

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 23

5:00 p.m.
Leyshia Ogbodo (L)

Sunday, February 24

8:00 a.m.
Bill and Maria Woolley (L)

10:30 a.m.
St. Louis Parish

Tuesday, February 26

6:00 p.m.
(No Mass)
Florence Groves (D) *

Wednesday, February 27

8:30 a.m.
(Communion Service)
Don Van Bui (D) *
Madalena Nuyen (D) *

Thursday, February 28

6:00 p.m.
(No Mass)
Patricia Ann LeBlanc (D) *

Friday, March 1

8:30 a.m.
(Communion Service)
Patricia Ann LeBlanc (D) *

Saturday, March 2

5:00 p.m.
St. Louis Parish

Sunday, March 3

8:00 a.m.
Roxanne Hudson Thomsen (D)

10:30 a.m.
Ranson McClung (D)

* Mass intentions for week-days this week will be offered at annual Priest Retreat Masses in Pensacola.



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,

Through Baptism, we became members of the Body of Christ, brothers and sisters of the Lord, and children of God. In our journey through life we either stay faithful to that vocation and identity or abandon it (sometimes we go back and forth).

In this Gospel passage, Christ gives us the sign that tells us whether we are living up to our vocation, the touchstone of the true Christian. It isn't only a vast theological knowledge, or personal charm, or professional success. Nor is it ecstasies in prayer or extreme penances.

Rather, the identifying mark of a Christian is treating others - all others - the way God does, the way God treats us. God is kind and merciful "even to the ungrateful and the wicked." If we are his children, his followers, we will be too. We will be quick to forgive, to make excuses for others, to avoid judging and condemning them. We will think well of others, speak well of them, and treat them like the children of God that they truly are.

But Jesus doesn't just tell us what we're supposed to do in life, he also tells us why.

We are created in God's image, and God is love; his very divine nature is all about self-giving. So the more we develop our capacity for love, for authentic, self-forgetful love, the more we will mature into what God created us to be.

And just as a mature, healthy apple tree bears abundant fruit, so a mature, healthy human soul overflows with the spiritual fruits of profound joy, peace, and enthusiasm. This is what Jesus means when he says, "give, and gifts will be given to you."

If we are true Christians, treating all others as we would like them to treat us, as God has treated us, we will be truly happy.

Peace to you and yours,

Fr. Stevens

TIME / TALENT / TREASURE
March 2/3

Extraordinary Ministers
Of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. M. Jones, T. Gorham
8:00 a.m. L. Ogbodo, T. Cross
10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

Lectors

5:00 p.m. J. Pullen, G. Pullen
8:00 a.m. T. Harbour, T. Sobon
10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

Sacristans

5:00 p.m. G. Pullen, L. Pullen
8:00 a.m. T. Sobon
10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. (Open)
8:00 a.m. J. Lara
10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

Liturgical Assistants

5:00 p.m. R. Larson
8:00 a.m. G. Brown
10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

For Sunday, February 17

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| Offertory this week: | \$4,599.00 |
| Target: | \$4,307.84 |
| Collected vs Target for month | \$1,857.57 |
| Collected vs Target since July | \$24,351.61 |
| Projected Offertory for year: | \$288,614.02 |
| Annual Budget: | \$250,000.00 |

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| Building Fund this week | \$606.00 |
| Collected this month: | \$1,826.00 |
| Target for the month: | \$2,713.00 |
| Collected since July | \$20,093.00 |
| Collected vs Target since July | -\$1,611.00 |

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| Improvements Collections | \$238.00 |
| Total collected to date: | \$4,797.00 |

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 \$4,797.00. Monthly Movie Nights support this campaign. Car wash gift card sales support our efforts! Aluminum can sales also add to this account!

LENT

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 6th. Mass times are at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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 your efforts on behalf of 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.

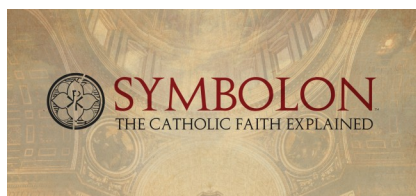
CATHOLIC CHARITIES
FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

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.

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

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.

TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S
ANNUAL SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION

The Auction is the school's biggest fundraiser of the year. This wonderful community event will take place on Saturday, March 2, at the Tallahassee Automobile Museum. This year's theme is "A Knight in Old Hollywood." We would love for all parishioners to attend and support Trinity. Visit the website for more information and to buy your tickets or reserve your table today! <https://trinitycatholicschool.schoolauction.net/auction2019>. We are looking for items for our silent auction. Contact the Auction Committee at tcsauctionteam@gmail.com if you have any items you may want to donate or have any questions about the auction. Thank you for supporting Trinity Catholic School!

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT
RETREAT

March 1, 6:00 p.m. - March 3, 12:00 p.m. Location: St. John Neumann Retreat Center This event

is being held to guide and inform any men who are discerning a call to the priesthood. Contact Father Holeda at (850) 222-9630 or fritim@cocathedral.com.

ST. JOHN PAUL II
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

St. John Paul II Catholic High School is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Call to schedule a tour of our campus or a shadow day for your child. We offer several scholarship and financial assistance opportunities. Early reenrollment discounts are being offered for current families. Reenroll before March 1st to receive \$50 off the reenrollment fee!

YOU 'RE INVITED!
LET 'S GO - BINGO II !

A Family Bingo event to benefit St. Louis Catholic Church and the Big Bend Filipino American Association, Inc. Philippine Scholarship Fund.

Date: March 1, 2019 (Friday)

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Place: St. Louis Parish Hall.

Major Prizes include: Wild Adventures tickets, \$150 gift card. 3-month free Latin dance lessons worth \$150, six minor prizes (\$30 each)

Filipino-style cuisine will be available for purchase from REAL SARAP restaurant during the event. For pre-purchase tickets or inquiries, contact: Earl Campos (BBFAA, Inc. President) (850) 544-5622. Sonny Abad (850) 443-2694 or Text.

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