PREPARING FOR…..

The Feast of Christ, the King of the Universe dovetails perfectly with the season of Advent. Today we celebrate Christ coming in power at the end of time, his return to consummate salvation history. To use the rich imagery of apocalyptic, on that day, the ‘day of the Lord’, Christ will come: ‘in a cloud with great power and glory’. Listen to the prayers of the Mass closely; we use language about this ‘second coming’ throughout the year. If such cosmic events are beyond our grasp, we reflect on the day our life in this world will be consummated. While not a dramatic day for everyone on the globe, it will be an awesome day for us, and for those we love - our last day here, when Christ comes to call us out of this life and into the next. This same theme, the second coming, is also a part of Advent; it is the way we will open the season.

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Along with the second coming, the beginning days of Advent will invite us to consider Christ coming to life within each one of us. Unlike the dramatic ‘in those days’ of Christ the King, and the first Sunday of Advent, or the holy night when Christ was born in Bethlehem, this is an ongoing Advent. It begins with Christ coming to us at Baptism, and continues throughout our life as he comes to us in Reconciliation, in the Eucharist, in Marriage, in Anointing of the Sick, in each sacrament, in our prayer. More about this will easily get lost. The world around us is so hyped about the ‘Christmas Season’, that we can miss Advent’s role in our adult spiritual life altogether. For those who will recognize Advent as a distinct season, perhaps even a frame of mind, the main focus may be that this will be a time to reflect and prepare for the coming of Christ, looking ahead to Christmas. Yet remember, that is more the focus of late Advent.

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We Believe. We Belong.

This Weekend
Saint’s Place Angel Trees Debut
Saturday: 4:30 pm St. Louis Council Knights of Columbus Blessing
5:30 pm Wreath & Wassail, Youth Rm
Sunday: 3:00 pm Little Rock Infancy Narrative, Parish Meeting Hall

This Week at St. Louis
Daily Mass schedule on p.2

Monday - November 25
6:30 am - Men’s Spirituality Group, Manse
3:15 pm - Children’s Choir, Church
6:45 pm - Crossroads Middle School Program, YR
7:30 pm - Liturgy Committee, PMH

Tuesday - November 26
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Habitat Pie Pickup, Narthex
No Living Faith Classes
7:30 am - Understanding Sunday’s Scriptures, Manse
1:30 pm - Little Rock Bible Study, PMH
7:00 pm - Stephen Ministry Peer Support, Manse

Wednesday - November 27
7:30 pm - Bible Basics - Manse
7:30 pm - Regional Charismatic Prayer Grp, PMH

Thursday - November 28
Thanksgiving Day
Ministry Center Closed today
One Mass Today at 9:00 am

Friday - November 29
Ministry Center Closed today
One Mass Only at 11:00 am (Memorial Mass)

Saturday - November 30
2nd Collection: Catholic University & American Catholic Higher Ed Institutions
3:30 pm - Confessions
4:30 pm - Mass (Sign Language Interpreted), PMH

Sunday - December 1
1st Sunday of Advent
2nd Collection: Catholic University & American Catholic Higher Ed Institutions
7:30 am - Mass
9:00 am - Mass, No SOF
11:00 am - Mass, Children’s Liturgy of the Word
5:00 pm - 1st Sunday Youth Mass
6:15 pm - Youth Group Meet & Eat, PMH

Blessings to you and your household this Thanksgiving, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - November 25
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
11:00 am Rudolf Siegl - Al & Joan Siegl
5:15 pm Ray Mahar - Marty & Nancy Gullen

TUESDAY - November 26
Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr
Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
6:45 am Robert Harris - Jeff Mason
9:10 am St. Louis School Thanksgiving Mass  - In Honor of the Hurley Family
11:00 am Nick & Mike Couture - Mom & Aimee

WEDNESDAY - November 27
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/
Lk 21:12-19
11:00 am Paul Spinelli - Carol & Don Sheehan & Patrick
5:15 pm Harold Barnes - Daughters

THURSDAY - November 28
Thanksgiving Day
One Mass Today
Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
9:00 am Eddie & Scoop Cooley - Daughter, Cobey Lou

FRIDAY - November 29
One Mass Today
Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
11:00 am Memorial Mass for Virginia McDonnell

SATURDAY - November 30
Andrew, apostle
Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
9:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Mangione - Gerry Gebbie
4:30 pm Zosia Zablotski - Joe Pocious

SUNDAY - December 1
First Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
7:30 am Margaret Serio - Marian Battle
9:00 am Angela Tomczak - Tomczak & Catalanello Families
11:00 am Bill McDonnell - Family
5:00 pm Doris Grownell - Family

REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN

In this month of remembering, we pray for those from our state who, serving in our nation’s military, died in Iraq and Afghanistan, giving the last full measure of devotion. Check the memorial in the bulletin board hallway of Reddington, adjacent to the Parish Meeting Hall. To add anyone close to you who gave their lives in these wars, but who is not listed, please contact Birdie at the Ministry Center, bproctor@dor.org or 586-5675, so we can add their name.

