

Mass Intentions

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

Tuesday, October 2

6:00 p.m.
Gilo Cordero (D)

Wednesday, October 3

8:30 a.m.
Blake Torano (D)

Thursday, October 4

6:00 p.m.
Harry Burrige (D)

Friday, October 5

8:30 a.m.
Claude and Helen Mitten (D)

Saturday, October 6

6:00 p.m.
Bill Stich (L)

Sunday, October 7

8:00 a.m.
St. Louis Parish
10:30 a.m.
Betsy Woodard and family (L)



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,

Today's readings remind us that sin is like a weight that just pulls us down, but charity, even in the smallest details, buoys us up and liberates us from those sinful attachments that threaten to drown us for good.

Just as the Lord poured out his Spirit abundantly on the elders in today's First Reading, so he wants to pour out a Spirit of charity on all believers. The Holy Spirit is not easy to track by radar at times. He's seen in what believers do when inspired by him. The two elders who decided to "skip" the meeting were also chosen to help Moses lead the people in the desert, so the Spirit of the Lord descended on them too. This reading was chosen today because it alludes to the first part of today's Gospel when someone not directly in Jesus' immediate group of disciples is casting out demons in his name. Our Lord knows that someone is trying to help him, not hinder him. Any good deed done in his name will lead others to him.

St. James in the Second Reading warns those who've profited at the expense of others that any gain at the expense of charity is the deepest loss for them. The "milestone" for the unjust wealthy in the Second Reading is the wealth they accumulated and hoarded at the expense of others. The Catholic Church teaches that Purgatory is a period of final purification from earthly attachments before a soul passes into the glory of Heaven (see *Catechism* 1472). The unjust wealthy will die unable to detach themselves from the very riches and lifestyle that is decaying and passing away before their eyes. If they'd used their wealth for the good of others, they'd have done a far greater good for themselves in the bargain. That's just good "business." What they saw as the gain was really their deepest loss. In today's Gospel Our Lord teaches us about the power of charity and the gravity of sin. Something as simple as offering a cup of water in acknowledgment of Christ is pleasing and powerful in his eyes. This should re-dimension the power of charity in our own lives. It doesn't mean being minimalist—just sticking with a refreshments table—but being generous, aware of the power of charity on a grander scale to move hardened hearts, jaded cultures, and cynical society. Charity provides enough "buoyancy" to keep us afloat and more: it lifts us up and breaks the chains of sin in our lives. Our Lord also warns us about the gravity of sin. Sin puts a spiritual millstone around our necks that one day will drown us in our bankrupt lifestyle unless we seek his help to liberate us. When we find ourselves in a situation of spiritual life and death a radical response is necessary to survive: it may feel like we're hacking away a part of ourselves, but at that moment that piece of us to which we're attached could cost us our spiritual life, because we want to hang onto it at the expense of our soul. Let's ask Our Lord today to help us make a radical response in the face of our sins and return to the

path of charity to unleash its power for others.

Peace to you and yours!
Fr. Stevens

p.s.
Thank you to one and all who came to the "Clean and Green" on Saturday!
Thank you to all who have or will SIGN UP, to help distribute food at the Farm Share.
THANK YOU to one and all who are helping to make the Fall Festival a success, May God bless and reward your efforts! ~SDS

TIME / TALENT / TREASURE

October 6/7

**Extraordinary Ministers
Of Holy Communion**

6:00 p.m. S Wilson, E. Hawkins
8:00 a.m. J. Vargo, W. Vargo
10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

Lectors

6:00 p.m. K. Radford, B. Stich
8:00 a.m. E. Campos, T. Sobon
10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

Sacristans

6:00 p.m. M. Reeves
8:00 a.m. T. Sobon
10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

Altar Servers

6:00 p.m. (Open), (Open)
8:00 a.m. V. Nguyen, (Open)
10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

Liturgical Assistants

6:00 p.m. R. Larson
8:00 a.m. S. Ball
10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

For Sunday, September 23

Offertory this week:	\$6,887.00
Target:	\$3,772.89
Collected vs Target for month:	\$5,890.02
Collected vs Target since July:	\$11,323.90
Projected Offertory for year:	\$284,002.44
Annual Budget:	\$250,000.00

Building Fund this week:	\$318.00
Collected this month:	\$2,596.00
Target for the month:	\$2,713.00
Collected since July 1:	\$8,143.00
Collected vs Target since July 1:	\$4.00

Improvements Collections:	\$19.00
Total collected to date:	\$1,147.00

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.

ATTENTION

After consultation of the Parish Council, and hearing the desires of many in the parish for an earlier Mass time, the **Saturday Vigil Mass will move from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday November 3rd. Confessions will then be on Saturday from 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

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, glomarielay@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS

*Volunteer of the Month for October is **Terry Cross**. We appreciate all you do for St. Louis.

**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

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."

SECULAR FRANCISCAN

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Transitus...the commemoration of the passage from death to eternal life of Francis of Assisi, October 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at St. Louis Catholic Church.

FALL FESTIVAL UPDATES



*Please stop by the tables out front to **sign-up** to help at the Fall Festival. We still need helpers in several areas and encourage all Parishioners to give of your time/talent/treasure in some way. Our goal is to have enough coverage so everyone can enjoy the festival!

*We are still seeking donations of the following items up until October 7: CANNED Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Barg's Root Beer, and cases of water, Gently used items for our White Elephant Shelves or books for our Bargain Book Table Silent Auction baskets/items – We currently have 25 but our goal is 50! This is our biggest money maker at the Festival so help us out! (It can be as simple as a gift card) Items for the Kid's table raffles – any new toy/item that a kid might want to "bid on"

*If you have a pop up tent we can use the day of the Festival, let us know. We want to make sure we have as much shade as possible for our outside eating/sitting area.
*The Sisterhood is selling tickets for their annual blanket raffle so get your tickets when you sign up outside. This year's blanket is a beautiful design with lots of Moose on it. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

FARM SHARE

On October 6, from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. we will host another Farm Share event. Please volunteer by signing up after each Mass this weekend. We will have five committees: set-up (early), bagging vegetables, distributing bags, and clean-up (after the 11:30 a.m. close). This event will provide food, supplies and vegetables to our community. We will need 25-30 volunteers to be able to hold this event so please sign-up. (Volunteers must park in grassy area behind the church.)

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. These 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

MASS ON THE GRASS

October 14, at 1:00 p.m. Come to the beautiful campus of St. John Paul II High School to celebrate Mass on the Grass with the Most Reverend Bishop William Wack and the Tallahassee Catholic Community. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and stay for a fellowship picnic, entertainment, and games for the kids after Mass until 4:00 p.m. Food and drink will be available for purchase. For more additional information go to www.sjpiichs.org.