The Whole Holy Family

A picture may be worth a thousand words, but it doesn’t always capture the whole story. We see so many Christmas cards and images with beautiful portrayals of Mary, Joseph and the infant Jesus; soon we hear the words ‘Holy Family’, and a manger scene pops into mind. The genealogies in Matthew and Luke may just be words, but they do fill out the story. Jesus wasn’t just placed in a manger from out of nowhere. Incarnate, he took flesh. God entered human history. That means like all of us, Jesus had not only a blessed mother, and sometimes acknowledged foster father; he had grandparents, great grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins; a host of relatives. He grew to maturity in relationship with a whole family. Like all of us, the genealogies tell us he had all manner of ancestors: heroes and scoundrels, saints and sinners. Yet grace could not be thwarted. All were part of the story, and added something. So think whole family.

As I did, my thoughts shifted to my St. Louis family. An amazing family, holy indeed! A family of families, actually. We have our parish staff – they have always inspired me with their faith, skills, generous service. Recently, it has been the grace with which some have handled physical challenges, while others quickly stepped forward to cover, that amazes. God bless each and every one! Widening out, we have the army of good stewards, who, together with staff, provide a range of leadership and ministry that draws people here from well beyond our boundaries. There is the whole parish family, near and far. Those who have gone before, those whose connection is strong, those not quite so much so, but all part of the family. What a gift!

We have the teachers and staff of St. Louis School, who likewise accomplish amazing things in education, helping our children develop all of their God-given gifts, creating a beautiful Christian learning community – holy indeed, and a reason to rejoice! Our school family centers on the beautiful children who are the reason for such love and dedication. Watching them grow day by day, they lead me to prayers of gratitude, oh so often! The whole family brings in the parents, so dedicated not just to their own children’s well-being, but to the family of St. Louis School. Volunteers, those who help support the school; a blessed family – believing, belonging, rejoicing.

Rounding the campus, we come to the Saint’s Place staff. Together with the amazing cadre of volunteers, yet a third holy family comes together in service. The volume and quality of care given to the refugees who come to our county is breathtaking. Check it out sometime! The Saint’s Place family is ever expanding. Volunteers are added, but this genealogy includes all the families who have found a welcome, a furnished apartment, been clothed and tutored: the number grows, with oceans of gratitude, and paying forward.

Please join me in thanking God for this family of families! Peace, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - DECEMBER 29
St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
11:00 am Cainen Lesina - Mattina Family
5:15 pm Andrea Levy & Doris Growney - Family

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 30
1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
6:45 am Darlene Andrews - Conklin Family
11:00 am Joseph Echániz - Maria Echániz

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 31
St. Sylvester I, Pope
1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
11:00 am For All Military Veterans
5:15 pm Ray Mahar - Family

THURSDAY - JANUARY 1
Feast of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
One Mass Today
New Year’s Day
World Day of Peace
Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
11:00 am Paul & Mary Hayden - Family

FIRST FRIDAY - JANUARY 2
Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
10:30 am Mass at the Highlands for the People of the Parish
11:00 am Virginia Appleby - Fred & Penny Cardone
5:15 pm Raymond Rahmlow - The Schnell Family

SATURDAY - JANUARY 3
Most Holy Name of Jesus
1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
9:00 am Betty Brogan - Lillian Degnan
4:30 pm Walter J. Kennedy - Joe Pocious

SUNDAY - JANUARY 4
Epiphany of the Lord
National Migration Week
Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
7:30 am Brigitti Zellner - Kroetz Family
9:00 am Marjorie Eilertsen - Kay Brennan
11:00 am Jane Rachfal - Al & Veronica Walker
5:00 pm Glenn Alynn Gramps - Brian DeJoy

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.

Three Lamps will burn
For a Special Intention for the Tanea-Nichols Family
By Mary Kay.

All are welcome to spend an hour this January 2, for First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 11:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Pray for World Peace

Saturday & Sunday, January 3 & 4. Thank you, faithful servants!

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Sunday Communion Service - January 4

The Highlands: Richard Caruso        Heather Heights: Gerry & Pete Shea
Another Pair
Remember the pattern mentioned last week that we find in Luke’s Gospel? Paired lives, pairs of stories, pairs of parables, often with a man in one, a woman in the other. Today Luke brings on to the scene a prophet and prophetess, Simeon and Anna. Both had lived long lives, seen much sorrow, and longed for a sign of hope. Both are Old Testament figures, looking toward the future; bridges between the Old Testament and the New. As Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple, Anna and Simeon saw not just a glimmer of hope; they saw salvation: a child who would save his people, enlighten the way for gentiles, far more than they had ever hoped. On this Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, in prayer, try to join Mary and Joseph, Simeon and Anna in the Temple, all, taken by this precious infant. What will this child come to mean? What will this holy one mean for you?

