Welcome Back Edition!  Part 2

This Weekend:
Haiti Corn Sale After All Masses
2nd Collection for Hurricane Harvey Victims

Sunday:
10:00 am Faith Formation Classes Kdg to 5th Grade
12:30 pm Parish Picnic by Playground

This Week at St. Louis (Daily Mass Schedule p.2)
Monday - September 11
6:30 am - Men’s Spiritually Group, Parish Mig Hall
9:10 am - St. Louis School Opening Mass
6:30 pm - Family Faith Parent Kickoff, Church
7:00 pm - Parish Council, PMH

Tuesday - September 12
7:30 am - Sunday’s Scriptures, PMH
9:45 am - Mass at Heather Heights
4:30 pm - Faith Formation Classes Kdg - 5th Grade

Wednesday - September 13
7:00 pm - Stewardship Council, PMH
7:30 pm - Regional Charismatic Prayer Grp, Youth Rm
7:30 pm - Bible Basics, Rectory

Thursday - September 14
7:00 pm - Holy Hour, Church

Friday - September 15
6:30 pm - 12 Noon Sat. - Youth Group Leaders Retreat

Saturday - September 16
2nd Collection Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Food Collection for St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard
9:30 am - Acts of the Apostles Bible Study, PMH (p.6)
3:30 pm - Confessions
4:30 pm - Mass (Sign Language Interpreted)

Sunday - September 17
2nd Collection Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Food Collection for St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard
7:30 am - Mass
9:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Faith Formation Classes Kdg to 5th Grade
10:00 am - Mass in Slow Motion Liturgy Study, Manse (p.7)
11:15 am - Mass, Children’s Liturgy of the Word
5:00 pm - Mass
6:15 pm - Middle & High School Youth Groups

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 161 returning families and the 58 new families coming to our school! Welcome to the 523 children already registered for Faith Formation, those preparing for Confirmation, those preparing for First Penance and First Eucharist, and those in Family Faith. Welcome to 11 who have signed up for the Youth Leadership Program, and those in our Middle & High School Youth Groups. Welcome to the teams that will be part of our CYO basketball program. This year we will be hosting the Diocesan Sports Awards celebration for the first time!

Welcome to all who sign up for Discovering Christ this Fall – we can promise you a blessed 7 weeks, sharing around the table, discovering Christ in a personal way. Not Catholic, but thinking about it? Check out Why Be Catholic on page 6.

Welcome to the candidates being received into the Church in September and the 12 people who have made that journey this year through RCIA.

Another joyful welcome back: to our terrific Adult Choir, Children’s Choir, and Bell Choir!

Peace to you and your household, Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 11
Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11
9:10 am St. Louis School Opening Mass
11:00 am John McAlarney - Wife, Kathryn
5:15 pm Thomas Mortillaro - Marianne McDonald

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 12
Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19
6:45 am John McAlarney - Wife, Katherine
9:45 am Mass at Heather Heights for the People of Our Parish
11:00 am SJP - Birthday Friends

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 13
Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
11:00 am Patricia Hoffman - Marilyn Penzimer
5:15 pm Raymond Mahar - Mary & Family

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 14
Nm 21:40-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
6:45 am Joseph Salipante - Mary Lou Schneider
11:00 am John Housel - Family

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 15
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
11:00 am Fr. Ray Booth - Booth Family
5:15 pm Special Intention by Eugene Caccamise

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 16
1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49
9:00 am Richard James Pound - Toscano Family
4:30 pm Geraldine & Samuel DiPalma - Family

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 17
24th Sunday in Ordinary time
Sir 27:30-28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
7:30 am Gregory Barr - Michael & Cheryl Coughlin
9:00 am Andrew Carpenter - Family
11:15 am David Bottcher - Mary-Ellen Kane
11:15 am Ann Reddington - Dick Reddington
5:00 pm Joyce Donnelly - Pat Dwyer & Family

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.

Saturday & Sunday, September 16 & 17

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Sunday Communion Service - September 17
The Highlands - Mary Ann Monley
Heather Heights - Fred & Marie Laple
Standing Watch

God graphically communicates Ezekiel’s mission in our 1st reading. Picture Jerusalem, a walled city. A watchman is stationed on the rampart to warn of any advancing army. What a responsibility! A watchman who failed at his post would jeopardize everyone’s life. But the watchman can only issue a timely warning. Once issued, the city’s defenders have to take over. Like Jeremiah, a contemporary, Ezekiel’s mission was to issue a warning about moral and ethical dangers. Like the watchman, he would be accountable if he failed to deliver the message, but once he delivered it, the responsibility fell to those who had been duly warned to reform. As it turns out, the wickedness Ezekiel warned against had political consequences. The nation would fall as a result of its failure to live the covenant, despite Ezekiel’s best efforts. Within the lifespan of both Jeremiah and Ezekiel, the fall of the nation and the exile led to less focus on the nation as a whole, and more on each individual living the covenant. Can you see how being a watchman might be part of your responsibility?

