**Why Zacchaeus?**

Luke begins the story of Zacchaeus telling us that Jesus intended to pass through Jericho. Zacchaeus meanwhile definitely wanted to see Jesus, but not necessarily serve dinner and put him up for the night. What made Jesus decide to stay in Jericho? The whole crowd wanted to see Jesus, why single out Zacchaeus for a home visit? Was it that Zacchaeus was an important tax collector? Or because Jesus hadn’t seen anyone scoop up a tree for a better view before?

We can speculate a variety of reasons, but the way Luke tells the story … two things came together. Zacchaeus truly wanted to see and know more about Jesus. Jesus’ mission was to save the lost. Some of the others Jesus met in his travels, and some who later heard the Gospel preached after the resurrection, were adverse to admitting they were lost, that they needed a Savior. “I’m doing perfectly well on my own, thank you very much!” Such pride and self-righteousness proved time and again to be an obstacle to the gift of new life that Jesus continually offered. But to the humble, whether rich or poor, desire and openness led to salvation, transformation, and new life.

Luke definitely has a special appreciation for the poor, a theme deeply rooted in the message of the prophets. But it is not to the exclusion of the wealthy. Luke repeatedly helps us see that the handling of possessions can be symbolic of openness to Jesus and the Gospel. Clinging to possessions reflects a closed heart; being free to let go of possessions in almsgiving can help effect a transformation, and reveal taking the Gospel to heart.

One might think Zacchaeus made a snap judgement to give half his possessions to the poor, so moved by Jesus calling him out of the tree. But based on his research, in his commentary on Luke’s Gospel, Timothy Luke Johnson translates “give” in the present progressive: “I am giving half my possessions to the poor”. In other words, it’s not a single action, but a regular habit. However you look at it, faith and generosity go hand in hand.

As you know, we are in the middle of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Thanks to lots of faith and deep generosity, we are well on our way to our goal. God bless those who have already made their pledge! Next week we will launch a related appeal, asking everyone to consider their current regular parish contribution levels, with an eye to a modest increase. We try hard not to focus on finances any more than necessary; annually during the diocesan-wide CMA, about once every three or four years focusing on Sunday offerings to the parish. With the loss of generous parishioners through death or moving, it is important to periodically encourage faithful support of the parish. Not half of your possessions! Just a generous response to God’s generosity. Please consider the gift God has given each of us, and let the Spirit do the rest. Peace always, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - OCTOBER 31
Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14
11:00 am John & Adelaide Freitas - Isalina Family

Anticipation Mass for Holy Day
5:15 pm Andrew & Eleonora Thomas - Daughter, Barbara

TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 1
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
6:45 am Paul Kaltenbach - Family
9:10 am St. Louis School Saint’s Day
Anthony J. Costello - Family
11:00 am Gene Penzimer - Marilyn Penzimer

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 2
Wis 3:1-9/Jn 6:37-40
11:00 am Cora McDonald - Marilyn Penzimer
2:45 pm Mass at the Highlands Living Center for the Residents and Staff
5:15 pm Deceased Members of the Banas Families - Family

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 3
Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10
6:45 am John Considine - Harry & Linda Messina
11:00 am Fr. Raymond Booth - Lucille Newell

FIRST FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 4
Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35
11:00 am Gary Kurchyn - Family
1:00 pm Mass at the Highlands Laurelwood for the People of the Parish
5:15 pm Valerie Trenchard - Betsy DeBloom

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 5
Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15
9:00 am Father Ray - Paul & Geri Dolan
4:30 pm Jill Reichenbach - Family

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 6
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16-3:5/
Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38
7:30 am Erich Kinne
Former Students in Germany
9:00 am Reinaldo M. Perez - Wife & Children
11:15 am Cassandra Krenzer - Den Dave & Barbara Snyder
5:00 pm Robert Quinn - Kathleen Quinn Anderson

Requiem Aeternam
Fr. John (Jack) Philipps

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
Maria Hoang Thi Phach
By Ho Dinh Tran & Family.

One lamp will burn
In Memory of
Joyce Rooney
By Dorothy Lada.

Join us for an hour this Friday, November 4, during First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 11:30 am - 4:00 pm.

