Really, What WOULD Jesus Do?

We have a plan on how we should lead our life, don’t we? We might think it generally conforms to God’s plan — we may acknowledge we are not perfect, but want to believe that we generally act the way we should. Then, BAM … the one-two punch! Consider the First Reading from two weeks ago (Isaiah), “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.”

Similarly, consider last Sunday’s First Reading (Ezekiel), “Thus says the LORD: You say, ‘The LORD’s way is not fair!’ Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?” The recent Workers in the Vineyard Gospel reading probably had us wondering. Really, didn’t you want to join in with those who worked all day, “Unfair!”

Many Christians use the phrase “What Would Jesus Do?” to remind them that their actions should show the love of Christ. After all, the Gospel stories provide many instances how Christ responded to situations He encountered or in stories He told. But, that doesn’t cover all situations we encounter in our modern, technologically-advanced, morally-complicated world; does it? And consider that one person’s way of showing Christ’s love might actually cause more harm than good. Paul notes in today’s Second Reading, “Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.” Ok, that may cover more situations. But, what about those still not addressed? Who do we turn to?

Fortunately, Jesus entrusted the Church He founded to help make those decisions. There are many recent conversion stories (Scott Hahn, e.g.) where a religious leader was unsettled that his teaching differed significantly from another leader’s, and appreciated the Church’s teaching authority. One area with a seeming overabundance of confusion concerns the various life issues, yet the Church’s teachings wholly support the position that all human life is sacred, from conception to natural death.

October is designated annually as Respect Life Month by the US Catholic Bishops (USCCB), focusing attention on life issues. So, let me pose four levels of challenge: 1) bronze level — obtain a yellow sheet at any Church entrance and have each family member do something to respect life — many selections are simple — then jot down what each person did and put in boxes located at the entrances; maybe try this weekly; 2) silver level — search the USCCB website and read about issues confronting us, and the Church’s position; 3) gold level — e-mail me (1deacondave@gmail.com) for further information on what our parish is doing; 4) platinum phase — check out the mini-course offered at St. Bernard’s, Foundation in Catholic Bioethics, starting tomorrow evening (see p.9). You may be amazed how current the Church’s teachings are in very complicated life situations. Whatever you decide to do, let me know. God bless, Deacon Dave

This Weekend:
Saturday: 5:45 pm Bistro Night, PMH
Sunday: 12:15 pm Symbolon: Knowing the Faith 2nd of 5 Sessions, PMH (p.5)
12:30 pm Blessing of Pets, Church Main Entrance

This Week at St. Louis
Daily Mass Schedule p.2

Monday - October 6
6:30 am - Men’s Spirituality Group, Manse
3:15 pm - Children’s Choir Practice, Church
6:45 pm - Middle School Crossroads, Youth Room
7:00 pm - What Happens at Mass Book Study, Manse (p.5)

Tuesday - October 7
7:30 am - Understanding Sunday’s Scriptures, Manse
1:15 pm - Little Rock Bible Study, Women of the New Testament - Parish Meeting Hall
4:30 pm - Living Faith, PMH
7:00 pm - St. Louis School Board, Art Room

Wednesday - October 8
8:50 am - Momnipotent Group, PMH (p.9)
7:00 pm - Bell Choir Practice, Church
7:00 pm - Stewardship Council, Ministry Center
7:30 pm - Bible Basics, Manse
7:30 pm - Regional Charismatic Prayer Grp, PMH

Thursday - October 9
7:00 pm - Symbolon: Knowing the Faith - 2nd of 5 Sessions, PMH (p.5)
7:00 pm - Consistent Life Ethic Cmte, Ministry Ctr
7:00 pm - Holy Hour, Church

Friday - October 10
7:00 pm - Challenge Teen Girls, PMH

Saturday - October 11
Catholic Ministries Appeal Video
9:30 am - Great Adventure Bible Study, PMH (p.5)
3:30 pm - Confessions
4:30 pm - Mass (Sign Language Interpreted)
6:00 pm - Ultreya (Pot Luck Dinner 5:45 pm), PMH

