Where Do I Start?

We hear it over and over at baptisms: “Dear parents and godparents: You have come here to present this child for baptism. By water and the Holy Spirit he or she is to receive the gift of new life from God, who is love. On your part, you must make it your constant care to bring him or her up in the practice of the faith. See that the divine life which God gives him or her is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in his or her heart. If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, renew now the vows of your own baptism.” But what if your own knowledge of the faith is kind of shaky? You can recite the creed, but not explain it. How do you teach what isn’t really clear in your own mind? What about when your child starts to ask questions?

This weekend we will begin distributing At Home with the Word. It could be the answer! First there is a little introduction to the Lectionary, one for the Gospel of Luke, which we will hear from throughout the coming church year, and a brief piece about studying and praying scripture. But the meat of the matter comes each week. You will have the Sunday readings for the year, all in one little book.

Too many people decide “I need to start reading the Bible”, and start at the very beginning. They slog through Genesis and Exodus, sleep through Leviticus, and there ends reading the Bible. What a tragedy! They never get to the heart of the matter! Using At Home with the Word first prepares us for the readings from the Bible we hear at Mass, increasing our ability to really engage those passages. In time, we have stepped into every part of the Bible, and it makes more sense because the first reading was chosen to shed light on the Gospel.

Background is always helpful when reading something not totally familiar. Each week there is a section, Scripture Insights, which provides just enough background to open up readings, sending the advance Bible reader to new insights, while helping the beginner get their feet wet. The reflection questions that conclude this section can get anyone thinking, beginner or master.

What about the practice of our faith? The Practice of Faith, or Hope, or Charity section will recommend things to do, websites to visit, ways to take another step into growing in faith. Not every suggestion will fit every person or every family, but use the books regularly, and I can guarantee some of the suggestions will be just right. Many of them fit perfectly with the Year of Mercy.

Make this the year. Don’t just pick up a copy of At Home with the Word to disappear under a pile of other books or papers. Put it somewhere prominent, and pick it up every week. You will be amazed at what will happen! Peace, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

Monday - November 2
All Soul's Day
Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
9:10 am  St. Louis School Mass
   Linda Bell -
   Carpentier Family
11:00 am  Virginia Hawksley -
   Sandra Corsetti
5:15 pm  Katherine Bukys -
   Kevin & Jean Parker

Tuesday - November 3
Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24
6:45 am  Pat O'Connor -
   Michael McGrady
11:00 am  Al Mahar, Jr. -
   Brother, Dick

Wednesday - November 4
Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
11:00 am  James Newell -
   Sunday Communion Presiders
   Mass at the Highlands Living
   Center for People of the Parish
5:15 pm  Ginny Krieg -
   Gerri Morreale

Thursday - November 5
Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
6:45 am  Marie Marotta -
   Mary & John Brand
11:00 am  Janice Maxwell -
   Peggy O’Neil Midgley &
   Patty O’Neil Ferrara

First Friday - November 6
Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
11:00 am  Steve Morris -
   Kocoski Family
   Mass at the Highlands
   Laurelwood for the Residents
   and Staff
5:15 pm  James Newell - Ann Murty

Saturday - November 7
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15
9:00 am  Barbara Sinopoli -
   The Birthday Club
4:30 pm  Jill Reichenbach -
   Family

Sunday - November 8
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44
or 12:41-44
7:30 am  Andy Meloni -
   Mary & Steve Moll
9:00 am  Linda Bell - McCann Family
11:00 am  Margie Schmitt -
   Peggy O’Neil Midgley
      Dr. Gerry Joyce -
   Marty & Michele Gingras

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.

One lamp will burn
In Memory of
Virginia Hawksley
By Sandra Corsetti.
One lamp will burn
In Memory of
Maria Hoang Thi Phach
By Ho Dinh Tran & Family.
One lamp will burn
In Memory of
Deceased Members of
The Banas Family
By Family.

