Dear friends in Christ,

As a happy wanderer, I want to invite you to take some time and wander with God in your spiritual journey. Do you remember the story of Mary and Martha in Matthew’s Gospel which we listened to a few weeks ago? While Martha opened her house to welcome Jesus, Mary opened her ear to hear Jesus’ word and her heart to contemplate on his teaching. Quite often, first time listeners to this Gospel can quickly judge Martha’s hospitality style. Yet, instead of judging her, Jesus invites Martha to grow more toward a contemplative life. For Jesus, caring, serving, and healing should not be separated from prayer. Hospitality in our Christian life includes both being and doing. Without the Gospel inspiration, we can be easily caught in our world of control and power if we force ourselves to serve others. Jesus’ teaching to Martha and Mary invites us to seek balance in our faith journey. This Gospel story reminds me of our human experiences of being “home” and our longing to be in a special “place.”

After many years of wandering to different places in the world and meeting so many strangers, I have come to know that home is more than a place or geography. Any human person can be a home for others. Last year, during a eulogy at a funeral mass, the husband of the deceased, who died at 37, shared that his wife had been “a home” for him since they first met. Such an image continues with me in my spiritual growth. This image echoes what Jesus promised his disciples in John’s Gospel that he went to prepare a place for them and that in his Father’s house, there are many “dwelling places.” Perhaps Jesus was speaking of a complete union with God when we are welcomed into his house or Himself.

This summer, I had to leave my former parishes to come here for my new assignment. It was transition moving from one place to another. In my farewell homily, I reflected that Eucharist is a special place beyond parish boundaries. Rather than a place of fear or admiration, this is a place of healing, comfort, and of change or conversion. Christ does not require any pre-conditions. He just invites us to be here. You don’t have to polish your life before coming to this celebration. Just come and enjoy your relationship with Christ. It is a place of love and union.

Amidst the storms of life dealing with sickness, my faith community has been walking along with me, prayed for me, laughed with me, and felt my pain. They had been a place that sheltered me. I became a child being so loved. Thanks to their constant encouragement, I have been able to stand up again and walk the next step of my ministry. Thanks to the grace of the Eucharist, I remain faithful to my call no matter what position I will serve in the faith community.

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## Mass Intentions for This Week

### Monday - August 5
- **Nn 11:40-15/Mt 14:13-21**
  - **11:00 am** Funer for Victor Schulz
  - **5:15 pm** Donald Corletta - Norma Corletta

### Tuesday - August 6
- **Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Lk 9:28b-36**
  - **6:45 am** Mary Lane - Mary Pat Lord
  - **11:00 am** Steve Ciambor - Suzanne England

### Wednesday - August 7
- **Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35/ Mt 15:21-28**
  - **10:30 am** Mass at the Highlands Living Center for Residents & Staff
  - **11:00 am** Walter Schmitt - Gerard Schmitt
  - **5:15 pm** Amy Mezzacappa - Young Family

### Thursday - August 8
- **Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23**
  - **6:45 am** Trevor Irby - Suzanne Montanye
  - **11:00 am** Laura Meloni - Peggy O’Neal Midgley

### Friday - August 9
- **Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28**
  - **11:00 am** Shirley Ray - Family
  - **5:15 pm** Pat Corcoran - Linda McCauley

### Saturday - August 10
- **2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26**
  - **9:00 am** Matthew Finegan - Mark & Kristin Valentine

### Sunday - August 11
- **Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40**
  - **7:30 am** Donna Rose - Rose & Dick Yule
  - **9:00 am** Peter Koomen - Ann Koomen
  - **11:15 am** William H. Perham, Jr. (Anniversary) - Perham Family
  - **5:00 pm** Nelly & Patrick O’Connor - Sons & Grandchildren

### 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.
Three Lamps will burn in Loving Memory of William Kane by Mary-Ellen & Family

### Rest in Peace
**Victor Schulz**

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**Sunday Communion Service - August 11**
- The Highlands - Peggy Midgley
- Heather Heights - Darlene Huver
My dear friends in Christ,

The world continues to experience joys and sorrows, tragedies and triumphs, successes and failures, war and peace. To this world the MISSION CHURCH obeys Christ’s command to TEACH, COMFORT and LOVE. Accordingly, the Pontifical Mission Society (of the Church) directs that each parish community of every diocese should share in the life of the MISSION CHURCH by welcoming missionaries to tell their story and experiences through the Missionary Cooperation Plan. This is a mission-aid program that enables us to see and hear the Church’s real-life MISSION in foreign lands, so that through our charitable support of the missionary, we participate in the very Mission of the Church. His Excellency, Bishop Salvatore Matano, has graciously granted permission to the Most Reverend Bishop Donatus Akpan, Bishop of Ogoja Diocese, to send a representative to come share with us about the Mission challenges in his Diocese.

