Perhaps you’ve noticed as we have been working our way through Mark’s Gospel this year: more than in any of the other three Gospels, in this one, folks often experience misunderstanding, with the disciples at the top of the list. In today’s passage, Jesus has to tell James and John they don’t know what they are asking. Why would Mark continually point things like that out?

Early on, those who studied the Bible thought Mark was the least sophisticated Gospel. Some even thought his Gospel was a Reader’s Digest condensed version of one of the other Gospels. Now we understand that Mark was brilliant. He created the first Gospel, invented the idea of a Gospel as a way to spread the Good News, through stories, action and engaging characters.

Perhaps the failure to understand by characters in the Gospel is a way to help us realize some of the central, deep things of our faith, our relationship with God, and how we celebrate: these things take time to understand. We don’t get it right away.

The Mass is a prime example today. While we may have heard that it is the source and the summit of our faith, do we understand why? How it all fits together? Why do we do what we do? How truly participating in the Mass can transform our lives, offer hope, shape our outlook, immerse us in grace; how the Mass truly is a living encounter with Christ? Wouldn’t it be great to have a master teacher who could unlock those mysteries? We have one! Bishop Robert Barron is just such a teacher, who can bring the Mass to life in amazing ways. His love of the Lord is impossible to miss, and he gently and wisely can lead others there, as he walks us through the Mass, step by step.

Beginning this Tuesday, you can benefit from this master teacher’s gifts. We have two times to choose from, 1:00-2:30 PM or 7:15-8:45 PM in the parish meeting hall, Oct 23, 30 Nov 13, 20, 27, Dec 4 & 11. True, that is a commitment. But if it can transform your experience of Sunday Mass and lead you to the heart of Christ, isn’t it worth it? Please try to find a way to make this a priority, and discover for yourself the incredible opportunity the Lord provides us week after week. I do hope you can make it!

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

**Monday - October 22**
Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21
11:00 am Edward Lada - Lada Family
5:15 pm Rae Bernacki - Jim & Ann Foley

**Tuesday - October 23**
Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38
6:45 am Sophie Zaborny - Rose Marie Cheresnowsky
11:00 am Robert Wilkens - Chissy & Bill Carpenter

**Wednesday - October 24**
Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48
11:00 am Kevin Flynn - WOOH Knitting & Crochet Group
5:15 pm Emanuel Pomilla - Bill & Bobbie Jackson

**Thursday - October 25**
Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53
6:45 am Mary McGuire - Pat Spinelli
11:00 am Mary Jane Schwind - Peggy O’Neil Midgley

**Friday - October 26**
Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
11:00 am Elizabeth Schar - Chrissy & Bill Carpenter
5:15 pm Helene Rose Perez - Grandma

**Saturday - October 27**
Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9
9:00 am Mary Jane Schwind - Gary & Joan Eisenhart
4:30 pm Mary Diamond - The Brizee Family

**Sunday - October 28**
Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
7:30 am Sophie Ferenc - Maria Leonardo
9:00 am Jeremy Lusk - Farlow Family
11:15 am George Pierce - Fred & Karen
5:00 pm Mary Diamond - Maria Conforti

If you would like to remember your loved ones with the celebration of the Eucharist, stop by the Ministry Center and schedule a Mass time that is convenient for you. You may wish to have a Mass offered on the anniversary of death, a person’s birthday or a significant date in the person’s and your life. You can also arrange this by calling Suzanne or Shannon at 586-5675.

**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 Stan Banas Love, the Banas Family.
EVENING OF TYRANT AND EVIL

The Lord’s Servant

This weekend’s brief first reading is an excerpt the 4th Servant Song in Isaiah. Even as Isaiah was wrestling with the crushing affliction of the Babylonian Exile, the Lord inspired him with hope. God helped Isaiah see that the descendants of David losing the throne would ultimately be a path from sin and its consequences to mercy far beyond anything the exiles could imagine. Having expected Jesus to enter Jerusalem and re-establish the kingdom, only to then see him condemned and crucified, the disciples searched their scriptures for understanding. The servant songs in Isaiah provided profound insight into the paschal mystery; love, sacrifice, covenant; redemptive suffering, the fruits of the Mass. We are called to die and rise with Christ, so God isn’t finished using this passage to help folks understand infirmity and suffering. Be aware of Jesus’ presence within you, and let him read this passage to you. Hear him say ‘this is my story. Follow me, and it can be yours – the path through suffering to the heart of God, peace and eternal life.’