We Pray for all Victims
of Anti-Christian Violence

Saturday & Sunday, November 7 & November 8
The Highlands: Marge Mancini     Heather Heights: Carol Duffy

We Pray for all Victims
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Sunday Communion Service - November 8
The Highlands: Marge Mancini     Heather Heights: Carol Duffy

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November 1, 2015
As At Home with the Word points out this week, Greek Catholic and Orthodox churches recite Matthew’s beatitudes at every Eucharist. Bring All Saints Day home. Look at the beatitudes. Think about a few favorite Saints. What is there in the beatitudes that led the saint being canonized? Which of the beatitudes, at the moment, are guiding your way to sainthood? Which might you need to work on a bit more? Good things to pray about this week!

What Is Bible Study?
Don’t let the term ‘Bible Study’ throw you. There are many ways to engage the scriptures, becoming more At Home with the Word. Here at St. Louis we have a variety of options. For those more comfortable with self-study, we provide At Home with the Word (next year’s edition is available this weekend). The bulletin each week gives a few thoughts on the readings. In the Narthex, you can often find CD’s about the scriptures. The Monday morning men’s group reflects on the coming Sunday’s readings, as does the Tuesday morning bible study. Other Bible studies are offered throughout the year; the Great Adventure journeys through the Bible, a Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother, etc. There is also Bible Basics. Then of course there are homilies, talking with friends after Mass, and reading the Bible prayerful on your own. Certainly one of the options can work for you!

National Vocation Awareness Week
November 1-7, 2015
“T would like to ask you: have you sometimes heard the Lord’s voice, in a desire, in a worry, did he invite you to follow him more closely? Ask Jesus what he wants of you and be brave! Be brave! Ask him this!”
~ Pope Francis, St. Peter’s Square, April, 2013

Thinking about Priesthood?
www.ROCPriest.org Tweet to @priestsROC
Sign Me Up!
Are you among those who came last week to join us in celebrating Eucharist? Thank you! Have you ever formally registered to be a member of our parish? If not, please consider picking up a registration form, or calling the office. We would love to welcome you into the St. Louis parish family!

Thank you all for your contributions to support our parish. Your generosity makes all that St. Louis parish is and does possible. Have you ever wondered why you don’t see some of our regulars dropping anything in the collection basket? They may be among our electronic givers. Thank you to those of you who have decided to sign up for electronic giving! If you haven’t, and are interested, please contact Birdie at our parish office.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

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On-line Collection

Month-to-Date $63,248.50

This Week’s Tithe Will Support Birthright of Rochester

The Angel Care Ministry was started in 1985 to help expectant mothers choose life over other alternatives for their baby. Angel Care receives referrals from various social agencies, hospitals, schools, etc. in Monroe County. Requests are for new portable cribs, and layettes made up of gently used and new baby items: (NB to 12 months), blankets, diapers, wipes, baby body products, etc.). On occasion, they provide needed clothing items to children up to 18 months old. Angel Care filled 374 requests in 2013.

As of September 30, 2014, Angel Care had over 230 requests alone for portable baby beds, (averaging approximately 33 per month) since the beginning of the year. (They were closed during July and August.) They also provided just under 230 layettes during this time. Since portable baby beds have increased in cost over the past year’s to $50 - $55 each, Angel Care takes advantage of sales to avoid paying the higher amount.

Our support of this ministry enables Angel Care to ensure that mothers who seek help through referrals, will be comforted in knowing that their new born will have a safe place to sleep as well as needed baby items. 100% of our tithe will be used to purchase new portable beds. Most layette clothing items are donated through parish appeals and various groups who hold baby showers for Angel Care throughout the year. There are no administrative costs. The volunteers of this ministry thank you for your belief in them that will help their continued service of providing new-born necessities to mothers in need.