Saturday & Sunday, November 30 and December 1.

Thank you, faithful servants!

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Sunday Communion Service - December 1
The Highlands: Richard Caruso   Heather Heights: Mary Ann Monley
OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD

OUR GIFT TO THE LORD
Our presence, our offering

November 17
Attendance ........... 1,710
Collection ............ $12,921.50

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 time and talents in service. For choosing St. Louis as the place you believe, belong, and return to the Lord with God’s goodness to you, THANK YOU!

REQUIEM AETERNAM

James Murray
Michael Petrina
Raymond Kirst
Rita R. Sweeney

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 for
A Special Intention
by a Parishioner.

One Lamp will burn
In Memory of Jim DeBloom
by the Family.

One Lamp will burn
In Memory of Dick Spiegel
by the Family.

THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT CAMERON COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT HOLY CHILDHOOD

For 65 years, Holy Childhood has been known as the School of the Holy Childhood. It has rebranded its name and logo to better reflect what it does. In an atmosphere of dignity and compassion, HC provides children and adults with developmental disabilities many innovating programs, opportunities and skills. Presently 180 children are enrolled in Grades K through 12. Their non-profit, non-denominational sheltered adult programs (certified by NYS Dept. of Labor and NYS Office for People with Disabilities) prepare adults to live productive, fulfilling lives with maximum independence. To learn more about this wonderful community asset started by our Sisters of St. Joseph, visit: www.holychildhood.org. To volunteer in almost any capacity, call: Kate Balconi at 359-3710, x169. Holy Childhood is located at 100 Groton Parkway in Henrietta.

NB: Holy Childhood has over the last 29 years handcrafted and gift-packaged tens of thousands of gorgeous ceramic ornaments which St. Louis sells to raise funds to assist Fr. Rick Frechette’s efforts in Haiti. It is rewarding to know that we can help Holy Childhood as they have helped Haiti.

SHOP ‘TIL YOU DROP FUND RAISER FOR ROCHESTER AREA INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (RAIHN)

PITTSFORD PLAZA , TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Participating stores include: Bennucci’s Italian Ristorante, Wine Bar and Pizzeria (mention RAIHN); One World Goods; Hobby House Toys; Stefan Otter Fine Art Jewelers (10% discount on purchases). A complete list of participating stores can be found at the RAIHN website and Facebook! www.raihn.org

“I Was Hungry And You Gave Me Food”

Many thanks to all who brought in food last weekend, to help keep the Sister Regis Food Cupboard stocked.

Thank you to all who contributed to the special collection last weekend to help those devastated by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and other parts of the region.

There will be a second collection next weekend, December 1 & 2 for the support of Catholic University and other American Catholic Higher Education Institutions.

The St. Louis Ministry Center will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 29.
The only experience of kingship for many people today might be a televised royal wedding. But in the biblical world, virtually everyone knew of kings who ruled both divine and human realms.

Today's First Reading focuses on David, idealized in the Old Testament as Israel's greatest king. Since for Jews, the one true ruler was God, the role of any human king was to serve as God's representative. Thus the king was not only a military and political leader, but, above all, one who ruled like Yahweh, and established peace through right relationship to God, others, and creation. Sadly, many Israelite kings fell short of this ideal.

The Letter to the Colossians presents Jesus, the "beloved Son," as one who not only fulfills, but surpasses earlier expectations of a ruler over God's people. Jesus not only reigns like God; in his person and action he is the very image of God. In the Kingdom of Christ, forgiveness and reconciliation are made available to all through his Death and Resurrection. Christ's body, the Church, invites everyone into the realm of a king who gives his own life in order to "reconcile all things."

Luke's story of the Good News depicts the king who dies for those he rules. In this Crucifixion account, Jesus remains true to his own character and teaching to the end. This Evangelist repeatedly portrays Jesus as the merciful Savior, instructing followers that true leadership consists in compassionate service.

