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THIS WEEKEND - The Epiphany of the Lord

THIS WEEK AT ST. LOUIS (Daily Mass Schedule p. 2)

MONDAY - JANUARY 7
6:30 am - Men’s Spirituality Group, Manse
7:00 pm - Parish Council, Manse

TUESDAY - JANUARY 8
7:30 am - Sunday Scripture Study, Manse
9:15 am - Divine Mercy Small Group, Manse (pg 7)
4:30 pm - Faith Formation Classes
7:15 pm - Fruit of the Vine, PMH (pg 8)

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 9
7:30 am - Bible Basics, Manse

SATURDAY - JANUARY 12
9:30 am - EPIC, PMH
3:30 pm - Confessions
4:30 pm - Mass (Sign Language Interpreted)

SUNDAY - JANUARY 13
7:30 am - Mass
9:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Faith Formation
10:00 am - Catholic Conversations
11:15 am - Mass / Children’s Liturgy of the Word / RCIA Dismissal
5:00 pm - Mass

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“Since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.”
- Mt 2:6b


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**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**Monday - January 7**
1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

- 11:00 am In Honor of St. Ann with Special Intention - Ann Ricci
- 5:15 pm Charles Ramos - Eileen & Marina

**Tuesday - January 8**
1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

- 6:45 am Cheryl Anne Panipinto - Family
- 9:45 am Mass at Heather Heights for Residents & Staff
- 11:00 am Gordon Stone - Sue Barnes & Family

**Wednesday - January 9**
1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

- 11:00 am Delores Lathan - Peggy O’Neil
- 5:15 pm Jared Adams - Gary DeBlase

**Thursday - January 10**
1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

- 6:45 am Alida Meyer - Peter & Pat Spinelli
- 11:00 am Manny Pomilla - Peggy O’Neil Midgley

**Friday - January 11**
1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

- 11:00 am Jared Adams - Gary DeBlase
- 5:15 pm Nora James Rose Hines - Suzanne England

**Saturday - January 12**
1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

- 9:00 am Eric Richard - DeSain Family
- 4:30 pm Rae Bernacki - Pamela DeRitis

**Sunday - January 13**
Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

- 7:30 am William Dennis - Family
- 9:00 am Rae Bernacki - St. Louis Pastoral Care
- 11:15 am Jacquelyn Hannan - Dick & Rose Yule
- 5:00 pm Emmanuel Pomilla - Patrick & Gail Burke

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**Special Intentions This Week:**

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.

Three Lamps will burn for Special Intentions by Vincent State.

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**Requiem Aeternam**

*Patricia Alexander*  
*Gene Schuyler*

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**Saturday & Sunday, January 12 & 13**

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Our Weekend Scriptures:  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

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Looking Ahead:  
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**Echoing Through Art**

Read through today’s Gospel. Do you see any camels? Through the centuries, Christian artists have depicted countless scenes from the New Testament and the Old. Their starting point is a given passage and the description it offers. But many other images from the Bible swirl around in the imagination as well, as the artist approaches his or her medium. No doubt Matthew was aware of the passage from third Isaiah that we hear this Sunday, for he sees in the magi a fulfillment of prophecy. But he only includes the notion of kings from afar, and the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh in his sketch. Many artists felt the need to include more details, to let the viewer know that these kings came from afar. The means of transportation? Back to Isaiah – let’s put camels in the painting/mosaic/fresco. And now you have the rest of the story!

As you reread this passage, look beyond the physical details, to the emotional/spiritual message. Sense the joy, even a radiant joy, the hope, the wonder, the abundance we find when we come to Christ.

**One Big Family**

Prior to the birth of Christ, while Jews, through the diaspora, where living throughout the world, among themselves, and to their Gentile neighbors, it was clear, there are a people set apart. In just a few words, the passage we hear in Ephesians today reflects a sea change. Christ and the Gospel bring Jews and Gentiles together, members of the same body, partners sharing the Good News side by side.

**Subliminal Inspiration**

How did the magi know that Christ was born? Was it just an unexplainable astronomical phenomenon that set them on their journey? Possibly. But a dream led them to an alternate route home. Perhaps a dream, or some other subliminal message from God also set them on their journey. To get to their final destination though, they needed additional help – the chief priests and scribes helping them know what the prophets had said; the clues in divine revelation. God was their ultimate GPS.

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**Bless Our Home**

There is an ancient tradition of blessing one’s home on the Feast of the Epiphany, connected to the magi coming to the home in Nazareth. Here is one approach:

**Leader:** Peace be to this house.  
**All:** And to all who dwell herein.

**Leader:** From the east came the Magi to Nazareth to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

**All Pray:** the Our Father

**Leader:** Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

**Leader:** Let us pray. Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, the initials of the Magi, (Caspar, Melchior & Balthasar) may be inscribed upon the doors with chalk. (The initials, C, M, B, can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house", 20XX for the year.)