Seven Days of Creation

Fifth Day of Creation: The Creation of Birds and Fish

Genesis 1:20-23

Sometimes as children we might think about what it would be like to be a bird or fish because there is something about them that sets them apart from the other animals. They are able to soar through the sky or dive deep in the sea. Maybe we’ve been trying to be like them through our hang gliding and scuba diving? They capture our imagination. We look at them with wonder, yet may not realize what we are doing to them. In his encyclical, Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis warns us that, “The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth.” (n.21)

Our fish are being poisoned by the vast amount of plastic that has collected in the ocean, then we eat the fish and put it in our bodies. Dead zones where pollutants have taken the oxygen out of the water along our coasts have destroyed ecosystems. Birds are eating our trash and are dying due to our wastefulness. This week, think about how you use and dispose of plastic. Try to use cloth or reusable bags when going to the grocery store. How else could you limit your use of plastic? Pray about it!
Habitat Interfaith Partnership
Rebuilding Neighborhoods -
One House, One Family, at a Time

This coming year (2016) our Habitat partnership will be building its 6th Habitat house since 2001. Early in 2016, a call will go out at St Louis for the many volunteers that will be needed to physically assist with construction of HIP’s next house. Where once substandard housing was prevalent, healthier neighborhoods are being created. Healthier neighborhoods, which research confirms, foster more stable families and an improved atmosphere for children to grow and learn while reducing the incidence of illegal drugs and other crime.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale is coming soon. Kelly’s Farm Market in Hilton bakes the pies, and we sell them and receive 40% commission. We will be taking orders before and following Mass the weekends of November 7/8 and 14/15. Pies will be distributed Tuesday, November 24, two days before Thanksgiving.

Right now there is need for a few people to assist with pre-construction planning and management of St. Louis’s participation, including the our annual fund raiser, the Thanksgiving Pie Sale.

If you would like to be involved with these early efforts and or the Pie Sale, please contact Bob or Rosemary Scholl (call: 381-3760; or reply by email: schollroch@gmail.com).

Bless the Children

Our next session for parents preparing to have their son or daughter baptized will be on Sunday, November 15, beginning with the 11:00 am Mass, and following, in Church. Call the parish office at (585) 586-5675 to register.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration – 24 x 7

As Catholics, we offer a special reverence to the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the consecrated Host that we receive at Communion. During Eucharistic Adoration, a consecrated Host is placed in a special vessel, called a Monstrance, and displayed to allow those present the opportunity to offer that same reverence in silent prayer and/or devotion. Many people who attend Eucharistic Adoration find a certain peace and relaxation from a hectic lifestyle, a calming effect from some troubling events or times, or even just private time silently communicating with Our Lord, who is visibly present with them.

During Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (PEA), the Real Presence of Our Lord is generally available to adorers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The formation of a group at St. Louis to support PEA is currently being considered. A quiet, private area away from the normal hustle-and-bustle associated with parish and school life is needed, so the current plan is to have the adorers of this group use the chapel at St. John of Rochester (which presently offers PEA), alongside the St. John’s adorers. There are many benefits in implementing it this way. These benefits and other comments will be presented in the next few weeks. If you would like to know more about PEA or the formation of this group, please contact Deacon Dave at jdeacondave@gmail.com, or Barb Snyder at twosnyders@gmail.com.

Books of Remembrance

are available at all Church entrances over the next week, for inscribing the names of beloved deceased. We invite you to write in them the names of people whom you would like this community of faith to lift in prayer to God throughout the month of November.
**Praying for All Souls**

On Monday, November 2nd we will celebrate All Souls’ Day, remembering with love and praying for all our deceased loved ones. At the 11:00 AM Mass, we will especially be praying for those who have died this past year; during the prayer of the faithful, a member of our pastoral care committee reads their names. We will pray too for those who are mourning, walking with them in their grief. On All Saints Day, we pray and celebrate all of those who the church has affirmed as now citizens of heaven. On All Souls, we pray for all who have died, recognizing some may be among the saints, but not officially declared so; others may be on the way, still journeying from this life to that of heaven. We know when others love us and pray for us in this life, it smooths any journey; we believe that loving and praying for those who have died assists them on their journey to the beatific vision (the fullness of heaven). We invite all who have lost someone this past year to join us for this special celebration. Plan to stay for the light bereavement reception hosted by our Pastoral Care Team, in the Parish Meeting Hall following the Mass. If you know anyone still grieving who could use some support, healing and hope, please consider inviting them and bringing them to this special Mass. Or, let them know you prayed for their loved one on All Souls Day.

