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December 23, 2018

This Weekend - Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Monday - December 24
Christmas Eve
Ministry Center Closed
3:00 pm - Vigil Mass of Nativity of the Lord with Teen Music Group, Church & Gym (Sign Language Interpreted)
5:00 pm - Vigil Mass of Nativity of the Lord with Children's Choir, Church & Gym
9:30 pm - Prelude (Christmas Carols)
10:00 pm - Nativity of the Lord with St. Louis Choir (Sign Language Interpreted)

Tuesday - December 25
Christmas Day, Nativity of the Lord
Ministry Center Closed
9:00 am - Mass
11:15 am - Mass
12:45 pm - Mass

Wednesday - December 26
Ministry Center Closed
7:30 pm - Bible Basics, Manse

Saturday - December 27
3:30 pm - Confessions
4:30 pm - Mass (Sign Language Interpreted)

Sunday - December 28
7:30 am - Mass
9:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - No Faith Formation
11:15 am - Mass / Children's Liturgy of the Word / RCIA Dismissal
5:00 pm - Mass

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Mass Intentions for This Week

Monday - December 24
Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
3:00 pm Martha Serio - Family
5:00 pm Ann Brimmer - Family
10:00 pm William Kane - Mary-Ellen & Family

Tuesday - December 25
The Nativity of the Lord
Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
9:00 am The Simone Family - Daughter
11:15 am Sister Judith Ann Kendrick - St. Louis Knights of Columbus
12:45 pm Richard Mahar - Jo

Wednesday - December 26
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/ Mt 10:17-22
11:00 am Mary Wright Governor - Family
5:15 pm Robert Zingo - VFW Greece Post

Thursday - December 27
1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
6:45 am Samuel Tumia - VFW Greece Post
11:00 am Miroslav Pawuk - Pittsford Town Court

Friday - December 28
1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
11:00 am For the People of the Parish
5:15 pm Jared Adams - The Mercy Monarchs
Basketball Team

Saturday - December 29
1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
9:00 am Don Murphy - Family
4:30 pm Mary Diamond - Gary & Ellen Agosti

Sunday - December 30
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/ Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/ Lk 2:41-52
7:30 am Barbara Fabian Zeck - Dad
9:00 am Gregory Baff - Fred & Adele Lester
11:15 am Nick Volino - St. Louis Choir
5:00 pm Rae Bernacki - Marie & Joseph DeRitis

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 for
Lucille Orioli
By Joe

One Lamp will burn for
Patricia J. Fritschler
By Al, Daughter Mary & Rory

One Lamp will burn for
Margaret & Joseph Mitsuti
By Ferranti Family

Requiem Aeternam
Jared Adams
Sandra Diamond
Mary Wright Governor
Alida Meyer

Saturday & Sunday, December 29 & 30

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Sunday Communion Service - December 30
The Highlands - Fred & Marie Lapple
Heather Heights - Pete & Gerry Shea

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**Our Weekend Scriptures:**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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**Looking Ahead:**

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

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**Third Edition**

Remember back in college – there was the syllabus, but the second edition of Organic Chemistry was unacceptable. Got to get the 3rd, or maybe even the 7th edition. With many books in the Bible, we don’t have the first edition. We have the final edition, often shaped and edited by God over decades, sometimes even centuries. Micah’s first prophecies were uttered in the 8th century BCE, in the time of Hezekiah and Ahaz. Most were dark, foreseeing the consequences that increasing injustice in the society would have on the nation. His words proved true. Exile came. Yet rather than the end of hope, new stirrings of hope, deeper awareness of God’s call to mercy emerged. The final edition of Micah we have today include that hope, fresh promises, and the word we hear today of one who will shepherd the flock, and not only bring peace, but be peace. In these last days of Advent, we can pray “Lord, help me to comprehend what it means to say that you are peace.”

**I Come to Do Your Will**

Ever hear of Lectio divina? It is a way of reading the Bible that is much different than the way we read the newspaper. Evelyn Woods speed reading is just the opposite. Lectio divina involves reading a passage once at our normal pace perhaps, but then stopping, slowing down, and reading it again slowly, chewing on each thought and word. Another stop, and then we read it one more time, letting it enter into our heart, even letting the words become our words. Today’s passage from Hebrews is a perfect one to read in this ancient, yet ever fruitful way.

**Maybe It Isn’t Just A Kick**

Moms: you’ve heard this passage many times; infant John the Baptist leaping in Elizabeth’s womb. Here is a thought to bring it home. When you were pregnant, was every kick the same? Did your state of mind, or the things going on around you ever change how that moving inside was interpreted? Elizabeth had longed for a child for many years. Most kicks would have been a reminder of God blessing her with child. But being in the presence of Mary, as Jesus was being shaped in her womb; experiencing Mary’s love and goodness in coming to visit; for a mom who found joy in every little movement, this one stood out far beyond the rest. Anyway, let’s all pray for expectant moms as we hear this beautiful passage today.