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Saturday & Sunday, November 5 & 6

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Sunday Communion Service - November 6
The Highlands - Darlene Huver        Heather Heights - Richard Caruso
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2
O Lord, lover of souls ...

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2
May God make you worthy of your calling

The Son of Man has come to seek and save the lost

All About Time
Today’s 1st reading from Wisdom is very hopeful. God is tremendously patient and merciful, giving us time to repent. That’s good. Changes of heart don’t happen overnight. First we need to realize we aren’t experiencing all the love and joy life has to offer. The reason is not that God is stingy with blessings, but that our heart is not stretched open enough to receive all that God offers. So we can look in the wrong places for fulfillment, yet never be satisfied. Turn to God, and change begins to happen. Gratitude begins to deepen. We become more open to God and to others. We find that loving can be its own reward, and we are on the path to repentance, turning to a new way of living.

Dig deeper, and there may be even more that Wisdom offers us. If God gives us time for repentance, can we really justify being stingy in giving that time to others? Are there any relationships in my life that need that gift of time right now? Then deeper yet, could it be that I need the time to grow in readiness to forgive. Perhaps God gives me that time, I give the person I need to forgive time, and give myself a bit of time to grow in forgiving as well, and at the end of the day, God’s mercy has worked a huge miracle!

Already/Not Yet
It took time for the early Christians to work the story out, and the letters to the church in Thessalonica reveal the journey to the truth. At first, believers were certain Jesus was going to return any minute, certainly in their lifetime. As some believers died before a dramatic return by Jesus, the question surfaced: what about them? Paul addressed that in his first letter to the Thessalonians. Apparently then some folks got the notion that the Day of the Lord had already come. Our 2nd reading today corrects that misunderstanding. The final story? Jesus does come into each of our lives through our baptism and the sacraments. That is the already. But the final consummation of our life in Christ is ahead of us, the not yet. We long for the ultimate fulfillment, yet enjoy now the first fruits. Put another way, Jesus doesn’t leave us starving – he comes to us in the Eucharist week after week. But that taste of communion, of Christ’s self-giving love, or mercy and new life just whets our appetite for what is to come. Already/not yet.

Yo Zacchaeus!
Picturing a short little rich guy scooting up a tree for a better view is worth imagining. “What is that little guy thinking! Doesn’t he realize how silly he looks?” How much do I want to really get to know Jesus? Enough to be willing to have other folks think I’ve lost my mind? Zacchaeus discovered taking the risk was truly worth it! Have a chat with him in prayer….

Looking Ahead:
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
Trusting in God

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16 — 3:5
The Lord is faithful and will strengthen you

We are all alive in God

Sign Me Up!
When you come to Mass, do you realize you have found something that has been missing in your life? Do you leave feeling uplifted, ready to do a better job living the next week? Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic, but aren’t sure where to start? Don’t keep wondering. Please speak with Fr. Bob; you can also call or e-mail Fr. Bob, ring@dor.org, and see about taking the next step in your journey of faith. We would love to have you become part of the family!

**Are You More “Mercy Minded?”
This program scheduled for November 9th at 7 pm at St. Louis Church, HAS TO BE RESCHEDULED.

Please join Fr. Jacek Mazur and Rick Paolini at a future date where we will look more deeply into the significance of God’s mercy in our world and in our lives. We are called to be “mercy minded” not for just for one day or one year. Whether you are a student of The Divine Mercy Devotion as revealed to St. Maria Faustina by Jesus or not, you will not want to miss this presentation “Divine Mercy a Way of life”. For more information call 586-5675.
I Would Love To Do That!
Have any experience in grant writing? We already write for grants for Saint’s Place, recently applied for one for Faith Formation, and have also applied for various school grants. With a little more help, we could probably even apply for, and get additional funding for various programs here at St. Louis. Is this an area you know well? Isabel Miller, Fran Barr, Laurie Martin or Fr. Bob would love to hear from you!

ChristLife Program Discovering Christ
In their own words . . .