Sunday - October 12
Catholic Ministries Appeal Video
7:30 am - Mass
9:00 am - Mass, Children’s Choir, No SOF
10:15 am - Baptismal Class (between 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses)
11:00 am - Mass, No Children’s LOW
12:15 pm - Symbolon: Knowing the Faith - 3rd of 5 Sessions, PMH (p.5)
5:00 pm - Mass
6:00 pm - No Youth Group
Mass Intentions for This Week

Monday - October 6
St. Bruno, priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, virgin
Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37
11:00 am Al Mahar Sr. -
Son, Dick
5:15 pm Marjorie Eilertsen -
Eilertsen Family

Tuesday - October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42
6:45 am Elsie Hogan -
Sue Sugrue
11:00 am Teresa Huver -
Peggy O’Neil Midgley

Wednesday - October 8
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4
11:00 am Stephen Siegl -
Jeanette & Donald Watters
Charles Donnelly
(Anniversary) -
Karen & Tom Hanss

Thursday - October 9
St. Denis, bishop, and companions,
martyrs; St. John Leonard, priest
Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13
6:45 am Joan Rivers -
Jeff Mason
11:00 am Robert Morrow -
Joseph & Bonnie DiLalla

Friday - October 10
Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26
11:00 am Martha Serio -
Ronald Serio
5:15 pm Harold Barnes -
Babette

Saturday - October 11
Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28
9:00 am Vivian Ripton -
Mary Jane Schwind
& Dorothy Lada
4:30 pm Lourice Fattahel -
Susan & Elizabeth Rooney

Sunday - October 12
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
7:30 am Martha Serio -
Ronald Serio
9:00 am Peggy Cunningham -
Johnston Family
11:00 am Michael McNulty -
Marian Battle
5:00 pm Margaret O’Leary -
Margaret Merkley

Requiem Aeternam
Carol Lee O’Neill
Joan O’Sullivan

Saturday & Sunday, October 11 and 12  Thank you, faithful servants!

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Sunday Communion Service - October 12
The Highlands: Jim Haefner
Heather Heights: Marcia & Dick Hilliard
The Word for the Week
27th Sunday in Ordinary time

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
I looked for justice

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9
What you have learned and received

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43
The stone rejected is now the cornerstone

Song of the Vineyard
Isaiah not only penned oracles, he could tell a story, draw in the listener, and convict a heart. In today’s first reading, Isaiah sings to us the song of the vineyard. This sad song, a lament perhaps, is of a friend who planted a vineyard, tended it with love and care, yet when harvest time came, there was no joyful harvest, only a worthless crop of wild grapes. Before story’s end, we know that speaking to the people of Judah, Isaiah is really speaking about God’s love and care for them, their faithlessness, and God’s punishment. Reading the signs of the times in the power of the spirit, he wants the people to realize that the suffering they are experiencing is the fruit of their own choices: rejection of God’s guidance and tending. What can we hear in this song? ‘Let me sing of my friend …’ As God was Isaiah’s friend, so God longs for a relationship with us. The song can lead us to reflect upon and be thankful for ways God has tended us with love. If we have not been producing good fruit, we can pray for the grace of repentance. And that is just the beginning of taking Isaiah’s message to heart!

Beyond Anxiety
St. Paul knew all kinds of anxiety in his life, given his passion for the Gospel, his love of his fellow Jews, for all Christians, for the communities he founded, his co-workers, uncertainty about his own safety. But he also knew the peace that comes from bringing those concerns to the Lord, leaving them in God’s loving care, and always finding time to think about the blessings, the good things, the reasons he could praise God every day. He offers an incredible recipe for peace in our second reading today. Spend some time with this passage, and with Philippians in general, especially when you need some encouragement.

Predicting the End
Each Gospel, in its own way, makes it clear that Jesus understood his mission would not be complete without rejection and suffering. Sometimes we hear direct passion predictions. In our Gospel today, it is a parable that brings home the point, not only of Jesus death at the hands of religious authorities, but also the success of the mission to the Gentiles. Ponder the passage Jesus quotes, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone….’ How is Christ a cornerstone for you, a cornerstone in your life?

