Prepare Yourself for the Best Mass You’ve Ever Attended!

What would it take for you to have an extraordinary experience of Mass? Here at St. Louis we’re already very blessed with a beautiful sanctuary, outstanding music, reverent priests and Eucharistic ministers, and inspiring lectors and homilists. There is another ingredient that is critical to making Mass a meaningful experience—our preparation.

Here are just a few simple ideas you can try this summer. Try one and see how it makes a difference in the way you experience Mass.

Prepare to Hear God’s Word

We can lean into Mass by hearing the scripture readings before we come to Mass on Sunday. You can find Mass readings at usccb.org/bible/readings or by using our booklets called At Home With the Word. You can hear commentaries on FORMED.org for the coming Sunday. Best of all, please join us at Fr. Bob’s Scripture Study Tuesday mornings at 7:30 in the Manse.

Understand What Happens at Mass

Here’s an easy way to be sure you know what is happening during each part of the mass. Go to catholic-link.org/trouble-understanding-the-mass-heres-a-simple-explanation/ for a quick review, or contact me and I’ll print out a copy for you!

Start With a Prayer

In the sacristies of the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity all over the world, one can see a little board hanging to remind each priest that he should celebrate each Mass with devotion, freshness, contemplation and enthusiasm. The board says: “Priest of God, Celebrate this Mass as if it is your first Mass, your last Mass and your only Mass”. We would do well to support our priests in this way, but of course, these words apply to us as well. Ask God to help you celebrate Mass this way.

These ideas are just a start, but perhaps they may help you enter into a heightened encounter with God in Mass.

See you this weekend! --Kathryn (Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org)
Mass Intentions for This Week

Monday - July 9
Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26
11:00 am Martha Serio - Son & Daughter
5:15 pm Gerald Clifford - Sally & Ed McKenna

Tuesday - July 10
Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38
6:45 am For the People of the Parish
9:45 am Mass at Heather Heights for Residents & Staff
11:00 am Special Intention by Bill & Marge Mancine and Family

Wednesday - July 11
Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7
10:30 am Mass at Highlands Living Center for the intentions of Pope Francis
11:00 am Matthew Shapiro - Family
5:15 pm Joseph & Dennis Darby - Family

Thursday - July 12
Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Mt 10:7-15
6:45 am For the Youth of our Yarish
11:00 am Kenneth Rizzuto - Kitty Fitzmaurice

Friday - July 13
Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23
11:00 am Joseph J. Palmesano - Family
5:15 pm Juan Alfonso Gonzalez - Lourdes Peckham

Saturday - July 14
Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33
6:45 am For the Youth of our Yarish
9:00 am Louis Trabbie - Richard Baum
4:30 pm Anthony J. Costello - Family

Sunday - July 15
Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
7:30 am K.C.C. Paul - Asha Paul
9:00 am Lois Gibson - Jack & Marlene Schultz
11:15 am Sophie Juffa - Linda Serbu
5:00 pm Barney McMullen - Sue Davin

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 Tilly Haak by Begeman Kooijmans Family

One Lamp will Burn
For Angela Murgo by Sandra Corsetti

If you would like to remember your loved ones with the celebration of the Eucharist, stop by the Ministry Center and schedule a Mass time that is convenient for you. You may wish to have a Mass offered on the anniversary of death, a person's birthday or a significant date in the person's and your life. You can also arrange this by calling Suzanne or Shannon at 586-5675.

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour on Thursdays at 6:00pm.