Ogoja diocese is going through a very challenging time due to poverty and food shortages, as a result of the Boko Haram terrorist crises in Nigeria. Ogoja serves a vast rural area among the poorest of the poor in Nigeria. The territory under Ogoja Diocese is situated in the Southeastern part of Nigeria, a part of the Niger Delta, which continues to suffer from abject neglect by the government. The population is grossly underserved due to its minority status and have to fend for itself relying mainly on subsistence farming. Although these rural families and communities work so hard, it is never enough to feed its population, worse still, provide education for their children. The people suffer from lack of food, clean water, and basic health care. There is lack of employment opportunities especially for farmers and young graduates. The Church has been the main agent of development since its inception. But it is hard to preach the gospel to people who are starving.

Bishop Akpan is looking to answer the challenge Jesus Christ presented to his disciples that led to the Miracle of Loaves, “You give them something to eat yourselves.” The Bishop is seeking for ways to assist these farmers who are very passionate in their work to increase food production through mechanized farming and improved seeds. This would enable Catholic families (and others) to feed themselves, provide some work for young graduates, and keep people engaged with working to solve the problem and end their dependence on government and foreign aid, which only comes in trickles.

On August 10 & 11, 2019, Bishop Akpan will send his representative, Reverend Father Joseph Macus Ogan (see photo), to visit our Parish and tell us all about the Mission situation in Ogoja. Father Joseph will preach in all the weekend Masses. I humbly ask that you please be present to listen to him and offer your assistance in whatever way that you can. It’s good to know that in both the past and present, priests of Ogoja Diocese have been sent to help ease the shortage of priests here in Rochester Diocese. May our kindness and love ease their sufferings. Some give to the Missions by going, others go to the Missions by giving.

There will be a Second Collection to support the Ogoja Diocese, and envelopes will be available for those who would like to send checks. You will also be able to send checks until August 26th. Please make checks to St. Louis, with Ogoja Diocese in the Memo Line. All donations are tax deductible.

Christ’s Peace to you,
Fr. Mitch

Our Weekend Scriptures:  
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23  
All things are vanity

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11  
Put on the new self

Our life doesn’t consist of possessions

Looking Ahead:  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9  
Offering the Passover

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19  
Living by faith

Where your treasure is
**Supporting Our Parish**

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**Online Collection**

| Month-to-Date | $70,521.93 |

**This Week’s Tithing Will Support**

**Isaiah House**

**Next Week’s Tithing Will Support**

**Bethany House**

Bethany House, established in 1977, is a Catholic Worker House of Hospitality sheltering homeless women and children. Located on Joseph Avenue, Rochester, an area beset by poverty and violence, it also serves the needs of women and their children in that area. Some of the women have been victims of domestic violence, some have been evicted from their homes, some are trying to recover from alcohol or drug abuse, some have been recently released from incarceration or have been hospitalized for illnesses of the mind or body. Whatever the case, all find a welcoming and supportive "home" at Bethany House.

Bethany House provides emergency shelter, an emergency food cupboard, and maintains a clothing room, all for no cost. Bethany House is supported solely through private and institutional donations from the general public and various businesses in the Rochester area. The mission of Bethany House is to provide food, shelter, clothing, support, advocacy, and hospitality for women with or without children, and to serve homeless women and children who are often invisible and forgotten in our society. All come from experiences that radically deny their worth. Those served are not limited by race, religion or economic background. The door is always open to those in need.

Women in need of assistance are welcome to come to the food cupboard any weekday, once a month. It is available to the women and children in the shelter and also to women of the neighborhood two mornings a week. Bethany House also serves as a drop-in center for women and children during daytime hours Monday through Friday. Women can drop by for support, encouragement, advocacy, friendship, and comfort as the need arises in their daily life. Bethany House is always open to visitors, volunteers and donations. Many short term volunteer opportunities are available for individuals and groups. For more information, visit: bethanyhouserocny.org.

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Since I arrived this parish, a new place, the afternoon mass at St. Louis has brought me a feeling of home, my experience when I was a teenager in Vietnam. After working on a farm until three in the afternoon, I used to ride my bicycle back home in time for mass at my local church after 4:00pm. In those days, I often felt a sense of peace and serenity in my heart after masses. I have noticed that the masses at St. Louis have drawn people from so many different parishes. I have met many parishioners from parishes where I served before. I have received so much hospitality from them and all of you. The St. Louis faith community has welcomed so many Catholics from different parts of the world, including folks from my birth place, Vietnam. It is now a new place where God sent me with my new ministry among you. I am now in a new home. Let us pray that each one of us can be a place where others can be welcomed to God’s love.

