Imitate Christ’s Humility and Self-Emptying
(excerpts from *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*, Homily by Fr. Bob Ring, see page 3)

“… With our focus on learning this Fall, here is a new word we can learn today: *Kenosis*. The concept is more important than the word. Believe it or not, Wikipedia does a great job with both: “*In Christian theology, kenosis (from the Greek word for emptiness κένωσις, kenōsis) is the 'self-emptying' of one's own will and becoming entirely receptive to God's divine will.*” That is clear, but a bit abstract. Let me do a visual. See this glass? It is full of water. If I try pouring water from this picture into the glass, it runs all over, and very little gets into the glass. But empty the glass first, and filling it from the pitcher works perfectly. Until we empty ourselves, there isn’t really room inside for the Lord to dwell. In fact, here isn’t even very much room for the people who are part of our life. Love requires having space in our life for the other. You’ve heard the expression ‘full of himself or herself’? It is not just an issue for a few people, it is part of the human condition. Faith requires not just a conversion in our thinking. It entails a move from being filled with ourselves, to emptying out a space for God, and for others. It takes prayer, sacrifice and discipline; real effort to empty ourselves, if we want to truly be filled with God’s grace, God’s love, forgiveness, and God’s will.”

“Here is one of the things we learn in the Christian journey. In the history of the church, many great saints have left the world behind, embraced a monastic way of life, struggled with their demons, emptied themselves and truly become holy. We can read in their writings about the way of renunciation, the via negativa, the way of self-emptying. There are those on that path today as well. But not all are called to leave the world in that way.” “… but sometimes, by God’s grace, our greatest spiritual growth can come when we find ourselves empty, realize it is an emptiness only God can reach, and in the searching and the longing, we connect with God’s amazing love. Never underestimate what grace God can bring out of suffering.”

“Just look at the cross. That is what St. Paul did, and he found there wisdom that transformed his life, and led him to change the world for the better. We still are learning from him today. That is what St. John did, look at the cross, and it led him to be grasped by the tremendous love and mercy he describes in the beautiful passage we just heard in the Gospel today. [John 3:13-17] That is what the church invites us all to do on this Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. (concluded with the song by John Foley, *Take Lord, Receive*, sung):

Take, Lord, receive all my liberty,  
My memory, understanding, my entire will.  

refrain: Give me only Your love and Your grace, that’s enough for me.  
Your love and Your grace, are enough for me.  

Take, Lord, receive all I have and possess.  
You have given all to me, now I return it.  

Take, Lord, receive, all is Yours now.  
Dispose of it, wholly according to Your will.  

~ based on Suscipe prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola)”
Mass Intentions for This Week

**Monday - September 29**
Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/
Jn 1:47-51

11:00 am  Lucy Delisanti -
           Bill & Cyndi Yantz
5:15 pm   Gertrude Drake -
           Cathy Danner

**Tuesday - September 30**
Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56
6:45 am   June L. McHugh -
           Dr. Joseph W. McHugh
11:00 am  In Honor of St. Ann for a
           Special Favor - Ann Ricci

**Wednesday - October 1**
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62
9:30 am   Mass at the Highlands Living
           Center for the Residents and Staff
11:00 am  Chuck Dispenza -
           Fr. Ray Booth
5:15 pm   James Mattina -
           The Smerbeck Family

**Thursday - October 2**
Holy Guardian Angels
Jb 19:21-27/Mt 18:1-5, 10
6:30 am   Marie Wilkins -
           Bernard & Catherine Planksy
11:00 am  John Murphy -
           Doug & Mary Baldy

**First Friday - October 3**
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16
9:10 am   St. Louis School Mass
10:30 am  Mass at the Highlands for the
           People of Our Parish
11:00 am  Bryan Lanahan, Sr. -
           The Adams Family
5:15 pm   Joe & Mary Jo Gomes -
           Family

**Saturday - October 4**
St. Francis of Assisi
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24
9:00 am   Ann Kirchoff -
           Ted & Patricia Malone
4:30 pm   John Dunn -
           Family

**Sunday - October 5**
Respect Life Sunday
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
7:30 am   Joanne Bisig -
           Mary Jane Decker
9:00 am   Christopher Penzimer -
           Family
11:00 am  Mary Jo Norris -
           Spiegel Family
5:00 pm   Jeanette Fisher -
           The Regan Family

One Lamp Will Burn
In Memory of Vivian Ripton
By Holy Hour.