Saturday & Sunday, July 14 & July 15

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Sunday Communion Service - July 15
The Highlands - Fred & Marie Lapple  Heather Heights - Jane Sutter Brandt
Sovereignty, Holiness and Mystery

The book of Ezekiel is one of the more challenging books of the Hebrew Scriptures. Signs, visions, strange actions, legal arguments, allegories are woven together in a complex literary masterpiece. The book opens with Ezekiel’s inaugural vision, a vivid description of the awesome glory and wonder of God. As a Zadokite priest of the Jerusalem Temple, Ezekiel had been schooled in the Holiness Code before being exiled to Babylon. Overwhelmed by the vision, Ezekiel falls on his face in the presence of God’s holiness. From sight to sound, next God’s presence is experienced through a voice telling the prophet to stand. The Spirit enters him and sets him on his feet, commissioning him to bring God’s Word to the House of Israel. Read chapter one of Ezekiel: the mysterious four creatures, wheels within wheels, brilliant light, flashing to and fro, all powerfully capture a sense of mobility. Many folks had been convinced God’s presence was permanently housed in the Temple in Jerusalem. Ezekiel’s visions reveal a God who is not confined to one holy place, sitting in glory in the Temple. No, God could move to wherever his people were (or are!), even by the waters of Babylon. During my retreat this past month, one week we explore the spirituality of some of the great mystics. Clearly Ezekiel was one! Like all mystics Ezekiel faced a challenge – how do you describe an overwhelming internal experience of God, by definition beyond the power of our words? (Ineffable, in other words) Have you ever had an experience that somehow you knew was from God? Hard to put into words, isn’t it?!

Look Right, Look Left

Facing our altar, check out the windows above the altar to the right. Together with Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel, you will see Ezekiel. Look left. See the symbols of the four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The four Cherubim from Ezekiel’s vision flew from Ezekiel, to other apocalyptic works, into the book of Revelation, and became symbols for the four Gospel writers, as well as four facets of Christ. Matthew focused on the human nature and life of Christ; the symbol, a winged man. Mark proclaims Christ’s royal dignity: we have a lion, king of beasts. Luke highlights the atoning sacrifice of Christ: the ox, a symbol of sacrifice. John teaches of the incarnation of the logos: we have an eagle, symbol of that which is above.

When I am Weak, Then I am Strong

Let this intriguing paradox St. Paul understood so well spark your curiosity. How can it be? To really get to know Jesus, to have a relationship with the crucified and glorified One, we need to ponder the truth that human weakness can provide an opening to God, a space for God to work in our lives that just doesn’t easily come any other way. Don’t just take Paul’s word for it. There are SO many people in our church family who have discovered this freeing, amazing truth. Open the door to experiencing this yourself. Learn more. Ask someone. Where has God been in some of the thorns and challenges you have experienced in life? Have you experienced God’s power coming to perfection in weakness? (Jesus did!)

Read Between the Lines

Mark’s Gospel is the shortest. He can be very succinct. Try to picture how the scene in today’s Gospel may have played out. At first there is astonishment at Jesus’ teaching. I picture the folks amazed at how his message spoke to their hearts. Someone else mentions a few miracles he has performed. But then a cynic in the crowd, or perhaps someone uncomfortable with being challenged, or jealous, says “wait, isn’t this guy just a carpenter? Who does he think he is?” Now seed of doubt is planted. Then another. Soon Jesus’ ministry is hampered because the trust needed for miracles and mighty deeds has been eroded. Building up of faith, tearing it down, it does happen. Who suffers? Many folks who could experience healing, forgiveness and new life if only that wedge of doubt didn’t damage the potential for a relationship with Jesus. Include cynicism when doing an examination of conscience. It can hurt others, and oneself.
**Supporting Our Parish**

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**This Week’s Tithing Will Support Saint Peter’s Kitchen**

**Next Week’s Tithing Will Support Benincasa Hospice**

Benincasa is a two-bed home in Mendon, NY, providing care, comfort and dignity for the terminally ill in their final three months of life, helping them to live their final days with dignity, comfort and self-worth. Serving the greater Rochester area and surrounding communities, Benincasa also provides support services for the residents and their loved ones. They are a non-profit organization and do not receive any compensation from their resident’s HMO or other health insurance program, relying solely on donations and fund raising events.

For more information about this ministry and to find ways that you can be involved, please contact Lori LaSalle at 624-8070 or go to benincasa.sitesbydan.com.

