WE BELIEVE. WE BELONG. WE REJOICE IN GOD’S MERCY.

March 27, 2016

THIS WEEKEND: EASTER
Divine Mercy Novena after 11:00 am Mass

THIS WEEK AT ST. LOUIS (Daily Mass Schedule p.2)
MONDAY - MARCH 28
Divine Mercy Novena after 11:00 am Mass
6:30 am - Men’s Spirituality Group, Manse

TUESDAY - MARCH 29
Divine Mercy Novena after 11:00 am Mass
7:30 am - Understanding Sunday’s Scriptures, Manse

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 30
Divine Mercy Novena after 11:00 am Mass
7:00 pm - Gospel of Luke, Reddington Hall Lower Level Learning Center
7:30 pm - Regional Charismatic Prayer Gp, Parish Meeting Hall

THURSDAY - MARCH 31
Divine Mercy Novena after 11:00 am Mass
7:00 pm - Holy Hour, Church

FIRST FRIDAY - APRIL 1
Divine Mercy Novena after 11:00 am Mass
11:30 am - 4:00 pm - Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, Church
1:00 pm - Mass at Highlands Laurelwood

SATURDAY - APRIL 2
Divine Mercy Novena after 9:00 am Mass
Collection of Lenten CRS Rice Bowls
8:00 am - Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, PMH
9:30 am - Gospel of Matthew, PMH
3:00 pm - Confessions
4:30 pm - Mass (Sign Language Interpreted)

SUNDAY - APRIL 3
Collection of Lenten CRS Rice Bowls
7:30 am - Mass
9:00 am - Mass, Seasons of Faith
11:00 am - Mass, Liturgy of the Word, Following Mass: Baptismal Preparation Session, Church
5:00 pm - First Sunday Youth Mass
6:15 pm - Middle School & High School Youth Grps

Happy Easter! The Lord is truly risen.
We celebrate with joy, and new life is breaking out all over. Together with our staff and my fellow priests, let me thank you for being with us! Blessings to you this Easter and throughout this joyful season! Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

**MONDAY - MARCH 28**
Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
11:00 am  In Honor of St. Ann - Ann Ricci
5:15 pm  Marie & Patrick Foley - Family

**TUESDAY - MARCH 29**
Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
6:45 am  Josephine Marino - Family
11:00 am  Andy Dolan - Family

**WEDNESDAY - MARCH 30**
Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
11:00 am  Timothy J. Sheridan - Carol Paul
5:15 pm  Doris Cournoyer - Betsy DeBloom

**THURSDAY - MARCH 31**
Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
6:45 am  Victor Chartrand - Carolyn & Greg Karl
11:00 am  Doris Cournoyer - Loyola Connolly

**FIRST FRIDAY - APRIL 1**
11:00 am  Robert Kirst - Joan & Gary Eisenhart
1:00 pm  Mass at the Highlands - Laurelwood for the People of the Parish
5:15 pm  Walter Argentieri - Meg Smerbeck

**SATURDAY - APRIL 2**
Acts 4:13-21/Jn 20:19-31
9:00 am  Gerald Wilson - Coan & Guenke Families
4:30 pm  J. Patrick O’Connor - Jeanete Lewis

**SUNDAY - APRIL 3**
2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy
Acts 5:12-16 Rv 1:9-11am 19-13, 17-19
7:00 am  Margaret Stoyell - Don & Carol Sheehan
9:00 am  Judith Boita - Lanahan Family
11:00 am  Maria Greco - Stephen Ministers
5:00 pm  Wm. H. Perham, Sr. (Anniversary) - Perham Family

**Requiem Aeternam**
Deceased Parishioners, Family and Friends

**Saturday & Sunday, April 2 and 3**

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Sunday Communion Service - April 3
The Highlands - Richard Caruso  Heather Heights - Fred & Marie Lapple
Giving Witness

Two nouns. Or, could be a noun and a verb. Apostle // Witness. Apostle means one sent. For us, one sent to share the good news of Christ coming into the world, his life-giving ministry, and the transforming power of his life, death and resurrection. Witness, as a noun, is quite similar: one who has seen the events, the power, the explosion of God’s grace in the ministry of Jesus, and in the Paschal mystery. Witness, as a verb: to share what one has seen, heard and experienced. Peter is an apostle, one sent; he also makes it clear in our first reading that he is a witness. What he does in the first reading is give witness to what Jesus did prior to his last days in Jerusalem, and how he experienced the risen Christ along with the other witnesses, chosen by God in advance. We too are called to be witnesses, and give witness. We give witness to how we have experienced the risen Christ, how faith in him has changed our life, and how what we hear and read in the Gospels rings true to our experience of Christ is in our lives. As we are sent forth at the end of Mass: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord! Or, Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life!

