A Great Story

Use the term ‘Good Samaritan’, and even folks who have never picked up a Bible are likely to know what you mean. The parable in today’s Gospel is that well known; has that broad a reach. Why? For one, Luke is a great story teller. Anyone can relate to the way the stage is set; the events reflect real life, experience all too well known. Sad but true, the world is a dangerous place. Innocent people are robbed, beaten, and left for dead. Just check out the news. Even more sadly, we all know how easy it is to be busy on our way, how easy it is to look the other way. The self-righteous can hear about the priest and the Levite crossing the road, walking by, and conclude ‘isn’t that just the way some people are!’ Those with more self-awareness can recognize just how easy it is to justify walking by. Then along comes the Samaritan.

Many commenting on this parable, highlight the dramatic shock value. Priests and Levites were supposed to be good people, doing the right thing. Samaritans were looked down upon, even despised by Judeans – who would expect a Samaritan to be a hero? True enough, there is intentional shock value, meant to highlight the flaws of self-justification, of ‘looking good’ as opposed to being good. But for those living outside the time of Jesus, unfamiliar with the relationship between Samaria (the north) and Judea (the south part of Israel), the shock value isn’t so obvious. Yet, the story still works. After all, we also know from experience that while some people look away, there are Good Samaritans – who take the risk of stopping, assessing the tragedy, offering assistance, sometimes even without counting the cost. This parable can connect to times we have walked by, times those we looked to for help failed us, as well as times we stopped and made a difference, times when an unexpected stranger showed true compassion and concern. If hearing this parable in church does nothing more than lead to our asking forgiveness for times we’ve walked by, it has served well. If it moves us to offering forgiveness for those who have looked the other way when we were in need, another grace. It can lead us to gratitude for good Samaritans we’ve experienced, and gratitude for the fulfillment we’ve experienced being a good Samaritan ourselves.

The lawyer, seeking to test Jesus, asks ‘who is my neighbor?’ Who deserves my love? Jesus moves from legal obligation, to gift-giving – just how broadly can we show ourselves to be a neighbor? Why would we exclude anyone? St. Paul truly understood this Gospel message. Recall two weeks ago, when in Galatians Paul kept contrasting ‘the flesh’ and ‘the Spirit?’ For St. Paul, flesh is the sin in the world that makes it so easy to look the other way. Grace, Spirit, being ‘in Christ’, is when we’ve allowed the Gospel message to transform us, we take this parable to heart, and we begin to see that everyone is our neighbor. Peace to you all, Fr. Bob
**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**MONDAY - July 15**  
St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34--11:1  
11:00 am Richard Mankus - Regan Family  
5:15 pm Paul Spinelli - Jennie & Chuck Ryan

**TUESDAY - July 16**  
Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24  
6:45 am Paul Spinelli - Sally Lashomb  
11:00 am Jose H. Ramos - Olivares Family

**WEDNESDAY - July 17**  
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27  
11:00 am Lucille Clair - Sue & Ed Meyer  
5:15 pm Paul Kircher - Bernice and Ray Rigney

**THURSDAY - July 18**  
Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30  
6:45 am Paul Spinelli - Beverly Moll  
11:00 am William Thaney - Joe Blake & Family

**FRIDAY - July 19**  
Ex 11:10--12:14/Mt 12:1-8  
11:00 am Reagan Keller - Dr. & Mrs. Diamond  
5:15 pm Stanley Banas - (2nd Anniversary) Family

**SATURDAY - July 20**  
Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21  
9:00 am Paul Kircher - Dorothy & Rick Cusker  
4:30 pm Allan W. Gardner - Jeanette & Dick Crowley

**SUNDAY - July 21**  
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42  
7:30 am Timothy Brown - Coan Family  
9:00 am Joseph F. Thill - Ann Murty  
11:00 am William D’Antonio - Joe, Carmen & Joseph Noschese  
5:00 pm Blanche Birkholz - St Louis School Family

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**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.

Two Sanctuary Lamps will burn for the Recovery of Yvonne Arcilla by Nelly & Pat O’Connor.

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**REQUIEM AETERNAM**

Paul Kircher  
Ned Cunningham  
Maryann Schank  
Roberta Barringer  
Louis Jeff

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**Saturday & Sunday, July 20 & 21**  
Thank you faithful servants!