Deeper Into Debt

The folks in Rome who received Paul’s letter would have heard: ‘Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another’ quite differently than we do. At the heart of Roman society was a system of patronage. Those with more power, prestige and wealth all had ‘clients’, folks of lower status whom they would assist. In return for the assistance, the ‘patron’ expected complete loyalty of his clients, who were expected to respond to the patrons call whenever it came. There were layers of patronage, but almost everyone fit somewhere into the system. Paul understands Christians to be living in a different society – no patrons and clients, just folks committed to loving one another. In ancient Rome, the system was quite explicit and formalized. Our system is more subtle. But are huge campaign contributions any different from patronage in buying loyalty? Pray for campaign finance reform!

Fraternal Correction

‘…tell him his fault between you and him alone.’ When we are wronged, do we first try to keep it between us and the other party? Should we confess the times we have first gone to a third party, and fourth, and fifth, rehearsing our allegations and accusations, without ever even beginning the procedure Jesus commands? In our prayer this week, we might share with the Lord just how challenging this instruction is, how and when we have failed, and then ask for help. If somehow our mind takes us to times we have been hurt by others, when they went to a third party first – don’t be surprised. That is one of the ways the Holy Spirit helps us to change our hearts and change our ways.

Recall two weeks ago, when Peter was told he had the power to bind and to loose? Apparently we can’t just leave it all to Peter, or his successors. Jesus gives the same message to all his disciples (that includes us) in our Gospel today. Another prayer for the week? Prayers of gratitude for the time we accepted the grace to free another; prayer for God’s grace as we realize how we may have bound others by failing to forgive.

Preparing for Next Weekend:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 27:30 — 28:7
Learn to overlook faults

2nd Reading: Romans 14:7 – 9
In life and death, we are always the Lord’s

Gospel: Matthew 18:21 – 35
Forgive your brother or sister from your heart

Thank you for joining us to worship the Lord, and for supporting St. Louis through your Sunday offering. Your presence is a gift we welcome with joy. Your voice raised in prayer is yet another gift (don’t you love hearing all our voices blend as one as we pray the Our Father?) Your Sunday contribution supports all that we do here at St. Louis. Your prayers, joined with those of all of us who consider this our spiritual home, open up untold doors of blessing. What you offer of yourself as we begin the Eucharistic prayer enriches the communion we all share. What you carry out to the world as we are sent on our way at the end of Mass sends ripples of grace through the world. Thank you, thank you, thank you!
OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEKEND

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ST. DAMIEN PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL - HAITI

NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT
ST. ANDREW’S FOOD CUPBOARD

St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard, 890 Portland Avenue, serves an area of highly concentrated poverty in the 14621 Northeast quadrant of Rochester. St. Andrew’s mission is to provide the best nutrition they can offer. They also provide diapers, some baby needs, and include toiletries with each household order. Clients are offered recipe and food handling advice and access to free clothing, coupons, used books and magazines, and phone usage. Furniture assistance through the adjoining St. Vincent dePaul Society is also available. Most importantly, they try to build relationships with those who come in need.

To learn more about St. Andrew’s Food Cupboard, please contact Margaret Oberst at 338-1764 (Cupboard), 254-3093 (home) or email moberst@dor.org. Volunteers come in on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday from 9:00 – 11:30 am.

Next weekend, September 16/17, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

St. Louis' Haiti Team Announces Our Parish's 47th Annual Corn Sale

After all our masses this weekend, September 9/10, to benefit St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, located just outside Port-Au-Prince, one of the several successful efforts of our parish friend, Fr./Dr. Rick Frechette in Haiti.

Corn is raised and picked pro bono by the Powers Farm Family of Marsh Rd.

We have been given another donation challenge. An anonymous donor has promised to double the money raised if St. Louis can raise $25,000 this calendar year. Please save your corn appetite for our Corn Sale; and please plan on doing your Christmas shopping during our Ornament Sale.