Preparing for Next Weekend:
28th Sunday in Ordinary time

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a
God will wipe away tears

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
God will supply our needs

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14
The kingdom is like a wedding feast

All Kinds of Food
What is Ultreya? Our monthly Ultreya here at St. Louis is about nourishment. A pot luck supper nourishes the body; prayer, sharing and someone giving witness to God working in their life nourishes the spirit, while fellowship, friendship and mutual encouragement just nourishes everything. Give it a taste next Saturday, October 11 in the Parish Meeting Hall, at 6:00 pm.

Birthright of Rochester’s
17th Annual Walk
Sunday, October 5
From 1-3 pm

One Date, Two Walk Sites… This is a 2-mile sponsored walk at your choice of the Roberts Wesleyan or St. John Fisher campus. Birthright of Rochester offers free and confidential pregnancy support to any woman regardless of age, income or ethnicity. Birthright provides support to moms and families in the form of caring, compassion, baby supplies, maternity clothes, and childbirth classes. They also work to identify local resources necessary to help mom and families meet their immediate need and achieve their future goals. If you would like more information about the walk, please call parishioner Lisa Spellman at 662-5276 for more information-OR-Visit www.crowdrise.com/BirthrightWalk2014 Create a participant/ team page, then share it with friends, family and co-workers via e-mail and social media. Sponsors can post their support on your page and pledges are collected via Crowdrise! The more you share your page, the more you could raise in support of Birthright.

Rebuilding Lives ... One Step at a Time
If you are unable to participate in the Walk, but would like to donate to this worthy cause —please feel free to visit parishioner Lisa Spellman’s pledge site online: https://www.crowdrise.com/birthrightwalkforlife/fundraiser/lisaspellman1 God bless you!
An Offering of Our Time

September 28

Attendance ........... 1,641
Collection ............ $15,065.00

Thank you for celebrating Eucharist with us last week. You may not know for whom, but your presence was an encouragement for someone. Your presence and prayer was a participation in the Spirit, an excellence, worthy of praise. For supporting our parish through Sunday offerings, many thanks as well. Your contributions keep the doors open, our programs well-staffed, and make it possible for us to send a tithe from our Sunday collection to a variety of very worthwhile ministries. Tithing is one of the ways we look out, not for our own interests, but for those of others (to quote St. Paul from last week).

Recycling the Bulletin

Did you know that the parish bulletin could serve as an invitation? Once you’ve read it, consider giving the bulletin to a friend, along with an invitation. ‘We would love to have you join us at St. Louis one of these weekends. Here is a bulletin, with Mass times, a flavor of the place, a bit of what is going on. Seriously, I think you would be surprised at what you experience if you join us some Saturday evening or Sunday.’

This Week’s Tithing Will Support Birthright of Rochester

Next Week’s Tithing Will Support Women’s Care Center

Located at 3252 Lake Avenue in Rochester, the Women’s Care Center of Rochester has offered accurate information (ultrasound technology available) and emotional support to desperate pregnant women free of charge and free of judgment. Since 1990, they have given compassionate counseling and referrals for unplanned pregnancies. With a 501(c)3 tax status but no local, state or federal funding, Women’s Care Center has guided 1,000s through STD and pregnancy testing, childbirth and parenting education and also supplying maternity and baby supplies. Services offered are free and confidential.

You can help pregnant women choose life for their unborn babies by supporting the Women’s Care Center in next week’s tithing and by volunteering your time and talent. They are always in need of medical personnel, social workers and counselors, teachers, receptionists, grant writers, and tradesmen such as plumbers, carpenters and electricians. They also currently need volunteers to help waterproof their basement.

To help preserve the lives of unborn babies, please pray for all who serve and are served by this Center. To learn more, please visit www.womenscarecenterofrochester.com. To volunteer, call Joan McCarthy at 865-0360 on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

Fall Garden Help Needed

Do you “need an excuse” to get outside on these beautiful fall days? The garden beds on the St. Louis grounds need to be weeded, trimmed and otherwise “tucked in” for the winter — A morning here, an afternoon there — an hour or two that fits your schedule. Call Sally @ 586-5675, ext. 235 or email sschrecker@dor.org — while the weather holds!

