**Good Fruit**

This weekend we hear about vineyards. Isaiah sings of a vineyard that went bad, producing wild grapes. Jesus offers a parable about a vineyard tended by bad tenants. However, the parable foresees the vineyard being entrusted to tenants who will be sure the landowner receives produce at the proper times. Let me pick up from there.

For 150 years, this corner of God’s vineyard, our Diocese of Rochester, has been entrusted to amazing men and women, who founded strong parishes, effective schools, hospitals, astounding outreach ministries within Catholic Charities as well as many other programs, chaplaincies; a host of ministries which help us to glorify God through our lives. Here at St. Louis, those entrusted with leadership and ministry over the years have created a legacy that is stellar. We have so much to be proud of: thank you God!

You have already received a letter from Bishop Matano and me, together with material for this year’s Catholic Ministries Appeal. Since his arrival, Bishop Matano has visited us a number of times: the Saint’s Place Sale, special Masses, school celebrations. He will be here on October 19 for a school Mass and procession to mark the Year of the Eucharist. I can tell you he enjoys coming, and loves to see all that is happening here at St. Louis, thanks to your great generosity.

The presentation this week from Jim Schnell, also inserted into this bulletin, gives a good sense of how it is possible to accomplish so much, glorifying God through good stewardship. Please take time to reflect on what is needed to continue this strong legacy at St. Louis, and on how we support the vital work of our diocese. Let me touch on a few additional things regarding the impact of your contribution to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Our Diocesan Schools office provides support for curriculum, provides workshops, assistance to principals, human resource services, and a variety of other services to our school. Refugee families we serve come through Catholic Family Center (CFC). The excellent working partnership Saint’s Place enjoys with CFC makes this inspiring ministry of our parish possible. How do we keep track of all the families who call St. Louis their spiritual home? Computer services supported with CMA dollars. What about the complex financial aspects of a large parish? The diocese provides training opportunities, support to business managers and finance councils, HR services, and much more.

The Lord calls us not to just look inward, but most importantly to look outward, with care and concern for others. Through 10 regional Catholic Charities agencies, the diocese helps improve the lives of the poor, assists the troubled, the battered and the addicted, and provides counseling services for those who could not otherwise receive such help.

We are a blessed community, to whom much has been given. While our goal is daunting, I know we can reach it, with everyone doing his or her share. As we kick off our campaign this week, please be generous! Peace, Fr. Bob
**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**MONDAY - OCTOBER 9**  
Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37  
11:00 am | In Honor of Special Intention  
To St. Ann - Ann Ricci  
5:15 pm | John Henry Ryan - Family  
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**TUESDAY - OCTOBER 10**  
Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42  
6:45 am | Martha Serio - Husband  
9:45 am | Mass at Heather Heights for the People of the Parish  
11:00 am | Joyce Rooney - Linda Lord  
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**WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 11**  
Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4  
11:00 am | Edward & Irene Shults - Mary  
5:15 pm | Russell Lieberman - VFW Post 9483  
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**THURSDAY - OCTOBER 12**  
Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13  
6:45 am | Santo Altemari - VFW Post 6433  
11:00 am | Special Intention - Eugene Caccamise  
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**FRIDAY - OCTOBER 13**  
11:00 am | Al Ryan - Family  
5:15 pm | Robert Bennett - VFW Post 6433  
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**SATURDAY - OCTOBER 14**  
Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28  
9:00 am | Virginia Doyle - Eileen Morris  
4:30 pm | Donald Vigna - Marie Vasile  
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**SUNDAY - OCTOBER 15**  
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 | Mark Ordy - Friends & Family  
9:00 am | Shirley & Gordon Stone - Sue & Family  
11:15 am | Cassie Krenzer - Chris & Ray Krenzer  
5:00 pm | Christopher Lindley - Merante Family  
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**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 reserve a candle, please call or visit the Ministry Center. The Thursday Holy Hour Ministry will offer special prayers for your intention.  

One lamp will burn for Christine Touranjoe  
By Grandma & Grandpa.

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**Sunday Communion Service - October 15**  
The Highlands - Darlene Huver  
Heather Heights - Richard Caruso
Peace in God’s Word

Opening the Scriptures:  
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7  
God looks for justice

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9  
Finding God’s peace

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, help folks recognize the error of their ways, and lead people to conversion. In today’s first reading, through Isaiah, God 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 God is speaking to the people of Judah, and through Isaiah, communicating His love and care for them, their faithlessness, and warning of what the consequences might be if the message is ignored. Listening to God, reading the signs of the times in the power of the spirit, Isaiah 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. God is always ready to welcome the repentant heart!