Only Luke presents the crucified Jesus asking forgiveness for his executioners (Luke 24:34); only in Luke does the dying Savior promise final mercy to a criminal crucified with him. Christ our King reveals true power in his manner of death, which embodies his teaching: "Father . . . forgive us . . . for we ourselves forgive everyone." (Luke 11:2-4).

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Little Blue Books
This weekend, we are distributing Little Blue Books, that contain brief Advent scripture passages, reflections, and historical tidbits. If daily prayer is not a habit, these are a great prayer starter!

Helping One Another
While Christmas can be a time of joy for many, for the unemployed Christmas increases the stress that already is overwhelming. In an effort to assist those looking for employment we will again be listing resumes of those looking for work. If you are unemployed and would like to add your resume to the list please email (cwensel@dor.org), fax (387-9888) or send your resume to the Ministry Office, 64 South Main Street, Pittsford 14534, Attention: Cris Wensel. That information will then be given a number in place of your name, and information about your education history and employment interests will be listed periodically in upcoming bulletins. If you have been on the previous lists, you must resubmit your resume to be included in these listings. If you or someone you know is looking to hire someone who matches one of these resumes, please contact Birdie at the Parish Ministry Center and we will supply you with the resume and contact information.

Thanksgiving Day Food Collection
If you come to the 9AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day (and we hope you do!), you are invited to bring non-perishable food items as a way to share your abundance with others.

St. Louis Parish has a wonderful tradition of collecting and distributing these donated items to both the Pittsford Food Cupboard and the cloistered Carmelite nuns at their Jefferson Rd. Monastery.

This year the Pittsford Food Cupboard is especially in need of: Hearty Soup, Jelly, Mac 'n Cheese, Pasta Sauce, Pasta Shells, Condensed Soups, & Canned Meals.

The Carmelites would especially appreciate healthy, low-sugared cereals like: Cheerios, Raisin Bran, Oatmeal, and Paper Products (paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, etc.).

Please do not send expired items or items in glass jars.
Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Looking Ahead: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1 – 5
2nd Reading: Romans 13:11 – 14
Gospel: Matthew 24:37 – 44
A Note from Mrs. Barr . . .

The month of November not only brought us our first snow, but it also brought us a new Bishop. We are happy to welcome Bishop Salvatore R. Matano as the 9th Bishop of Rochester. We look forward to his leadership and guidance.

I would like to thank all those involved in coordinating our Veteran’s Day Prayer Service. It was a beautiful tribute to the men and women who have served us and our country. The Veteran’s were so touched that our students took the time to recognize them.

As we look toward Thanksgiving, I am humbled by the many blessings God has provided me. That I have been given the opportunity to return to St. Louis School and serve this beautiful community is one of the best blessings by far. I hope that each of you can celebrate God’s gifts with family and friends this year. If you are traveling, travel safe; if you are staying in Rochester, enjoy the holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!

God’s Blessings,
Mrs. Fran Barr, Principal

DID YOU KNOW?
Each year during Thanksgiving break, families at St. Louis School fill Christmas stockings for children in need from the Villa of Hope (formerly known as St. Joseph’s Villa).
In years past, families have filled over 120 stockings, which we are hoping we can do again this year!

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Tuesday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Mass in church at 9:10 am. All are welcome.
Monday, December 9 - Immaculate Conception Mass in church at 9:10 am. All are welcome.
Tuesday, January 28, 2014 - St. Louis School Open House 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, February 6, 2014 - St. Louis School Open House 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Woo-Hoo...we just received a check for $250.30 for our school use...keep those box tops comin’! Thank you to Mrs. Doerr and the fifth graders that helped prepare them for mailing! Thank you to St. Louis parishioners who gave us their box tops!

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Academic Excellence
for children in preschool through Grade 6
Closing Thoughts ...

A Year of Faith, called by then-Pope Benedict to begin on October 11, 2012, coinciding with the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of Vatican II and also the twentieth anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, officially ends today. We conclude this series of (almost) weekly columns with a few quick, closing thoughts:

- The Eucharist has been called the “source and summit of the Christian life” (Lumen Gentium, Vatican II) and source and summit of our faith (various others). Consider some private prayer time in front of the Eucharist during Holy Hour at St. Louis or elsewhere, and/or read a book or articles on the Eucharist.

- A few weeks ago, group-based faith studies and bible study were cited, and they can provide excellent occasions to both share and better understand our faith. For example, check out the Tri-Parish Scripture Study on the Infancy Narrative this Advent season, or other opportunities.