Did You Know? Our Youth Faith Formation Classes begin this week. To Date, 189 youths from Kdg to 5th grade are registered for the Sunday morning or Tuesday afternoon 2017-2018 classes. Children get to know Jesus, and learn about our faith. Lessons and materials are provided for each 1 hour class taught by adult teachers (Catechists) along with a classroom assistant. This is a traditional textbook-based program using the Finding God series, meeting weekly starting in September and following the school calendar until mid-May. Children are divided by grade level. Activities in the classroom include prayer services, craft projects and service activities. There is also an additional family activity planned for September, October and December as part of this program. Information and schedules for these classes can be found at www.stlouischurch.org.
We pray for all students
Pre-K through Grade 12
beginning school this week.

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 9 & 10
FOR HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS

Hurricane Harvey has caused unprecedented and cata-
strophic damage to the Houston and southeastern Texas re-
gion. Recovery will take years. Our prayers, and our financial
assistance are urgently needed to assist victims, help in the
massive recovery effort and provide pastoral and rebuilding
support to impacted dioceses.

Thanks to our Emergency Tithing Fund, we sent a check im-
mEDIATELY. This weekend, together with parishes around the
country, we will conduct a Second Collection to add to this
contribution. Please make out your check to St. Louis Church
with HOUSTON in the memo field. (Our On-line portal is also
available.) All funds will be forwarded to the United States
Conference of Catholic Bishops and used to assist in recovery
and rebuild efforts. Please give generously.
Share the Inspiration!

If members of your family or a good friend were asked to name your favorite scripture passage, or Gospel story, your favorite psalm, or song, would they know what it is? Or would they have to just guess?

Sharing things like particular scripture passages that move us the most, and why, is a very good thing. It helps us to get to know one another better. It can deepen our faith, and it is a way to share faith.

Having a number of passages we know and love can be a resource when someone we love needs help praying, or needs encouragement, or hope – we can share a psalm, a bible prayer or a Gospel that helped us through a hard time, and it could be just what the spiritual doctor ordered.

When you are feeling really grateful, are there any psalms that help you center the feeling in prayer and words? What are your favorites? If none come to mind, why not start a list in your Bible or prayer journal?
Welcome to Our Parish, Our School & Saint’s Place

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, September 19 – December 5
@ 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 @ Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org or (585) 586-5675, ext. 224.

The Pastoral Care Team will meet on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 9:30 am in the Parish Meeting Hall to review past events and plan for upcoming activities including the All Souls’ Day liturgy and reception on Nov. 2, & the Advent cards for the homebound. We will review the Sunshine Luncheon held in May, the baby blessing Mass in June, and the visitation of the sick both at home and in facilities. Please consider joining our team and sharing your love and concern for fellow parishioners. Contact pomidgley@yahoo.com or catherine.malik@dor.org.

St. Louis Knights of Columbus, Next Meeting, Monday, September 18, Parish Meeting Hall

We begin with the Rosary at 6:45 PM followed by a business meeting at 7:00 PM.

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Men of the Parish interested in becoming a Member of St. Louis Council or who have any questions, please contact Joseph DiPrima, our Membership Director, at drdiprima@gmail.com; or Grand Knight Michael DeCocq, 585-314-8835, or at e-mail: depepsi@frontiernet.net.

Thank you, & God Bless, Michael DeCocq, GK

THE MASS IN SLOW MOTION

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.

Sundays: September 17 – November 12
@ 10:00 – 11:00am.

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

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CHRISTIAN LOVE: FEEDING THE HUNGRY
FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS NEEDED FOR
ST. ANDREW’S FOOD CUPBOARD,

Next Weekend! September 16 & 17

- Cereals, Rice
- Canned/boxed soups
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)
- Canned pastas (Spaghetti-O’s, etc)
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- Salad dressings, Salt & Pepper, Sugar, Flour
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Thoughtful Moments

St. Wenceslaus
As the king of Bohemia, Wenceslaus worked closely with the Church to end the persecution of Christians in his country. He encouraged German missionaries, built churches, and cared for the sick and poor. His efforts at reform sparked opposition among the nobility. One morning, on his way to Mass, King Wenceslaus was assassinated on the church’s doorstep in a coup led by his brother, Boleslaus. It is said Wenceslaus told him, “May God forgive you,” as he fell.

All the difference
Jesus’ Resurrection is the most important reality that shapes our Christian lives. It is this truth that proves that the Gospel is real. Those of us who believe in the Resurrection live differently. We live with hope.

"And if you be unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

St. Louis Church
Michelle Andrews-Smith, Director of Religious Education

Resolutions for the new school year
Each new school year means parents can build on lessons learned from prior years and implement strategies to take families to a new level of love. Consider these suggestions:

Sacrament regularly. The most fundamental goal of a Catholic parent is to lead children to Christ. Make weekly Mass attendance a priority. Inspire in children the habits of examining their consciences, telling God they’re sorry for their sins, starting fresh, and experiencing Christ’s forgiveness with Confession monthly or more.