Fr. Peter can be quite a beguiling one when it comes to doing God’s work! He “called and I put down my net and followed” thinking to myself that I was going to help others. My frame of mind was probably a little like the Pharisee in last week’s Homily. After all, I have been faithful to attending and even serving at Mass. So helping out with the Discovering Christ program was not something that would benefit me, rather it was a way for me to use my gifts for others. But now, having three weeks into this program, I find that I am among those who are being gifted. How you might ask? Recall the song’s words, “Where two or more are gathered in My Name, there is God.” In our common humanity, our fellowship, the Holy Spirit is using Discovering Christ to help ME grow, to enrich my relationships with family, friends, and coworkers. The table has turned. Unknowingly, this stewardship experience has been far more about my receiving than giving. God really does have a sense of humor! 

~ Kathleen Revekant
A holiday pie sale is again being conducted to raise funds for our next (8th) Habitat house project in 2019 as a member of Habitat Interfaith Partnership (HIP). Like last year, pies are prepared by Kelly’s Farm Market of Hilton. They grow the fruit, so the pies are made with the freshest ingredients. These extra deep 10” homemade fruit pies, made from scratch without preservatives, weigh approximately 4 ½ lbs., providing 8 to 10 generous, absolutely delicious servings.

The pie selections include Apple Crumb, Apple-Raspberry, Pumpkin, and Christmas Crumb (Apple, Cranberry, & Raspberry), and they will again sell for $16.00 each. An Apple Crisp with no crust sells for $12.00. These pies freeze well, so consider ordering for both Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Orders will be taken in the Narthex before and following all masses this weekend, October 29/30 & next, November 5/6. Ordered pies will be available for pick-up Tuesday afternoon, November 22, 2 days prior to Thanksgiving. This has been a popular fund raiser and profitable since we earn about 40% from each sale. Thanks to all who help fund our next Habitat house project through our pie sale. You are making a difference in the lives of many people, one family at a time. Call Bob or Rosemary Scholl (585-381-3760) with any questions regarding the pies.

St. Louis Knights of Columbus
Next Meeting, Monday, November 14
6:45 PM Parish Meeting Hall
(please note change due to Thanksgiving week)

Our meeting begins with the Rosary at 6:45 PM and a business meeting following at 7:00 PM. On the meeting agenda:

Congratulations!! to Andrew May who took his 1st and 2nd Degree and Steve Demeo who took his 2nd Degree.

The C & B Drive Church Sales on October 22nd and 23rd prove to be very helpful to our Charity drive. Thank You St Louis Parishioners. Keep selling the tickets, as the Final Drawing is on December 3rd.

Knights, please bring canned goods and non-perishable food to the council meeting as Past Grand Knight, Rick Whelehan, will be collecting food for Thanksgiving Baskets for St Michael’s Parish.

Watch for our New Mini Membership Drive coming in October and November.

Men of the Parish interested in becoming a Member of St. Louis Council or who have any questions, please contact the Membership Director, Joseph DiPrima at drdiprima@gmail.com, or Grand Knight Dick Hilliard, cell: 585-943-1106 or e-mail: bwgolf@hotmail.com.

Thank you, and God Bless,
Dick Hilliard, Grand Knight

The St. Louis Council Knights of Columbus is collecting Toilet Articles and Cleaning Supplies for Saint’s Place during October, November and December. Items needed are New Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorants, Soaps, Men’s Razors, Shaving cream, Shampoos, Body wash, etc.; and Cleaning Supplies, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, etc. Please put any of the above in the Drawers marked "Saint’s Place" in the cabinet inside the North (Bell Tower) Entrance.

Thank You for helping us help Saint’s Place!
Members of St. Louis Council Knights of Columbus
A Higher Standard of Learning

St. Louis School has a long history of providing academic excellence and individual attention in a faith-based learning environment. Year after year, we consistently meet and exceed proficiency standards in Math and English (ELA). We are proud of our students’ achievements as they continue to lead the way in New York State test scores, both locally and regionally. Here’s how we stack up:

JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, November 8 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
To learn more, call us at 585-586-5200 or visit SLSPittsford.org.
Our first Discovering Christ experience is underway and will continue on Thursday evenings at 6:15pm through November 17th. Planning for the next Discovering Christ course has already begun! For more information about how Discovering Christ can help you and others to enter into or renew a relationship with Jesus Christ, contact Fr. Peter (fmottola@dor.org), Kathryn McAlarney (490-2745), Christine Bouchard (586-4010), or see our parish website (www.stlouischurch.org).