- A tween or teen at home? Encourage him or her to check out the Youth Group.

- Did you know that St. Louis has a recently-formed Stewardship Council? Needs for volunteers exist in most parish groups – contact the Council for volunteering opportunities that may fit your available time and your talents.

Information on the above and others can usually be found within the weekly bulletin. Or, as always, for further information on the above (or almost anything else), see me within the weekly bulletin. Or, as always, for further information on the above and others can usually be found in the weekly bulletin. Or, as always, for further information on the above and others can usually be found in the weekly bulletin.

God bless,
Deacon Dave

Rosary Making . . . The Rewards are Heavenly!

Are you looking for something new to learn? Or perhaps searching for a way to help out more at St. Louis, but find your spare time is often difficult to plan? If this sounds familiar, then perhaps making rosaries is something you might like to try. It’s relatively easy to learn - the lesson only takes about an hour - and there is no cost to you as all materials will be provided. And, the time spent making the rosaries will be entirely at your convenience. Please contact me at twosnyders@gmail.com if you would like more information. May God bless all your endeavors, Barbara Snyder

Tri-Parish Little Rock Infancy Narrative Scripture Study: Give Yourself a Present this Advent!

Deepen your longing for the Messiah’s coming and once again ask God to be Emmanuel, “God with us.”

St. Louis, Transfiguration and St. Catherine of Siena parishes invite all to attend a three-session Little Rock Infancy Narrative Scripture Study. Anyone wishing to join the study can pick up their books at one of the times listed below. The cost of materials is $15. If you miss a session at your home parish, feel free to come to that session at another church. You are welcome at all three parishes.

Infancy Narrative Scripture Study Course Overview

This Advent scripture study explores the Infancy Narratives of Jesus found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Participants will be encouraged to open their hearts and minds to listen to what God is saying through prayer and daily scripture readings. Each reading is accompanied by questions for personal reflection that will be used to guide our weekly discussions. Please join us in the Advent season as we contemplate and rejoice in the coming of our Savior.

St. Louis
Sundays: 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
November 24, December 8 & 15 in Parish Meeting Hall
Facilitator: Kathryn McAlarney Phone: 585-490-2745

St. Catherine’s of Siena
Mondays: 9:45 – 10:30 a.m.
December 2, 9 & 16 in the Chapel
. . . Or
Wednesdays: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
December 4, 11 & 18 in Room 2
Facilitator: Gee Gee Micoli Phone: 585-624-2153(H) or 585-506-2290(C)

Church of the Transfiguration
Thursdays: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Dec. 5, 12 & 19 in Parish Life Center – Double Room
Facilitator: Melissa Moral, M.Div.
Phone: 585-340-9633

Thank you to all who purchased pies and made donations during our annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale. Funds raised are for our next Habitat house project which we are planning to undertake in 2016. St. Louis will be doing this as a member of the Habitat Interfaith Partnership (HIP).

Please remember to pick up your pies in the Narthex this Tuesday, November 26, between 3:00 - 7:00 pm. Call Bob or Rosemary Scholl, 585-381-3760, with any questions regarding the pies.
FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PREPARATION REGISTRATION

If you haven’t already done so, and you feel your child is ready to receive First Communion or Confirmation in 2014, please register your child/children **NOW** for these preparation programs. We need to prepare for the classes so your registration, **now**, is vital.

We offer these guidelines for the readiness of your children for these programs:
- First Communion: Second Grade or higher
- Confirmation: Eighth Grade or higher
- Families need to be registered members of St. Louis Parish.

The Confirmation program will begin at the end of January, details and information about the program will be available in December and First Communion will begin in March with details and information available in early February.

Please check the bulletin for the calendars of both programs so you can mark your home calendars before the program begins.

Both of these programs require your child’s **Baptismal Certificate** before their registration is complete (even if they were baptized at St. Louis Parish). You can register for these programs with a hard copy registration form found on the counter of the Narthex in church or at the Ministry Center. Hard copy registrations can include the baptismal certificate and payment. Or, if you register on-line, please send the baptismal certificate and payment as soon as possible to Sue Payne’s attention.

**Deadline for Confirmation registration is**
Friday January 4th at 5:00 p.m.

**Deadline for First Communion Registration is**
Friday February 1st at 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Sue Payne at 586-5675 or email spayne@dor.org.