Dreaming
Messages in dreams play a role in Matthew’s Gospel, especially in the opening cadences. It is in a dream that Joseph was reassured about taking Mary as his wife. The magi, in contrast, received a warning in a dream about avoiding Herod on their way home. This tradition, that dreams are worth paying attention to, is well attested in the Old Testament. Joseph, Mary’s intended, was not the first Joseph to have dreams, or to be able to interpret them. As for the magi’s dream, the facts on the ground gave little reason to second guess the message. Herod was well known for violence, fits of jealous rage, unpredictability.

Beyond the Christmas Pageant
Want a more adult understanding of the infancy narratives? Fr. Raymond Brown wrote an excellent commentary, *The Birth of the Messiah*. For a broader public, he wrote a short, less exhaustive book, *An Adult Christ at Christmas*. Shorter still? Read the Scripture Insights for Epiphany in *At Home with the Word*. Lost your copy? We still have some available!

Bible Study
Start a new habit now, Tuesday morning Bible Study, 7:30AM in the Manse. Great beginning to the day and the week. Come when you can!

Traveling?
If your travels take you near Washington, DC: The National Museum of Women in the Arts (www.nmwa.org) has an exhibit running through April 12th. *Picturing Mary: Woman, Mother, Idea* showcases images of Mary from the Renaissance and Baroque periods, some paintings making their debut in the US.

Thank you – Gracias!
For cards, cookies, various goodies, prayers sent to the Rectory, thank you one and all! And thank you for the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful community!

~ the folks at 60 S. Main Street
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**OUR GIFT TO THE LORD**

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**THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT ANDREWS CENTER**

**NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT SISTER REGIS FOOD CUPBOARD**

The Sister Regis Food Cupboard was named for Sister Regis Straughn who started the food cupboard in 1965 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Woodward Street in the city of Rochester. Several years ago the pantry moved to its current location on Bay Street in the same building as Matthew’s Closet. Our own Fr. Ray Booth was a good friend of Sister Regis; both served at Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish for many years. In March of 2011, a fire devastated the food pantry but they came back stronger than ever with the help of many people and organizations in the community. The pantry serves approximately 850 households in a month, which is almost triple the number that was served there in 2008. Many who come are receiving public assistance for the first time. Mercy Sister Julia Norton is the director of the Sister Regis Food Cupboard, and she very much appreciates our help to meet the needs of those experiencing tough times in Rochester. Thank you for your continued generosity and prayers for the clients and volunteers of the food cupboard. If you would like to assist with delivering the food collected from St. Louis for the Sr. Regis Food Cupboard, please contact Christine Wensel, Pastoral Associate, at the Ministry Center: (585) 586-5675, ext. 224 or cwensel@dor.org.

To all who have already generously responded to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, thank you!! Our diocesan family as a whole is at over 78% percent of the goal. Ten parishes have already exceeded their goal. With well under half our parish responding so far, WE ARE OVER 78% OF OUR SHARE OF THE GOAL. Even if those who have not responded were to give a modest contribution, we could make our goal! Please remember, the CMA is our fair share of the budget for ministries that serve people throughout our diocese. Chaplains at colleges and hospitals, folks at Catholic Charities, those who provide funding through CMA contributions. Remember too, any shortfall comes out of our parish budget, so your generosity is important! Especially if you haven’t participated in the past, PLEASE consider making a pledge to this year’s campaign. If you are moved to take an envelope and give a bit more than you already have, bless you!!

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

- If your intention is to make a stock donation, please contact Birdie Proctor at the Ministry Center, 586-5675, for further details.
- Per IRS regulations, any contributions for 2014 will need to be received by December 31, 2014.

**Thank You Volunteers!** Mark your calendar now for the Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Saturday, January 31, 6:00 pm at Mario’s on Monroe Avenue.
PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Lord Jesus,
I thank you for my life and for all the good qualities you have gifted me with.
I thank you for friendships, family life, and for so many opportunities to grow.
I thank you for inviting me to walk closely with you and to continue to proclaim and deepen what you stand for; love, justice, and peace.
Thank you for living with me through your Holy Spirit and encouraging, loving, forgiving, healing, and empowering me.
Touch my heart and renew me with your presence. Fill me with joy.
Continue to mold and nurture me, so that I will never be afraid to respond to the needs of others and your world, and turn to you in times of difficulty and distress.
I trust you with my past life, my present situation, and with my future.
Today I decide again to accept you and you alone as my God.
I truly desire to know you better.
Amen.