Looking up

A few weeks ago we heard the story of Susanna at weekday Mass (Daniel 13:1-62). Preparing us to understand their sin (lusting after Susanna, and then presenting a false accusation after being rebuffed), the author told us that the two wicked elders who had been appointed judges “suppressed their consciences; they would not allow their eyes to look to heaven.” The result: a mockery of justice, a depraved disregard for virtue, truth, and even human life. But Daniel stepped up as the virtuous one, defending truth, and the life of an innocent victim. Those who ‘refused to look up’, lost their lives. Daniel’s looking up saved an innocent victim. This is a very practical application of Paul’s message to the Colossians: seek what is above. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For an examination of conscience: Where have I been looking lately?

Not Just Peter & John

The account of the empty tomb tells us that on witnessing the empty tomb, “they did not understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead.” We aren’t born understanding this mystery, and even baptism and confirmation may not bring it totally home for us. Working to understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead is part of the journey of faith we all make. If Peter & John needed time to sort it out all over, is it a surprise that we need to as well? May God help us all stay on the path to understanding!

Pope Francis Asks That Catholics Make Pilgrimages During the Extraordinary Year of Mercy

The Holy Door of Mercy at Sacred Heart Cathedral is the inside, main center entrance. Pope Francis has declared that passing through the Holy Door of Mercy will offer the possibility of obtaining a Plenary Indulgence, a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, through certain pious exercises, namely: celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation; the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist; praying for the Holy Father and the intentions he bears in his heart; and praying the Profession of Faith (the Creed) which unites us to the universal Church. These indulgences may be obtained for ourselves or for those who are deceased. When we have made this pilgrimage and committed ourselves to live by mercy, “the Jubilee Indulgence is thus full, the fruit of the very event which is to be celebrated and experienced with faith, hope and charity.” (Pope Francis).

Special Celebrations at Sacred Heart Cathedral:

- April 1, 2016: 6:30 p.m. Mass for First Friday, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and individual Confessions until 8 p.m.
- April 3, 2016: 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Sunday. Praying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (sing), Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, preached meditation by Fr. Peter Van Lieshout, prayer booklets provided, and individual Confessions offered between 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 pm.
- May 6, 2016: 6:30 p.m. Mass for First Friday, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and individual Confessions until 8 p.m.
- June 3, 2016: 6:30 p.m. Mass for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and individual Confessions until 8 p.m. Bishop Salvatore R. Matano, celebrant.
Holy Family Catholic Church is located within Owsley County, Kentucky. It is a member of the Diocese of Lexington. It serves the citizens of Owsley County in both a spiritual and mission based format. Owsley County is one of the poorest and most heavily drug ridden counties in the continental United States. According to the 2010 Census, Owsley County is “the poorest county in the United States.” The median family income is approx. $15,800. The county population is approximately 4,750 people and the church has established an open door policy to all county residents.

All of our tithing dollars will go directly to support the offerings of clothing, supplies, emergency building materials, and beds, basic necessities for children, spiritual guidance, family intervention and counseling. These are just some of the basic mission offerings performed by Sisters Marge Eilerman and Angie Keil (Franciscan Sisters). They are incredible servants of God who have a long tenure with both Owsley County and the Holy Family Catholic Church.

St. Louis Parish has sent participants the last few years to join in the Transfiguration Church Men’s Group annual mission trip to Holy Family Catholic Church. This mission celebrated its 29th annual trip in 2015. Everyone who attends this rigorous and spiritually revealing trip return enlightened and enriched. One of the sayings from the men’s group to new participants is that when you spend a week with the people of Owsley County and work with them hand in hand, “you are able to see the face of God.” It is an overwhelmingly true statement, and a wonderful joy.

Resurrexit sicut dixit! He has risen as he said! Thank you for joining us to celebrate the joy of Easter. Alleluia, and welcome! Your presence adds to our joy. We hope that you felt warmly welcomed. Consider yourself one of the St. Louis Parish family. Our home is your home. Come any time to join us as we listen to the scriptures together, respond, pray, celebrate the resurrection and share in the Lord’s Supper. We celebrate Easter for 50 days – do come again!