Our Parish Haiti Task Force enthusiastically announces

**ST. LOUIS’ ORNAMENT SALE IS NOW IN FULL SWING FOR THE 32ND YEAR!**

The ornaments can be viewed at [http://stlouischurch.org/32nd-annual-ornament-sale](http://stlouischurch.org/32nd-annual-ornament-sale)

You can also see them and the list of participating merchants displayed in the Narthex under the Our Lady of Guadalupe mosaic. Donation of $6 each.

Proceeds benefit Fr. Rick Frechette’s St. Damien Pediatric Hospital. Proceeds benefit Fr. Rick Frechette’s St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, Haiti’s only free children’s hospital with associated public health programs reaching over 80,000 children annually.

Visit [www.nph.org/Haiti](http://www.nph.org/Haiti) [Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) is Spanish for Our Little Brothers and Sisters]

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Rochester Catholic Women’s Conference, **The Heart of the Matter**, is coming on March 1, 2014 to the Aquinas Institute.

Ladies, you won’t want to miss this event. Our special guest is our new Bishop Salvatore Matano. The day-long conference, features national speaker Teresa Tomeo from EWTN’s Catholic Connection, Catholic author Matthew Leonard of the St. Paul Center, and Sr. Joseph Andrew Bogdanowicz of the Dominican Sisters who recently topped the Billboard charts with their DVD release, *Mater Eucharistiae*! Come and enjoy these inspirational talks, as well as participate in Mass, Eucharistic adoration, and Reconciliation.

The day will also include an elegant lunch and the opportunity to visit many local Catholic vendors and ministries. For more information, please visit [www.rochestercwc.org/](http://www.rochestercwc.org/). Think you might want to help promote this conference in your parish? Please contact Maria Mruzek, Mruzek@rochester.rr.com for more details.

**MASS FOR VOCATIONS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 7:00 P.M., ST. THOMAS MOORE CHURCH**

The Lord takes delight in our continuous asking! For several years the Knights of Columbus of the Saint Damien of Molokai Council have been sponsoring Rosaries and Masses usually four each year, for an increase in Priestly Vocations in the Diocese of Rochester. The next Mass (not including the praying of the Rosary) will be Friday evening December 6, 7 p.m. at St. Thomas More Church, 2617 East Avenue, Rochester. The Rosaries and Masses have been celebrated with beautiful music and inspiring homilies. Has the Lord rewarded our prayers? Have you noticed the wonderful increase in vocations in our diocese over the last few years? Light refreshments will follow the Mass. Call Bernie at 334-5338 for more information.
**Christmas Season Events**

**COMING SOON - SAVE THE DATE!**

**CHRISTMAS CAFÉ**

The Christmas season, and all the hustle and bustle that goes along with it, will soon be upon us. Did just reading that last sentence get you a little stressed? We don’t want you to be! We’d like to see all of us slow down a little and just enjoy celebrating the birth of Christ, spend time worshipping God together and develop relationships with each other at St. Louis Parish.

To help us do that, our Parish Life committee is hosting a **Christmas Café** on **Sunday, December 15**. There will be two sessions after masses. The first will take place after the 9 am Mass, and feature the Nativity Pageant, performed by our youngest parishioners. The second session will begin after the 11 am Mass and feature strolling carolers – our very own Acafellas Men’s singing group!

We’ll have an extended hospitality table of goodies to go along with coffee & drinks, a Cookie Exchange, Christmas crafts, a “Cards-for-Convents” project and prayerful reflections from Fr. Bob. Just come, relax and enjoy the season, the music, the merriment and get to know each other a little better!

**WE BELIEVE. WE BELONG.**

St. Louis Parish

Volunteers are needed for event assistance!
Please contact Peggy Lynge @ 586-5675!

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**TAKE SOME TIME AND SHARE CHRISTMAS JOY!**

Every Christmas St. Louis delivers poinsettia plants to our shut-ins and to families who have lost a loved one in the last year. In the past the pastoral care committee delivered the plants. This year in an effort to build community and provide opportunities for all parishioners to share their faith and the joy of Christmas we are inviting you to help!

On the weekend of December 7th and 8th individuals and families are invited to donate $10 for a poinsettia and then to deliver it to one of our shut-ins or bereaved families. Each plant will be labeled with the name and address of the recipient. Plants can be picked up after each mass in the Parish Meeting Hall.

Help us spread the joy of Christmas and the love of St. Louis Church to those who cannot be with us and those for whom Christmas will be difficult this year.

