster care, but once they have been returned home is what makes the greatest difference in their lives.

Having medical and physical disabilities often times only complicates the already difficult lives of the children we serve. Your support assures the Andrews Center’s ability to provide these children and families with the medical and emotional support that they need to live dignified lives.

We are truly blessed to be able to continue our ministry over the past 41 years! Thank you very much for your continued support and compassion over the years. We have been the recipient of your immeasurable grace, favor and compassion. For this we will always be grateful.

We will continue to keep you in our prayers. We hope you all are having a healthy summer season and enjoying our warm weather.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Sister Kathleen Kilmer

Dear Friends at St. Louis Church,

Thank you so very much for your generous food collections to St. Andrew’s Area Food Cupboard. Many thanks for your fabulous gift to us last winter. The holidays brought 846 families who were provided with holiday foods and meat. We began the new year reaching 413 households in need. Just as you and I experience the cold, the difficult transportation, the need for protective clothes, and the higher food prices, the poor who come to us feel it all the more acutely, and often more severely. So your gift helps us be prepared with nutritious food to brighten a few days of their lives. So again, we are very grateful that you have partnered with us in food collections and friendship.

We are truly grateful for your sharing with us. We were once again amazed to have over 400 families come to us for help in May. Together, we make a blessed team of spirited grace bringing goodness to our city. Warm summer blessings to you.

Gratefully,
Margaret Oberst

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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