This Weekend: Nativity of the Lord

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

Christmas Mass Schedule
Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve
3:00 pm - Seating in Church & Gym
5:00 pm - Seating in Church & Gym
10:00 pm - Choir Mass, with Carols beginning at 9:30 pm

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day, Masses at 9:00 & 11:15 am & 12:45 pm

Avoid the crush of Xmas Eve. Please consider coming to quiet, beautiful Christmas Day Masses.

Tuesday - December 26
Ministry Center Closed Today

Wednesday - December 27
7:30 pm - Regional Charismatic Prayer Gp, PMH

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

Sunday - December 31 New Year’s Eve
7:30 am - Mass
9:00 am - Mass
11:15 am - Mass
5:00 pm - Mass

Monday - January 1, 2018 New Year’s Day
Ministry Center Closed

May love and peace break into your life through this Christmas season. Msgr. Gerry, Fr. Juan, Deacon Dave and I, together with all of our staff here at St. Louis, wish you love, peace, and joy in Christ this Christmas, and all through the New Year! Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 24
Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
3:00 pm Nellie & Patrick O’Connor - Sons & Grandchildren
5:00 pm Ann Brimmer - Family
10:00 pm William Kane - Mary Ellen & Family

MONDAY - DECEMBER 25
The Nativity of the Lord
Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:5-9,14
9:00 am Raymond Mahar - Mary & Family
11:15 am John Bernacki, Sr - Barbara & Larry
12:45 pm Martha Serio - Family

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 26
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
6:45 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Lucille Orioli - Joe

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 27
1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
11:00 am Walter Meyer - Family
5:15 pm Lillian Jabbour - Joanne & Ce

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 28
1 Jn 1:5-2/2/Mt 2:13-18
6:45 am Joseph Salipante - Diane & Family
11:00 am Lydia Bretz - Dennis, Valerie & Geoffrey

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 29
1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
11:00 am Lillian Jabbour - Paul & Geri Dolan
5:15 pm Don Murphy - Family

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 30
1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
9:00 am Russell Petralia - Family
4:30 pm Edward B. Young - Mary Dennis

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 31
7:30 am Fr. Ray Booth - St. Louis Knights of Columbus
9:00 am Roberto Ponce - B. McIntee
11:15 am Christopher Gingras - Dr. & Mrs. Martin Gingras & Family
5:00 pm Vincenzo & Francesca Leonardo - Daughter

DID YOU KNOW?
That 80 people have experienced community, growing and sharing faith in the Christ Life program?
That close to 50 are more at home with the Word through one of our Bible studies?
That 237 folks/families have signed up and growing through Formed?

Saturday & Sunday, December 30 & 31

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Sunday Communion Service - December 31
The Highlands - Jim Haefner        Heather Heights - Darlene Huver
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 77.64% percent of goal. With under half our parish responding so far, we are at 74.95% 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

Ending the Year Well
We are deeply thankful for every contribution to St. Louis, 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, in addition to a contribution to the parish, please seriously consider a generous contribution to our Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA) if you have not yet made a pledge. We really would love to reach our goal before Epiphany - it would be an Epiphany! Here are two 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 2017 will need to be received by December 31, 2017.

The current Nazareth Elementary school, serving prekindergarten through sixth grade is what remains of the former Nazareth Academy located at 1001 Lake Avenue since 1916. The Sisters of St. Joseph sold that property and relocated to the former Sacred Heart Cathedral Grammar School on Flower City Park, across from Sacred Heart Cathedral. Nazareth Elementary is a private, nonprofit, Catholic elementary school offering outstanding educational programs for students in preschool (beginning at age 3) to grade 6.

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The education a student receives in elementary school provides the foundation for all future learning. Nazareth students develop a love of learning in a caring and nurturing environment where diversity is celebrated and individuality is encouraged. A rich curriculum in the arts, sciences, technology, math, reading, religion, social studies and physical education provides a solid foundation for future academic success. Beyond academics, Nazareth students learn to develop and share their individual gifts as they learn to make choices based on Christian values: cooperation, kindness and compassion. True to the mission of Catholic education, students at Nazareth learn to build community, to be of service to others, and to worship together. Learn more about Nazareth Elementary at http://www.nazarethschools.org.