Angels Needed Now:
If you are someone who likes to iron and have a willingness to serve our Lord in a special way, this request is for you. Come join a group of holy and humble women who maintain the purificators used to wipe the chalice at Mass. You have seen the cloth that is used when you receive the Blood of Christ. Please consider making a sacrifice by giving one week of your time once a year to assist. Please phone Marie Vasile at 248-0064. Thank you!

Books of Remembrance for inscribing the names of beloved deceased are available now at all Church entrances over the next several weekends. We invite you to write in them the names of deceased people whom you would like this community of faith to lift in prayer to God throughout the month of November.
Are you a young basketball player in grades 3-12?

Want to help with Vacation Bible School this Summer but not sure what's available?? Our fun will be June 26 through June 29, 2017 and it's time to get started! Check out some of our opportunities to help:

**Music and More Leader:** Become familiar with the material and music, learn our fun songs and motions and lead our kids in several songs each day.

**Projects-with-A-Purpose Leader:** Choose from three awesome service projects and decide who will get the gifts that the kids make, collect all the listed supplies, and make a sample of the selected project and lead our kids in three sessions each day.

**Playground Games Leader:** Get familiar with the many game options available that tie into each day's Bible Point in a fun, memorable way. Collect all the listed supplies, and join in on the fun for 3 sessions each day.

**Spotlight VBS Leader:** Circulate through Pets Unleashed snapping pictures of our kids as they participate in the FUN activities, set up a slide show for our last day to relive all the great memories of the week!

**Bible Adventures Leader:** Gather all the supplies and props for each day's Bible Adventure activities, lead our kids through fun and interactive learning that really make the Bible stories come alive in 3 sessions per day.

**Tail End Leader:** Gather the supplies and props for the Tail End activities and set up for each day, be ready to lead an enthusiastic fun-filled activities to help our kids discover what it means to love and care for each other. Grab some friends and join in on all fun!

*Please contact Michelle Andrews-Smith at 586-5675 or email at mandrews-smith@dor.org to be a part of our team!*

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**2017 First Penance Preparation Calendar**

*As a reminder, attendance at all sessions is expected.*

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**Penitential Rite**

Saturday, February 11th @ 2:00pm

Sign-up for individual confession time for parent and child will take place at the last session, scheduled over 3-4 Saturdays before regular church confession time.

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**2017 First Eucharist Preparation Calendar**

*As a reminder, attendance at all sessions is expected. Parent and child attend Family Sessions. Parent only @ Kick-Off.*

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First Eucharist celebrations will be either:

Saturday, April 29th @ 11:15am & 4:30pm or
Sunday, April 30th @ 11:15am

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Are you an adult interested in helping our young players learn about basketball, good sportsmanship and God?

Call Don Smith at the Ministry Center, (586-5675 ext. 234).
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 2017. A large-print version is also available for $29.95, an additional $10.

Checks should be made payable to St. Louis Church with “Give Us This Day” 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, bring to the Ministry Center, or put this form in the collection basket. **WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR PAYMENT BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 FOR YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO START WITH THE JANUARY 2017 ISSUE.** Thank you, Barbara Thomas, bthomas@dor.org or 586-5675 ext. 236.

Give Us This Day (standard size) $19.95 Qty: _____
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Our clothing closet desperately needs MEN's winter coats (small, medium, large), WOMEN's winter coats (small, medium, large) and CHILDREN's winter coats (small, medium, large). We also need GLOVES for men, women and children. Please leave them on the back porch of Saint's Place. Thank you! Bless all of you for your generosity. Isabel Miller, Executive Director of Saint's Place

The William H. Shannon Chair in Catholic Studies at Nazareth College presents: Robert Ellsberg

A Revolution of the Heart: From Dorothy Day to Pope Francis
November 3, 2016 ~ 7:00PM
Forum, Otto Shults Community Center

Saints and Prophets: Models for Today
November 4, 2016 ~ 1:30PM
Linehan Chapel, Golisano Academic Center

Free and Open to the Public.

Theology on Tap is an opportunity for young adults to gather to discuss and reflect on issues of faith. Sponsored by the Diocese of Rochester Department of Evangelization.
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