Happy Father’s Day!

Celebrate the gift of family on FORMED.org!

Have you checked out the great resources on FORMED.org? Summertime is a great time to dive into the eBooks, audios, films, and studies by some of the best Catholic presenters in the country. Why not make a summer promise to choose a handful of these titles that focus on the family, or many other topics, and view or listen to them over the next few months.

Summer at St. Louis still has many opportunities for service (including St.’s Place Sale!), worship, and learning. In addition, we encourage you to use this season to grow by tapping into FORMED.org.

It’s easy to access! Just go to FORMED.org. Look for “Get Started” and type in our parish code: KMFHWV in the first blue box labeled “Enter Code”. Follow the directions to create your own account and you’ll have access to hundreds of free Catholic resources at your fingertips!

Join the FORMED Review Team!
Parishioners love recommendations. If you find a great resource, please email me the title and a few sentences about why you liked it and I’ll share it in a future bulletin.

If you have any questions, contact me at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org.
Have a great and fruitful summer! -- Kathryn McAlarney
**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**Monday - June 18**
1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42
11:00 am Michelle Krakowka - Donlon Family
5:15 pm Wayne Harber - Nancy & Caroline Harber

**Tuesday - June 19**
1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48
6:45 am Jack Decker - Mary Jane & Family
11:00 am Funeral Mass - Gertrude Santo

**Wednesday - June 20**
2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
11:00 am John Martin - Mike Cadalana
1:30 pm St. Louis School Prayer Service - Al Mahar, Jr.
5:15 pm St. Louis School - Brother, Dick
7:00 pm St. Louis School - Godspeed Mass

**Thursday - June 21**
Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15
6:45 am Alverne Brown - Post 16 VFW
11:00 am William Kane - Mary-Ellen & Family

**Friday - June 22**
2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23
11:00 am Theresa Werves - Family
5:15 pm Healing Mass for Dorothea & Joe Skwiercz - Paul & Neyde Szych

**Saturday - June 23**
2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34
9:00 am George Petcoff - Family
4:30 pm Pat Lapp - Peg & Dave Halligan

**Sunday - June 24**
7:30 am Patrick O’Connor - Fellow Knights of Columbus, St. Louis
9:00 am Ed Gala, Sr.
11:15 am Joe & Gerry DiNoto & Family
5:00 pm Maria Hoang Thi Phach - Ho Tran & Family

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**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 Rose DeTraglia by Family
- One Lamp will Burn For Tim Bohling by Family
- One Lamp will Burn For Marta Watson by Family

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**Requiem Aeternam**

*John “Jack” Finnerty*

*Molly Miller*

*Gertrude Santo*

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**Saturday & Sunday, June 23 & 24**

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**Sunday Communion Service - June 24**

*The Highlands - Marge Mancini*  
*Heather Heights - Fred & Marie Lapple*
AMAZING!
The link between Ezekiel’s allegory in our first reading and the parables in our Gospel is quite straightforward. The tender shoot taken from the top of the cedar represents humble beginnings. King David’s dynasty began humbly, but grew to a great kingdom. The Lord may be telling Ezekiel that the humble beginnings after the return from exile will one day lead to something even more astounding. Humble beginnings leading to an amazing destiny, as well as the divine reversal – mountains brought down, valleys raised up, deserts watered, fertile fields becoming barren, the proud being humbled and the humble lifted up: these themes of how God operates are woven throughout the Bible, sometimes in parables, in psalms, in prayers, often in salvation history. There is a messianic tone to Ezekiel’s allegory as well. Reread the passage, pray Mary’s canticle (Luke 1:46-55), and see how it can speak to some of your experiences!

TRUST WALK
Sometimes on a youth retreat, there is an exercise called a trust walk. Blindfolded, one is led around by another participant. It illustrates the challenge of trusting and letting someone else lead the way. Where did the idea for such an exercise come from? Perhaps today’s passage from St. Paul: “we walk by faith, not by sight.” Doing a trust walk goes much better when the person blindfolded has ongoing conversation with the one leading them, for reassurance. Try thinking of prayer as that reassuring conversation.