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**Sunday Communion Service - July 21**

The Highlands: Pete & Gerry Shea  
Heather Heights: Ann Murty
Conscience Formation
The author of Deuteronomy leaves no doubt – the commandments in Scripture are not an arbitrary set of rules. When we hear or read the law (Torah, teachings, commandments), it is not like learning something new, foreign and far-off. These ways to live together in peace, faithful to God, resonate inside us; they reflect who we are, whose we are, and how we were made. To ensure a well formed conscience, we listen to scripture, to the teaching of the Church, and discover that little voice inside that says ‘of course this is right. You knew it all the time!’

A Hymn to Christ
In Philippians, St. Paul inserted a hymn into his letter to get to the heart of the matter. There the hymn was introduced. ‘Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, Jesus did not deem equality with God a thing to be exploited, but emptied himself ….’ Apparently while that community sang about humility, putting it into practice was at issue; a reminder and encouragement were needed. In Colossians, we have another hymn inserted into a letter, this one focusing on the centrality and supremacy of Christ. Seems some in Colossae were wandering into human tradition, esoteric philosophies, and away from the centrality of Christ.

The Story Says It All
Who is my neighbor? Let me tell a story. Which of the three folks in this story got it right? Not hard to figure out, is it? I guess the law is written in our hearts!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study
New day and new time, morning Bible study with Fr. Bob begins this week, Wednesday morning, 8:30 am in the Parish Meeting Hall. No prior experience of Bible study needed. We’ll be looking at the coming Sunday’s readings, exploring what they mean, and what they can mean for us. Bring a Bible, or At Home With the Word, bring your questions, bring a desire to learn and share faith together … plan on a good time!

Don’t Just Walk By!
Now is the time to follow through on your commitment and schedule yourself for a work assignment on a day of your choice. Your help is needed. You can register and schedule yourself by going to: www.habitatinterfaithpartnership.org. You can also contact one of our HIP volunteer coordinators who can assist you with registering and scheduling. Contact:

Kathleen Anderson: call 385-7601; email kanderson51@rochester.rr.com.
Brain McMahon: call 383-6005; email bjm@rochester.rr.com, or
Delaina Infantino: call 586-1115.

You can make a difference and also enjoy the experience! Are you thinking about working on this 200th Rochester Habitat house? Sign-up, register and get scheduled now!

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, family, fraternal organization dedicated to serving the Church and community. Knights have the opportunity to support our parish; grow in faith; and help people in need. Approximately a dozen men have expressed interest in forming a Council here at St. Louis. We need ten more. Join us this Tuesday, July 16 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Meeting Hall to learn more about us. You can also contact William Stewart, District Deputy, at (585) 406-3717 or at bcstewart1964@gmail.com if you would like to be a part of this effort or seek more information.
Thank you for your generous contributions last weekend to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your generosity helps provide not only daily necessities for those in the region but also pastoral care and catechesis that restore the strength of the Church there. Please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections to learn more about what your donations have accomplished.

**SUPPORTING OUR PARISH**

**June 30**
- Attendance ...... .... 1,436
- Collection ............ $15,778.00

**July 7**
- Attendance ...... .... 1,403
- Collection ............ $16,512.50

God bless you! Your regular contributions support all that we do here at St. Louis. Thank you for giving what you can.

**THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT FRIENDS OF THE ORPHANS**

**NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT FRIENDS OF THE ORPHANS - ST. DAMIEN PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL under the direction of Fr./Dr. Rick Frechette**

St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, located on the outskirts of Port-Au-Prince in Haiti, and the associated public health programs of NPFS (Our Little Brothers and Sisters) reach over 30,000 children annually. St. Damien is Haiti’s only children’s free medical facility. The annual budget of some specialized programs at this state-of-the-art facility (the general hospital, Maternity, Public Health (HIV), Neonatology and Surgery) is over $3,550,000. Several additional millions of dollars are needed annually to sustain the effective programs for radiology, pharmacy, pediatric oncology/neonatology, TB, malnutrition and maternity - programs initiated, directed and grown by our parish friend Fr./Dr. Rick Frechette.

