

Mass Intentions



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Saturday, September 22

6:00 p.m.
St. Louis Parish

Sunday, September 23

8:00 a.m.
Brenda Busch (D)

10:30 a.m.
Joan Schuster (D)

Tuesday, September 25

6:00 p.m.
Martha Mims (D)

Wednesday, Sept. 26

8:30 a.m.
Leo McNamara (D)

Thursday, Sept. 27

6:00 p.m.
Rich Boone (D)

Friday, September 28

8:30 a.m.
Pat Silva (L)

Saturday, September 29

6:00 p.m.
Joe Mueller, Sr. (D)

Sunday, September 30

8:00 a.m.
Mary Johnson (L)

10:30 a.m.
St. Louis Parish

Dear Parish Family,

I am so glad to be home! I had a great few weeks away, spending a great deal of time on the road. I was able to spend time in prayer, and thought, much of it to do with St. Louis Parish. This October will begin a year of honoring our past, being mindful of the present, and being hopeful for the future. There is no doubt that we have much work ahead of us. I have often said that it is my desire to “grow” this parish. The generations who have worked hard and sacrificed much are in a season of “handing” on. It is not easy to hand over to another generation one’s life work, but it is necessary. I was able to read much while I was away; one book was, “I Am a Church Member”, by Thom S. Rainer. One of the issues he tackles is “entitlement”.

More conflicts and church fights. When church members have an entitlement mentality they get angry when they don’t get their way. It thus leads to conflict and even church fights. His points for our prayer and study address the negative consequences of this entitlement mentality. Let’s begin with six of them:

1. **Pastor and staff are perceived to be hired hands.** Forget the idea of the pastor/teacher equipping the saints to do the work of ministry. Entitled members view them to be workers paid to do all or most of the ministry. “After all, that’s what we pay them for.”

2. **Keeps the focus off the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.** Entitlement is self-focused. The Great Commission and the Great Commandment are other-focused.

3. **Creates unhealthy alliances.** Entitled church members often form alliances with other church members of similar unhealthy mindsets. They are called cliques and power groups. They can be members of an extended family, or they can be a diverse group of members simply determined to get their own way.

4. **Turns “giving” into “dues”.** The money given to the church is not done so with open hands. It has strings attached, and those strings will jerk the money back the moment entitled church members do not get their way.

5. **Turns the church facility into a shrine.** When members insist on getting their way, the church facility becomes an object of their own desires. The fight could be over a color of paint or

carpet, a parlor or bride’s room, chairs versus pews, or the pulpit itself. The sad possibilities are endless.

Let us pray that our hearts and minds are opened and in our prayer ask: Why do we exist as a Parish? What is our purpose? Our goals? Our hopes? Our fears?

Peace to you and yours!

Fr. Stevens

**TIME / TALENT / TREASURE
September 29/30**

**Extraordinary Ministers
Of Holy Communion**

6:00 p.m. M. Jones, B. Stich
8:00 a.m. T. Cross, J. Piotrowski
10:30 a.m. M. Macko, V. Wall

Lectors

6:00 p.m. Ro. O’Leary, Ri. O’Leary
8:00 a.m. T. Harbour, V. Laurienzo
10:30 a.m. A. Madera, P. Johnston

Sacristans

6:00 p.m. Pullens
8:00 a.m. T. Cross
10:30 a.m. V. Wall

Altar Servers

6:00 p.m. (Open), (Open)
8:00 a.m. C. Lara, (Open)
10:30 a.m. B. Berrien, I. Brown

Liturgical Assistants

6:00 p.m. R. Larson
8:00 a.m. S. Mehr
10:30 a.m. G. Brown

For Sunday, September 16

Offertory this week:	\$5,431.00
Target:	\$3,772.89
Collected vs Target for month	\$1,732.91
Collected vs Target since July	\$7,166.79
Projected Offertory for year:	\$284,002.44
Annual Budget:	\$250,000.00

Building Fund this week:	\$1,137.00
Collected this month:	\$2,278.00
Target for the month:	\$2,713.00
Collected since July 1:	\$7,825.00
Collected vs Target since July 1:	-\$314.00

Improvements Collections:	\$179.00
Total collected to date:	\$1,128.00

CHURCH FLOWERS

The Flower Ministry is an important part of creating a beautiful environment for worship. Would you like to donate money for flowers for a special weekend? Your donation could be in remembrance of a loved one or a special occasion in your life. Call the office to reserve a date and get details.