All are welcome to spend an hour this Friday,
October 3, for the First Friday Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament between 11:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Requiem Aeternam
Martha Lake

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**Saturday & Sunday, October 4 and 5** Thank you, faithful servants!

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**Sunday Communion Service - October 5**
The Highlands: Gerry & Pete Shea  Heather Heights: Marge Mancine
Whose Fault Is It?
It is hard for us to imagine a world where personal responsibility was a relatively new idea. Yet for many in Ezekiel’s day, the role of ancestors, and community was so ingrained, that blessings or punishment from God were understood as corporate, not individual responsibility. In chapter 18, Ezekiel challenges several proverbs of the day, to bring home the idea that we are responsible for our own actions. “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.” No! says Ezekiel.
Don’t blame the nation’s crushing defeat at the hands of the Babylonians on the previous generation, excusing yourselves. Look to your own righteousness, and your own failings. He lays out the case for personal responsibility, and summarizes his conclusions in the passage we hear today. When we stand before God, we don’t have to answer for others, we answer for ourselves. Old issues? Not necessarily. Shifting blame is just as popular today as it was 2,600 years ago. Ezekiel can still lead us to pray for the grace to accept responsibility for our own behavior.

The Rest of the Story
Not often do we get the same reading two weeks after just hearing it. But with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross falling on a Sunday this year, we did just hear from this chapter of Philippians a couple weeks ago. Today in introducing the hymn, Paul shares what he hopes to accomplish by asking the community to imitate Christ’s humility and self-emptying. Verses 1-5 are worth reading and re-reading, until we can really taste Paul’s hopes for his favorite community. No doubt he wishes the same for us. For more on self-emptying, check out the homily from two weeks ago on our website. [www.stlouischurch.org and in search field type: Exaltation of the Cross.pdf and click on “Search”] [also, see page 1 for excerpts]

Repurposing a Gospel
When Jesus offered today’s parable, he was speaking to the chief priests and the elders. If tax collectors and prostitutes had a change of heart, it is a good thing! And look at your own behavior, he was inviting. Have you said yes to the Lord, but failed to follow through? That was then. What might we find in the parable? There is the virtue of honesty; say what you mean and do what you say. There is also the grace of repentance. People can and do change. It happened then, and still happens today. Finally, when seeing others actually experience conversion, the Gospel teaches us to rejoice, and then look to our own faithfulness, and be inspired to deeper conversion ourselves.

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.

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 AND OUR TREASURE

September 21
Attendance .......... 1,779
Collection ............ $16,566.00

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!

“... the Gospel calls for rehabilitation, reconciliation, and restoration and teaches us to respect the dignity of all human beings, even those guilty of committing horrendous crimes.”

~ Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life, p. 24, (USCCB)

HELP! TEACHERS NEEDED
Crossroads, the 6-8th grade religious education program is in need of teachers. We meet Monday nights, 6:45-8:00 pm, from September 29 to April 27. Teachers work in teams of two with about 12 students per group. Lessons are prepared for you. You do not need to be an expert in the faith, you just need to have a willingness to learn and an interest in working with kids. Please contact me if you are interested or have any questions (walimu@hotmail.com). Thanks, Robin Hill

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!

“I Was Hungry And You Gave Me Food”
Many thanks to all who brought in food last weekend, to help keep the Saint Andrew’s Food Cupboard stocked. If you miss the third weekend collection, food may be left anytime for Pittsford Food Cupboard. There is a drop off drawer in the entry way near the grand piano at the front of church. There is also a bin in the Narthex near the handicap door. Contributions of non-perishable food can always be donated.

Thank you for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we help keep Catholic social teaching alive and carry out Jesus’ mission to “bring glad tidings to the poor . . . to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free” (Lk 4:18).

THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT
CATHOLIC FAMILY CENTER (CFC)

Since 1971, Birthright of Rochester has offered free and confidential pregnancy support to any woman regardless of age, income or ethnicity. Birthright’s focus is on the distressed mother and her baby. Their guiding principle is: “It is the right of every woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born.” Staffed almost exclusively by volunteers, Birthright understands that each woman’s situation is unique, and their objective is to help her understand that she has options. The program then provides support and advocacy to her through follow-up services. With the help of generous donations of our community, Birthright provides maternity clothes, layettes for newborns and infant clothing along with advocacy. Emphasizing accessibility, Birthright offers multiple locations throughout the greater Rochester area, and a 24-hour hotline (800-550-4900) so that assistance is always only a phone call away.

Please contact Birthright for the many volunteer opportunities available. Training is provided for volunteers. Birthright of Rochester is located at 320 N. Washington St., Suite 116; East Rochester: Phone: 585-385-2100. Contact: Joan Rohr at jkrohrbr@yahoo.com or at BirthrightRoc@yahoo.com. You can learn more about Birthright at www.birthright.org/en/landingpage/lp-rochesternymain.
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

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**

(Remember 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.)

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29:**
5:15 pm Mass w/ Life Intention

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30:**
9:50 AM ~ Rosary for Life w/ McQuaid Jesuit HS students
(1800 Clinton Ave. S., Rochester)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1:**
12:00 NOON ~ Rosary with St. Louis School Children in church.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2:**
9:50 AM ~ Rosary for Life w/ McQuaid Jesuit HS students
(1800 Clinton Ave. S., Rochester)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3:**
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.

Questions on the St. Louis effort? Please contact Kathleen Anderson at kanderson51@rochester.rr.com or 585-385-7601. For more info and statistics on the national effort: www.40DaysforLife.com. For info on the local effort: www.40DaysforLife.com/Roch which offers other activities in the Rochester area.

WOMEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT ~ ~ ~
A LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

The New Testament is neither a biography nor a history of the life of Jesus. It is much more. It is about how the interaction between Jesus and the men and women of his times changed them and challenges us. This scripture study focuses on the women of the New Testament, who they were, what they did, and how we can be inspired and challenged because of them.

This 7 week study will explore the lives of these women through the reading of scripture, completing a workbook of reflection questions and sharing our own faith together over a cup of tea. Please join us. Our second session is Tuesday, September 30 at 1:15 pm in the Parish Meeting Hall. Materials will be provided at a cost of $12.00. If you have questions, please contact Cris Wensel at the Ministry Center, 586-5675, ext. 224 or cwensel@dor.org.

SYMBOLON
THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

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 (2nd of 5 sessions)
Sunday, 10/5 – 10/26, 12:15 pm
OR
Thursday, 10/2 – 10/23, 7:00 pm

Annual Pet Blessing

Once again, we invite you to bring your favorite pet for a blessing next Sunday, October 5. We will have a brief service on the front steps of the church at 12:30 pm to honor the feast day of St. Francis, our patron of animals.
The following is our schedule of sacramental preparation programs for this year. Each program will be discussed in detail at the individual Parent kick-off meetings. Please mark your calendars now with these important dates.

**First Penance 2014 (Older Children)**

- **Tuesday Oct. 14th, 7:00 p.m.** Kick-off for Parents in church
- **Tuesday Oct 28th, 7:00 p.m.** Reconciliation Adult Education in church
- **Wednesday Nov. 5th, 4:30 or 6:30 p.m.** First Penance Session PMH
- **Wednesday Nov. 12th, 4:30 or 6:30 p.m.** First Penance Session PMH
- **Wednesday Nov. 19th, 4:30 or 6:30 p.m.** First Penance Session PMH
- **Tuesday Dec. 2nd, 7:00 p.m.** Penitential Service in church

Children will be invited to celebrate their First Reconciliation on any of the first three Saturdays in December at an extended regular 3:30 p.m. time in church or at the regular time the following Saturdays.

