

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 3

5:00 p.m.
Crinny and Bill Stich (L)

Sunday, November 4

8:00 a.m.
St. Louis Parish

10:30 a.m.
Betsy Woodard and family (L)

Tuesday, November 6

6:00 p.m.
Mary Johnson (L)

Wednesday, Nov. 7

8:30 a.m.
Shook family (L)

Thursday, November 8

6:00 p.m.
No Mass

Friday, November 9

8:30 a.m.
Mary Johnson (L)

Saturday, November 10

5:00 p.m.
Karen Jones (D)

Sunday, November 11

8:00 a.m.
Fr. Kevin Johnson (D)

10:30 a.m.
St. Louis Parish

MASS INTENTIONS OPEN NEXT WEEK

Tuesday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 14 at 8:30 a.m.

Contact the office if you wish to schedule a Mass intention



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,

In today's readings, we're reminded that beyond the laws our faith proposes is the love with which we observe them and to which we're called. Even if we begin simply observing them for other motives, they pave the way for us to go beyond them and achieve what the Lord truly wants from us.

In today's First Reading, Moses promises the Israelites that if they are observant the Lord will bless them with a prosperous life. A running theme throughout the Old Testament is that Israel is blessed to the degree that it is faithful to the covenant they made with the Lord. Moses exhorts them today to see this as the secret to their success. Yet at the same time, he takes it a step further: he exhorts them to love the Lord with everything they've got---unconditionally. The Law that comes from the covenant has the potential to pave the way to a deeper relationship with the Lord and with each other if they have the right attitude in observing it.

In today's Second Reading the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that without Our Lord we are weak in maintaining a good relationship with God. The greatest representatives of Israel before God, the high priests, were limited by their mortality and their frailty, both consequences of sin. Our Lord brought a new representation and mediation with God unflawed by humanity's past mistakes. He brought a redeemed humanity into the equation. As high priest he triumphed over human mortality and frailty by conquering sin and death, continuing in his priestly office forever. That mediation and strength paves the way for us to go beyond the law and achieve what the Lord, the God who has it all, wants from us: our unconditional love.

Today's Gospel reading brings us to the end of a series of debates in Mark's Gospel with the chief priests, scribes, and elders, and it ends on an encouraging note. After various attempts to exploit discussion on God's word to score political points or discredit Our Lord, we find a refreshing change of pace: a scribe who is actually interested in seeking the truth and who acknowledges when someone has helped him find it. The scribes at the time were debating about what the hierarchy of all the precepts were within Mosaic Law. They had already determined 613 precepts of the Law: 248 commands and 365 prohibitions. Which were the most important? This debate was an inheritance of the expectations in today's First Reading: faithful observance of the covenant with the Lord was the secret to success and prosperity. Yet they didn't consider the fine print. Moses was describing a process, not just a fact: the Law was meant to take them somewhere and to help them achieve something---love for God and others. Our Lord responds to the scribe today with the fundamentals not only for the Jews but for us. When he tells the scribe that the Lord must be loved above all

else, he is repeating the first words of the Jews' profession of faith, the *Shema*, taken from the book of Deuteronomy (part of which is today's First Reading) and prayed by them every day. Their faith and our faith revolves entirely around the love of God. But Jesus connects this to another teaching from Leviticus (Leviticus 19:18): to love your neighbor as yourself. Connecting the two may have been a novelty for the Jews, but as Christians we know the two are closely linked: you can't love God and not love your neighbor or vice versa (cf. 1 John 4:20-21). Unconditional love for God and neighbor put every other precept into perspective.