**Our Gift in Gratitude**

That you for joining us for Mass! Returning to the Lord with increase from the many gifts we have been given can take many forms. Each Sunday, grateful that the Lord has given us another week of life and health, we come together at Mass to give thanks. Knowing the Lord has given material well-being, we contribute to our parish. Aware of strengths for ministry God has given, we find ways to offer our time and talents in service. For choosing St. Louis as the place you believe, belong, and return to the Lord with increase from God’s goodness to you, THANK YOU!

**Leaving a Legacy**

Have you thought of including St. Louis Church, our school, or Saint’s Place in your will? Over the years, those who did think about leaving a bequest have contributed immensely to the success of our parish. Please consider including us in your will. Another way to support the parish and let people know how you value St. Louis and its ministries is to let your family know, and include in your pre-planning that, in lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Louis or our school or Saint’s Place ministry. Thinking ahead, when a dear one in your circle of family dies, have you thought about including that type of request in the obituary? Please give it some consideration!

**Emerging Churches**

**This weekend, July 7 & 8,** we take up the Collection for the Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support **restores the Church and builds the future** in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this weekend. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

**July 17, 2018**

**A Day retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House**

(5151 Foster Rd., Canandaigua, NY)

**Theme:** “Talking with God: Insights from St. Alphonsus de Liguori”

**Presented by:** Fr. Dennis Bill, C.Ss.R. and Five Redemptorists seminarians (who are making final vows)

Come and learn about St. Alphonsus, the founder of the Redemptorist order of priests and brothers and his approach to prayer.

There is a **$25.00 fee.** Please call 585-394-5700 or email: ndretreat@rochester.rr.com to REGISTER!

9:00am – 3:00pm

Morning coffee & conference/lunch/Reconciliation/Mass
DUE TO OUR ANNUAL SUPER SALE, PLEASE **DO NOT** DROP OFF ANY ITEMS ON OUR BACK PORCH.

**CALL AFTER JULY 18TH TO SCHEDULE PICK UPS.**

WE WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING DROP OFFS AND SCHEDULING PICKUPS ON THURSDAY, JULY 19TH.

_All volunteers will be working on the Super Sale and unavailable to sort and organize donations. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause._

**Preview Evening**

Tuesday, July 10

Time: 4 – 8 PM

$25 per person admission

**Opening Day**

Wed. July 11th

9 AM - 6 PM

Thurs & Fri. July 12th and 13th

9 AM - 4 PM

Sat. July 15th **Bag Sale**

9 AM - Noon

1 Bag $8   2 Bags $12   3 Bags $15

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K-5 Faith Formation
6-12 Youth Ministry
Eucharist
Penance
Confirmation 1 & 2

Please visit StLouisChurch.org/ff for registration and information

To keep shipping and material costs to a minimum,
the deadline for all registrations is July 15th.

Eucharist and Penance Sacrament registration:
All children must have completed either Grade 1 or one full year prior of Faith Formation or attend a Catholic School to prepare and receive both First Penance and First Eucharist. Both Sacraments are celebrated in Grade 2. Families need to register for both Penance and Eucharist for the upcoming year.

Confirmation Year 1 and Year 2 Sacrament Registration:
Year 1 Confirmation candidates must have completed one year prior of Youth Ministry or attend Catholic School to prepare for year 1 and year 2. Registration is required yearly for both years of preparation.
Catch These Great Apps!

Pray As You Go

“Pray As You Go” is probably my favorite for anyone who struggles to find dedicated, quiet time in life. The 15 minute (or less) segments are a perfect way to start my mornings. The music is always wonderful and the reflections are encouraging and thoughtful without being too deep. “Pray As You Go” also offers audio prayers, Imaginative Contemplation Exercises, an audio Rosary & Stations of the Cross, and an audio Examen.

The EXAMEN App:

*Do you want to grow in your prayer life?* St. Ignatius said that the most important prayer, the one should never be omitted from daily prayer, is the Examen Prayer. (Also Known as “The Examination of Consciousness”) This app offers a brief video the walks you through each step in the prayer.