**First Penance Preparation for Those Who Will Be Preparing for First Eucharist**

- **Wednesday Jan. 7th, 7:00 p.m.** Kick-off for Parents in church
- **Tuesday Jan. 13th, 7:00 p.m.** Reconciliation Adult Education in church
- **Wednesday Jan. 14th, 4:00 or 6:00 p.m.** First Penance session in PMH
- **Thursday Jan. 22nd, 4:00 or 6:00 p.m.** First Penance session in PMH
- **Saturday Jan. 31st, 10:30 p.m.** Penitential Service in Church

Children will be invited to celebrate their First Reconciliation on any Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in church.

**First Eucharist 2015**

- **Tuesday Feb. 24th, 7:00 p.m.** Parent Kick-off in church
- **Tuesday Mar. 10th, 7:00 p.m.** First Eucharist Adult Education in church
- **Saturday Mar. 14th at 4:30 p.m.** Mass or Sunday Mar.15th at 9:00 a.m. Mass Enrollment Blessing
- **Wednesday Mar. 18th, 4:00 or 6:00 p.m.** FHC session PMH
- **Wednesday Mar. 25th, 4:00 or 6:00 p.m.** FHC session PMH
- **Wednesday April 8th, 4:00 or 6:00 p.m.** FHC session PMH
- **Saturday April 25th at the 11:00 a.m. or 4:30 p.m.** Mass FHC celebrations
- **Sunday April 26th at the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 p.m.** Mass FHC celebrations

**Confirmation 2015**

- **Tuesday Jan. 27th, 7:00 p.m.** Parent Confirmation Kick-off
- **Saturday Jan. 31st, 3:00 p.m.** Candidate Confirmation Kick-off and 4:30 p.m. Mass Enrollment Blessing

Group Meetings and Service Opportunities – Feb. through April TBD

- **Wednesday Feb. 25th or Thursday Feb. 26th, 7:00 p.m.** Confirmation Session PMH
- **Tuesday Mar. 3rd, 7:00 p.m.** Sr. Karlien Bach in church
- **Saturday Mar. 14th or Mar. 21st, Confirmation Retreat Time and Place TBD
- **Tuesday April 28th or Wednesday April 29th, 7:00 p.m.** Review session PMH
- **Sunday May 3rd, Rite of Sending 5:00 p.m. Mass
- **Tuesday May 5th, 7:00 p.m.** Rehearsal at St. Louis Church
- **Tuesday May 12th, Confirmation Liturgy at Sacred Heart Cathedral
Hey Everyone,

Hope your school year is off to a good start! As you might have heard, my dad headed off on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure! He is going to Thailand to visit my brother, Ian, and then together they will be embarking on a 3 week trek to the base camp of Mt. Everest. He is really excited, but sad to be missing all of you for the next few weeks. I will be helping with the Youth Group when he is gone! I have had the privilege of meeting most of you upperclassmen and look forward to getting to know the new freshmen.

I am a 5th grade teacher in Penfield, a graduate of Mercy High school, and a former member of the St. Louis Youth Group! I loved being a part of the youth group as a teenager and look forward to this opportunity to be involved again!

I know the fall is a busy time of year, but please make an effort to join us for some or all of our upcoming events! It’s a great chance to meet new friends, connect with old ones, learn about our faith and improve your relationship with Christ!

For those who are new, we meet every Sunday night at the 5:00 pm Mass and sit together in the first row on the right side. After Mass we move to the Parish Meeting Hall for dinner, a lesson, some games and then closing prayer back in church. We have a variety of social events, service projects and retreats during the year as we grow in our faith, deepen our friendships, have fun, and reach out to others.

If you have not yet received a Youth Group e-mail please contact me at STLOUISYG@GMAIL.COM to get on our mailing list.

Hope to see you Sunday night,

Molly Hickey (Mr. McBride’s daughter)

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Sunday, September 28, 6:00 - 7:30 pm Regular Youth Group Mtg.
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

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

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 thominfosantino@hotmail.com or visit our website: http://www.stlouiscyobasketball.org/
A Note from Mrs. Barr . . .