Fr. Hoan (“John”)

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**American Red Cross**

Would you help save up to three lives?

Thank you to everyone who donated blood at our Blood Drive on July 25th.

21 units of blood were collected that will help 63 lives!

Thank you to our volunteers who organized, promoted and supported the blood drive proving that “You can put the power of faith into action and help save a life.”

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**Wedding Bells**

We pray for these couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

♦ Janna Luksha & Nick Sirianni, August 11
♦ Alison Marie Lanni & Joseph Amico, August 17
♦ Lauren Klepacki & Tony Andreassi, August 17
♦ Gloria Szablowski & Brian Wagner, August 23
HABITAT CONSTRUCTION
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The volunteer work schedule from July 17 through August 30 has been available online for several weeks. But volunteers have been slow to register and schedule their work. So we are now providing this reminder to those who are interested in helping to build our Habitat Interfaith Partnership (HIP) house to register and schedule their work soon.

You may do so yourself by using the following link to Flower City Habitat’s web site: rochesterhabitat.org. Once there, click on our Habitat Interfaith Partnership logo and be sure to read “About This Campaign” to learn about working on-site, including appropriate working attire, amenities and other construction FAQs. Having read that, click the green button labeled “VOLUNTEER,” and then follow the instructions to selecting specific date(s) and time, registering and identifying an emergency contact.

Alternatively you can get assistance to register and schedule your work by calling Ken Braley, FCHH’s Volunteer Engagement Manager (office: 546-1470 ext.315; cell: 435-7252); or St. Louis’ Coordinators Bob Scholl (472-5067) and Rick Cusker (747-9062).

You can schedule to work on-site -- from 9am to 4pm (a full day) or from 9am to noon (a half day) on the following dates:

- Wed Aug 14, Thur Aug 15, Sat Aug 17, Wed Aug 21,

Remember, you do not have to have any construction experience or skills on this build. Our highly experienced supervisor Edwin is a great teacher, he’ll find a job suited to you, and will teach you what to do. Nor do you have to bring any tools to the job site as all will be provided.

Thank you in advance for helping to build our 8th Habitat home!

HABITAT CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

Habitat Coordinators will be available in the Narthex before and following Masses this weekend to provide information about our current house construction project at 120 Holworthy St. They will also assist with the scheduling of work dates for those wanting to help at the worksite.

In addition, Ethel Duble, Flower City Habitat’s Development Director, will make a brief presentation regarding Habitat and our project following the 9am and 11:15am Masses.

Saint’s Place WISH LIST

Can you help? We are currently looking for small furniture for apartments.

- Small dressers
- Night stands
- End tables
- Small kitchen tables
- Coffee tables
- Loveseats

Please call 385-6860 to schedule a pick up, or you may leave your donations at 46 South Main Street, Mondays – Thursdays from 8 AM – 4 PM on the back porch (not the front porch). Thank you!
Important Faith Formation/Youth Ministry/Sacrament Registration Deadline!!!

Due to the rising costs of shipping, the challenges in getting volunteer teachers and space restrictions, we will be closing Faith Formation/Youth Ministry/Sacrament registration on September 1st unless a family is new to the parish.

We are asking (nagging and begging) you to please get your registrations in prior to the official cut-off date.

Please visit: StLouisChurch.org/ff for registration and info.

Please be aware that the late fee has gone into effect. There will be a $35 late fee applied to all registrations.

Special Event helpers Needed in Faith Formation/Youth Ministry/Sacrament Preparation

We are in need of a few extra hands to help us during special events and preparation sessions! Some of the tasks include helping with set-up, clean-up, snack set-up, and craft assistants to name a few. Please consider volunteering in any capacity you might have time for because we NEED you 😊

Please contact Michelle Andrews-Smith or Dominic Salamida for questions and sign-up opportunities.

It’s that time of year again….Teachers and subs needed!

We are looking for volunteers willing to either be a classroom catechist (teacher) or a sub in our Kindergarten through 9th grade programs. We have availability on either Tuesday afternoons from 4:30pm – 5:30 pm for grades K-5 or Sundays from 10:00am -11:00am for grades K-9.

Please consider being a part of this important ministry! Don’t want to do it by yourself, how about asking a friend to team teach with you? You’ll be so glad you answered the call! For more information, please contact either Michelle Andrews-Smith or Dominic Salamida!
Youth Ministry: Summer Fun!

High School Youth Play and Pray
- Wednesdays: August 7, 14, 21, from 6:30-8:30pm at St. Louis Church. Play Volleyball/Basketball with friends, enjoy refreshments and wrap it all up by spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!