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Infancy Narratives

Matthew and Luke each give us their unique tradition regarding the birth of Jesus. Echoes from the Old Testament shape both accounts. An angel appears in both infancy narratives. Both angels counsel: ‘Do not be afraid.’ Each brings a divine message, an invitation to accept a vital mission. Luke’s narrative focuses on Mary, while Matthew spotlights Joseph. But another difference – the angel appears to Joseph in a dream, not during waking hours.

This isn’t the first Joseph to have his life’s mission revealed in a dream. In the Book of Genesis, Jacob’s son Joseph has a dream in his youth that at first endangered his life when his brothers became jealous, but a dream that ultimately shaped his life, and in the end, saved Egypt and his own family from starvation. That Joseph became known for interpreting dreams. Mary’s husband Joseph doesn’t interpret dreams for others, but he does have a second important dream. Jesus’ life is in danger, and Joseph’s dream leads him to take the family to Egypt to keep Jesus safe. Light a candle near St. Joseph on the left side of the sanctuary, and ask for him to intercede for your family!

Linking the New and the Old

Matthew and Luke each have their own way of linking the history of salvation unfolding in the Old Testament with the decisive event of salvation in Jesus, the New Testament. One way Luke provides a bridge from the Old to the New is by including in the story of Jesus’ birth strong, faithful Old Testament characters. He includes a priestly family, Zechariah and Elizabeth; a prophet and prophetess, Simeon and Anna; a salt of the earth family, Mary and Joseph. Angels can be found in both worlds, on either side of the bridge, crossing the bridge. Luke invited his community to ponder God’s work in the Old Testament. To contemplate the holy folks who grew up in that world. To discover how they crossed the bridge into the new world that the birth of Jesus made possible. He invited his community to make that journey. He invites us to do the same.

A Gift to You

Please pick up a copy of At Home with the Word, one of our gifts to you. This weekend we will begin distributing At Home with the Word. It could be the answer! Read the introduction to the Gospel of Mark, the Gospel of John, 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!

The St. Louis Ministry Center will be closed:
Monday, December 25, 2017
Tuesday, December 26, 2017
Monday, January 1, 2018

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.
St. Louis Parish Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs support parents in their vital role as the first and foremost teachers of faith for their children. Together with our pastor, Father Bob Ring, the staff and volunteers of our Faith Formation program also seek to provide opportunities for children, youth and their parents and families to grow in their relationship with Jesus and the Church in order that they may live the Gospel fully at home, at school, at work and in the world. Students will grow in their knowledge of Scripture to help prepare them to receive their sacraments.

Please contact us if you are interested in joining one of our Faith Formation/Youth Ministry programs. For more information, please contact Michelle Andrews-Smith, Director of Faith Formation at michelle.andrews-smith@dor.org or Leila Kaczmarek, Youth Minister, at Leila.kaczmarek@dor.org, Lorrie Fairey, Admin at Lorrie.fairey@dor.org.

St. Louis Youth Ministry is making bagged lunches for homeless men & women in Rochester!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

The following items are needed prior to JANUARY 5, 2018

- Jars of Peanut Butter
- Jars of Jelly (all flavors)
- Snack-sized Chip Bags
- Sandwich bags, paper bags
- Cases of Water

Please leave Items in Marked Bins by Gym doors in Reddington Hall.
Thank you for sharing with me the joy of 90 years, eighteen of which I have spent here at St. Louis. Each year (each second of time) is God’s gift, and the experience of priesthood enables one to realize that over and over. The time here is the lengthiest of any segment of my life as a priest, and the time has been most enjoyable. Each day is a reminder, however, of the lessening agility that goes along with 90 years, but I am grateful for what the Lord provides.