Worth a Thousand Words

It’s that time! We are working on the Parish Pictorial Directory, and need your help. We have the family pictures assembled. Now we need the action shots to choose from that bring St. Louis to life.

Do you have pictures of a recent baptism, 1st Eucharist, Confirmation, or Wedding? How about other shots of life in the parish? A picnic, celebration, liturgy, a group learning together, serving together, etc? Please send photos with good resolution to Suzy Ward, suzanneward10@gmail.com

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Sister Jody Kearney RSM, MA will be our presenter for the evening. She is a Sister of Mercy and Program Director of Mercy Spirituality Center. Sr. Jody has been a member of the team for 25+ years. She has a Masters Degree in Spirituality and Pastoral Ministry from St. Michael’s College, Winooski, Vermont. Sr. Jody is a spiritual director and also facilitates group retreats and days of reflection.

2015 Fruit of the Vine Conversation Series

**Jesus and His Hospitality**

“By your life, may others come to know the hospitality of the One whose door remains always open.”

*Sacred Journeys by Jan L. Richardson*

Tuesday, November 17  
St. Louis Church, Pittsford  
Parish Meeting Hall

7:00pm: Wine and Cheese Reception  
7:30pm: Presentation

We will focus on this theme of hospitality:

- What are the components of hospitality that communicate welcome?
- What message of hospitality is written on the door of your heart?
- What does scripture tell us about Jesus’ and his hospitality.
Refugees coming to Rochester, as you well know, are fleeing from unbearable circumstances…famine, civil war, ethnic cleansing, crippling poverty. Recently a Sudanese mother arrived with six young children, who had only months before witnessed their father being executed. They arrive in Rochester, ranked sixth poorest city in the United States. Poverty is a vicious enemy which strips people of their dignity, and self-worth. For newly arriving legal refugees, it is another daunting obstacle to overcome.

At Saint’s Place we want to prevent the refugees from becoming victims of poverty. We want to give more clothes, more household items and more educational opportunities to the refugees. We must encourage them that it is possible to achieve the American dream. Regarding the importance of education, we just launched our second tutorial program to teach refugee adults and children English so that their acclimation to living here is made somewhat easier.

Often, we are asked: “Why do you do this? Why help strangers when here in the United States we have so many living in poverty? The answer is simple, because we can and we must. It is our mission, privilege and responsibility to “Welcome the Stranger”.

The refugees are so grateful, they smile, clap their hands, hug us and best of all - they return with success stories.

May God bless you throughout this year and the next and please know the deep gratitude the refugees and Saint’s Place have for your Patron Saint gift.

Yes – I want to be a Patron Saint!

☐ $50 will provide a new pair of men’s boots and several pairs of socks
☐ $100 will provide pots and pans, flatware and dishes for a family of 8
☐ $200 will provide warm winter coats, hats and gloves for 6 people.
☐ Other

Please make checks payable to Saint’s Place.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Many thanks! We are able to bless so many lives because of you!
Isabel Miller, Executive Director

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ALL SAINTS

Please join the students of
St. Louis School
As we honor all the saints,
Known and unknown.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 9:10 AM

All are welcome.

WE BELIEVE. WE BELONG. WE REMEMBER.
WE PRAY FOR THOSE FROM ST. LOUIS PARISH WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US IN FAITH.