**Lectors!**

We are now immersed in Cycle C, filled with all manner of readings, just begging to be brought to life as you proclaim God’s Word. Don’t go it alone. The authors of the Lector Workbook can help you! Pick up your copy in the sacristy. It is amazing what a second opinion on how to proclaim a passage can do! Not to mention, the insights offered in the Lector Workbook can bring the Word to life for you, all the better for you then bringing it to life for us!

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**Receive Parish News Via Email**

St Louis Church uses the Constant Contact feed to notify parishioners of upcoming events. The news feeds are distributed periodically and are delivered by email.

To add your email address to the news feed, you may sign up at the parish website at the following link: [stlouischurch.org/email](http://stlouischurch.org/email)

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**The St. Louis Ministry Center will be closed:**

- Monday, December 24
- Tuesday, December 25
- Wednesday, December 26
- Monday, December 31
- Tuesday, January 1

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**
Supporting Our Parish

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Online Collection

Month-to-Date $46,671.00

Thank you for celebrating Christmas with us! Next week we celebrate the Holy Family. Thank you for being part of this holy family! We appreciate your praying with us. We appreciate your offering your share of support to the family.

We are also part of a diocesan family, which we support through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. To all who have already generously responded to the CMA, thank you!! Our diocesan family is at over 69.27% percent of the goal. With under half our parish responding so far, we are at 64.86% of our goal. Our goal is participation by a high number of those who consider St. Louis their parish. Please remember, the CMA is our fair share for ministries that serve people throughout our diocese. Chaplains at colleges and hospitals, folks at Catholic Charities, those who provide HR, IT, Faith Formation, and many other services to each parish are funded through CMA contributions.

Remember too, any shortfall comes out of our parish budget, so your generosity is important! If you haven’t participated in the past, PLEASE consider making a pledge to this year’s campaign. Please go to The Catholic Diocese of Rochester website (www.dor.org), click on Catholic Ministries Appeal, and donate whatever you can to the CMA. God bless you! St. Louis, Pittsford, parish #300

I Was Hungry And You Gave Me Food

Many thanks to all who brought in food last weekend, to help keep St. Andrew’s 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.

Mount Carmel House has been in continuous operation since 1984. It is a tax exempt, non-profit organization that relies on volunteer services and material contributions.

Mount Carmel House is always in need of loving people to volunteer to assist the staff and guests. Call Carol Cook at (585) 366-4949 for questions or to sign up.

“Providing Comfort Care for the terminally ill in an atmosphere of love and prayer—Where Christ is loved and freely served by gentle hands and loving hearts.”

Ending the Year Well

We are deeply thankful for every contribution to St. Louis Church of Pittsford, no matter how large or small; we deeply appreciate your generosity and faith-filled commitment to our ministries! Many people choose to make year-end gifts and donations. If you do, here are three important things to keep in mind:

- If your intention is to make a stock donation, please contact Shannon Toot at the Ministry Center, 586-5675, for further details.
- Per IRS regulations, any contributions for 2018 will need to be received by December 31, 2018.
- Please seriously consider a generous donation to our Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA) if you have not yet made a pledge (see column to left for more detail.)
OPEN HOUSE
Thursday, January 24
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join us for Open House!

At St. Louis School, we foster educational excellence with smaller classes, individualized attention, and greater family engagement - and it shows! We believe in providing our students the resources they need to succeed. Join us and learn more about our unique and proven programming.

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Merry Christmas

from the staff and volunteers at Saint’s Place!

Saint’s Place will be closed from Friday, December 21st until Tuesday, January 1st. We will reopen Wednesday, January 2nd at 8:30am. We are taking a week to catch our breath and give our volunteers some well-deserved time to spend with family and friends.

During this time you can leave Angel Tree gifts in the church. All other donations should be held until after the holidays. Angel Tree gifts can also be brought to Saint’s Place after January 2nd. There is NO time limit on Angel Tree gifts. Saint’s Place shares the spirit of Christmas 352 days a year! The after Christmas sales are a perfect time to purchase those warm winter coats for a refugee shivering in the harsh cold weather!

THANK YOU!

Saint’s Place, 46 S. Main St., Pittsford, NY 14534. Isabel Miller Executive Director.
Saint’s Place Ministry Hours: 46 S. Main St.: Mon. through Thurs.: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Closed Fridays.
St. John of Rochester: Mon., Tues., Thurs.: 9:15 am until 12 noon; Wed.: 9:15 am to 2:30 pm.; Closed Fridays.
Phone: 585-385-6860. Fax: 585-385-3963 or saintlady@saintsplace.org, or www.saintsplace.org
Nov 17th Confirmation Retreat: Youth in prayer with Jesus!

Nov 17th Confirmation Retreat: Missionaries for Christ!

Opening up their hearts to Christ at the Confirmation Retreat, gathering together for Youth Mass and dinner, walking as one in service at Saint’s Place, and spending time with Bishop Matano at Lessons and Carols have all been ways that the young people of our parish have been living faith! God rejoices when his young disciples give of their time, talent and treasure to build up his kingdom on earth. Saint Pope John Paul II said to youth, "God is entrusting to you the task, at once difficult and uplifting, of working with Him in the building of the civilization of love.” Thank you, teens of St. Louis, for being witnesses to us the call that we all have to bring the light of Christ to others in our time!