Thank you to everyone for all your prayers, good wishes and generous gifts on the First Sunday of Advent (a great day for celebrating the beginning of a new year of life), and on so many other occasions. Lessened eyesight is precluding my written thanks to one and all. Be assured of my constant prayers for everyone. May we share life happily in its every phase and on into eternity.

~ Msgr. Gerry Krieg

“All we want for Christmas is a 4x4…”

That’s a Campus utility cart, for general hauling, AND with a large snow-blower....
Do you know some-ne who might have one to donate?
Send us any “leads” or “resources” you may know of...

Thank you,
Your St. Louis, Church/School/, Saint’s Place,
Campus Staff

c/o Sally.Schrecker@dor.org

Mary of Nazareth
Who was Mary, Mother of the Messiah?
Experience life with Christ through the eyes of his mother in this beautiful film capturing Mary’s special role in God’s plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Jesus, and the mysterious joys and sufferings she encountered with deep love, profound humility, and unwavering faith.

Watch on formed.org

“This is a spell-binding and touching representation of the life of the Blessed Mother... Highly recommended and praise God for the gift of His mother!”
—Alfredo N., Buda, TX
Thank You!

to all of our very generous St. Louis Parishioners who have purchased Angel Tree gifts for the newly arriving refugees. You allow Saint’s Place to share the Christmas spirit with these families throughout the year.

During 2017, we have assisted less newly arrived refugees than in previous years due to the Executive ban and increased vetting processes. However, that has not lessened our commitment to helping refugees settled in the Rochester area. Saint’s Place has been assisting many refugees living in poverty, giving them a needed boost. With God’s help, we are able to meet the challenges, and continue to help those in need.

This would not be possible without your continued support and prayers. Sharing your treasures with those less fortunate is an admirable act. During the Christmas season, please keep these refugees in your prayers, those whose lives you’ve changed and whose hearts you have touched.

They are truly grateful for your help in starting a new life in Rochester.

from the staff and volunteers at Saint’s Place!

Saint’s Place will be closed from Thursday, December 21 until Tuesday, December 26. We will reopen on Wednesday, December 27 at 8:30AM.

We will also be closed on New Year’s Day, Monday, January 1. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2 at 8:30AM.

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 2. There is NO time limit on Angel Tree gifts. Saint’s Place shares the spirit of Christmas 352 days a year! So, the after Christmas sales are a perfect time to purchase those warm winter coats for a refugee shivering in the harsh cold weather!
GREAT GIFT IDEA FOR THE LADY IN YOUR LIFE!

The Rochester Catholic Women’s Conference proudly presents *The Power of the Eucharist*, Glorifying God and Sanctifying the World, Saturday, March 10, 2018, 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 Dr. Edward Si and Danielle Bean. Catholic devotions, local vendors for shopping, and a delicious lunch.

Please visit the website at Rochestercwc.org/ for complete details. On-line registration now open!

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

**CHURCH OF THE TRANSGRESSION**

Our Grief Share Support Group begins at the Church of the Transfiguration on **Wednesday, 1/10/18**. Grief Share is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences of losing a loved one. The program offers caring and informative videos, workbook and shared conversation with each session. Unexpected things may come up and you will find encouragement and help whenever you attend.

Join us for this **thirteen week program on Wednesdays from 12:30PM – 2:00PM** in our Parish Life Center. Materials cost - $25.00. Please stop by the parish office to register, mail your registration to Church of the Transfiguration, 50 West Bloomfield Road, Pittsford, NY 14534 or **contact Margie Benza at 248-2427, ext. 244 or margie.benza@dor.org**.

Registrations are due by 1/06/18.

**QUICK GIFTS**

Help us help Haiti by patronizing our 36th 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.

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 2017 matching grant of $25,000 for funds raised for St. Damien Pediatric Hospital.**

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
Do you want to know why we sabotage ourselves, feel overwhelmed, set aside our dreams, and lack the courage to simply be ourselves? Come to Christmas Mass at St. Louis! We will be handing out Matthew Kelly’s book, *Resisting Happiness*. He proposes that it is resistance that stands between you and happiness.

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. We are planning book chats in January. Stay tuned for details!

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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