

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 9

5:00 p.m.
St. Louis Parish

Sunday, February 10

8:00 a.m.
Lay Carmelities Community
10:30 a.m.

Edward Veccia (D)
Richard Sullivan (D)

Tuesday, February 12

6:00 p.m.
No Mass

Wednesday, February 13

8:30 a.m.
(Communion Service only)

Thursday, February 14

6:00 p.m.
No Mass

Friday, February 15

8:30 a.m.
(Communion Service only)

Saturday, February 16

6:00 p.m. (Confirmation)
St. Louis Parish

Sunday, February 17

8:00 a.m.
William F. Finnell (D)
10:30 a.m.
Maria and Bill Woolley (L)

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.



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,

All three Readings today share one common thread: an experience of God's majesty and power, a call to mission and conversion, and the need for God's grace and encouragement to change and to accept the invitation.

Isaiah in today's First Reading experiences a vision of God's glory and thinks he's about to die, and die as a sinner. Throughout the Old Testament, a basic principle was that anyone who looked upon the Lord would die. The Lord sends the angel to purify him and then invites him to be his prophet. When Our Lord calls you to do something great with your life (and being Christian is something great to do with your life), a natural reaction is to feel your unworthiness, your nothingness in comparison to Who is asking something of you. Isaiah needed to know that the Lord would "have his back." Isaiah wouldn't be working alone and unprepared: the Lord had him purified and would be with him on his mission.

Paul in today's Second Reading recalls the core of the Gospel: that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, and his own close and personal encounter with the Risen Lord. When he recalls his encounter with the Risen Lord on the road to Damascus, he also recalls his unworthiness to be commissioned as an apostle, but by God's grace he's made capable of carrying out his mission. Paul persecuted Christians and was convinced they were abandoning their religion. Then the Risen Lord appeared to him, struck him blind, and gave him "quiet time" to process what had happened. One of the most humiliating experiences anyone can have is realizing that you were completely wrong about something, compounded by the fact that you know everyone's going to find out you were wrong. Worse still, Paul received a special

revelation that he had been hindering Our Lord's mission and not embracing the mission Our Lord had sown in his heart. Paul sees his mission of being an apostle as a great work of Our Lord's grace, not just his own merits.

In today's Gospel, upon seeing the miraculous catch of fish that makes him go from calling Jesus "Master" to calling him "Lord," Peter acknowledges his sinfulness and unworthiness for what Our Lord is asking him. Throughout the Gospel, we see faith and fear mixed in the man who would become, after Jesus' Resurrection, the leader of the Apostles and the vicar of Christ on earth. After a long night of fishing, an itinerant rabbi asks to use his boat, taking advantage of the natural acoustics of being out on the water and also giving his listeners a better view. Was Peter hoping Jesus would give him something? Was he performing an act of charity? The Gospel account isn't clear, but he let Our Lord into his boat and, in a certain sense, into his world. As Peter soon found out, Jesus expected something much greater from him. We don't know if he listened to much of Our Lord's teaching as he sat in his boat since he was tired after a long night of fishing, but Jesus encouraged him to cast out the nets and Peter responded with trust, even if maybe he was just humoring him. The amazing catch was a response to Peter in a language he could understand. At that moment he realized Our Lord was asking him for far more than a shuttle service, and that he was not just another itinerant rabbi. Suddenly Peter knew that Our Lord understood his world too. Peter knew his weakness, but Our Lord knew it too. In the end, even though it presented a few more hurdles, Peter's weakness did not prevent either of them from accomplishing their mission.

Peace to you and yours,
Fr. Stevens

FYI/Attention * Mark Your Calendar
Saturday February 16th
will be Confirmation
Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. NOT 5:00 p.m.
Incense will be used.**

**TIME / TALENT / TREASURE
February 16/17**

**Extraordinary Ministers
Of Holy Communion**

5:00 p.m. J. Larson, M. Jones
8:00 a.m. J. Vargo, W. Vargo
10:30 a.m. K. Onokpise, V. Wall

Lectors

5:00 p.m. C. Morris, B. Stich
8:00 a.m. V. Laurienzo, T. Sobon
10:30 a.m. Youth Mass

Sacristans

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

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. Confirmation
(Please volunteer)
8:00 a.m. J. Lara, (Open)
10:30 a.m. Youth Mass

Liturgical Assistants

5:00 p.m. R. Larson
8:00 a.m. (Open)
10:30 a.m. G. Brown

For Sunday, January 27

Offertory this week:	\$5,603.00
Target:	\$5,695.92
Collected vs Target for month	-\$92.92
Collected vs Target since July	\$22,401.12
Projected Offertory for year:	\$287,926.89
Annual Budget:	\$250,000.00

Building Fund this week	\$634.00
Collected this month:	\$634.00
Target for the month:	\$2,713.00
Collected since July	\$18,901.00
Collected vs Target since July	-\$2,803.00

Improvements Collections	\$4.00
Total collected to date:	\$4,621.00

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 \$4,621.00. Monthly Movie Nights support this campaign. Car wash gift card sales support our efforts! Aluminum can sales also add to this account!

PARISH WORKDAY

St. Louis Parish workday is February 16th from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00. All are welcome and needed; please bring yard tools, and gloves.

ATTENTION

*Correct e-mail for the Building and Grounds Committee (BGC) is: BGS.slcc@gmail.com

*All communion pyxes must be returned to the church.

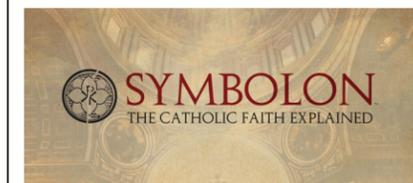
CONGRATULATIONS

*Volunteer of the Month for February is **George Lay**. We appreciate all you do for St. Louis, George!

SAVE THE DATE:

The Sisterhood will be sponsoring a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 23, beginning with Mass at 8:30 a.m. Fr. Stevens will be speaking on "Our Lady of Sorrows: Joy in the Midst of Suffering." More details will follow in the coming weeks.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Symbolon; The Catholic Faith Explained.

Starting: Thursday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Begin the Season of Lent right with this Adult Faith Formation Study. There is no cost; registration is requested. To register reply to: stevenss@clergy.ptdiocese.org.

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



If you or someone you know would benefit from their child being in a Catholic school, our schools are currently enrolling for 2019-20. please visit <https://ptdiocese.org/schoolfinder> for more information. Did you know there are many opportunities for scholarships to one of our Catholic schools? The Florida Tax Credit scholarships award full and partial tuition scholarships based on income. The Gardiner and McKay scholarships serve students with special needs. If your child has special needs, please reach out to a Catholic school principal for more information.

TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

You are invited to Trinity Catholic School's STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math) event on Sunday, February 24, at 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Join Trinity Catholic School for our Renaissance S.T.R.E.A.M. Fest! Test your mettle! Challenge your family with brave deeds! Family Festival for all ages. Medieval Feast available for purchase.