Beyond Anxiety
St. Paul knew all kinds of anxiety in his life. He was passionate about the Gospel – would it withstand the attacks? He loved his fellow Jews – would they come to accept their Messiah? He loved his fellow Christians, and the communities he founded – would they continue to grow and flourish? He knew his co-workers were often risking their lives for the sake of the Gospel; he knew his own safety was at great risk. 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 a perfect recipe for peace in our second reading today. Feed our spirits by thinking about God’s goodness and grace, all that we can be thankful for, and watch how the dark cloud that sometimes comes into our life can lift. 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. While Gospels often give us a window into issues of the past, they also regularly offer images to bring to our prayer. Consider the passage Jesus quotes today, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone….’ How is Christ a cornerstone for you, a cornerstone in your life? Let him become that cornerstone, and the result will be that we produce fruit at the proper time, and it will be wonderful to behold! Christ, creation’s crown. Christ, church’s cornerstone. Christ, Christian’s compass. Christ, constant companion.

Looking Ahead:  
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

Recycling the Bulletin
Have you ever used our parish bulletin as an invitation? Once you’ve read it, give 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.’ It does work!

Word of Life
Fr. Juan and Don Murray are hosting a reflection group called “Word of Life”, which is part of the Focolare spirituality. You are most welcome to join us for our first meeting on October 16 at 7:15pm in the O’Connor Library in the Manse. (This is the brick building to the right of the main church entrance.)

For more information please email Fr. Juan at Fr.Juan.Benitez@dor.org.

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The Pittsford Food Cupboard is a food pantry serving more than 4,000 households in Monroe County “Feeding Hope One Family at a Time.” Suzy Ward, a St. Louis Parishioner, is the current Executive Director. The Pittsford Food Cupboard’s mission is to help alleviate hunger for families in need who live in a six zip code area between the City of Rochester, Pittsford, Brighton and East Rochester by supplementing 10 days of food supplies, ultimately contributing towards clients’ independence. Clients come from all walks of life, many just needing a little help to get through a period of unemployment or illness. Others need assistance because of inadequate fixed incomes, a disability, uninsured medical bills, single parenthood or an increased in household size.

This past year, the cupboard provided food supplies to over 4,000 households, totaling over 9,400 people. The Cupboard typically serves over 400 families per month. PFC relies on its staff of over 100 volunteers. The Cupboard has a variety of flexible volunteer programs that make it easy for members of the community, adults or students, to get involved and volunteer at group or individual levels. Besides collecting food, assisting clients, helping with office work, stocking shelves or picking up food, volunteers can “Adopt-A-Shelf,” hold can and bottle drives, or be a sponsor and coordinate food drives at their organization. Donors to the Food Cupboard include civic groups, churches, schools and scout troops.

For details, visit www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net or contact Suzy Ward directly at 585-746-5676, Thank you for your prayers, your food donations, and your critical financial support.

Hurricane Maria and Mexico Earthquakes Funds

In light of the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria and multiple earthquakes in Mexico, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Office of National Collections has set up funds for both disasters to receive any contributions individuals wish to make. Contributed funds will be used to support the reconstruction and pastoral needs of the Church as well as humanitarian and recovery assistance through Catholic Charities USA (Hurricane Maria) and Catholic Relief Services (Mexico Earthquake).

Checks should be sent to:

Hurricane Maria Fund
Office of National Collections
P. O. Box 96278, Washington DC 20090-6278

Mexico Earthquake Fund
Office of National Collections
P. O. Box 96278
Washington DC 20090-6278

Please give generously! Kindly indicate in your communication with your check that you are from the Diocese of Rochester.
Fall Saint's Day

HAVE YOU EVER WISHED YOU COULD MEET THE SAINTS? NOW YOU CAN!

October 28, 2017
6:00 PM—7:30 PM
Saint Louis Gym

ALL FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO

• Light Refreshments
• Saint-themed games & activities
• Interactive Saint Show

If you have any questions please contact Michelle Andrews-Smith (michelle.andrews-smith@dor.org) or Leila Kaczmarek (leila.kaczmarek@dor.org) for more information.
St. Louis School invites you to join us for a very special Mass and procession celebrating

The Year of the Eucharist

Thursday, October 19, 2017, 9:10 a.m.

Bishop Salvatore Matano will be joining the St. Louis School and St. Louis Church Community for this special day.
Our new parish library will open for use after October 8. Several meetings and groups are already scheduled for the newly renovated room.

GENERAL OPEN HOUSES:
Next Saturday, October 14, after the 4:30 pm Mass and next Sunday, October 15, after all masses. No RSVP required.

Beginning Experience is a peer support group for separated, divorced and widowed adults. Our next weekend will be held at the Notre Dame Retreat House, October 13th-15th, 2017. For more information contact Beginning Experience at (585) 987-1750 or visit www.beginningexperiencerochesterny.org.

“Souls are Called to be Prophets – The Role of Prophesy in the Life of a Christian”
Presented by: Fr. Frank Jones, C.Ss.R.