WORK DAY AT ST. LOUIS



On September 29th, 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. there will be a work day to prepare the property for the Fall Festival in October. Bring work gloves and chain saws if you have them. Fr. Stevens will provide lunch.

DAY OF RENEWAL FOR 101st ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA. Saturday, October 13th. Mass at 8:30 a.m. with the first talk following Mass. Come to St. Louis to honor Our Lady of Fatima and learn more about her spouse, the Holy Spirit, in our everyday life. Lunch is provided. RSVP to Gloria Lay, glomarie-lay@gmail.com

**St. Louis Catholic Church
Invites You to Join Us for Our
Outdoor Mass and Fall Festival**

Sunday, October 14
(Noon until 3:00 p.m.)
Outdoor Mass at 10:30 a.m.
*(Weather Permitting)
(Bring Your Own Chair/Blanket)
Arts/Crafts/Vendor Booths
Silent Auction Items
Bid on themed baskets, gift certificates, jewelry, and several other unique items!
FREE Kids Activities
Including bounce house, duck pond, fishing booth, pumpkin toss, face painting, and more
There also will be food, music, a Cake Walk, and lots of fun!
Contact Sheila Pereira at 445-1291 for more information

FALL FESTIVAL UPDATES

*Looking for arts/crafts vendors for our annual Fall Festival. Table rental is \$30 and includes table and 2 chairs. Great time to sell your wares right before the holidays! Forms can be picked up from the office or from Brenda Mueller by e-mail (rustynole@embarqmail.com).

Save your spot now!

*Sign-up sheets are out front after each Mass. We need helpers in several areas and encourage all parishioners to give of your time/talent/treasure in some way. Volunteer to donate a new silent auction item/basket; help provide coverage at one of the booths; or bake a cake/dessert for the famous St. Louis Catholic Church Cake Walk! (You can also get a head start on purchasing your 50/50 tickets).

*This year we will be selling Coke brand canned sodas and bottled water. Donations of CANNED Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Barg’s Root Beer, and cases of water can be brought to the parish hall (and placed in the kitchen area) any time during the month of September. Thank you for helping us keep our overall costs down!

*Do you have any new or gently used items for our “White Elephant Shelves” or books for our “Bargain Book Table”? If so, please bring them in and place them on the table in the parish hall in the next few weeks.

FARM SHARE

On October 6, at 8:00 a.m. We will host another Farm Share event. Please volunteer by signing up after each Mass this weekend and next. We need at least 35 volunteers to offer the Farm Share event.

HOMELESS SHELTER

Our next Dinner Meal at the Shelter is, Saturday, October 6th. The Shelter's Wish List for October is: SUPPLIES! 55 Gallon Garbage bags, coffee cups, soup bowls, small plates, large plates, spoons, forks, L-gloves, napkins, and dish

detergent. Those are the Shelter's largest expenses so any help will be terrific. Please put your donations in the gray bin in the back of the church.

Thank you,
Mary Balkcom and Brenda Mueller

ROOM FOR RENT

Parishioner needs female housemate to share expenses in a three-bedroom, two-bath condominium. For more information please contact Kay at 386-7229 or 858-750-5453

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
7:00 p.m.
ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH HALL

MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN

“Miracles From Heaven” is based on the incredible true story of the Beam family. When Christy discovers her 10-year-old daughter Anna has a rare, incurable disease, she becomes a ferocious advocate for her daughter’s healing as she searches for a solution. After Anna has a freak accident, an extraordinary miracle unfolds in the wake of her dramatic rescue that leaves medical specialists mystified, her family restored, and their community inspired.

Admission to Movie: FREE
(Donations Accepted)
Popcorn: \$5.00 (AYCE)
Sausage Dogs: \$1.50
Soft Drinks: \$0.75

Join us to watch movies that will inform you about important people or events in the history of our Catholic faith or that may inspire you to be a better father/mother/spouse/son/daughter/friend.

All proceeds go to the St. Louis Capital Improvement Fund

CHOIR

“Adult Choir practice is Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Please come and sing with us! No prior music experience necessary.

E-mail questions or concerns to pjwilford@gmail.com.”