**PREPARING FOR THE CHRIST CHILD**

The first Sunday of Advent is December 1st. A tradition at St. Louis is to make available addresses of those individuals from our parish that are homebound or in area nursing facilities. Baskets containing these addresses will be at each entrance throughout Advent. You are invited to take one or several addresses and send an Advent/Christmas greeting to the individual.

Each year we receive many, many notes of appreciation from the recipients who are delighted to have been remembered by so many people. It is truly a highlight of their Christmas holiday. Thank you for helping us to continue this joy-filled tradition.

**POWERS FARM MARKET: LIVE NATIVITY! WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 7:00 PM**

Join together as a parish family to celebrate the coming of the Christ child! Stroll through the beautiful, illuminated woods at the market and listen as the Gospel of Luke Christmas narrative unfolds before your very eyes! This reverent & memorable evening will be enhanced by a performance from the St. Louis Choir. Hot cider will be served. Don’t miss this chance to experience the true meaning of Christmas! All are welcome! RSVP to efinn@dor.org by Friday, December 6.

**ST. LOUIS CHURCH: THE NATIVITY STORY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 7:00 PM, YOUTH ROOM**

As an alternative for those who are unable to see the Live Nativity at Powers Farm Market, we will be hosting a video presentation of **The Nativity Story**. Come watch the video. Hot Cider will be served. All are welcome. Please RSVP to efinn@dor.org by Thursday, December 12.

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*Do not neglect hospitality,*
*For through it some have Unknowingly entertained Angels.*

*Hebrews 13:2*
“Christ the King”

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.

Understanding today's Feast of Christ the King may be particularly challenging. While we may not have a direct experience of kings or royalty, we have some sense of what these mean. We know that royalty have sovereignty over their kingdom. We know that those who are subjects to royalty offer them allegiance and honor. Christ is King in a way that is different from traditional understandings of royalty. Christ's kingship extends to all places, all people, and all times. Christ manifests his kingship through his death on the Cross, in which he offers salvation to all.

As a family share stories that you may have read about royalty. What did you learn from these stories about what it means to be a king? What does it mean to be a subject? How will your family recognize and honor Christ the King?

HI GANG,

I hope you are all well and enjoying life. We have some service projects coming up which are a great way to enter into the Thanksgiving and Advent Seasons. I hope you can join us and like always, bring a friend You can reach me at stlouisyouthgroup@rochester.rr.com or call at 261-2266 with any questions.

Hope to see you soon, Mr. McBride

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS ~ PLEASE JOIN US!

**Sunday, December 1, 5:00 - 7:30 pm.**
Teen Mass and dinner.

**Saturday, December 7, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm.**
Service Project at St. Francis Cabrini Parish in the City. We will provide an educational and recreational program for children whose parents are on retreat.

**Sunday, December 8, 5:00 - 7:30 pm.**
Mass and youth group meeting.

**Saturday, December 14, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.**
Service Project, Bethany House Christmas Party at St. Mary's Church.

**Sunday, December 15, 5:00 - 7:30 pm.**
Teen Mass and dinner.

**Sunday, December 22, 5:00 - 7:30 pm.**
Teen Mass and Youth Group Christmas Party.

DO YOU ENJOY READING AND DISCUSSING A GOOD BOOK?

The next session of the St. Louis book club is on Thursday, December 5. The afternoon session is at 1:00 pm in the Parish Meeting Hall and the evening session is at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center. We will meet every other week. Why not join us? Come to either session.

The first book we are reading is **The Shattered Lantern – Rediscovering A Felt Presence of God**, by Ronald Rolheiser.

The book is available on Amazon.com or at Barnes and Noble. Please read the first five chapters so we can discuss it at our next gathering. A reflection guide is at the end of the book. For more information, please contact Cris Wensel at: 586-5675or by email: cwensel@dor.org.

SAINT’S PLACE ANGEL TREES ARE HERE!

The angel trees are at the back of the church and at each side entrance starting this weekend, November 23 and 24. Each angel has an item listed that is urgently needed by a refugee. Gifts should not be wrapped and we will willingly accept gifts into January, or February! (There is no time limit on sharing with those in need.) Gifts may be left in the bins under the Angel Trees at church or brought directly to Saint’s Place, 46 South Main Street. We thank you on behalf of all of the refugees who will be the recipients of your generosity!

Thank you for sharing the spirit of Christmas with so many needy people. It is in giving that we receive. Remember, the Holy Family was also a refugee family.
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