

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 19

5:00 p.m.

Margaret and Edward O'Brien (D)

Sunday, January 20

8:00 a.m.

George Babb (D)

10:30 a.m.

St. Louis Parish

Tuesday, January 22

6:00 p.m.

Hung Trung Voung (L)
Cuc Thi Nguyen (L)

Wednesday, January 23

8:30 a.m.

Gladys DeLeon (D)

Thursday, January 24

6:00 p.m.

Hung Trung Voung (L)
Cuc Thi Nguyen (L)

Friday, January 25

8:30 a.m.

Hung Trung Voung (L)
Cuc Thi Nguyen (L)

Saturday, January 26

5:00 p.m.

Joe Mueller, Sr. (D)

Sunday, January 27

8:00 a.m.

St. Louis Parish

10:30 a.m.

George Babb (D)



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,
When Bishop Bill Wack asked me to come to St. Louis in October 2017 I was, to say the least, not very open to it. I was new here, I was barely unpacked at St. Paul's, and after 11 years as a Pastor, was looking forward to being a Parochial Vicar, the fancy way of calling me the "associate" priest, no emphasis on the first three letters! I made a private vow on the day of my ordination; "Lord Jesus help me to persevere in doing Your will; I will not seek or ask for an assignment, nor will I say 'No' to one". It was a moment of generosity that, if I am honest, has been hard to always be faithful to. One of the challenges in coming to St. Louis was striving to serve the parish in all its unique demands. This is not anything new to me, nor is it absent in other parishes; in short, this is earth, and not the perfection of heaven. Here we are, there we wish to be; a tension that is part of what it is to be human. One of those challenges has been the Latin Mass. Prior to coming to Florida, I was tasked with learning this form of the Mass, which would follow me here to St. Louis. This form of the Mass was never "supressed" or done away with. Even during and long after the Second Vatican Council it was celebrated, offered, loved and revered. A whole new generation of Catholics have found this form of the Mass to be appealing and compelling. But why?

Recently someone shared an article By Peter Kwasniewski and Michael Foley, "Ten Reasons to attend the Latin Mass". There is much there to reflect on, but I think this portion is very compelling: **"You will be formed in the same way that most of the Saints were formed.** If we take a conservative estimate and consider the Roman Mass to have been codified by the reign of Pope St. Gregory the Great (ca. 600) and to have lasted intact until 1970, we are talking about close to 1,400 years of the life of the Church—and that's most of her history of saints. The prayers, readings, and chants that they heard and pondered will be the ones you hear and ponder. For *this* is the Mass that St. Gregory the Great inherited, developed, and solidified. This is the Mass that St. Thomas Aquinas celebrated, lovingly wrote about, and contributed to (he composed the Mass Propers and Office for the Feast of Corpus Christi). This is the Mass that St. Louis IX, the crusader King of France, attended three times a day. This is the

Mass that St. Philip Neri had to distract himself *from* before he celebrated it because it so easily sent him into ecstasies that lasted for hours. This is the Mass that was first celebrated on the shores of America by Spanish and French missionaries such as the North American Martyrs. This is the Mass that priests said secretly in England and Ireland during the dark days of persecution, and this is the Mass that Blessed Miguel Pro risked his life to celebrate before being captured and martyred by the Mexican government. This is the Mass that Blessed John Henry Newman said he would celebrate every waking moment of his life if he could. This is the Mass that the Fr. Frederick Faber called "the most beautiful thing this side of heaven." This is the Mass that St. Damien of Molokai celebrated with leprous hands in the church he had built and painted himself. This is the Mass during which St. Edith Stein, who was later to die in the gas chambers of Auschwitz, became completely enraptured. This is the Mass that great artists such as Evelyn Waugh, David Jones, and Graham Greene loved so much that they lamented its loss with sorrow and alarm. This is the Mass so widely respected that even non-Catholics such as Agatha Christie and Iris Murdoch came to its defense in the 1970s. This is the Mass that St. Padre Pio insisted on celebrating until his death in 1968, *after* the liturgical apparatchiks had begun to mess with the missal (and this was a man who knew a thing or two about the secrets of sanctity). This is the Mass that St. Josemaría Escrivá, the founder of Opus Dei, received permission to continue celebrating in private at the end of his life.