Although Fr. Rick is known and well-respected around the world, shrinking global economies have affected revenues and the purse strings of traditional and aging donors. May God bless the two generous donors who upon hearing of hospital cutbacks are offering the St. Damien Fund matching grants totaling $1,000,000 in this calendar year. Proceeds from St. Louis' tithing, our September Corn Sale and our annual Ornament Sale will be doubled thanks to these two people. For mankind's sake and for the future of Haiti, we cannot let Fr. Rick's life accomplishments lose any ground. There is simply too much at stake. **If we do not help, who will? If we do not help now, when will we?**

On behalf of the sick, impoverished and catastrophe riddled Haitians served by Fr. Rick Frechette and his awesomely effective teams, we say “Thank you!” for your consideration. We beg for your ongoing prayers. Further info at: www.findsoftheorphans.com/haiti or Google: Fr. Rick Frechette.

Greetings from Lexington Kentucky!

On June 29 and 30, I visited with St. Louis parish and shared a little bit about the people and mission work in the Diocese of Lexington and the Appalachian region. On behalf of the people of my diocese and central and eastern Kentucky, I want to thank you again for your very generous hospitality, prayers, and financial support. I really enjoyed my visit! In conversations after mass, several people at St. Louis expressed interest in learning more about opportunities for mission work and asked about financially supporting the missions in Appalachia.

Here are a few links to information on how you can learn more, volunteer, or make a financial contribution. Feel free to contact me directly if you have more questions. Again, I thank you for your warm welcome and hope that I may see you again some day soon. If you do come and visit the Diocese of Lexington, please let me know, I’d enjoy sharing in your experiences.

In Christ, Deacon Matt Coriale mcoriale@cdlex.org

**Diocese of Lexington:** [http://cdlex.org](http://cdlex.org)

**Fr. Beiting Appalachian Mission Center:** [http://fatherbeiting.org](http://fatherbeiting.org)

**Lexington Catholic Charities:** [http://www.catholiccharitieslexington.org](http://www.catholiccharitieslexington.org)

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**CHRISTIAN LIFE: FEEDING THE HUNGRY**

The following items are needed for the Pittsford Food Cupboard collection next weekend, July 20/21:

- Cereals, Rice
- Canned/boxed soups
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)
- Canned pastas (Spaghetti-O’s, etc)
- Pasta & Spaghetti sauce
- Salad dressings, Salt & Pepper, Sugar, Flour
- Prepared meals (mac & cheese, etc)
- Peanut Butter, Jam & Jelly
- Gravies (canned or boxed mixes)
- Canned fruits (peaches, pears, etc.)
- Canned vegetables (corn, peas, tomatoes)
- Canned Beans (pinto, kidney, etc.)
- Feminine products
- Diapers
- Toiletries: Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorants
- Paper Goods: toilet paper, napkins, tissues, towels

**St. Louis Church, Pittsford, NY**

**July 14, 2013**
Our Summer Seminarian

Michael Harris, one of the seminarians of our diocese will be spending part of his summer parish experience here at St. Louis. Please welcome him with that amazing St. Louis parish hospitality! This past month Michael has been in an intensive Spanish program; now he joins us here at St. Louis for some parish pastoral experience. He writes:

“Hello Everyone! I’m very excited to join your vibrant community even if only for a few weeks. A little about myself: I grew up in Webster and attended Webster Central schools. I enjoyed participating in a variety of musical and theatrical arts before graduating from Webster Thomas High School in 2009. After graduation I spent two years studying philosophy and theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville. I spent two summers working as a youth minister for the Diocese of Springfield, IL. In 2011, I was accepted as a college seminarian for the Diocese of Rochester and sent to Cathedral Seminary in New York City where I began seminary formation and completed my undergraduate coursework, graduating in 2012 with a BA in Philosophy from St. John’s University, Queens. Last summer I was assigned to Peace of Christ parish before beginning graduate studies in theology at Theological College and Catholic University of America in Washington DC.” Welcome Michael!!