Dec 5th Lessons and Carols with Bishop Matano: Glory to God!

Dec 2nd Youth Dinner: building friendships!

Nov 17th Confirmation Retreat: Teen talents given for God.

Dec 9th Youth Serve at Saints Place with a smile!
What is a Manger Moment?
The Giving Manger, located on the Faith Formation bulletin board in the Narthex hallway, inspires your family to focus on giving gifts of service and good deeds. These small acts of kindness can spark lots of fun, heart felt conversations, and so many wonderful moments that you will treasure as a family. We rarely remember the gifts we received in the past, but we seldom forget when someone does something unexpectedly kind for us!

We invite kids of all ages 1-100 to write the acts of kindness your family is doing this Advent Season on pieces of “hay” to fill our manger in preparation of the arrival of the Savior.
**Christmas Gifts**

**Christmas Book Give-Away**

Get practical tools to dispel the false promises the modern culture feeds you, and discover the single truth that is the key to regaining your fervor, uniting Christians, and leaving your mark on the world—and experiencing more happiness than you thought possible.

Come to Christmas Mass at St. Louis! We will be handing out Matthew Kelly’s book, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*.

Thanks to the generosity of three families and the Dynamic Catholic book program, we will be able to hand out to each family a great Catholic book. If you would like to sponsor this gratifying tradition in the future, please contact Kathryn McAlarney at 586-5675, ext. 224 or Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org.

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**The Gift of Faith**

Earlier this month two of our RCIA catechumens experienced the Rite of Acceptance. It is a beautiful rite to witness as we recognize their intent to be baptized into the Catholic faith during the Easter Vigil Mass. They were covered with signs of the cross from Christ himself (Fr. Kennedy in persona Christi capitis, in the person of Christ the Head) who now strengthens them with the sign of his love. And what did each sign represent?

- **Forehead**—learn to know Christ and follow him
- **Ears**—that they may hear the voice of the Lord
- **Eyes**—that they may see the glory of God
- **Lips**—that they may respond to the word of God
- **Heart**—that Christ may dwell there by faith
- **Shoulders**—that they may bear the gentle yoke of Christ
- **Hands**—that Christ may be known in the work which they do
- **Feet**—that they may walk in the way of Christ

At the final sign, the catechumens heard “I sign you with the sign of eternal life in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Please continue to pray and support those who are coming into full communion with the Catholic Church here at St. Louis.

If you are interested in receiving the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation) please contact any of our priests or Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org at 586-5675, ext. 224.
A Gift to You

Please pick up a copy of *At Home with the Word*, one of our gifts to you. It could be the answer! Read the introduction to the Gospel of Luke, and to St. Paul and his letters. Use *At Home with the Word* to prepare you for the bible readings you will hear at Mass, increasing your ability to really engage those passages. In time, you will have stepped into every part of the Bible. Each week *At Home with the Word* offers a section, Scripture Insights, which provides just enough background to open up readings, sending the advance Bible reader to new insights, while helping the beginner get their feet wet. Merry Christmas!

Quick Gifts

Help us help Haiti by patronizing our 37th Ornament Gifts of Love Sale – donation $8 each available until New Year’s at stores listed on St. Louis Church website (www.stlouischurch.org) and bulletin boards. *Hint: Pittsford Dairy is open every day!*

Ornaments and coupon books are available in the Parish Ministry Center or call Marcia Mendola, 381-6872.

Save Around Coupon Books, $25 each, are offered only in the Parish Ministry Center. (yellow house 2 doors south of church)

This week, PLEASE help us reach our goal for the 2018 matching grant of $25,000 for funds raised for St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, Haiti.

Fr. Rick Frechette sends his Christmas best wishes and his gratitude to you for helping him help Haiti. For info about the Hospital, please visit: www.nph.usa.org/haiti/stdamien

Your meaningful Christmas gift-giving will increase your Christmas Joy and the Joy of all whom you are helping locally and in Haiti.

GREAT GIFT IDEA FOR THE LADY IN YOUR LIFE!

The Rochester Catholic Women’s Conference proudly presents *Full of Grace*, Saturday, March 9, 2019, 8:00 am at the Aquinas Institute in Rochester.

This is a wonderful gift idea for your wife, mother, daughter, sister, grandmother, aunt or best friend! She will appreciate the opportunity to be refreshed spending the day with other Catholic women.

Her day will include Mass with our Bishop Salvatore R. Matano, national speakers Karlo Broussard and Sr. Anne Catherine, OP, Catholic devotions, local vendors for shopping, and a delicious lunch.

Please visit the website at Rochesterwc.org/ for complete details. Online registration now open!

O Come, All Ye Faithful

The Catholic Faith On Demand

Merry Christmas!

Our Parish has purchased a gift for you! We are pleased to give you a free subscription to FORMED.org. Entertaining movies, enlightening studies, inspiring talks, and a great selection of popular e-books—all just a click away.

Go to: stlouischurch.formed.org and start exploring this handy resource!
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