Our school year is off to a fantastic start! Thank you to all the parents who attended our Parent Information Night. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces and to speak with some of our many new families. St. Louis teachers and students are into a solid routine and are busy at work in their classrooms.

St. Louis school is abuzz with many happenings! It is that time of year for our annual Magazine Drive and our students have been very busy selling magazines, raising money for classroom textbooks and the enhancement of our technology program. Kudos to SLS students, families and staff who helped us reach our fundraising goal of $40,000. We could not have done this without all of you! The support of our families has been tremendous as usual.

We have also kicked off our very popular 2014 Enrichment Program with many wonderful after-school extracurricular programs for students of all ages. Glee Club has begun with Band, Orchestra, and Marimba beginning in the next few weeks. Our Drama Kids program helps students develop important confidence building skills that will help them personally and academically.

Thanks for all your continued support of St. Louis School!

God’s Blessings,

Mrs. Fran Barr, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 29 - Our annual St. Louis School Underwear Drive begins. This ministry coordinated by our Parent Involvement Committee helps to collect new socks and underwear to donate to Cameron Ministries.

October 3 – First Friday School Mass at 9:10 am in church. All are welcome.

October 9 – Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting
**St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry**

**Foundation in Catholic Bioethics** - This course will identify themes in Catholic Moral Theology relevant to bioethics and the major principles of Catholic medical ethics. We will find and utilize church documents that have shaped the development of Catholic bioethics. We will utilize resources pertinent to bioethical decisions made in accordance with Church teaching and identify and discuss bioethical issues pertinent to the beginning and ending of human life, as well as emerging bioethical issues. 

**Dates:** October 6, 20; November 3, 17; December 1  
**Location:** St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry, 120 French Rd., Rochester 14618  
**Time:** 7:00 - 9:30 PM  
**Fee:** $50  

Register at http://stbernards.edu/coursebrofferings/ or send payment with contact information to St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry  
Attn: Ellen Morningstar, Registrar  
120 French Rd., Rochester, NY 14618

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**Women of St. Louis**

Have you ever wondered if you have a problem with alcohol? Has anyone ever told you that you should seek help? There is a Women’s group at St. Louis who meet once a month to deal with this issue and offer support. Call Fr. Bob (586-5675) for a meeting time and place.

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**Weddings Bells...**  
We pray for these couples as they prepare for their wedding celebration:  
♦ Alyssa Nugent & Daniel Mezynski, October 4  
♦ Laura Nowicki & Daniel Burkhart, October 11  
♦ Andrew McCloskey & Meghan Lantry, October 18  
♦ Stephanie Wilson & Jon Dziomba, November 1

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**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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**St. Louis Parish BISTRO NIGHT!**

As the days of Autumn get cooler, let the warmth of dinner with parish friends sustain you!  

Join us for a seasonal Fall dinner, prepared by a local chef and parishioner! Featuring Rustic Chicken Pot Pie, Harvest Salad, delicious dessert & coffee. **BYOB!**  

**WHERE:** Parish Meeting Hall  
**WHEN:** Saturday, October 4 @ 5:45 pm  
**COST:** $12 per person, payable at the door. Adults only.  

**RSVP REQUIRED!**  
Call Birdie at the Ministry Center or Sign-up in church!  
Eat, drink, mix & mingle!

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**DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?**

Families often don’t understand the unique life care planning issues that come with supporting a family member with a disability or other special need. Important questions include:  
- What will happen to my loved one after I am gone?  
- What benefits and services are available and how do I maximize them?  
- What will my loved one do for supplemental income?  
- What legal steps are needed to protect my loved one and my family?  

Understanding the challenge of planning for the future of a family member with special needs can extend into many areas: education, housing, employment, support services, legal, financial and other personal needs. We will discuss several key issues including life care planning, special needs trusts, individualized supports/services and government benefits.

If you are a parent, sibling, grandparent or guardian of a person with a developmental disability, mental illness or traumatic brain injury we invite you to an educational presentation on **October 1, 7:00-8:00 at St. Catherine of Siena.** Questions: Please call Leslie Hulbert at 399-8341.

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