Preparing for Your Child’s Baptism

This Wednesday, July 17th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Meeting Hall, we’ll have our summer Baptismal Preparation session for expectant parents and those seeking to have their infant baptized. Please call Birdie (586-5675) to let her know you plan to attend. We watch a video that helps walk through the logistics, while also exploring the deeper meaning of various parts of the rite. We share and discuss ways to nurture faith in little ones. Many parents appreciate the opportunity to meet other young families who may live right in their neighborhood! Might this be a ministry that could be life-giving to you, and allow you to give back to others who are now where you were a few years ago? Come on the 17th and see what you think!

St. Louis Church of Pittsford Sponsors Another Employment Network Class!

Employment Network is a set of three sessions designed to help people who are out of work, wanting to change positions, or reentering the work force. The EN Team of experienced trainers will provide support and guidance in the areas of planning a work search, preparing a resume, networking, interviewing, and offering other direction. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings, July 16, 23 and 30 from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. at St. Louis Church in the Parish Meeting Hall. For additional information contact Gary Stekloff at (585) 737-6213 or at gstekloff@rochester.rr.com. The Employment Network is open to all who want to attend regardless of religious affiliation or church attended.

St. Anne Church Novena, 1600 Mt. Hope Avenue

JULY 17-26, 2013, 7:30PM-9:00PM

Each evening we will gather at 7:30 pm in St. Anne Church for evening prayer featuring speakers through St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry with the reflection as part of evening prayer. Please plan to join us for all or as many of the Novena evenings as you can.

In the context of this Year of Faith and the 50th anniversary of Vatican II, join us for The Year of Faith: Living out the Second Vatican Council:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, FR. WILLIAM GRAF
“The Church Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”
Col. 1:24-29

THURSDAY, JULY 18, DR. CHRISTINE BOCHEN
“The Call to Holiness,” reflections on Thomas Merton
Col. 3: 12-17

FRIDAY, JULY 19, FR. GEORGE HEYMAN
“All Scripture is Inspired by God” 2 Tim 3:14-17

SATURDAY, JULY 20, SR. PATRICIA SCHOELLES, SSJ
“The Moral Life: Loving with all our Heart and all our Soul” Lk 10 (Good Samaritan)

SUNDAY, JULY 21, FR. JOHN COLACINO
“Gaudium et Spes: the Church in the World”
Eph 3:14-21; 4:11-16; and Rom 12:1-2

MONDAY, JULY 22, FR. ROBERT KENNEDY
“Are We There Yet? The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy at 50 Years” Jer 29:12-14

TUESDAY, JULY 23, SR. MARY LOU MITCHELL, SSJ
“The Gift of Vows for Everyone in the 21st Century”
Lk 10:27; Gal 5:6

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, FR. JAMES SCHWARTZ
“Spirituality in Our Everyday Lives” Rom. 8:26

THURSDAY, JULY 25, MS. CATHY KAMP

FRIDAY, JULY 26, MASS FOR THE FEAST OF SS ANNE & JOACHIM, FOLLOWED BY ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Always Learning . . . Have you passed through the Narthex, and seen our Lighthouse Media display? Purchase excellent CDs about various aspects of our faith, at the lowest price imaginable. Then after you have gleaned all a given CD has to offer, give it to a friend or family member, helping them on their journey.
Updates... Thank You for Your Generosity and Support

- During Saint’s Place fiscal year July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013, 698 newly arrived refugees resettled into homes in Rochester, setup by Saint’s Place. This is 190 refugees fewer than we served in the last fiscal year. The reason for this sizeable decline seems to have been paperwork. Most of the refugees came from Bhutan, which has been the case for the last three years. We are anticipating an increase in newly arrived refugees over the next months.

- Our clothing closet at St. John of Rochester continues to serve about 100 refugees each month or about 1200 visits/year. We also supply baby layettes for 4 to 5 babies each month.

- In February, Rochester welcomed its first refugees from the Darfur region of Sudan. More refugees from Darfur are in the pipeline to come to the United States! Also in June, we helped four refugees from the Republic of Central Africa, another new area where refugees are fleeing for their lives.

- In May, two seniors from McQuaid did their Capstone project with Saint’s Place. Seniors at McQuaid must do 25 hours of community service the month before they graduate. One of the young men was a refugee from Russia whom we had helped six years ago when his family was sent to Rochester! He has received a scholarship to Nazareth College where he will start classes in August. Our community is so enriched by the arrival of the refugees!

