

Mass Intentions

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)

Tuesday, March 5

6:00 p.m.
Marge Derwort (L)

Ash Wednesday, March 6

8:30 a.m.
Elizabeth Bell (D)

7:00 p.m.
Patricia Ann LeBlanc (D)

Thursday, March 7

6:00 p.m.
Maria and Bill Woolley (L)

Friday, March 8

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

Saturday, March 9

5:00 p.m.
Patricia Ann LeBlanc (D)

Sunday, March 10

8:00 a.m.
St. Louis Parish

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



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,

Ash Wednesday will remind us of one of the most famous lines in the Bible: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return" (cf. Genesis 3:19).

From the perspective of the world around us, this reminder is a strange, though interesting, phenomenon. The strangeness of this tradition, from the world's perspective, tells us a lot about our culture and about the wisdom of our Church. The ashes remind us that we are all going to die. We are mortal. The call to repentance that echoes through today's Readings reminds us of the same thing---life on earth will not go on forever so we need to take responsibility for it, to live it the way God meant it to be lived. Otherwise we will fail in our purpose; we will fail to reach the destination we are meant for: eternal life.

This is a natural thought for every Christian, and a source of strength to stay faithful amid difficulties, instead of following the path of least resistance through life.

But for the world around us, life on earth is all that matters, and death?---well, let's just not think about it. Instead, let's institutionalize our elderly and never visit them; let's legalize assisted suicide to convince ourselves that the meaning of life is pleasure on earth; let's let professionals kill our babies in the darkness of the womb where we don't have to take responsibility for either life or death; let's practice contraception, although it violates God's plan for human love, so that life doesn't even begin in the womb in the first place. These are examples of tragedies that occur when we lose sight of the true purpose of life and death.

This Lent let's reflect on the meaning of these ashes, on the Christian meaning of death, so as to be better able to live the Christian meaning of life.

Ash Wednesday Mass times: 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Peace to you and yours,

Fr. Stevens

**TIME / TALENT / TREASURE
March 9/10**

**Extraordinary Ministers
Of Holy Communion**

5:00 p.m. S. Wilson, J. Larson
8:00 a.m. T. Sobon, J. Piotrowski
10:30 a.m. F. Spanarelli, R. Spanarelli

Lectors

5:00 p.m. B. Stich, J. Croft
8:00 a.m. T. Cross, (Open)
10:30 a.m. G. Brown, D. Busch

Sacristans

5:00 p.m. J. Larson,
8:00 a.m. M. D'Souza
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. S. Berrien, To. Binitie

Liturgical Assistants

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

For Sunday, February 24

Offertory this week:	\$5,528.00
Target:	\$4,307.84
Collected vs Target for month	\$3,077.73
Collected vs Target since July	\$25,571.77
Projected Offertory for year:	\$289,470.35
Annual Budget:	\$250,000.00

Building Fund this week	\$306.00
Collected this month:	\$2,132.00
Target for the month:	\$2,713.00
Collected since July	\$20,399.00
Collected vs Target since July	-\$1,305.00

Improvements Collections	\$249.00
Total collected to date:	\$5,166.00

CHURCH FLOWERS

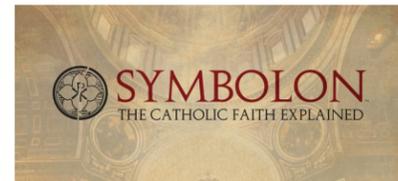
The Flower Ministry is an important part of creating a beautiful environment for worship. Would you like to donate money for flowers for a special weekend? Your donation could be in remembrance of a loved one or a special occasion in your life. Call the office to get details.

LENTEN FISH FRIES

begin March 8th and continue for 5 more weeks. Take-out is from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. and Dine-in from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Come join us in the Shook Parish Hall.



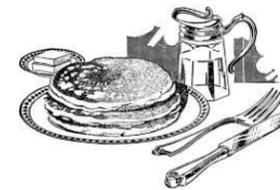
ADULT FAITH FORMATION



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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Sunday, March 10
St. Louis Shook Parish Hall
8:45 – 10:15 a.m.
Pancakes/Bradley Sausage/
Orange Juice
Cost: \$5.00 (\$3.00 Children)

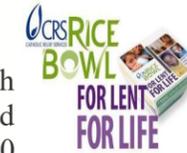
CONGRATULATIONS

*Volunteer of the Month for March is **Teresa Gorham**. We appreciate your efforts on behalf of St. Louis, Teresa!

CRS RICE BOWL

Encounter Lent

Join our faith community and more than 14,000



Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl today from a table in the back of the church. During the 40 days of lent, we will encounter the needs of the world. And don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app!

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.

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

**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!

**FIFTH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON
HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELIGION**

This year, the focus of our annual symposium on religion and human rights is on "welcoming the stranger." Speakers will discuss U.S. immigration laws, the Church's position on immigration and internal migration, and how we, parishioners, can fulfill our obligations towards the newcomers and those who are forced to move around the country to meet their basic economic needs. March 9 at 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 4665 Thomasville Rd., in the Lower Level Parish Center. Complimentary continental breakfast and snacks will be offered during the breaks. Free registration is available at www.GoodShepherdParish.org/news/welcome.

RED MASS

Ever since the 13th Century the Red Mass has been a formal occasion set aside for the asking of God's help and wisdom upon our lawmakers. This time of prayer to the Lord for our government leaders and legislators is a significant and unique opportunity. You are invited to attend the 44th Annual Red Mass on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More. A reception will follow Mass.