

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov. 17

5:00 p.m.
John and Doris Mueller (D)

Sunday, Nov. 18

8:00 a.m.
St. Louis Parish

10:30 a.m.
Edward Veccia (D)
Richard Sullivan (D)

Tuesday, Nov. 20

6:00 p.m.
Frances Pate (D)

Wednesday, Nov. 21

8:30 a.m.
Theresa de la Valdene (L)

Thursday, Nov. 22

8:30 a.m.
Jeff Lehmann (D)
6:00 p.m.
No Latin Mass

Friday, November 23

8:30 a.m.
No Mass

Saturday, Nov. 24

5:00 p.m.
Helen and Claude Mitten (D)

Sunday, Nov. 25

8:00 a.m.
Ann and Bill Miller (D)
10:30 a.m.
St. Louis Parish



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,
This discourse of our Lord takes place as St Mark's Gospel reaches its climax, while Jesus and his Apostles are relaxing on the Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem after a busy day teaching and contending with the rabbis in the temple. Jesus knows that the culmination of his earthly mission is drawing near: his passion and crucifixion will take place in just a few days. This is echoed in the liturgy, since today we are coming to the conclusion of another liturgical year. In this context, Jesus takes advantage of a comment by his disciples about the beauty of the Jewish temple to point out to them the passing nature of all worldly glories.

We can picture him explaining these coming events, seeing them unfold in his mind's eye, as the disciples stare at him, hardly daring to believe what he says, wondering exactly what he means. He speaks of these future events with a sureness and clarity that we have come to expect, but which must have been alarming – if not frightening – for his disciples. If we listen to these words as if we were hearing them for the first time, we can better understand the sense of urgency that the first Christians had about spreading the gospel. The Lord is speaking about the end of history as if it's right around the corner – which it is. If not the end of history, at least the end of each of our lives – and so he wants his followers to live with that in mind. In fact, right before the words in today's passage, our Lord explained himself: "I have forewarned you of everything," he emphasized, "Be watchful!" Jesus wants

us to know what the future holds – that good will triumph over evil after a long struggle – so that we can live wisely in the present.

That's the bottom line; our future will be determined by how we live the present!

Peace to you and yours,

Fr. Stevens

**TIME / TALENT / TREASURE
November 24/25**

**Extraordinary Ministers
Of Holy Communion**

5:00 p.m. J. Larson, B. Stich
8:00 a.m. J. Piotrowski, M. Macko
10:30 a.m. D. Jacobs, M. Jimenez

Lectors

5:00 p.m. R. Larson, C. Morris
8:00 a.m. T. Sobon, M. Campos
10:30 a.m. K. Onokpise, C. Reynolds

Sacristans

5:00 p.m. J. Larson
8:00 a.m. M. D'Souza
10:30 a.m. L. Davis

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. (Open), (Open)
8:00 a.m. V. Nguyen, (Open)
10:30 a.m. S. Berrien, To. Binitie

Liturgical Assistants

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

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 8:30 a.m.
(No 6:00 p.m. Mass on Thursday and no Mass or Communion Service on Friday)

Parish Office will be closed on November 22nd and 23rd

Altar Flowers
in loving memory of
Richard Sullivan
Edward Veccia
by
Chrys Sullivan



For Sunday, November 11

Offertory this week: \$6,006.00
Target: \$5,443.77
Collected vs Target for month: \$696.09
Collected vs Target since July: \$16,497.73
Projected Offertory for year: \$297,094.78
Annual Budget: \$250,000.00

Building Fund this week: \$568.00
Collected this month: \$929.00
Target for the month: \$2,713.00
Collected since July 1: \$11,534.00
Collected vs Target since July 1: **\$2,031.00**

Improvements Collections: \$49.00
Total collected to date: \$2,263.00

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 \$2,200.50. Monthly Movie Nights support this campaign. Car wash gift card sales support our efforts! Aluminum can sales also add to this account!

CONGRATULATIONS

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

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. Thank you.



SISTERHOOD PROJECT

The Sisterhood of St. Louis is working on its annual community service project and we need your help. We ask 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

with Mass at 8:30 a.m. Fr. Stevens is our speaker and he will be speaking on "Our Lady of the New Advent". This event is free and is open to all women of the parish and their friends. To register, please email Lori Hocking at, lorihocking@comcast.net or by calling 570-1237. The registration deadline is Wednesday, Dec 5th, by 5:00 p.m.

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 noon on Friday, November 30. We will have the basket on display to be bid on one hour before and after the Saturday Vigil Mass on December 1st and then again on Sunday, December 2nd 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 in your final bid! If you have any questions, please call Kathy Shook at 850-562-1856.

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.

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Please consider donating non-perishable food items for the Catholic Charities Food Pantry. Please place donations in the collection box located in the parish hall.

TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

At Trinity Catholic School, we are Praisers. Our school community joins together for daily prayer, Mass, and the reception of the sacraments. Blessing of the Advent Wreaths will take place at our school Mass on November 28th at 8:30 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church. We invite you to begin the Advent season with a blessing of your family Advent wreath.

Tours: Call us to schedule a personal tour of our classrooms and campus (850-222-0444). Come to learn more about our leadership opportunities and academics for students in Grades PK3 – 8th Grade. You *can* afford a Catholic education for your child. Scholarships are available.

ADVENT RETREAT:

The Sisterhood will be hosting a ladies Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 8th. The event will begin