Funding Mercy
Long before this special Year of Mercy, St. Louis has been funding works of mercy through our parish tithing. Your generous support of our parish makes it possible for the parish to tithe as well. Tithing? That is a Biblical principle, or goal: returning to the Lord 10% of what the Lord has provided us. St. Louis, our parish, tithes 10%, to various named charities, and to support Saint’s Place. We invite you to consider tithing, with a goal of 5% to the parish and its ministries, and 5% to other charities, whether formal (organizations) or informal (friends or relatives). God’s Word tells us there are blessings to be found when we return to the Lord from the blessings we have received. Many who tithe today didn’t begin with 10%. But as they saw the value of returning to the Lord with increase, the 10% goal gradually became not only achievable, but a priority. Pray about beginning that journey.

Hungering for Celebration!
We prayed, fasted and gave alms – and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own hearts, where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord – and in the lives we’ve changed this Lent in Colombia, Laos, Rwanda, Honduras, Madagascar, Centro Latino in the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky. and all over the world! Remember to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl! To ensure that our donations will be put to use as soon as possible, please return your Rice Bowl by Sunday, April 3. Please make any checks payable to St. Louis Church. Please write “CRS Rice Bowl” in the memo line of the check. Your contributions can be placed in specially marked containers in church. Thank you for your generosity.

Rice Bowls will be collected at all Masses next weekend, April 2 & 3.
Behind the scenes in Faith Formation, we have a dedicated group of volunteer catechists who lead and teach your children each week! Let’s take a peek at some of the faith-filled activity going on in our Living Faith program.

Inspired by the fun Lent Song we shared in the last bulletin, our wonderful Kindergarten Catechist, Maria Leonardo, wrote her very own song to share with her students! Try this one out - sung to the “Gilligan’s Island” theme song!

The 12 Disciples Song

Just sit right back and you’ll hear a tale
A tale of a holy man
His name was Jesus;
history shows,
He left quite a trail

The Son of God, the earthly son of Mary
and of Joe
Compassion filled and mercy flowed
In every way He glowed
In many ways He showed...

With just one touch, the dead would rise
And water turned to wine,

The sick would heal, the doubters feel
He’s truly the Son of God

He had 12 friends who fished and prayed
and followed everywhere
Peter, Andrew, James, John, Tom and Thad
and Judas, well he was bad,
The story is very sad

Then suddenly the people turned,
He suffered sorrow, death
But Rose Again, to save us all
Sending His Spirit and the 12
Stories told
by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
All to save our souls!!!

Check out Maria’s happy Living Faith Kindergarten students showing off a creative craft that helped them learn about the Roman Centurions, including one who showed such strong faith that Jesus healed his servant from a great distance. (Matthew 8: 5-13). We’re thrilled to have such a dedicated teacher leading our little learners! Thank you Maria!
Prayer and Blessings

Pray the Divine Mercy Novena with Us

Everyone is invited to pray the Divine Mercy Novena together beginning on Good Friday and ending on the 1st Saturday after Easter. If you have never prayed this novena, please come. We are happy to show you how! If you can’t be with us physically, you are invited to pray it at home. These are the days and times we will be praying:

- **Good Friday**: after the 9:00am prayer service
- **Holy Saturday**: after the 9:00am prayer service
- **Easter Sunday**: after the 11:00am Mass
- **Easter Week**: after the 11:00am Mass*
- **1st Saturday after Easter**: after the 9:00am Mass

*If there is a funeral we will begin at noon following the funeral.

We will gather in church to the left of the altar.
Bring your rosary if you would like.
Rosaries and other materials will be provided.

Never Lose Trust in the Patience and Mercy of God

~ Pope Francis

May the blessings of the Lord guide you, protect you & be with you on Easter & always.

~ the students, faculty & staff of St. Louis School ~
Men of St. Louis Parish

Have you ever been asked to become a Knight of Columbus? Would you like to belong to the Largest Catholic Men’s Organization in the World? Are you 18 years of age? Are you a practicing Catholic? If you answered YES to these questions, YOU are a perfect Candidate to become a Knight of Columbus!

On April 16th and 17th, we are having a Membership Drive after all the Masses. Why not stop by and talk to one of our Brother Knights and ask about Joining?

Thank You for your time, and God Bless you in all you do.

Contact: Joseph DiPrima, 943-3668, e-mail: drdiprima@gmail.com or Rick Whelehan, 797-4638, e-mail: wheels282@frontier.com

PART – TIME Driver Needed at Saint’s Place

20 + hours a week, Mondays – Thursdays from 8:30AM to 1:00PM
Must be over 21 years of age and have a valid driver’s license.