Example: 20 + C + M + B + 19.
Supporting Our Parish

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Online Collection

Month-to-Date $128,601.50

Even in Death
Including St. Louis church, school or Saint’s Place in our will is a wonderful way to support ministries that we value even after God calls us home. Another way to extend the blessing: let our family know that, in lieu of flowers, contributions can be offered to St. Louis church, school or Saint’s Place. Upon the death of a loved one, think prayerfully – where would my dear one want contributions to be made in his or her memory? A beautiful way to let folks know what we believe is truly important!

We are also part of a diocesan family, which we support through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. To all who have already generously responded to the CMA, thank you!! Our diocesan family is at over 74% percent of goal. St. Louis is over 79% percent of our goal. Please remember, the CMA is our fair share for ministries that serve people throughout our diocese. Chaplains at colleges and hospitals, folks at Catholic Charities, those who provide HR, IT, Faith Formation, and many other services to each parish are funded through CMA contributions. Any shortfall comes out of our parish budget, so your generosity is important! If you haven’t participated in the past, PLEASE consider making a pledge to this year’s campaign. Please go to (www.dor.org), click on Catholic Ministries Appeal, and donate whatever you can to the CMA. God bless you! St. Louis, Pittsford, parish # 300.

This Week’s Tithing Will Support Nativity Preparatory Academy

Next Week’s Tithing Will Support Matthew’s Closet

Matthew’s Closet is an outreach ministry of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish; it was founded in 1991 by a group of parishioners of the former Corpus Christi Church. Their mission is “To provide quality clothing to those in need, in a dignified environment, without regard to their ability to pay”. Matthew’s Closet improves the quality of life for Rochester’s most vulnerable-families fleeing abuse, the working-poor, immigrants and migrants, families impacted by addiction, individuals returning to society from prison or institutions, and the homeless. It receives requests from more than 100 religious, social services and health care agencies each year. In 2013, Matthew’s Closet helped over 3500 individuals by providing articles of clothing and housewares at no cost. Matthew’s Closet is staffed by three part-time co-managers and thirty-five volunteers. To learn more you can contact Matthew’s Closet at 585-232-5160.

About Tithing
St. Louis Parishioners commit 10% of our Sunday envelope and online contributions to support others in need, beyond our Parish operations. Our designated weekly Tithing Recipient receives $1,000. The balance of the weekly Tithe is reserved for larger commitments of support such as refugee services provided through Saint’s Place, support of other parishes in need, our triennial Habitat House Build and emergency responses such as natural disasters. The full Tithe or 10% is distributed over the course of each fiscal year.

St. Louis Church provides Online Giving – a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy – just visit our website, stlouischurch.org/parish-support, or scan the QR code on the front of the bulletin. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. And you won’t have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on Sundays! If you still want to place something in the offertory basket, just pick up one of our “I give Online” cards on your way into church and use that at offertory time.
Help your family have a Happy New Year

Making your family better, stronger, more harmonious may not require a overhaul, but rather a few strategic tweaks. Try these tips to ensure that 2019 is a happier and healthier New Year for you and your family.

Eat healthier. Medical journals report that nine million children in the United States are obese or overweight. This year, try to avoid serving junk or overly processed foods and sit down together to family meals with average-sized portions of fresh, healthy foods.

Stay calm. Words can heal or hurt. Promise each other that you will avoid yelling and use only kind words.

Monitor input. Children absorb what they see and hear. Restrict what your child watches on TV or plays on screens.

Keep moving. Go on family walks, bike rides, or go roller blading together. Find fun ways to get family exercise and spend more time together.

Read together more. Reading together at any age can increase attention span and provide time for closeness. Combine two great activities and read together from the Bible.

Seek the Sacraments. Our souls need Sacraments the way our bodies need nourishment. Through the Sacraments Jesus instituted, the Holy Spirit dispenses a share of divine life with each encounter. Resolve to receive Confession regularly as a family and let nothing come between you and the Eucharist on Sunday.

The Name

In January we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus. “…at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth” (Philippians 2:10). So honored is his name that its first three letters in Greek - IHS – were written over Christian homes.

“So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

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

St. Francis de Sales

Born to a wealthy family in Savoy, near Switzerland, St. Francis became the Bishop of Geneva and worked to revive Catholicism in Chablais, Switzerland. Controversial for his day, he taught that all Christians in whatever station in life could grow in holiness. He was known for his simple but profound sermons, and kindly spiritual wisdom. His famous work, Introduction to the Devout Life, is still a popular read today as it was when he wrote it.

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Parents, grandparents, alumni, friends and supporters of the St. Louis School family can now be a permanent part of St. Louis School. If you have a current student in the school, a family member that you would like to remember, are interested in honoring a teacher, past alum or just want to leave a footprint on SLS, consider ordering a commemorative brick.

With a brick in the SLS Legacy Walkway, your personal inscription will live forever at the school that shapes the lives of thousands of children.

For additional information, please contact the school office.

THANK YOU to all our very bighearted St. Louis Parishioners who have purchased Angel Tree gifts for the refugees and the poor and needy of Rochester. This year we received more gifts than any previous year! The outpouring of generosity and acts of kindness demonstrated the true spirit of Christmas is alive and well at St. Louis Church.