Encourage hard work. A child’s job is to learn skills necessary for a successful adult life. Hard work is key. Assign daily chores to teach work ethic and responsible behavior. Put completed and excellent homework at the top of the list.

Discipline calmly. Parenting can be stressful and tempers can flare. Yet, no one wins in an unnecessarily tense situation. When you feel a storm coming on, take a deep breath and pray for wisdom. A calm, cool, and collected parent has more effect than a volatile one.

Foster virtue. To become spiritually successful entails developing a habitual and firm disposition to do the good. The Church suggests four virtues that are critical. These “Cardinal Virtues” are prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. Pick one to work on during each school quarter this year. See the Catechism of the Catholic Church for help.

Why Do Catholics Have Beliefs that aren’t in the Bible?

Everything Catholics believe is rooted in Scripture. Catholics believe the Bible contains truths but some are more obvious than others. The Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, interprets these truths using Scripture and the Tradition handed down from the Apostles.

Scripture and Tradition together “mak[en] present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no.80). Through the years, the Church grows in knowledge of Scripture and clarifies truths that were once unclear.
Show your family your love

“We love because he first loved us” (1 John 4:19). Families are built on love. Teaching our children about love - how it feels, what it looks like and how much they are loved - helps them learn to love others, too.

Tell them. We assume they know but it’s important to say it, anyway. Each day, tell children “I love you” or describe how you feel about them.

Surprise them. Communicate love in unexpected ways. Spread a picnic on the family room floor. Take a walk together at dusk and notice the sunset. Tuck love notes in lunches or under pillows.

Eat together. Shared mealtimes are key to staying in touch. Chat about school or work, tell stories, talk about current events. The content doesn’t matter as much as the company.

Uphold truth. Keep promises. Tell the whole (age-appropriate) truth. Admit when you are unsure.

Record memories. Visual reminders of family love can be powerful. Display framed photos of children around the home. Include happy moments – holidays, milestones, vacations, birthdays.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16a, The first shall be last

In this Gospel reading, Jesus compares God’s kingdom to a vineyard and God to a generous landlord. The landlord hired groups of workers to work his land at different times of the day: at the start of the workday, at midmorning noon, midafternoon, and finally, at five o’clock in the evening. Yet, no matter when they were hired or what work they did, all workers received the same pay.

On the surface, it doesn’t sound fair that someone who worked an hour received the same wages as another who labored eight. When the full-day workers complained to the landowner, he reminded them that he paid them what he promised. They lost nothing by his generosity to others.

What can a parent do? In his unbounded generosity, God wants all of his children to be with him in Paradise, no matter how late in life they gave him their hearts. Remind children that we can never assume to know the state of someone’s soul or the strength of their love for God. We may judge actions, but only God can judge hearts.

Feasts & Celebrations

Sept. 8 – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary’s birth brought her parents joy, and we are joyful too – because of Mary’s “Yes,” she became the mother of Jesus.

Sept. 19 – St. Januarius (304). Bishop of Benevento, Italy, during a time of great persecution, Januarius visited Christians in prison and was arrested. He and his companions were beheaded.

Sept. 26 – Saints Cosmas and Damian (303). These saints were two Arab brothers who studied medicine in Syria and lived their Christian faith by treating people without charge. Unfortunately, this was during a time of persecution and such virtue made them targets of persecution. They were martyred for their faith. They are the patron saints of physicians.

Sept. 29 – Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the Archangels. Members of the third hierarchy of angels around the throne of God, archangels are entrusted with important missions to mankind, such as St. Gabriel’s visit to the Blessed Mother to tell her she had been chosen as the Mother of God.

Parent Talk

I overheard my girls talking about themselves and I didn’t like what I heard. Tessa said, “I am so dumb. I can’t do anything right.”

Kara said, “I’m such a klutz. I keep dropping everything.” I was dismayed by hearing such negative self-talk.

The next morning I wrote a Bible verse on an index card and posted it in the kitchen. We stood in front of it and read, “You formed my innermost being; you knit me in my mother’s womb. I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works!” (Psalm 139:13). It’s a reminder that God created each of us deliberately and out of love. Our assignment was to repeat the verse daily that week until we memorized it.

Each week, I will post a different verse for us to learn about God’s love and care. Our minds will soon be filled with God’s word, leaving no room for negativity.

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