It involves driving a van/truck, lifting heavy furniture at times and working Monday - Thursday from 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM. If interested or if you would like more information, please contact Isabel Miller, 385-6860 or email: saintlady@saintsplace.org.
Alleluia!

Christ is Risen!

As we joyfully celebrate the hope and promise of eternal life, we are grateful to all who have opened their hearts in many ways to support Saint’s Place and the legal refugees we serve. You have given them hope for a life with dignity without the oppression, fear and indifference too many have endured. God bless you on Easter and always!

After several slow months, we are anticipating over 80 newly arrived refugees each month until June when the number will increase to 90+. We are confident that with your continued support, we will be able to welcome all these people. We are in need of some simple items in addition to the usual requests.

Saint’s Place Wish List

- Extension cords
- Water bottles, Ice cube trays
- Pots & pans, especially large cooking pots and sauce pans, pot holders
- Strollers, clean and working
- Kitchen tables and chairs
- Lamps for living rooms
- Blankets (all sizes),
- Sheets (twin and double)
- Laundry baskets, Laundry detergent
- Drying racks, Electric alarm clocks
- DVD players, telephones
- Toiletries, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, body lotion, deodorant

Antique, dining room furniture, chairs, tables … you won’t be disappointed, unless you come late!

Preview Evening
Tuesday, July 12th
5:00PM – 8PM
$25 entrance fee

OPENING DAY - Save the Dates

Wed. July 13th 9AM – 6PM
Thurs. July 14th 9AM – 4PM
Fri. July 15th 9AM – 4PM ½ price!
Sat. July 16th 9AM – 11AM Bag Sale
I Want One Too!

Didn't get a chance to have your picture taken, to be included in the new St. Louis Pictorial Directory? We can (and plan to) purchase additional copies. Simply call Shannon (586-5675) at the parish office before the second week of Easter (April 3), and we'll order you a copy, at $10 each. If you did have your family portrait taken, and have not picked up your free copy with your name on it, please pick it up at the Parish Ministry Center.

The Fabulous 50’s!

The Lyric Chorale, Chrisanne Yule, Director, presents its Annual Cabaret:

Saturday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.
St. Rita Catholic Church Gym, 1008 Maple Drive, Webster. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.
Tickets: $25 per person. Advance tickets available at St. Rita’s Parish Office (585) 671-1100 or at www.lyricchorale.org. Buy early for best seating. This event sells out. For more information: Visit www.lyricchorale.org

Please join The Lyric Chorale in its annual Cabaret which will feature the music of the fabulous 50’s from the world of Broadway, jazz and rock and roll. In this fun-filled concert, the entire chorale, small groups, duos and individual members will entertain and move you with songs such as Getting to Know You from The King and I, Come Fly With Me, and a medley of hits by The Everly Brothers. The audience can relax at dinner theater-style table seating and indulge in delicious finger food and beverages throughout the evening. There will be a raffle and a chance to bid on some great gift baskets. Come – beat the winter blahs and enjoy an evening of great music!

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Kate's Gift Shop at Mercy Center, 1437 Blossom Road, has reasonable gifts for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. Also: bibles, cards, spirituality books, and a variety of gifts under $20 are available.

Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 11am to 4pm. The shop is located inside the Sisters of Mercy Center just off Exit 6 on 590N. Need more information? Call 288-2710, ext. 119 or 124.

Bring this bulletin article along for a 20% discount on any ONE item.

Proceeds benefit the Ministries of the Sisters of Mercy.

Beginning Experience of Rochester Weekend for Widowed, Separated, or Divorced Catholics

Beginning Experience (BE) is an international peer support ministry for widowed, separated, and divorced adults. The weekend program helps participants deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for dealing with the pain of loss and moving into the future with renewed hope. Our next weekend program will be held at Camp Stella Maris on Conesus Lake, April 22-24, 2016. For more information, please contact BE at (585) 987-1750 or visit www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Congratulations! Planning to have your child baptized here at St. Louis? Come to the 11:00 AM Mass next Sunday, April 3rd, to participate as we celebrate a baptism. Following Mass, we will reflect on experiencing the sacrament as a witness, preparing for your child's baptism, how the occasion can reinvigorate our own baptism, and how to help your child live as a child of God and disciple of Jesus. Please call the parish office, 586-5675, to register.
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