Urgent Need!!!

Saint’s Place urgently needs warm, clean winter coats, hats, gloves and boots. There are many refugees, newly arrived and those who have been here a few years that need our help with warm winter clothing. At the present time we have no men’s small or medium winter jackets, no men’s boots and a very limited number of children and ladies winter coats. We need coats today! Can you help?

This year we hope to help more refugees than previous years. So we need your continued help and support. Please check your closets. Can you spare a jacket that just “sits” in the closet waiting to provide warmth to someone walking to and from school, a job or the market? Rather than having a coat sit idle, please consider putting it to work providing warmth to a needy refugee. With a coat the refugees are able to stay healthy, they are able to attend school or work, and their self-esteem is improved knowing others want them to succeed.

You can make a difference in the life of a refugee today! Our gratitude for your help can not be clearly or easily expressed - you should see the gratitude in the faces of the refugees we serve.
LEARNING TOGETHER

A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Want to know more about the Bible but aren’t sure where to begin? Come join us as we set out this fall on the Great Adventure Bible Study with Jeff Cavins! Learn how the Scripture narrative ties many different books of the Bible together in the single story of God’s plan. Knowing the overall framework helps to connect the readings we hear at Mass and to understand our faith. Our 1st eight-session study takes us from the beginning in Genesis through the Exodus from Egypt and the desert wanderings of the Israelites — a time period that is essential to understand the fulfillment in Christ. Come and bring a friend!

Where? St. Louis Church, Parish Meeting Hall
When? 9:30-11:15 am, Saturdays, October 4 – November 22
Cost? $45 suggested donation for materials, $35 if you already have materials from A Quick Journey through the Bible

To register or for more information call Kathryn McAlarney at 585-490-2745, or email mcalarney1@gmail.com

WHAT HAPPENS AT MASS

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Books can be purchased at the Ministry Center for $13 or from Liturgy Training Publications. If you’d like to join a discussion group, books can be purchased at the first meeting.

We hope you’ll be able to join one of the following groups:
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40 DAYS FOR LIFE AT ST. LOUIS
SEPTEMBER 24 - NOVEMBER 2, 2014

Please join our St. Louis parishioners and Consistent Life Ethic Team in a 40 Days for Life effort! A national and international campaign since 2007, people of faith have mobilized across the world to stand up for life. At St. Louis, we have a multi-pronged effort of prayer, education, and fasting each week of the six-week campaign.

THIS WEEK’S EFFORT FOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

(Refer to have each family member do one item for life [from yellow sheet] during the week, and submit on a piece of paper to the 40 Days box at Church.)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5:
1:00 pm ~ Birthright 17th Annual Walk for Life (see bulletin p.3) courtesy listing

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6:
5:15 pm ~ Mass w/ Life Intent
7:00 pm ~ Foundation in Catholic Bioethics mini-course at St. Bernard’s (see bulletin p.9) courtesy listing

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7:
9:50 Am ~ Rosary for Life w/ McQuaid Jesuit HS students (1800 Clinton Ave. S., Rochester)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8:
12:00 Noon ~ Rosary with St. Louis School Children in Church.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9:
9:50 Am ~ Rosary for Life w/ McQuaid Jesuit HS students (1800 Clinton Ave. S., Rochester)
7:00 pm ~ St. Louis Consistent Life Ethic Mtg at Ministry Center. Everyone welcome

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10:
Fasting for Life ~ forego a meal and offer it up as a form of prayer for life*

*PRAYER AND FASTING GO HAND IN HAND . . .

Christ told us some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting. Prayer keeps us rooted in our desire to carry out God’s will. Fasting is a sacrifice that helps us reach beyond our own limitations with God’s help, and is a physical form of prayer that helps us stay connected to God.


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Whether you are looking to grow in your faith or learn about the Catholic Church for the first time, Symbolon will take you through a journey into the timeless beauty and truths of the Catholic faith and reveal God’s incredible love for us — the story of our salvation!