Mass Times for Travel

The app helps Catholics get to Mass by helping them find churches and worship times worldwide—a MUST for summer travel!

*Laudate* is the most popular and comprehensive free Catholic app. It has just about everything, from Mass readings, the catechism, prayers, Confession helps, Liturgy of the Hours, Saint of the Day, and more!

For help or more ideas, contact Kathryn at Kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org or check our adult formation page at stlouischurch.org/some-great-apps.
YOUNG ADULT GROUP COLLECTING SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS

Many homeless people walk miles every day in order to survive, leaving their socks threadbare and damp.

Recently, when we visited the House of Mercy and Saint Joseph’s House of Hospitality, we asked what items were most needed. Socks were a top priority. And so, for the first two weeks in July the Young Adult group will be collecting socks from Saint Louis parishioners.

A designated basket will be placed near the baptismal font by the large bulletin board, or donations can be left at the ministry center (summer hours 8:30 - 4:30 Monday through Thursday, 8:30 - 12:30 Friday.) Socks should be clean, newly purchased for adults and children.

A few dollars out of your pocket could mean the world to someone!

Work of Our Hands

Thank you to the parishioners who responded to the request to donate leftover yarn to the “Work of Our Hands”. For more information about this Spiritual Knitting and Crocheting group, please contact Saint Louis parishioner Karen Giovagnolli at kareng10@frontiernet.net.

Stand Out For Life

Saint Louis Parishioners took part in the June prayer and witness event in front of the Planned Parenthood facility on University Avenue. If you are interested in attending the July event and would like to carpool from the church parking lot, please contact Cynthia Clarke at the ministry Center or by email at: cynthia.clarke.dor.org.

Check it out!

Long-time parishioner Anthony Nicoletti wrote a memoir called “Nino” about the adventure of a Catholic family.

He donated a copy of his book for the parish library—check it out!

You can also purchase his book at barnesandnoble.com.
**Christian Love: Feeding the Hungry**

**Food and Other Items needed for Pittsford Food Cupboard, Next Weekend! June 14 & 15**

- Cereals, Rice
- Canned/boxed soups
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)
- Canned pastas (Spaghett-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

*Recycle bags are always welcome & appreciated!*  
*Please, no glass containers*

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**FOCUS Donations**

The generosity of our parishioners in response to a request for baby supplies was gratefully received and delivered to FOCUS Pregnancy Center. For information on this ministry go to focusphc.com.

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**Praying with the Pope**

**Universal Intention of the Pope: Social Networks**

Pope Francis is renowned for breaking new ground and this Universal Intention is a great example: he invites the whole people of God to pray with him that “social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences”.

**Here are three Challenges for you:**

1. Observe how people interact on social networks, what arguments and discussions are most popular and what concerns they reveal. Do you find inclusiveness and respect for difference?

2. Seek, in our own use of them, always, a positive and constructive attitude in social networks, sharing content that promotes solidarity and respect, truth and good reflection, actively resisting any temptation to degrade anyone else, especially if they disagree with me.

3. Take time to discover good projects of evangelization in social networks and also try to bring the voice of the Church and its proposals to these spaces.

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**To discover the universal intentions of Pope Francis go to:**
pathwaystogod.org/my-prayer-life/praying-pope

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**Putting the Pope’s Intention into Practice on Facebook**

A few days ago I put what I thought was a harmless political reflection on my Facebook page. Within two minutes the insults and accusations were flying. My agnostic friend lost his cool and my Catholic friend responded in kind. The language was hostile and dialogue was shut down. I opened two private chat boxes. To the Catholic I asked for loving discourse. To the agnostic I asked why he had responded as he had. The Catholic deleted her insulting comments. The agnostic actually caused me to see that the way I had written the post had excused a behavior I had meant to condemn. I asked him to forgive me if I had failed to reflect Christ and he was gracious in his response. I re-worded my post and Christ was honored. Social media matters. ~ Cynthia
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