~ Bishop Joe Grech
Hi Teens,

As 2014 draws to a close, take some time to reflect on all you have accomplished, the new things you’ve learned and the ways in which you have grown throughout the past 12 months. You’ve started a new grade in school, taken new (and hopefully interesting) classes, met new people and made new friends. Be sure to thank God for the blessings of this year. Start to think about how to make 2015 even better. In the new year, be sure to join us for youth group where we will be working on setting personal and spiritual goals for the coming year.

We have many exciting activities coming up. We’d love to have you join us!

Have a great week, Mr. McBride and Molly

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, December 28, NO MEETING
Sunday, January 4, 5:00 pm Teen Mass; 6:00 - 7:30 pm Dinner and Youth Group Mtg.
Sunday, January 11, 5:00 pm Teen Mass; 6:00 - 7:30 pm Dinner and Youth Group Mtg.
Sunday, January 18, 5:00 pm Teen Mass; 6:00 - 7:30 pm Dinner and Youth Group Mtg.
Wednesday, January 21-23, March for Life in Washington, D.C. Leave Wednesday after school and return late Friday night
Saturday, January 24, at 1:00 pm until Sunday at 4:00 pm, Diocesan Retreat at Camp Stella Maris
Saturday, January 31, 5:30 - 7:00 pm Ice Skating Party at Manhattan Square Park

UPCOMING - DETAILS TBA
Wednesday, March 4, Hands of Christ Awards
Friday, Saturday, March 20-21, Parish Teen Retreat

“I Was Hungry
And You Gave Me Food”

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Family Life

Today's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family highlights the importance of family in our religious life. We know that Mary and Joseph's faithfulness to God enabled them to cooperate in God's plan for our salvation by accepting the responsibility to raise God's Son, Jesus. From his parents, Jesus learned how to be a faithful believer in his Jewish tradition. Simeon's prophecy about Mary's sorrow alerts us to the importance of a family's commitment to one another, a commitment that is expressed in both good times and bad.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

When has your family showed its commitment to one another in good times and in bad. Recall times when your immediate family was supported by members of your extended family. We see in the family of Jesus an example for our own family life. Joseph and Mary expressed their faithfulness to God through their observance of the Law of Moses. Simeon prophesied the grief that Mary would experience at the foot of Jesus' cross. One of the blessings of family life is our commitment to one another, sharing good times and supporting one another through difficult times. Conclude in prayer together thanking God for the grace expressed in your family's commitment to another. Write a prayer together, thanking God for your family life and asking God to strengthen your family's commitment to one another. Pray this prayer together.

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FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Please register now for the sacramental preparation programs of First Communion and Confirmation. If your child is ready to prepare for First Communion they will also have to prepare for the sacrament of First Penance before they celebrate their First Communion. There will be a First Penance preparation program in January for these children.

You can register for the First Communion and Confirmation programs with a registration form found at the Ministry Center or at the Faith Formation bulletin board in the back of church in the narthex hallway (across from the restrooms), or you can register on line at our website. Please remember your child’s registration will NOT be complete until we also have a copy of their baptismal certificate.

The deadline for registration for these programs is Monday January 5th.

The courage born of faith, hope and love enables us to reduce the distances that separate us from human misery. Jesus Christ is always waiting to be recognized in migrants and refugees, in displaced persons and in exiles, and through them he calls us to share our resources, and occasionally to give up something of our acquired riches. Pope Paul VI spoke of this when he said that "the more fortunate should renounce some of their rights so as to place their goods more generously at the service of others" (Octogesima Adveniens) Pope Francis, Church Without Frontiers, Mother to All.

March for Life Buses
Please join Bishop Matano and hundreds of people from the Diocese of Rochester who will gather with people from across the country to pray for and peacefully witness to the sanctity of all human life at the 41st annual March for Life in Washington, DC on January 22, 2014. Buses are leaving from various points in the Diocese on the night of Wednesday, January 21 and returning the night of Thursday, January 22. Bishop Matano and the faithful from the Diocese of Rochester will attend the 10 AM Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, where Archbishop Chaput will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Following Mass, the March for Life will begin on the Mall and conclude at the Supreme Court. For details check the diocesan website at www.dor.org. For more information, contact Suzanne Stack, Life Issues Coordinator at 585-328-3210, ext.1304 or sstack@dor.org.