You allow Saint’s Place to share the Christmas spirit with many needy families. In addition, we delivered Christmas gifts to fifteen refugee families that had long wish lists. Things that we often take for granted, a warm winter coat, socks, gloves, cooking pans, a vacuum cleaner, blender, toys for their children, books, etc.

During 2018, Saint’s Place has been assisting many refugees living in poverty, giving them a needed boost. With God’s help we are able to meet challenges, and continue to help those in need. This would not be possible without your continued support and prayers. Sharing your treasures with those less fortunate is an admirable act. During the Christmas season, please keep these refugees in your prayers, those whose lives you’ve changed and whose hearts you have touched. They are truly grateful for your assistance in starting a new life in Rochester.

From the staff and volunteers at Saint’s Place

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Legacy Walkway

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Saint’s Place, 46 S. Main St., Pittsford, NY 14534, Isabel Miller Executive Director.
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St. John of Rochester: Mon., Tues., Thurs.: 9:15 am until 12 noon; Wed.: 9:15 am to 2:30 pm.; Closed Fridays.
Phone: 585-385-6860. Fax: 585-385-3963 or saintlady@saintsplace.org, or www.saintsplace.org
LET IT SINK IN

A Gift to You

Please pick up a copy of *At Home with the Word*, one of our gifts to you. It could be the answer! Read the introduction to the Gospel of Luke, and to St. Paul and his letters. Use *At Home with the Word* to prepare you for the Bible readings you will hear at Mass, increasing your ability to really engage those passages. In time, you will have stepped into every part of the Bible. Each week *At Home with the Word* offers a section, Scripture Insights, which provides just enough background to open up readings, sending the advance Bible reader to new insights, while helping the beginner get their feet wet. Happy New Year!

Learn About the Message of Divine Mercy

Would you like to know more about the Divine Mercy Message given by Jesus to St. Faustina? You are welcome to join us as we progress through the *Diary: Divine Mercy in my Soul*.

We meet in the Manse Library at 9:15am every other Tuesday morning to study and discuss the diary of St. Faustina as well as Bible readings and catechism entries to verify what is in the diary. We will have handouts to get you started as you join us in learning about the mercy Jesus promises to even the worst of sinners. There is fellowship before we begin and we finish in time to attend the 11am Mass.

Join us on January 8 and January 22!

Questions? Call Lynda at 585-750-9819

Peace after Trauma

God offers love, mercy and a return to a serenity of mind and soul to anyone who has been affected by an abortion. Free, confidential and compassionate help in understanding and receiving what God offers is only a phone call away. Please call Project Rachel today - at 888-9RACHEL (888-972-2435) to begin this journey of renewed hope and peace. hopeafterabortion.org

CELIAC DISEASE

If you have celiac disease, are gluten intolerant, and cannot receive the Eucharist in the ordinary form of the host that we use, there are two options available. You could choose to receive Christ only as the precious blood, from the chalice, or we can consecrate special hosts that are gluten free.

If you would like to receive a gluten free host, please contact the Liturgical Assistant prior to Mass so that they can be certain a gluten free host will be consecrated. One of the communion ministers in the center aisle will then have a ciboria with a small container on the side with your host.

*We ask the rest of the community to refrain from dipping the consecrated host into the cup* as even that small action can make the cup a concern for a person who suffers from Celiac Disease, and as *intinction* (as dipping is called) should be a rare practice, according to church directives.

The Catholic Faith On Demand

Merry Christmas!

Our Parish has purchased a gift or you! We are pleased to give you a free subscription to FORMED.org. Entertaining movies, enlightening studies, inspiring talks, and a great selection of popular e-books—all just a click away.

Go to: stlouischurch.formed.org and start exploring this handy resource!
Balancing Life
Explore how we can be more at peace within our everyday schedules.

Are you overwhelmed by a “To Do” list longer than any human could complete? Kathryn McAlarney will present some ideas that will help you find a new way of looking at your schedules. We’ll also view a short video by Fr. Mike Schmitz and have an opportunity to create our own “Balance sheets”.

When: Tuesday, January 8
7:15-8:15 pm
Where: Parish Meeting Hall

For more information, contact Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org, 586-5675 x224.

Join us for a New Bible Study on the Sacraments!

*The Bible and the Sacraments* is based on the work of world-renowned theologian Dr. Scott Hahn. Presented by popular speaker and author Matthew Leonard, the deep mysteries and truths of the sacraments come alive in a whole new way.

When: Tuesdays, starting Jan. 15th
Time: Choose afternoons 1:00-2:30 or evenings 7:15-8:45
Where: Parish Meeting Hall
Cost: $20 for participant workbook
$45 for the participant kit which includes two supplemental books.

Register with Kathryn at 586-5675, ext. 224 or Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org
Join pilgrims from around the Diocese at the annual March for Life in DC. Gather for a Diocese of Rochester March for Life photo on the steps of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, then join Bishop Matano for Mass at the Basilica and march with him and others from the Diocese.

Buses are leaving from around the Diocese Thursday night, January 17 and returning Friday night, January 18. They are filling up fast – reserve your seat now!

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