- Due to the recent decline in the number of refugees arriving in Rochester, our warehouses are full. We are almost out of space. This is a temporary situation; since we are anticipating an increase in the number of refugees arriving over the summer months. We realize it was spring cleaning time, and now garage sale time. If you could hold any larger furniture items you wish to donate until later in the summer, we would greatly appreciate your help and understanding. We hope any inconvenience will be minimal.

- Our 15th Anniversary Gala was a huge success. We not only achieved our goal of $30,000 but also surpassed it by $4,000 +! Due to your generosity, our new van is paid for and we have money for the insurance and gas. We feel truly blessed by the community support we experienced in planning this celebration fundraiser.

- Kids In Distressed Situations (KIDS) also continues to promote our ministry. We have also received many boxes of children’s’ clothing from Carter’s, Gymboree, Crazy Eight, Janie and Jack, and Soles4Souls.

Thanks to all the shoppers, workers and donors who each contributed to the success of Saint's Place Super Sale!

A detailed report will be forthcoming!
The PRism Awards are given annually by the Rochester Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America to Profit and Not-For-Profit organizations for their best public relations efforts. On June 20, 2013, St. Louis School was presented with four PRism awards in the Not-For-Profit category for our 2013 Academic Excellence campaign. The first award was for our Integrated Campaign (website, mailing, brochure); the next award was for the mass mailing that went out just prior to Catholic Schools Week and our St. Louis School Open House. The third award was presented for the photography used throughout the campaign; and then, we won BEST OF SHOW for 2013.

This year, St. Louis School partnered with Dixon-Schwabl to implement its strategies to recruit more students, raise registration and position SLS as the leading school of choice in Rochester.
A Two-Sided Coin

Families rely on selfless love. Parents show love for their children not just when it’s convenient, but whenever their children’s needs must be met. Imagine if the members of a family were concerned only with their own needs. How quickly things would fall apart!

In the story of the Good Samaritan, we learn about someone who went out of his way to care for the needs of another. He recognized the victim as his brother and accepted responsibility for him. As a family, talk about the responsibilities of each member of the family. Share how you, as parents, care for the needs of everyone in the family even when it’s inconvenient. Ask your children to share times when they did chores and helped the family even when it was not convenient.

Talk about how the Samaritan went out of his way to care for the needs of the victim. Make a commitment as a family to follow the example of the Good Samaritan. Explain that the more you learn to accept responsibility for each other’s needs at home, the more you’ll be able to accept responsibility for the needs of others in the world.

We sometimes toss a coin to help us make a decision, choosing heads for one choice and tails for the other. That’s the nice thing about coins: they have two sides. There’s no such thing as a one-sided coin. Heads and tails cannot be separated.

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus is teaching us that when it comes to loving God and loving our neighbor, they are like two sides of a coin; they cannot be separated. According to Jesus, who is our neighbor? (everyone) Jesus wants us to show our love for him by loving all people, especially those in need. Remember there’s no such thing as a one-sided coin. In the same way, there’s no such thing as loving God without loving our neighbors.

Question of the Week

Adults
When have you gone out of your way to help a stranger in need?

Children
Would you help a new student who needed help? Why or why not?

“Lumen Fidei” (“The Light of Faith”)

Only a few short months into his Pontificate, Pope Francis has emphasized life-changing faith, like a light “capable of illuminating every aspect of human existence,” in his first encyclical, “Lumen Fidei” (“The Light of Faith” for the non-Latin scholars among us). The encyclical was released by the Vatican on July 5, and is doubly interesting, as it was begun by Pope Benedict XVI and contains contributions from each.

Dated June 29, the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, the encyclical looks at faith since the time of Abraham. “The light of faith is unique … A light this powerful cannot come from ourselves but from a more primordial source: in a word, it must come from God,” said Pope Francis.

“Faith does not merely gaze at Jesus, but sees things as Jesus himself sees them, with His own eyes: it is a participation in His way of seeing,” the pope said. “We also need somebody trustworthy and knowledgeable where God is concerned. Jesus, the Son of God, is the one who makes God known to us.”

The pope also noted that faith provides perspective in the search for truth. He addressed several contemporary concerns, including the environment and development of people, and cited faith as a way to unity among peoples.