DON’T LET IT FOOL YOU
We can easily think everything in the Bible is super solemn and serious. Yet a closer look reveals there is often great humor packed into God’s Word. We lose some of the humor because frequently it is found in word play, which gets lost in translation. Parables often include elements of humor in other ways. Another way to express the truth in today’s two parables: Don’t let the small beginnings of Jesus’ ministry and the early church fool you! Events in backwater Palestine that never even made the news in Rome at the time will one day transform the world! The laugh is on all of those who thought Jesus and his followers would amount to nothing!
Supporting Our Parish

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Online Collection

Month-to-Date $34,111.00

Are you visiting with us this fine summer day? Welcome! We love to have you with us! Having a spiritual home is like building your house on rock. We would love for you to find here at St. Louis a true spiritual home. We pray that your experience of liturgy here today was uplifting, and helped you experience God’s presence in the sense of welcome and in our community, in the Word proclaimed, the prayers prayed, the music sung, the Eucharist, offered and shared. If you were able to contribute, we are very grateful. But most importantly, please join us often!

Tithing

The Bible and the practice of believers over the centuries gives clear witness to the value of being intentional about how we give back a share of our blessings to the Lord. We hope that all who call St. Louis their parish home give serious thought and prayer to their ongoing support of the parish. Showing the way, the parish takes 10% of the Sunday collection and tithes $1,000 to a variety of charities, locally and around the globe; the amount of tithe over $1,000 is put into a tithing fund that is available for emergency tithe requests, as well as support of our wonderful ministries of Saint’s Place. Thank you for making that possible!

This Week’s Tithing Will Support

Coffee Connection

Next Week’s Tithing Will Support

St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard

St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard, located at 890 Portland Avenue, serves an area of highly concentrated poverty in the 14621 Northeast quadrant of Rochester. St. Andrew’s mission is to provide the best nutrition they can offer. They also provide diapers, some baby needs, and include toiletries with each household order. Clients are offered recipe and food handling advice and access to free clothing, coupons, used books and magazines, and phone usage. Furniture assistance through the adjoining St. Vincent de Paul Society is also available. Most importantly, they try to build relationships with those who come in need.

To learn more about St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard, please contact Margaret Oberst at 338-1764 (Cupboard), 254-3093 (home) or email Margaret.Oberst@dor.org. Volunteers come in on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday from 9:00 – 11:30 am.

“I Was Hungry And You Gave Me Food”

Many thanks to all who brought in food this 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.

Next Weekend’s Peter’s Pence Collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world - those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. It likewise provides the faithful with a tangible opportunity to not only empower the weak, defenseless, and voiceless, but also sustain those who suffer.

Thank you for your generosity in last week’s collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Your support will help the CCC connect millions of people with Christ, and spread the gospel message here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collected remain in our Diocese to support local efforts. Thank you! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

Fr. Juan and Don Murray are hosting a reflection group called “Word of Life”, which is part of the Focolare spirituality. You are most welcome to join us on the third Monday of each month at 7:15 pm in the O’Connor Library in the Manse. (This is the brick building to the right of the main church entrance.)

Next meeting: Monday, June 18th.

For more information please email Fr.Juan.Benitez@dor.org or Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org.
Believe, Achieve, Enjoy, and Succeed

Congratulations to our 2018 Graduates

Brianna Cafarelli
Bryce Carr
Kate Crowley
Lilliana Donner
John Evans
Skyler Fliss
Sarah Gargano
Braeden Goetz
Elsa Hofmeister
Dane Lewis
Julia Luce
Trenton Robinson
Hannah Sanderson
Aaron Sheu
Mary Tran
Elizabeth Wilmot

Laine Ansley-Purpura
Athena Boev
Anthony Camarella
Julia D’Anza
Sam DiLiberto
Sean Donlon
Caroline Fitzsimmons
Ethan Kepes
Mia Lusardi
Lydia Malvaso
Lilly MastroSimone
Chase Mauro
Avery Moose
John Rubert
Sophie Schenkel
Marilyn Soto-Fontana

DUE TO OUR ANNUAL SUPER SALE
PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ANY ITEMS
ON OUR BACK PORCH STARTING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27TH.