Parish Meeting Hall:
Sunday, 10/12, 12:15 pm (3rd of 5 sessions) OR
Thursday, 10/9, 7:00 pm (2nd of 5 sessions)
Baptism Congratulations!!!

We rejoice with these families who have brought their children to be initiated into the faith of our Church community. May God’s love & light grow ever stronger within them, and may their families always be a place of blessing.

♦ Alida K. Meyer, daughter of Martin and Christine Koster  
♦ Lindsey Grace, daughter of Jeffrey and Amanda Hands  
♦ Bella Aurelia, daughter of Charles and Jennifer Henderson  
♦ Fiona Alice Veron, daughter of Dade and Erin Kelly  
♦ Carly Jane, daughter of John and Rachel Eilertsen  
♦ Ana Sabina, daughter of Sergio and Susana Campos Barba  
♦ Lily Marie, daughter of Jeremy and Rachel Jarmusz  
♦ Thomas Julian, son of Thomas and Ashley Frye  
♦ Cameron Michael, son of Steven and Kristy Law  
♦ Caroline Brennan, daughter of Michael and Emily Boynton

MERCY SPIRITUALITY CENTER, OCTOBER PROGRAMS
All sessions are at Mercy Spirituality Center, 65 Highland Ave., Rochester, NY 14620  
www.mercyprayercenter.org

Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop. Session 1 – Monday, October 6, 2014; Session 2 – Monday, October 13, 2014, 7 – 9 pm. This workshop will cover the essentials of doing Centering Prayer, understanding the challenges and strategies for overcoming them. Facilitator: Dorothy Lindsay. Fee: $50. Call 585-473-6893 to register.

Encountering Mystery through Creative Expressive: Arts Accessible to All, Saturday, October 18, 2014, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. An opportunity for you to sample various creative expressions – come share in this new adventure. Facilitators: Nancy Grear, Deborah White and Mary Van Houten. Fee: $35. Call 585-473-6893 to register.

Depression Throughout the Cycles of Life, Thursday, October 23, 2014, 7 – 8:30 pm. Come to this program and listen to what an experienced clinician has to say about depression. Facilitator: Mary Lou Meyers M.D. Fee: $25. Call 585-473-6893 to register.

Special Journeys, Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 9:30 – 11 am or Thursday evening, November 6, 2014, 7 – 8:30 pm. Come and explore how to feed your soul and recharge your spirit through listening, silence and reflection on your unique journey as a parent to a child with special needs. Facilitator: Joanne Pagano. Fee: $20. Call 585-473-6893 to register.

Did You Enjoy Your Supper Last Night?, Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 7 – 9 pm. Come to reflect, pray and learn about the lived realities of migrant farm workers, who we rarely see, but always enjoy the gift of their labor – an evening of shared concepts and feelings. Facilitator: Sr. Janet Korn RSM. Fee: $10. Call 585-473-6893 to register.

IT IS TIME TO ORDER (OR RENEW)
GIVE US THIS DAY FOR 2015.

Many people in the parish subscribe to Give Us This Day, a daily prayer book for each month that in addition to psalms, scripture readings, morning and evening prayers, includes 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. Each issue includes a liturgical calendar for the month.

If our group subscription continues to exceed 50, our individual cost will be $19.95 for 12 issues in 2015. (The single order price is $39.95, so this is a substantial savings!) A large-print version is also available for $29.95 for 12 issues.

To renew your subscription or to sign up for the first time: Checks should be made out to St. Louis Church with “Give Us this Day 2015” in the memo field, in the amount of $19.95 for each individual subscription (or $29.95 for each large print subscription), and mailed or brought to the Ministry Center by Monday, October 20. For contact information, please include your email address or phone number. Please address envelope to Barbara Thomas, St. Louis Church, 64 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14534. Pre-addressed order forms and envelopes are available at the church entrances.

Questions or need additional information? Please contact Barbara Thomas at bthomas@dor.org or 586-5675 ext. 236. Thank you!
Hi Teens,

I love fall! It’s definitely my favorite season. I love the apple cider, football games, carving pumpkins and the beautiful foliage. Fall also reminds me that God is in all things. During this season when temperatures grow colder, plants wither, and leaves fall, beauty still abounds.