Tested in Every Way

Our second reading this weekend can be very helpful to our relationship with the Lord. Think about how you pray. How would truly believing that Jesus has been tested just as you are change the conversation? Would truly believing that he understands and can sympathize with our weaknesses open up any new doors in prayer? In his earthly life, Jesus did feel the allure of evil, he did know temptation. When we experience temptation, when we are painfully aware of our own weakness, we can talk it over with him! Having a good spiritual friend to share with is important too.

Try Some Humility

Last week’s first reading alluded to Solomon’s humility, in praying for wisdom. Apparently John and James needed another lesson. Rather than asking for the gift of humility, they approach Jesus looking for glory. Jesus’ response ties beautifully with our 1st reading from Isaiah. The cup these two believe they can drink from? It’s the cup of suffering, and they will share it. The baptism, likewise. But first they need to let go of the need to be first, and discover how service is the true path to fulfillment. Reread the Gospel, and hear Jesus asking you: “Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” Then consider. You have been baptized into his death! And every time you come to communion, you are offered the cup from which he drank.

Fresh Wind in Our Sails

Spirituality Series at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse features:

Our Role in Reversing Global Warming
Thursday, October 25 ~ 7 to 8:30 pm
Presenter: Sue Staropoli, facilitator for the local branch of the Pachamama Alliance
The impact of global warming is so huge that it seems beyond us to do anything that helps much. That’s why “Project Drawdown” is providing new and different ways for us to help reverse global warming. Join us as we learn more about this international movement and discuss further efforts we can each do to help combat climate issues.
Co-sponsored by the Pachamama Alliance
To register, call 585.733.2555 or email jsobala@ssjrochester.org.

Transforming the World through Education

The School Sisters of Notre Dame have long recognized the fact that education is key to success in life. Over the last 165 years, hundreds of sisters have been involved in educating our children, working in our parishes, and providing example through lives of faith, prayer and service. Sixteen Rochester-born women continue to live out their commitment as SSNDs, eight through prayer apostolate, and eight through active ministry. Join us in thanking God for their lives in a special liturgy offered by Bishop Salvatore R. Matano on October 28 at 1:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral. A reception will follow in the narthex.
**WE ARE GOOD STEWARDS**

**Supporting Our Parish**

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Welcome!

Are you visiting with us today? Welcome! We love to have you with us, and hope that you felt warmly welcomed, at home even. Our home is your home! We pray your experience of liturgy here was uplifting, and helped you experience God’s presence in the Word proclaimed, the prayers prayed, the music sung, the Eucharist offered and shared. If you were able to contribute, we are very grateful! Have you ever formally registered to be a member of our parish? If not, please consider picking up a registration form, or calling the office. We would love to welcome you into the St. Louis parish family!

Joining together in support of St. Louis makes it possible for amazing things to happen here. When we join together with parishes around the Diocese through the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal, amazing things happen both here and around the Diocese. We depend on many of the services provided by the various offices and ministries of the Diocese. So do those in need throughout our 12-county Diocese. Please be generous in supporting our CMA. To those who have already given, God bless you!!

**This Week’s Tithing Will Support Pittsford Food Cupboard**

**Next Week’s Tithing Will Support Catholic Charities USA Hurricane Relief**

Catholic Charities USA is providing disaster relief for those affected by Hurricanes Florence and Michael. CCUSA is the official domestic relief agency of the United States Catholic Church. Catholic Charities supports disaster response and recovery efforts with direct assistance, home repair, home rebuilding, health care services and other programs that enable long-term disaster recovery.

Since Catholic Charities has a presence in each of the 50 states and five U.S. territories, it is able to be present quickly and effectively to local communities experiencing a disaster. Catholic Charities USA, as the national office of 165 member agencies throughout the United States and its territories, with the professional experience of its disaster operations team and the local knowledge and expertise of its agencies, is able to be present quickly and effectively to communities recovering from a disaster.

For more details, visit: www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/our-ministry/disaster-services/

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**Majestic and glorious is Your work, Your wise design endures forever. Psalm 111:3**

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Come, Holy Spirit!

Peace of Christ be with all of you! My name is Dominic Salamida and I have been invited by Fr. Bob to serve the St. Louis faith community as Coordinator of Youth Ministry. My wife Ginger and I have eight children ranging from 6-22yrs old. I attended Holy Trinity in Webster until 8th grade, went to Bishop Kearney High School, the Franciscan University of Steubenville for a Bachelor in Theology and Gannon University for a Masters in Pastoral Studies. Since 2006 I have served as Director of Christian Formation at St. Leo Church in Hilton. I will continue to serve there while coming here part time and look forward to being here full time in the spring/summer of 2019.

I am so excited to serve the youth of this parish together with you all and to see God work mightily in and through them! It is so evident that this parish has been blessed with many gifts and is using them to build up His kingdom in our time! Glory be to God! Please pray for my family during this time of transition and know that we will be praying for all of you. God bless and keep you in His loving care!