Peace to you and yours,

Fr. Stevens

TIME / TALENT / TREASURE

November 10/11

**Extraordinary Ministers
Of Holy Communion**

- 5:00 p.m. B. Mueller, S. Wilson
- 8:00 a.m. W. Vargo, J. Vargo
- 10:30 a.m. R. Spanarelli, F. Spanarelli

Lectors

- 5:00 p.m. E. Hawkins, J. Croft
- 8:00 a.m. J. Piotrowski, T. Cross
- 10:30 a.m. M. Jimenez, A. Madera

Sacristans

- 5:00 p.m. Pullen family
- 8:00 a.m. T. Cross
- 10:30 a.m. B. Smith

Altar Servers

- 5:00 p.m. (Open), (Open)
- 8:00 a.m. C. Lara, (Open)
- 10:30 a.m. D. Smith, J. Angulo

Liturgical Assistants

- 5:00 p.m. J. Mueller
- 8:00 a.m. S. Mehr
- 10:30 a.m. P. Johnston

PARISH WORK DAY

Saturday, November 10 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. is a Parish work day to clean up the campus from Hurricane Michael. All hands are welcome and needed.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

This ministry helps improve the look and upkeep of our parish! The goal for this year is \$11,000. To date we have collected \$2,147.50. Monthly Movie Nights support this campaign. Car wash gift card sales support our efforts! Aluminum can sales also add to this account!

For Sunday, October 28

Offertory this week:	\$5,555.00
Target:	\$3,780.81
Collected vs Target for month	\$4,153.64
Collected vs Target since July	\$15,801.64
Projected Offertory for year:	\$301,583.16
Annual Budget:	\$250,000.00

Building Fund this week:	\$567.00
Collected this month:	\$2,172.00
Target for the month:	\$2,713.00
Collected since July 1:	\$10,605.00
Collected vs Target since July 1:	\$247.00

Improvements Collections:	\$89.00
Total collected to date:	\$1,831.00

CONGRATULATIONS

*Volunteer of the Month for November is **Barbara Rousseau**. We appreciate all you do for St. Louis.

ATTENTION!!

Bring only CLEAN ALUMINUM cans to the Capital Improvement Ministry's collection area. Essentially this means just those soda and beer cans you've rinsed out after use. NOTE: Vegetable, fish or meat containers belong in your municipal recycle bin. They cannot be redeemed or sold by our St. Louis volunteers.



SISTERHOOD PROJECT

The Sisterhood of St. Louis has begun working on its annual community service project and we

need your help. We are asking all parishioners to join us in collecting full-size items to put in gift bags for residents of Casa Calderon. The bags will be made up and delivered in January to coincide with the Gifts of the Magi. Casa Calderon usually has about 100 residents there at all times. We are looking for donations (full-size items) of: toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo/conditioner (combo), deodorant, and socks. Both men and women's items are needed. You may place your items in the back of the Church in the box next to the Shelter bin. Items will be collected thru mid-December. The Sisterhood thanks you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

SILENT AUCTION

Our silent auction has been moved to the weekend of December 1st and 2nd to kick off the Advent Season. We ask that all baskets be brought to the Parish Hall by November 30 at noon. We will have the baskets on display to be bid on for an hour before and after the Saturday Vigil Mass on December 1 and then again on Sunday, December 2 from 7:30 a.m. until noon. The Silent Auction will be closed at noon so come join us for coffee and donuts and see who takes home the beautiful baskets (and to get your final bid in!).

Thank you for being so understanding and flexible as we had to change our plans this year. Next year will be a bigger and better event for sure as we gear up to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our parish!

HOMELESS SHELTER

Many thanks to all who consistently

give generously by putting food and supplies in the "gray bin" for our community's homeless members. This monthly ministry guarantees a healthy meal to over 250 adults on the 1st Saturday of each month at the Kearney Center. Keep up the good works, St Louis!

Mary Balkcom and Brenda Mueller

MAGNIFICAT

Join us for our next Magnificat meal at St. Louis Catholic Church on Saturday November 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Robyn O'Leary will be our guest speaker. Reservations are \$12. Call Terry, 850-321-8174, or e-mail MagnificatTallahassee@gmail.com



**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 17
6:00 PM**

**ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH HALL**

"BROTHER SUN SISTER MOON"

Recommended by Fr. Stevens, "Brother Sun Sister Moon" depicts the early life of Francis of Assisi from his return from the Padua Wars till he was received and recognized by Pope Innocent III. Graham Faulkner and Jodi Bowker are very believable as St. Francis and St. Clair. Compassion erupts from both of them on the screen. All of this is entwined in the soundtrack by Donovan which provides powerful scenes to capture the period and surroundings.

- 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 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 St. Louis' Capital Improvement Fund