Join us on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 for a Day Retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House (5151 Foster Rd., Canandaigua, NY 14424). The Day schedule is: 9:00am registration along with coffee and pastries; 9:30am conference begins; lunch at noon; reconciliation and mass; day ends at 3:00pm. Please call 585-394-5700 to register. A fee of $25.00 payable at registration.
Deeper Understanding

Why Be Catholic? 
(RCIA)

Come and See!
Are You Curious About What Catholics Believe?
Have You Thought About Becoming Catholic?
Join us Wednesday evenings to explore the Catholic faith. You are welcome here, whether you are Christian or non-Christian, a believer in God or not, or even if you are a Catholic but are unsure of what we believe.

If you are seeking something more, come and see.
Dates: Wednesdays
Time: 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Where: The Manse (The building near the main entrance of our church.)

Please register!
kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org, 586-5675, ext. 224

The Mass in Slow Motion
Sundays @ 10:00 – 11:00am

The Mass is the main point of contact between Catholics and their faith. Come and learn the purpose and meaning behind each part of the Mass. Enter more fully into this communion between heaven and earth.

We will meet in the Manse. (The building near the main entrance of our church).

For more information or to register contact Kathryn McAlarney @ Kathyrn.McAlarney@dor.org or (585) 586-5675, ext. 224.

Bible Study with Jeff Cavins

Acts of the Apostles
Join us! Our Saturday morning group is fun, casual, and welcoming! This fall we’re diving into the book of Acts as it shows the Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, teaching, preaching, healing, in the same way that Jesus did on earth.

Dates: Saturdays, (continuing in the spring)
Time: 9:30 - 11:15 a.m.
Where: Parish Meeting Hall
Cost: $30 online – includes access to view course videos

- See how the Gospel witness spread outward in waves, from Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria, and finally to the ends of the earth.
- Share with the early Christians the joys and struggles of living the life of Christ, and learn how these apply to us today.
- See your place in Christ’s Church, and how you should live day-to-day as a disciple of Christ.

Register and purchase materials through Ascension Press. Go to ascensionpress.com, click “join a study” and put in our zip code: 14534, click on the balloon for Pittsford, click “more information” and then choose “Acts”. Contact Kathryn for help at Kathryn.mcalarney@dor.org, or (585) 586-5675, ext. 224.

Prayer

Your life has changed since you were a child. Has your prayer life? Deepen your spiritual life with different kinds of prayer, learn how to listen to God, overcome common obstacles in prayer.

Tuesdays @ 1:00 – 2:30pm or 7:00 – 8:30pm.

We will meet in the Parish Meeting Hall.

For more information or to register contact Kathryn McAlarney @ Kathyrn.McAlarney@dor.org or (585) 586-5675, ext. 224.
I T 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 2018. 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 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 FOR YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO START WITH THE JANUARY 2018 ISSUE. Thank you.

Barbara Thomas (Barbara.thomas@dor.org or 586-5675 ext. 236.)

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CHRISTIAN LOVE: FEEDING THE HUNGRY
* ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED MARKED WITH *

FOOD & OTHER ITEMS NEEDED FOR PITTSGOOD FOOD CUPBOARD, NEXT WEEKEND! OCTOBER 14 & 15
☐ *Cereals, Rice
☐ *Canned/boxed *hearty soups
☐ *Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)
☐ Canned pastas (Spaghetti-O’s, etc.)
☐ *Pasta (boxed ziti, rotini, spaghetti) & *Pasta sauce
☐ Salad dressings, Salt & Pepper, Sugar, Flour
☐ *Canned meals (mac & cheese, beef stew, chili, etc.)
☐ Peanut Butter, Jam & *Jelly
☐ *Baking mixes, *Milk (dried or shelf-stable)
☐ *Jello and *Pudding
☐ *Canned fruits (*fruit cocktail, peaches, pears, etc.)
☐ Canned vegetables (corn, peas, *tomatoes)
☐ Canned Beans (pinto, kidney, etc.)
☐ *Mashed Potatoes - dry
☐ Diapers ☐ *Toiletries for Women
☐ Toiletries: Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorants
☐ Paper Goods: *towels, toilet paper, napkins, tissues

Recycle bags are always welcome & appreciated!

Understanding and Encountering Persons with Same-Sex Attraction
Presented by: the New Evangelism Forum, a new speaker series at St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry.

Have you ever struggled to understand and accompany your friends and family members with same-sex attraction? Come hear Dr. Horne, a nationally renowned speaker and clinical psychologist, explore the pastoral dimensions and demands of the Church’s teaching and ministry regarding same-sex attraction. Discussion and cookies will follow! 7:00 pm, Wednesday, October 25, at St. Bernard’s (120 French Road, Rochester, NY 14618). Cost is $25.

St. Louis Women’s Grief Support Group
Sponsored by the Bereavement Ministry

New group begins October 14, 2017
Join us for a 6-week session

Date: Saturday mornings, October 14 through November 18
Time: 9:45am – 11:00 am
Location: O’Connor Library in the Manse

You don’t have to walk this journey alone. Let us walk with you.

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