Sincerely, in Christ, Dominic Salamida

Family Advent Wreath Gathering

Join us Saturday, December 1st from 10:00am – 12:00pm as we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Savior. We will meet at St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry at 120 French Road. Each family will create their own Advent Wreath, enjoy refreshments and end in prayer service. Registration is required, but the event is free! You may register at tinyurl.com/ya9s5quf or visit our website at stlouischurch.org. Registration deadline is Monday, November 19th. Bring a friend and join us!

Attention St. Louis Church and School parishioners and families!

Re: Email Address Issues

We are having trouble delivering messages to emails ending in @rochester.rr.com!

If you have an alternate email address you would like to use, please contact us to update your family record! Contact Suzanne_Montanye@dor.org for your parish record or Jan.Kepes@dor.org for your school record.

Teaching Assistants and Subs Needed!

We are in need of Teacher’s Assistants and Subs for Faith Formation for:

- Tuesdays (4:30pm – 5:30pm)
- Sundays (10:00am – 11:00am)

TA’s assist the primary catechist and act as a substitute if the catechist is sick or unable to make a session.

Come and join us for a great year ahead of learning, experience and loving Christ with our children.

Please contact Michelle Andrews-Smith for more info!

Michelle.Andrews-Smith@dor.org or (585)586-5675 x233
It 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 2019.

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.

Please mail, bring to the Ministry Center, or put this form in the collection basket. **We must receive your payment by Wednesday, October 31 for your subscription to start with the January 2019 issue.**

Thank you,
Shannon Toot
(Shannon.Toot@dor.org or 586-5675 ext. 227.)

Give Us This Day (standard size) $19.95 Qty: _____

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Name: ___________________________________

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Join us in furthering our Youth Program!

We’re excited to participate in the Youth Scholarship Program from ParishSOFT, our giving provider! With a little help from our parish family, we can raise up to $2,000. The awarded scholarship funds go directly to our youth and equip us to do even more for the youth in our community.

**How you can help**

Join us in furthering our youth program by simply setting up a recurring gift. St. Louis Church receives $200 for every 25 new recurring givers! Not only does recurring giving help us better plan for ministry, but your dollars will go even further when we’re awarded scholarship money. The more recurring gifts, the more scholarship money goes to Faith Formation and Youth Ministry. It’s that easy!

**How to set up a gift**

Set up a recurring gift by visiting our online giving page at stlouischurch.org/parish-support (or scan the qr code below.) It’s a simple, one-time set up. Recurring giving is flexible — you can conveniently manage and change your giving frequency and gift amount.

We look forward to participating in the Youth Scholarship Program and hope you’ll join us!
Halloween Bistro
Saturday, October 27
5:45pm
Parish Meeting Hall
$12 per person
BYOB
Reservations Only Please
Please make your
reservations by calling
586-5675, no later than
Wednesday, 10/24.

MENU
Cheese & Charcuterie
Sausage & Rice Stuffed
Acorn Squash w/
Autumn Salad
Chocolate Pumpkin
Buttercream Swiss Roll

St. Louis Women’s Bereavement Group is a support group for women who have experienced the death of someone they love. Join us Saturdays from 9:45-11:15am in the O’Connor Library, St. Louis Manse.

THE HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2018

Each year the Diocese of Rochester and Bishop Matano honor and celebrate graduating seniors who go beyond the normal call to their Church, Family and community. Please consider nominating a high school senior that you feel exemplifies the criteria listed below:

- Has consistently demonstrated a Christian attitude by word and example.
- Has been actively involved in the parish as well as their school or community.
- Has been a positive role model to their peers, younger children and adults.
- Is a practicing Roman Catholic in a parish in the Diocese of Rochester and attends Mass.
- Is currently a high school senior.

NOMINATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT THE SAINT LOUIS MINISTRY CENTER.

ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY November 30th

Habitat Interfaith Partnership
VOLUNTEERS WANTED

In 2016, St. Louis’s Habitat partnership coalition successfully built its 6th Habitat house since 2001. Our next house project, the 7th will be in 2019. This new house initiative begins with our upcoming Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale which helps to raise funds for its construction. Kelly’s Farm Market in Hilton bakes the pies, and we sell them earning 35% of the proceeds.

We will be taking orders before and following Masses next weekend, Oct 27 & 28, and the following weekend, Nov 3 & 4. Pies will be distributed two days before Thanksgiving.

We are looking now for a few people to assist with taking pie orders. Also, once a building site and construction schedule is set, we will also need help with coordinating construction participation by St. Louis parishioners.