In Youth Group, our theme this fall is Finding Happiness in Faith. We will be watching videos, hearing guest speakers and discussing finding happiness in service, in friendships and, most importantly, in our relationship with Christ.

I know this can be a busy time of year with school, sports and many other commitments. I want to encourage you to make the time to join us at one of our youth group events. It will be a chance to meet new and interesting people, learn a few things and have some fun!

We meet at the 5pm mass on Sunday and all sit together (up front on the right) and then meet after mass in the Parish Meeting Hall.

Hope to see you on Sunday!

Molly Hickey
(Mr. McBride’s Daughter)

PS. My dad is now in Thailand, enjoying the beautiful landscape, riding elephants, eating strange but delicious foods and, I’m sure, taking tons of pictures. He sends his best!

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Sunday, October 5, 6:00 - 7:30 pm Regular Youth Group Meeting
Sunday, October 12, No Youth Group on Columbus Day Weekend
Sunday, October 19, 6:00 - 7:30 pm Regular Youth Group Meeting
Sunday, October 26, 6:00 - 7:30 pm Regular Youth Group Meeting

“Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruits.” ~ Matthew 21:43

Consider this week exactly what you are doing in your life to produce fruit for the kingdom of God.

RED MASS FOR ALL IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

The rich tradition of the Red Mass was begun by the Catholic Church in the thirteenth century. Bishop Matano will celebrate this year’s Red Mass, for all in the legal profession, on Friday, October 10 at 12:10 PM, at its former downtown location at Our Lady of Victory/ St. Joseph Church, 210 Pleasant St., Rochester.

The relocation to downtown this year was made for the convenience of police officers, fire personnel, judges, lawyers, and court employees who work in the downtown area. The St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild will host a reception following the Mass.

“It is my privilege to cordially extend to you and to all those in the legal community an invitation to be present at this year’s annual Red Mass as we pray for God’s guidance of those in the administration of Justice. Following the Mass, there will be a light reception where I hope to greet you and personally express my appreciation for your dedicated service.” Bishop Salvatore Matano.

UPCOMING “WHITE MASS” FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS - OCTOBER 19

The Finger Lakes Guild of the Catholic Medical Association in the Diocese of Rochester is hosting a "WHITE MASS FOR PHYSICIANS AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS” on Sunday, October 19, at 2pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester, NY.

Bishop Salvatore Matano will be the Celebrant at the White Mass - the first such Mass for health professionals in the Diocese of Rochester under the recently formed Finger Lakes Guild of the Catholic Medical Association. Physicians, nurses, dentists, chaplains, and all other allied health professionals, involved in any aspect of health care provision, are cordially invited to attend. A social reception will follow in the Cathedral’s narthex. Family members are welcome to attend.

The White Mass is so named due to the fact that health professionals frequently wear white lab coats when caring for patients. So come and worship with fellow health care providers and hear more about how the Finger Lakes Guild can serve you in your personal and professional life!

For more information, visit the Finger Lakes Guild website at: www.fingerlakescma.org

ST. LOUIS CYO BASKETBALL IS RECRUITING COACHES

St. Louis Church with its CYO basketball Program is committed to providing a ministry that helps bring youth to their full human potential. The Catholic Youth Organization provides opportunities for young people to develop strong moral character, self-esteem, and leadership qualities through activities of a social, educational, recreational and athletic nature.

Over the past 10 years, St. Louis CYO basketball has enabled over 1,000 3rd through 12th graders to participate in the CYO basketball program. The continued success of this program depends on volunteer coaches. Last year there were 17 teams.