Dr. Gerard Joyce  
Delia F. Pavia  
Jacquelyn M. Tickner  
Joan Lathan  
Catherine Alfieri Morrison  
Barbara Garvey  
Virginia Krieg  
Ann Marie Russell  
Andrew Eilertsen  
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Gerald (Jed) Hanna, Sr.  
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Mary T. Wojcik  
Linda Bell  
Paul Rombaut  
Ann Birmingham  
Eselda Daniele  
Irene DeSantis  
Donald Corletta  
Paul & Ruth Luke  
Marjorie Wade  
Patricia Hammele  
Anthony Foti  
John Jack Connolly  
Gloria Hetterich  
Janice Maxwell  
James Newell  
Thomas J. Murray  
Stephen P. Morris  
Gail Le Boeuf  
Martha Davila  
Alexander Dauria  
Njole "Nina" Bielinis  
J. Patrick O'Connor  
Roland Schindler  
Nelly O'Connor  
Maria Echaniz  
Anthony Barraco
It is Time to Order (or Renew) Your Give Us This Day Subscription.
This monthly book has daily morning and evening prayers, scripture for Mass, reflections about the spiritual wisdom of the Gospel, and Blessed Among Us stories about Saints and saintly people whose courage and values can be inspirational in our own lives and faith journey.

If our group subscription continues to exceed 50, our individual cost will be $19.95 for 12 issues in 2016. A large-print version is also available for $29.95, an additional $10.

Checks should be made out to St. Louis Church with “Give Us This Day 2016” in the memo field, and in the amount of $19.95 for each individual subscription (or $29.95 for each large print subscription). Please mail or bring this form to the Ministry Center, or put it in the collection basket. Deadline Extended to Monday, November 9.

Thank you, Barbara Thomas, bthomas@dor.org or 586-5675 ext. 236.

New option this year - vinyl cover $1.75 Qty:

Give Us This Day (standard size) $19.95 Qty:

Give Us This Day (large print size) $29.95 Qty:

Total amount $__________

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Rosary Table Summary
A very heartfelt Thank You! to all who participated in and helped with the Rosary Table on the weekend of October 10/11. Numerous complementary items were available to all and an amazing number were taken including: approx. 70 rosaries, How to Say the Rosary pamphlets, many, many books, holy cards, Scriptural Rosary printouts, Spiritual Bouquet cards, children's items, etc.

If you are interested in learning how to make the rosaries used for the Rosary Table and which also go to local and foreign ministries and the missions ministries in need of them please also contact me at If you are still in need of a rosary(s), please contact Barb Snyder at twosnyders@gmail.com or 1dea-condave@gmail.com. The rosary materials are supplied free of charge, and can be made in the comfort of your own home … the rewards of heavenly!

St. Louis' 34th Annual Ornament Sale to benefit St. Damien Pediatric Hospital Haiti's only children's hospital an effort of parish friend, Fr./Dr. Rick Frechette featuring rustic chic angels and stars uniquely made by St. Michael's Woodshop gift packaged at Holy Childhood Partial list of merchants now offering them at $7 donation each are: Pittsford Dairy, Pittsford Florist, Make Waves, The Pendleton Shop, Canandaigua National Banks in Pittsford, Brighton, Henrietta and Webster, Beads n’ Things, Lu's Back Door, Parkleigh, Wisteria, Lombardi Imports, One World Goods & Rockcastle Florist.

Calling Catholic Girls, 10-18 yrs.
“Challenge” is a Catholic Girls’ organization, sponsored by St. Louis Parish that seeks to provide girls aged 10-18 with character formation and spiritual growth in a fun and informal group format.

Middle school aged girls meet most Fridays during the school year from 7-8:15pm in the Parish Meeting Hall. Regular activities include faith-related discussions, games, movies, social events, and service projects. Retreats are also available.

High school aged girls participate in the “Coffee and Creed” program which meets at 8pm at St. Louis for joint prayer with the Middle School girls and then moves to a local establishment for a discussion of relevant faith-based topics. Call Jean for more information at 737-5800.

Indian Summer Bistro
November 7 @ 5:45pm
Parish Meeting Hall
Menu
Frost Moon Pierogies
Harvest Stuffed Cabbage
Pumpkin Spice Cake
$15.00 per person
BYOB
RSVP by November 2nd
586-5675
PARISH OFFICES - Ministry Center
64 S. Main Street, 14534
(585) 586-5675; Fax 387-9888

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