If you might be interested in being involved in these Habitat activities or seek further information, please contact Bob or Rosemary Scholl (call: 472-5067; or reply by email: schollroch@gmail.com).

Join us for RCIA!
Sundays from 11:15-1:30

We are beginning our RCIA program for anyone interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith or interested in becoming Catholic.

RCIA meets Sundays at the 11:15 Mass in the front pew for the readings and homily. We then dismiss for discussion and instruction in the Manse (the brick building to the right of the church entrance). Lunch is provided.

Contact Cynthia.Clarke@dor.org or Kathryn.MeAlarney@dor.org for more information or to register.

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Feeding Our Spiritual Hunger

Perfect timing for parents of faith formation students! Come join us!

Explore faith topics over a cup of coffee with a great group of folks.

This week’s topic:
Proclaim the Gospel to Every Creature

Through the gift of the Church and Divine Revelation, we can come to know with certainty and confidence what God has revealed about himself and the human person and how we are to live our lives as Christians even 2000 years after Christ walked on earth.

Next Week’s topic:
All Saints Day Pep Talk with Fr. Mike Schmitz

What does a triathlon have to do with the Communion of Saints? Fr. Mike draws parallels between his experience of completing a triathlon and the believer’s experience of journeying to heaven.

Where: The Manse (brick building to the right of the main entrance of the church)
When: Sundays, 10:00-10:50 (between the 9:00 and the 11:15 Masses)

For more information, please email Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org

The Environment for Worship

Come hear Fr. Bob give a presentation about the important connection between the environment in which we are immersed in our church and the liturgy we celebrate. Beauty is a powerful intersection between God and his creation.

This Monday, Oct. 22, 7:15-8:15pm
Parish Meeting Hall

A Study on The Mass!
What Draws You to Mass Each Week?

Be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

When: Tuesdays, either 1:00-2:30 p.m. or 7:15-8:45 p.m.
Where: Parish Meeting Hall, St. Louis Church
Cost: $25 for the workbook

For more information or to register, please contact Kathryn at Kathryn.McAlarney@dor.org, 586-5675, ext 224
PARISHIONERS IN ACTION

The new bulletin board, featuring Saint Louis parishioners in action, has just been hung in the back of the church. It is our hope that it will serve as an encouragement to us all. Although I cannot hope to include every outreach ministry and volunteer, I will be adding to the board on a regular basis as I meet with many of the wonderful people who make this parish so effective in reaching out with the compassion of Christ to our city, our nation and our world. Please contact me if there is a ministry in our parish that you feel should be highlighted and I would be honored to meet with you.

~ Cynthia Clarke, Pastoral Associate for Social Justice
Cynthia.Clarke@dor.org or call the ministry center at 585-586-5675 ext. 234

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AT A RAIHN DINNER?

Although I had often heard about the ministry of Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (RAIHN), I had never taken the opportunity to volunteer. On October 2nd it was our parish’s turn to provide the dinner, craft, and overnight companionship for several homeless families who were to be housed for a week at Mary Magdalene Church, nearby in East Rochester. I took the opportunity to see what a night with RAIHN was like.

Once I arrived I went down into the basement to find the church kitchen. I was met by three experienced volunteers, Saint Louis parishioners Sis Murphy, Mary Galbraith and Kathleen O’Herron. I signed into the volunteer book and helped to set out the food. Before the clients arrived I was delighted to find that two of our newest parish families had also volunteered and had come with their small children.

It is one thing to know that families are homeless, it is another to see their faces and hear their stories. One family who walked through the door became the face of RAIHN for me. The mother, who still seemed so young, had three-month-old twins, one in each arm, a two-year-old hanging onto the edge of her worn-out sweater, and a four-year-old tagging behind. Her exhaustion was evident. Even if she had a supportive husband and a home, she would have been exhausted! But that was not her life. The only home she and her children knew came one week at a time in church basements. I helped her manage getting supper for her family and sat and talked with her. The basement was full of young mothers and their children, but not a father in sight. The two dads who were volunteering were an important addition to the night.

After supper, the children carved pumpkins and the mothers set up their belongings to get ready for bed. When it got to be close to bedtime, Karen Daniels, a parishioner whose young family had all volunteered that night, heard her own little girl say “Mommy, I want to go home.” Karen took that opportunity to tell her daughter to look around. “Do you know that none of these little children have a home to go to?” What a profound lesson!

For more information about RAIHN go to www.raihn.org. To learn more about how to become involved with our parish team call the Ministry Center at 585-586-5675. ~ Cynthia Clarke
Parish Offices - Ministry Center
64 S. Main Street, 14534
(585) 586-5675; Fax 387-9888

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