Diocesan Mass for Life
Bishop Matano will be celebrating Mass on Sunday, January 18, 2 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral in support of all human life, especially the unborn. This Mass for Life is a local event in acknowledgement of the March for Life on January 22, held on the anniversary of the tragic US Supreme Court Roe vs Wade decision which legalized abortion in our country. A reception hosted by the Knights of Columbus will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Suzanne Stack, Life Issues Coordinator at 585-328-3210, ext.1304 or sstack@dor.org.

CHRISTMAS 2014 MARKS THE 10TH ANNUAL CRÈCHE DISPLAY AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL.
Crèche is a French word that refers to figures of Mary, Joseph and the Christ Child – also known as “Nativity sets.” The crèches on display were blessed by Bishop of Rochester Emeritus Matthew Clark following Mass when the display opened on November 30. Displays can be elaborate panoramas with the setting and clothing often reflective of the crèche maker’s home city or country. The crèche displays began at Sacred Heart Cathedral in 2005 with a display of over 100 crèches from John and Rose Ellen Larish of St. Anne Church in Rochester, all of which were given later as a gift to the University of Dayton. This year’s display features crèches on loan from families across the Diocese of Rochester. These families have generously chosen to share their personal remembrance of the birth of the Christ Child with the entire community. In addition this year, the Vietnamese Catholic community of Rochester will display a very large crèche created in Vietnam. The display is open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and closes January 18, 2015.

ON THE CALENDAR!

Saint’s Place will be closed New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day. We will reopen on Monday, January 5 at 8:30 am.

GOT CALENDARS?
At this time of year, we all seem to receive unsolicited calendars from charities, home services, etc. Rather than throw them out – please save them for Saint’s Place to be part of our household setups for refugee families. They are happy to receive a calendar. The calendars can be put in the Saint’s Place drawer in the north entrance (piano side) of church or in our red Angel Tree bins. Thank you!
**WE STILL BELIEVE, BELONG AND LEARN!**

**LEARNING TO SAY GOODBYE AND HEAL**

The sessions will take place at Good Shepherd School, St. Marianne Cope, R.C. Parish 3288 East Henrietta Road. We will meet on Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm beginning January, 29, 2015.

The sessions will follow Dr. Bruce Fisher's book, "Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends". Participants can receive hope, encouragement and support knowing they are not alone in their journey. The cost for the ten week session is $50 and includes Dr. Fisher’s book. A Rebuilding brochure with an overview and outline of the program, and application can be found at http://www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org/Activities-Calendar.html.

For more information or to register call:
Patti (585-425-8079) or
Lynn (585-349-3091) or
E-mail beofrochester@gmail.com

**LIFE! in Focus**

No one heals himself by wounding another.”
~ St. Ambrose

**Forgiveness and God's Grace**

Make a New Year's resolution: I am going to do what it takes to find more peace in my life! No path to peace can detour seeking, finding, or offering forgiveness. On Tuesday evening, January 13 at 7PM in the church, please join the parents of those preparing for 1st Penance in an adult session on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It will be a rich opportunity to learn a bit more about the sacrament (perhaps a nice refresher); a chance to share experience, as well as to take a step forward on a New Year's Resolution. Bring a friend too!

**ORNAMENT SALE #33 UPDATE**

You can still will help St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, Haiti's only children's hospital where state of the art care is offered free of charge.


**Deepening Faith Through Knowledge** – Registration for graduate courses at St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry beginning the week of January 6 is now open. All are welcome to audit for personal enrichment or to take courses for credit toward a degree. Scholarships and financial aid are available to those who qualify. Learn more at www.stbernards.edu or call 585-271-3657, ext. 289.

**Liturgy and Catechesis** – The relationship between worship and belief or liturgy and catechesis is expressed in the ancient Christian principle: Lex orandi, lex credenda (As the church prays, so it believes). This hybrid course, offered at St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, will explore the relationship between liturgy and faith formation, as well as the conversion and faith development of adults, adolescents, and children in our contemporary context. Face-to-face sessions on Saturdays, January 17 and April 18, 9am-4pm. 12 weeks of online work in between. Scholarships and financial aid are available to new students. Register at www.stbernards.edu or call 585-271-3657, ext. 289 for more information.

**Sharing the Good News**

Want to learn more about The New Evangelization? Anyone and everyone can be an effective agent in sharing the Good News. Learn how at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry, February 19 from 3:00 - 5:30 PM. Register on-line at www.stbernards.edu or call 585-272-3657.