What a glorious cloud of witnesses surrounds the traditional Latin Mass! Their holiness was forged like gold and silver in the furnace of this Mass, and it is an undeserved blessing that we too can seek and obtain the same formation. Yes, I can go to the new Mass and know that I am in the presence of God and His saints (and for that I am profoundly grateful), but a concrete historical link to these saints has been severed, as well as a historical link to my own heritage as a Catholic in the Roman rite."

Peace to you and yours,
Fr. Stevens

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

The January 21st holiday will be observed. The parish office will be closed.

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 get details.

TIME / TALENT / TREASURE
January 26/27

Extraordinary Ministers
Of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. M. Jones, S. Wilson
8:00 a.m. W. Vargo, J. Vargo
10:30 a.m. M. Jimenez, A. Madera

Lectors

5:00 p.m. R. Larson, B. Stich
8:00 a.m. T. Harbour, E. Campos
10:30 a.m. D. Busch, G. Brown

Sacristans

5:00 p.m. J. Larson
8:00 a.m. M. Desousa
10:30 a.m. V. Wall

Altar Servers

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

Liturgical Assistants

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

For Sunday, January 13

Offertory this week:	\$5,155.00
Target:	\$4,363.57
Collected vs Target for month	\$2,608.43
Collected vs Target since July	\$22,887.47
Projected Offertory for year:	\$292,875.67
Annual Budget:	\$250,000.00

Building Fund this week	\$433.00
Collected this month:	\$1,720.00
Target for the month:	\$2,713.00
Collected since July	\$17,051.00
Collected vs Target since July	-\$1,940.00

Improvements Collections	\$39.00
Total collected to date:	\$3,144.00

CONGRATULATIONS

*Volunteer of the Month for January is **Phillip Kempf**. We appreciate all you do for St. Louis, Phillip!

RCIA: INQUIRY SESSIONS

Beginning January 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. Father Stevens will offer Inquiry Sessions for those interested in being received into the Catholic Faith. These sessions are for those who have not been baptized previously or for those who, having been baptized, seek to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. We will meet in the Conference Room of the Parish Office. To register please e-mail: stevenss@clergy.ptdiocese.org.

CASA CALDERON

The Sisterhood in conjunction with their "Gifts of the Magi" projects, assembled over 100 bags containing full-sized deodorant, shampoo, bath soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and socks for the residents of Casa Calderon, a senior living community. The Sisterhood would like to thank their members, Fr. Stevens and St. Louis parish members, and community members who donated items to our project.

VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE

Calling all bakers, the Sisterhood's Valentine's Bake Sale will be Sunday, February 10 after both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. We are in need of baked items to sell. If you would like to donate an item, or have any questions, please contact Sheila Pereira at smp1025@yahoo.com

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 First Saturday of each month at the Kearney Center. Keep up the good works, St Louis!

Mary Balkcom and Brenda Mueller

THANK YOU

St. Louis' Family Movie Night completed its fourth year of operation. 2018 was our most successful year as we were able to donate \$1,647.45 to the Capital Improvement Fund. Our four year total is \$5,787.76. Thanks to our small group of patrons who have made this effort worthwhile. And special thanks to the parishioners who have made this happen for the last four years. To those who have not yet joined us please know you are most welcome to attend each and every month. The fellowship is great, food is delicious, and the popcorn is the best in town!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26
6:00 p.m.
ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH HALL

JOHN XXIII

An inspiring feature film on St. Pope John XXIII starring Edward Asner in an acclaimed performance as the beloved pontiff who came from common stock and was known for his simplicity, goodness, courage and love for humanity. This movie tells the whole life story of John XXIII from his youth thru his young priesthood, Bishop, Cardinal and Pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council. This film also underscores his wonderful sense of humor and great charity towards others, especially the poor, downtrodden, and the outcast.

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