

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 15

5:00 p.m.
Claude Mitten, Jr. (D)

Sunday, December 16

8:00 a.m.
St. Louis Parish

10:30 a.m.

Edward Veccia (D)
Richard Sullivan (D)

Tuesday, December 18

6:00 p.m.
Richard Sullivan (D)

Wednesday, Dec. 19

8:30 a.m.
Pot Neidig (D)

Thursday, December 20

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

Friday, December 21

8:30 a.m.
Michelle Green (D)

Saturday, December 22

5:00 p.m.
Shook Family (L)

Sunday, December 23

8:00 a.m.
St. Louis Parish

10:30 a.m.
Marie V. Winner (D)



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,

What should we do? That question is at the heart of it all. What should we do?

We're celebrating the 3rd Sunday of Advent now. We're watching and waiting for the coming of Christ. And the same question might be in our hearts: What should we do? In the gospel for this Sunday, people came to John the Baptist with exactly that question. What should we do? You would expect a dramatic answer from John the Baptist. After all, he's a dramatic character who wears camel's hair and eats locusts and preaches a tough message.

But his answer to the question "What should we do?" might surprise us. Share with others and do your work well.

It all seems so ordinary. But God takes the ordinary and makes it extraordinary. There's a striking verse in the first reading today from the prophet Zephaniah. "The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals." Why does God say that about us?

When God the Father looks at us he sees the image of his son, Jesus Christ. We are baptized Christians; we are transformed in Christ; we are children of God. In Chapter 5 of the 2nd Letter to the Corinthians St. Paul puts it like this: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come."

If this is true, then all our actions take on a new meaning. God looks on us with endless joy; and that means that our actions, however humdrum they may seem, if done out of love are part of that joy. God takes the ordinary and makes it extraordinary.

Advent Communal Penance Service:
Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. A

short prayer service, and several priests for confession.

Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day: 9:00 a.m.

Parish Christmas/Epiphany Party: Sunday January 6th, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome, and encouraged to attend. Please bring a side dish to pass and share. Main entree and drinks provided by the Parish.

Peace to you and yours!

Fr. Stevens

TIME / TALENT / TREASURE
December 22/23

Extraordinary Ministers
Of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. S. Wilson, E. Hawkins
8:00 a.m. L. Ogbodo, T. Cross
10:30 a.m. V. Wall, M. Macko

Lectors

5:00 p.m. J. Croft, R. Larson
8:00 a.m. S. Ball, T. Sobon
10:30 a.m. G. Brown, M. Jimenez

Sacristans

5:00 p.m. Pullens
8:00 a.m. T. Cross
10:30 a.m. V. Wall

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. (Open), (Open)
8:00 a.m. C. Lara, Open
10:30 a.m. J. Angulo, S. Berrien

Liturgical Assistants

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

Altar Flowers
in loving memory of

Richard Sullivan
Edward Veccia
by
Chrys Sullivan



For Sunday, December 9

Offertory this week: \$6,907.00
Target: \$5,470.31
Collected vs Target for month: \$1,187.37
Collected vs Target since July: \$17,058.92
Projected Offertory for year: \$289,889.68
Annual Budget: \$250,000.00

Building Fund this week: \$616.00
Collected this month: \$986.00
Target for the month: \$2,713.00
Collected since July 1: \$13,929.00
Collected vs Target since July 1: **-\$2,349.00**

Improvements Collections: \$114.00
Total collected to date: \$2,689.00

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 \$3,113.50. Monthly Movie Nights support this campaign. Car wash gift card sales support our efforts! Aluminum can sales also add to this account!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE
Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve
Monday, December 24
5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 25
9:00 a.m.



NEW YEARS
Monday, December 31
5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 1
8:30 a.m.

CONGRATULATIONS

*Volunteer of the Month for December is **Brady Ostendorf**. We appreciate all you do for St. Louis, Brady!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING RAFFLE!

The Knights of Columbus, St. Louis the Crusader Council #12929,

will be selling tickets to their annual Christmas Shopping Raffle!! Tickets went on sale last weekend. Tickets are 1-\$5 or 5-\$20. 1st Prize \$250, 2nd prize \$150 and 3rd Prize \$100. The drawing will be after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on December 23.

SAVE THE DATE!



The Parish Christmas/Epiphany Party will be Sunday, January 6th after the 10:30 a.m.

Mass. The Parish will provide the main dish/drinks. All are welcome and encouraged to come celebrate the Christmas Season, and the coming of the New Year.

CHRISTMAS LUMINARIES



This is the last weekend to purchase your Christmas Luminaries which will be displayed during the Christmas Eve and Christmas Services. You can purchase a luminary in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is \$5 per Luminary. Please see any member of the Sisterhood or e-mail lorihocking@comcast.net for additional information.

SISTERHOOD PROJECT

The Sisterhood is extremely grateful for those who have donated to this project. We are still in need of several items, as follows:

- Women's Soap and Body Wash - 19 needed
- Men's Deodorant - 43 needed
- Women's Deodorant - 54 needed
- Men's Sock's - 15 pairs needed
- Toothpaste - 33 needed
- Men's Shampoo - 35 needed
- Women's Shampoo - 52 needed



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

6:00 p.m.

ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH HALL

"FULL OF GRACE"

There is one person in scripture that had the experience of living thirty-plus years with Jesus from birth through His resurrection: Mary. His Mother. After a full life lived with the Son of God, fleeing into Egypt, losing him in the temple and seeing him placed upon the cross, Mary is living her final earthly days pondering her life with Jesus. Set ten years after the Resurrection, Mary eagerly awaits the return of the Apostle Peter. Arriving at Mary's home after years of traveling, preaching and narrowly escaping death, Peter expresses the overwhelming responsibility of preaching the word amidst heresies and conflict. Providing encouragement only a mother can, Peter re-discovers the truth: he is not leading, he is following and walking in the light of God.

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 St. Louis' Capital Improvement Fund