LAST DAY TO DROP ITEMS OFF IS
TUESDAY, JUNE 26TH

We do not accept donations at the sale....
CALL AFTER JULY 18TH TO SCHEDULE
PICK UPS.

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

WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

In honor of our 20th Anniversary, Saint’s Place is raffling off a 3 year lease on a 2019 Subaru Outback. Lease and all maintenance generously donated by Van Bortel Subaru.

Next weekend, the car will be here and raffle tickets will be available after all masses. Tickets are $50 each. Only 500 Tickets will be sold! You could be the lucky winner. For more information, please visit our website:

Faith Formation
Register today!!  DEADLINE APPROACHING!

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.
Have a holy summer

The lazy days of summer offer many opportunities to bring your family closer to God. Try ideas like these to have a happy and holy summer:

Sing a psalm. Choose a psalm that praises God for his mercy, kindness, and love, such as Psalm 103. Learn a new line each week and sing or recite it together at dinner time or bedtime. By summer’s end, you will have learned a new way to praise God.

Strengthen a virtue. Virtues are good habits. For example, temperance can be practiced by limiting the amount of time spent watching television or using electronics. Charity can be strengthened by volunteering for a local aid organization as a family.

Read a story. The Bible is a library of books that weave together the story of our family of faith. Read about heroes, brave rulers, warriors, prophets and thrilling victories. For example, the first book of Samuel (chapter 16) begins the account of David, a poet and musician, warrior and king with an extraordinary love for God. Or, read about the remarkable journey Moses led out of slavery found in the book of Exodus.

Visit him each week. Weekly Mass is an important way to bring your family closer to God. Even when you are on vacation, visit www.parishesonline.com to find a Mass close by.

Thoughtful Moments

St. Germaine Cousin
Born to poor parents near Pibrac, France, St. Germaine suffered from a deformed right hand, sores on her neck and ill health from neglect and abuse. Despite this, she was never bitter. She walked to Mass daily— even in the winter— and shared what she had with the poor. The most powerful proof of St. Germaine’s holiness was her forgiveness of her abusive stepmother, Hortense. She is the patroness of abuse victims, people with disabilities, and shepherdesses.

Make anger work
Teach children that it isn’t healthy to pretend we’re not angry when we are. Instead of giving in to anger, though, find a solution to the problem. “In your anger do not sin” (Psalm 4:4).

Biblical advice for kids
“Children, obey your parents (in the Lord), for this is right. Honor your father and mother” (Ephesians 6:1-2).
“Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord” (Colossians 3:20).

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics get confirmed?

The sacrament of Confirmation completes Baptism. In Confirmation, the recipient receives an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and an increase of spiritual gifts. He or she is spiritually equipped and called to be a public witness to Christ in both words and deeds (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1303). Confirmation can only be received once. Confirmation recalls Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on Jesus’ disciples in the Upper Room and strengthened them to preach the Gospel (Acts 2:1-4).
“Converts Among Us”

It may well be true that converts make the best Catholics. At the very least, they are a treasure to us here at St. Louis Church! Come join us for a presentation from four members of our parish as they tell about their journey into the Catholic Church.

When: Tuesday, June 26th at 7:15 p.m.
Where: Parish Meeting Hall

The presenters that night will be Rajiv Dewan, Julian and Margret Smith, and Cynthia Clarke. Wine and cheese will be served.

For more information, please contact Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org.