We are in need of coaches to continue the accomplishment of the program. ***Please consider coaching!*** The program begins early October and ends the first or second week in March. Typically practices can be scheduled on a set schedule to accommodate the coaches and players. Practices are once or twice during the week and games are on Saturdays and/or Sundays. The CYO schedule consists of 12 games. For more information, please e-mail our CYO athletic director at thomasinfantino@hotmail.com or visit our website: http://www.stlouiscyobasketball.org/
On a sunny day in September, Sr. Suzanne Kush brought eleven St. Bonaventure students to assist at Saint’s Place. Sister has been bringing enthusiastic students from St. Bonaventure University for more than five years. They arrive early in the morning, ready and eager to start working.

This time before they could start their projects, the students unloaded more than 120 St. Bonaventure bags full of school supplies! Everything from crayons, folders, scissors, notebooks, markers, pens, pencils, erasers, highlighters, and pencil boxes filled the Bonnie Bags! The school supplies were collected as part of the Freshman Class orientation. It was an awesome sight. Thank you, St. Bonaventure University, for being a blessing to Saint’s Place and the refugees we assist.

When the work began, some of students worked at the Clothing Closet assisting ten Burmese children ages 7 to 13 years old to select warm clothing for the winter. It took no time for the students to master the art of helping youngsters choose appropriate clothing. There were smiles and laughter enough to (warm or melt) the heart of a snowman. In addition, the students were able to distribute filled backpacks to the grateful children.

The other students delivered a household set up to a Bhutani Family of five living in the city. The students cleaned the apartment (even the windows), unpacked all the boxes, made the beds, hung the pictures and put the finishing touches on a home for refugees who have long sought a safe haven. The students worked quickly as the family was scheduled to arrive at noon. Mission accomplished and the family was overwhelmed with their new home. The family insisted that all the students have their picture taken with all the relatives who had stopped by to see the “new” home. It was a wide angle moment!

The students will be returning in late March. Saint’s Place benefits so much from this ongoing relationship with St. Bonaventure University. The students bring new ideas, keen insights and lots of energy. Well done, St. Bonaventure!

Our annual back to school supply drive was a real success with over 100 backpacks filled with supplies ready for school aged students. About 300 backpacks are distributed each year at the Clothing Closet. Thank you to all St. Louis parishioners and friends who took advantage of August sales and helped to make this drive so successful!
BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OFFERS WEEKEND RETREAT NOVEMBER 7-9
Beginning Experience is a peer support group for separated, divorced and widowed adults. The weekend program helps 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 retreat will be at Camp Stella Maris on Conesus Lake November 7-9, 2014. For more information contact Beginning Experience at (585) 987-1750 or visit www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org.

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What is Theology? – St. Bernard’s is offering a four session introductory certificate course on theology. When humanity begins to reflect on the meaning of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, it begins to engage itself in the task of theology. Professor Ella Johnson will present an overview of the basic components of theology – method, revelation, use of scripture, and the roles they play in the Church today. Classes held on Tuesdays, October 21, November 4, 18 & December 2 from 1-3:30 PM. Videoconferencing is available to Apalachin, Auburn, Hornell and Watkins Glen. Cost is $100. Register at www.stbernards.edu or call 585-271-3657 ext. 289 for more information.

Safe Journey is a non-residential resource and support center located in Fair in Fairport that serves women rebuilding their lives following domestic abuse and violence. On Thursday, October 23 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, the Fairport Settlers Club will sponsor a game and card party at Midvale Country Club with all proceeds to benefit Safe Journey. You select your table partners and enjoy a fun-filled day playing the games of your choice. All women are welcome. Registration of $25.00 per person includes a full-menu brunch, and door and raffle prizes galore!!! Registration deadline is October 15. For additional information or registration contact: settlersclub@gmail.com.

Dates, Times, Location
Wednesdays 9:00 ~11:00
October 1st ~ November 19th
St. Louis Parish Meeting Hall

Cost/Registration
$30.00 to cover materials cost
To have enough materials available, RSVP to the St. Louis School Office at 585-5200
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The Membership Chairman will speak about the Membership Drive taking place in the near future. The next order of this meeting will be Nominations and Election for Council Warden, currently a vacant office. All 3rd Degree Knights are eligible to run for this office. Any questions, please contact the Grand Knight, Richard Whelehan at 585-797-4638 or wheels282@rochester.rr.com.
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