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another.” Bring God's graces into your marriage. Learn now on an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Feb. 6-8, 2015 in Canandaigua, NY; for more information visit our website at: www.wwme-wny.org, email Applications@wwme-wny.org or call (877) 697-9963.

**Hope After Abortion**

There is no spiritual pain that God's love can not heal. If you or someone you know has had an abortion, or in some way been affected by an abortion, please let them know that help is available to them. It is free, confidential, and loving. Please have them contact: Project Rachel at 1-888-972-2435. God's gift of peace is waiting for you.
GREAT GIFT IDEA FOR THE LADY IN YOUR LIFE! *Body, Mind and Soul,* the second annual Rochester Catholic Women’s Conference is coming on **March 28, 2015** to 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, national speakers, Catholic devotions, local vendors for shopping, and a delicious lunch. Please visit the website at Rochesterwc.org/. For updates on when to register or for more details, contact Barbara Thomas at bthomas@dor.org

**MEN: MARK THAT NEW CALENDAR!**
The Rochester Catholic Men’s Conference (RCMC) will offer its first-ever conference, *Put Out Into the Deep,* on Saturday, May 16, 2015, from 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM, at St. John Fisher College, 3690 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618. The event will feature nationally known speakers, Tim Staples, Danny Abramowicz and Hector Molina. Included in the event are the Celebration of the Eucharist at 8:00 AM, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction at 3:45 PM, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which will be offered to participants from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. A great opportunity, just down the street this Spring!

**Silence: Shall We Talk About It?**
That sounds like an oxymoron, doesn’t it? Maybe we should just come together for an hour and experience it as Quakers do in their worship. Maybe we will do that in part, but not all silence is equally life-giving, so it’s worth talking about, and learning to “do” better.

Silence either helps or it hinders us in life. It is used as emphasis and sometimes a source of abuse. It enriches or drags down a relationship. It is one of the time-honored ways we enter into God and God into us.

On this evening, we will honor one another’s insights into this powerful gift shared by human beings throughout history but not necessarily relished by today’s culture.

**Tuesday, January 20, 7 pm**  
**St. Catherine of Siena Church**  
**Guide for the Evening: Sister Joan Sobala**

Joan Sobala is a Sister of Saint Joseph who has spent much of her life working in pastoral settings where issues of faith and life so often reveal the yearnings of the human heart for God.

**ADVENT OPPORTUNITY AT MERCY SPIRITUALITY CENTER**  
**65 Highland Avenue, Rochester. Call 585-473-6893 to register.**

**A New Years Eve Alternative: Weave Your Way Into the New Year.** Wednesday, December 31, 2014, 5:30 pm – departure at 10 pm. Facilitators: Deborah White, Mary VanHouten, and Joanne Pagano (our cook) Fee: $35 for dinner and evening. Arrangements can be made for an overnight stay and continental breakfast for an additional fee of $45.

**Being Fed**
Hungry? Need some good nourishing food for body, mind and spirit? Ultreya is the answer! Saturday evening, **January 10, 6PM** give it a try. We begin with a *pot luck supper at 5:45PM* that will definitely feed the body. Then for the soul, we do some sharing, in small groups. We reassemble to hear someone give a witness about their faith, reflect together, and to close the evening, proceed to the church for closing prayer. Never been on a Cursillo weekend? Please come to Ultreya. You will be well fed, and believe it or not, that could just be an appetizer!

**Holy Hour:**
Did you know that every Thursday, a group gathers to offer a holy hour and pray before the tabernacle from 7PM to 8PM? You would be most welcome to join them!

**Men of St. Louis:**
What is the Men's Spirituality Group that meets in the Manse Monday mornings before work? A group of men who look at the Sunday Gospel, do a bit of the background to understand it, and then reflect on how the scriptures connect to their life. If you go, expect to be welcomed, to have the opportunity for a cup of coffee and light snack, and to start off the week right.

**Bible Study**
Have you been thinking about Bible Study, but don’t know where to start? This Lent, we will again be offering Quick Journey Through the Bible, an excellent introduction. Or come to the Men’s Spirituality group (above) on Monday morning in the Manse, as they reflect on the coming Sunday’s readings. There is also Tuesday morning Bible Study, same place, you get an extra hour’s sleep, for men and women. Or, think out of the box! Would you like to gather friends and start a Bible Study? Contact me and I’ll help get that started! Fr. Bob
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