Catholic Conversations
This week’s topic: Should Catholics Call Priests Father?
Where: The Manse (brick building to the right of the main entrance of the church)
When: Sundays, 10:00-10:50

Pietra Fitness
When: Saturday mornings, 7:45 a.m.-9:00 a.m. or 9:15-10:30 a.m.
Where: Parish Meeting Hall
Cost: Free, please bring a mat

Do You Like to Cook? We Need You!
We are forming a Cooking Team to help with two ministries:

Priests’ Gathering Dinners (Roughly once a month a group of ~20 local priests gather at St. Louis’ rectory for a dinner and fellowship)

ChristLife Dinners (An important part of this vital parish program is offering a dinner for participants.)

If you might be interested, please come to a planning meeting to see how this can bless your life with fun, friendships, and a feeling that you’ve helped nurture your parish! With a large team, the work is divided and service becomes a joy.

When? Wednesday, June 27 from 7:15-8:15 p.m.
Where? The Manse (the brick building between the church and Saint’s Place)
Please contact Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org or call 586-5675, ext. 224 for information or to let me know you’re coming!

Got questions about life?
We’re inviting YOU to consider what your life would be like in a deeper relationship with Christ. Come explore your questions and find the deeper purpose to your life.

Save the dates!

When: Thursdays, 6:15-9:00 p.m.
Sept. 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 8 (includes a retreat on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 10:00-4:00)

Where: St. Bernard’s
120 French Rd. Rochester
Cost: Free
(Dinner is included!)
For more information and to register, contact Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org.
What is the Catholic Church’s teaching on refugees?

It is a core Catholic teaching that every human being is created in the image of God and is therefore entitled to dignity and respect. The Catholic Church views assisting those in need as a fundamental Christian duty that is derived directly from the life of mercy of Christ, who himself was a migrant and a child of refugees. We as Christians are called to welcome our new neighbors with the same love and compassion we would want ourselves to be shown in a time of persecution. We are also called to provide support and care for refugees overseas who remain in refugee camps and other tenuous situations.

What is the Catholic Church’s Role in Supporting Refugees around the World?

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Migration and Refugee Services seeks to fulfill the teachings of the Church in the arena of migration, resettling refugees and advocating for the refugee community. Through cooperative agreements with the federal government, the Church ensures that the basic needs of each arriving refugee are adequately met, in addition to engaging in assessment trips to regions with large refugee populations.

What can we do?

1. Write a letter to the Editor: This is a great way to add another perspective, or express your appreciation for an already-published article. If your letter is published, send a link to your letter to the USCCB at jfi@usccb.org and they will deliver it to elected officials and promote it on social media. Completing this final step in the letter to the editor process helps ensure that your letter’s impact is even greater!

2. Go to the Catholic Conference of Catholic Bishops website “Justice for Immigrants” at justiceforimmigrants.org, where you will find many great ideas for advocating for and supporting this vulnerable population.

3. People fleeing horrific violence in their own countries have suffered more than most of us can imagine. They have a right to apply for asylum no matter how they enter the United States. Family unity is a cornerstone of our American immigration system and a foundational element of Catholic teaching and it is unconscionable that our government exacerbates their grief by tearing children from their fathers and mothers. Use this link justiceforimmigrants.org/actionalerts/ to call on Congress to:
   (1) Tell the Department of Homeland Security not to separate families
   (2) Prevent DHS from receiving funding for this harmful and costly practice
   (3) Propose more humane solutions, such as alternatives to detention

Stand Out for Life Saturday Morning
Public Pro-Life Prayer and Peaceful Witness

“Do you love me?” - cf. John 21:15-17

wth featured speaker Janet Meaduo

June 23rd, 9-10:30AM
outside of Planned Parenthood
114 University Avenue, 14605

"Amid a culture of indifference which not infrequently turns ruthless, our style of life should instead be devout, filled with empathy, compassion and mercy..."

Pope Francis

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