Middle School Youth Play and Pray
- Fridays: August 9, 16, 23, from 6:30-8:00pm at St. Louis Church. Play Kickball with friends, enjoy some ice cream and wrap it all up with prayer together as one body in Christ!

All Youth Ministry Families: Save the Date of Sunday, August 25 from 12:30-2:30pm, Feast of St. Louis IX, our parish patron, for a Youth Ministry Family Picnic. More details upcoming!

Young Adults: You are invited! Join us on Sunday, August 4 for 5pm Mass followed by a Young Adult Cookout!

Last month we had tons of fun together! Twenty young adults enjoyed a meal with relaxed conversation, played some friendly volleyball, then walked into town for some ice cream. We hope you’ll join us! Let us know you’re coming - email dominic.salamida@dor.org.

Faith Formation Grades K-5, Youth Ministry Grades 6-9, First Eucharist, First Penance and Confirmation years 1 & 2 Calendars are available at stlouischurch.org. We will also be sending them out via email to families who have registered. As always, please reach out to the Faith Formation office with any questions.

Would you be willing to help young families prepare for the baptism of their child? We are looking for a team of people who are willing to take part in this wonderful ministry that requires very little time but has HUGE rewards!

Baptismal preparation sessions are about an hour in length on Sundays following the 11:15am Mass. They are scheduled on an as-needed basis depending on how many families are seeking out Baptism for their first born child. Please contact Michelle Andrews-Smith with any questions at Michelle.Andrews-Smith@dor.org.

Thank you!

Born of Water and the Spirit
We’re Back!!

Explore faith topics over a cup of coffee with a great group of folks.

Plug into your faith and join us for Catholic Conversations!

Upcoming topics:
- The Church Building
- Processions
- Signs and Symbols

Elements of the Catholic Mass is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass.

Where: The Manse (brick building to the right of the main entrance of the church)
When: Sundays, 10:00-10:50 (between the 9:00 and the 11:15 Masses)

For more information, please email Kathryn at Kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org.

We Are Still Hurting

Why Stay Catholic with So Much Scandal?

Bishop Robert Barron has written a book that can help answer this question. It is a cry from the heart, for fellow Catholics who feel, understandably, demoralized, scandalized and angry beyond words.

Thanks to the generosity of a group of donors, St. Louis Church will be handing out copies of Bishop Barron’s book the weekend of August 25th at each of the Masses.

We will follow up with a discussion session September 18th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Hall where we can come together, express our concerns and draw strength from one another.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Kathryn at Kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org or 586-5675, ext. 224.

Free Movie Night! St. Augustine, the Teacher & St. Benedict, The Monk

When: Wednesday, August 28th
Time: 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
Where: Parish Meeting Hall

This double-feature is the newest addition to Bishop Robert Barron’s “Pivotal Players”. Beautifully produced, these videos tell how Benedict and Augustine not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of western civilization.

Free movie! Free popcorn! Best of all—free fun and fellowship!!!!
For more information, contact Kathryn at Kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org or 586-5675 x224.
Help Wanted!

St. Louis Church is seeking a part-time Cook/Housekeeper for the Rectory. This job is not to exceed 20 hours a week.

Responsibilities include:
- Cleaning the Rectory
- Grocery Shopping
- Cooking approx. 3 nights/week
- Other light housekeeping

If interested, please contact Laurie at Laurie.Martin@dor.org or 585-586-5675 x222.

St. Michael Protect Us

You are cordially invited to the Annual Blue Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sept 8 at 11:15am. Join Bishop Salvatore R. Matano as we pray, in gratitude, for the safety of all the courageous men and women of law enforcement who so selflessly serve and protect our community.

Fruit of the Vine

Come Hear Their Stories!

Each of us carries a unique story of how God is working in our lives. Join us these two nights to get to know our new priests better. Allow them to share a little about their vocation call, the journey that brought them to St. Louis, and what lights them up!

Fr. Mitch
Thursday, August 8th
7:15 p.m.

Fr. Hoan
Thursday, August 22nd
7:15 p.m.

Join us in the Parish Meeting Hall for these Fruit of the Vine presentations! Wine and cheese will be served.

Serenity House Garage Sale

Serenity House is a Comfort Care Home in Victor providing 24-hour care for individuals in their final months of life...Loving and caring for them and their families.

Sale dates: Aug 8-10, 9am-4pm. Held at Rhonda’s Auction Center at Peddler’s Antiques, 6980 Routes 5 & 20, East Bloomfield NY 14469.

Bishop Kearney Summer Sale

Don’t miss the Bishop Kearney Household Sale coming up August 14-17 at BK. Benefits are for student scholarships for needy families. Large selection of things from furniture to toys, lamps to TVs and computers. Stop by BK and get a deal!

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