How do you let your “Light of Faith” shine in your everyday circumstances?

Information on ordering "The Light of Faith" ("Lumen Fidei") can be found at www.usccbpublishing.org or at 1 800-235-8722 to order anytime. You can also download the encyclical (and others) for free from the Vatican website, www.vatican.va. I also have a few copies to loan out – just ask.

As always, see me after Mass sometime, or contact me at Ideacondave@gmail.com.

God bless, Deacon Dave

Check us out on Facebook:
http://www.facebook.com/stlouischurchpittsford
Doing the Rite Right
Last week, under the heading ‘Choosing the Right Rite’ the variety of ways to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick, and the various rites featured in the Order of Christian Funerals were pointed out. Understanding the purpose and meaning of the rites helps in the choosing among the options, adapting, and celebrating the rites well, applying the treasury of the church’s prayer to our specific circumstances and needs.

Last Rites
Prior to the second Vatican Council, ‘Last Rites’ was a term that included not only the sacrament of anointing, but also confession and communion (2 other sacraments). These sacraments were considered the way a Catholic prepared for death (and they still are!) Because confession was first, all would leave the room as the priest heard the person’s confession, and might not return until all three sacraments were celebrated. What is different nowadays? The church has recovered and re-emphasized the healing ministry of Jesus, entrusted to the church, and so while one may request anointing of the sick when approaching death, we are encouraged to seek the sacrament when ill, praying for and trusting in the power of Jesus to bring various kinds of healing – physical as well as spiritual and emotional. Confession can be requested in advance, and is recommended. Yet for the sacrament of anointing itself, having others pray together with the priest for the person being anointed is a terrific way to celebrate the sacrament. That’s why previously in the bulletin it has been suggested that one can be anointed either before Mass, after, or better yet, during the prayer of the faithful as we pray for those who are ill. Another way the sacrament can be celebrated beautifully is to have it done at home or in the hospital, but with family and friends present, praying, and serving as channels of God’s love to the one being anointed.

Looking Good!
Have you checked out our new website (stlouischurch.org)? Or, our school’s website (SLSpittsford.org)? Like any great website, we want to keep them fresh and interesting. There is a photo gallery that is crying for additional great photos, and we would also like to have a variety of pictures to change in and out periodically to keep the site engaging. Photos of Mass, weddings, baptisms, parish events, anything of that nature would be great (especially helpful if you can get permission of those in the photo). Please e-mail to our webmaster, Elizabeth Finn, efinn@dor.org. (High resolution photos preferred for possible use in other St. Louis publications.)

Summer Reading
Want to know more about St. Paul and his message? A good introduction: Meeting St. Paul Today, Daniel Harrington, S.J. Fr. Harrington is one of our most respected Catholic biblical scholars today, and in 145 pages, you will be amazed at how much you will learn! Want more depth? Read Paul, A Critical Life by Fr. Jerome Murphy O’Connor – by the time you finish, you’ll feel like you have walked hundreds of miles with Paul, listened in as he thought through the problems in Galatia, Corinth and elsewhere, and sat with him as he dictated his letters. Other fine books on Paul: The Letters of Paul, Conversations in Context, Calvin Roetzel, or In Search of Paul, John Dominic Crossan & Jonathan Reed.

Brief, yet incredibly profound is Carey Walsh’s Chasing Mystery. This short book delves into biblical theology, opening up incredible insight to some of the most well known passages in the Old and New Testaments. This book is not a dry text about how to study the Bible … it is about the incredible encounter with God that is possible through a careful reading of the Bible. Her Catholic, sacramental perspective incorporates insights and teaching of saints, doctors of the church, and the best biblical scholars. You will never see Bible stories in the same way again.

We would like to call your attention to the hospice chaplaincy program offered by St. Bernard’s and Visiting Nurse Service. This program can be taken either as a graduate course (as part of a St. Bernard’s master’s degree) or for continuing education credit. There is still space in the program for the class beginning on September 6 and ending on April 11. The program combines practical skills with information on all aspects of death, dying, hospice and chaplaincy. You do not need to have a formal background in ministry to apply. If interested, please contact Roslyn Karaban at rkaraban@stbernards.edu or (585) 271-3657, ext. 280 before August 1.

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.