

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 30
8:30 a.m. (Latin Mass)
 Souls in Purgatory

5:00 p.m.
 Fr. Kevin Johnson (D)

Sunday, March 31

8:00 a.m.
 St Louis Parish
10:30 a.m.
 Manuel and Alicia
 Madera (D)

Tuesday, April 2

6:00 p.m.
 Patricia Ann LeBlanc
 (D)

Wednesday, April 3

8:30 a.m.
 Jose Leopoldo Pujals
 Mederos (D)

Thursday, April 4

6:00 p.m.
 Jacqueline Chiricos (D)

Friday, April 5

8:30 a.m.
 Marie Palumbo (L)

Saturday, April 6

8:30 a.m. (Latin Mass)
 Souls in Purgatory
5:00 p.m.
 St Louis Parish

Sunday, April 7

8:00 a.m.
 Joseph Spinelli III (L)
10:30 a.m.
 John Brady (D)



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,

Today is "Laetare Sunday", the Sunday in which the entrance antiphon of the liturgy begins with the word "laetare". "Laetare" means "rejoice". Midway through our Lenten journey towards Christ's Passion and Resurrection, the Church invites us to rejoice.

But Christian joy is different than normal joy. Normal joy goes away, because the things that cause it - like basketball championships and snow days - go away. But Christian joy is based on something that never goes away: friendship with Christ. Loving Christ and being loved by him - that's friendship with Christ. And it doesn't change with the seasons. He is always faithful. This explains why Christians can sing hymns inside concentration camps, because prisons can't take away Christ's love.

That's the kind of joy the Church invites us to renew today. And we do need to renew it. Most of us, if we're honest, have to admit that we don't always feel that joy. Why not? What's the obstacle? We have faith, that's why we're here. We believe Christ loves us. So why don't we experience Christian joy more deeply, more constantly?

The obstacle to Christian joy is routine. It's falling into routine in our relationship with God. That's what happened to the younger son in the parable. He went looking for joy in all the wrong places, because he got tired of living with his dad. He became self-centered, and that made him bored. That's exactly what happens

to us when we go looking for happiness in sin, in disobedience to God's will.

The older son also lost sight of his father's goodness. He let the routine of life embitter his heart. He forgot that his father was actually giving him everything. Sometimes we do the same thing: on the outside we are good Catholics, but on the inside we are angry and critical, because we're just going through the motions. We have let the fire go out of our friendship with Christ.

Routine in our relationship with God can be an obstacle to our experiencing Christian joy. The Season of Lent gives us an opportunity to break the routine of bad habits, and to grow in virtue. Let's not waste this great opportunity; let us finish Lent strong, and ready to rejoice in the mystery of Easter!

St. Louis Communal Penance Service: Wednesday April, 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Peace to you and yours,

Fr. Stevens

LENTEEN CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesday/Thursday 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.
 Wednesday/Friday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday 9:00-10:00 a.m.,
 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
 Sunday 9:15 - 10:15a.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Contact the office if you wish to schedule a Mass for a particular intention



TIME / TALENT / TREASURE
April 6/7

**Extraordinary Ministers
 Of Holy Communion**

5:00 p.m. B. Stich, S. Wilson
 8:00 a.m. L. Ogbodo, T. Sobon
 10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

Lectors

5:00 p.m. C. Morris, E. Hawkins
 8:00 a.m. J. Piotrowski, S. Ball
 10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

Sacristans

5:00 p.m. M. Reeves
 8:00 a.m. T. Cross
 10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. (Open) (Open)
 8:00 a.m. V. Nguyen
 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, March 17

Offerory this week:	\$4,495.00
Target:	\$4,320.78
Collected vs Target for month	\$1,101.64
Collected vs Target since July	\$26,673.41
Projected Offerory for year:	\$286,632.75
Annual Budget:	\$250,000.00

Building Fund this week	\$366.00
Collected this month:	\$2,043.00
Target for the month:	\$2,713.00
Collected since July	\$22,442.00
Collected vs Target since July	-\$1,975.00

Improvements Collections	\$79.00
Total collected to date:	\$5,665.00

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 \$5,665.00. Monthly Movie Nights support this campaign. Car wash gift card sales support our efforts! Aluminum can sales also add to this account!

CRS RICE BOWL
ENCOUNTER KUMBA

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education giving you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



**DAY OF RENEWAL DURING
 MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY**

On Saturday, May 4th Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. with first talk following. Come to honor our Blessed Mother and learn more about her spouse, the Holy Spirit in our everyday life. Lunch and Day Care are provided. Please RSVP to Gloria Lay, glomarielay@gmail.com

**LENTEEN FISH FRIES AND
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Meals began March 8 and will continue for three more weeks. Take-out is from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. and Dine-in from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Stations of the Cross will follow in the church at 7:00 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS

*Volunteer of the Month for March is **Teresa Gorham**. Thanks for all you do for St. Louis, Teresa!

MAGNIFICAT

Join us for our next Magnificat meal at Blessed Sacrament on Saturday April 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Father Matthew Busch will be our speaker. Reservations are \$12. Call Terry at 850-321-8174 or e-mail MagnificatTallahassee@gmail.com

**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!

ATTENTION

Pilgrimage to Fatima, Santiago de Compostela and Lourdes. Dates are September 6th-16th, 2019. Information meeting on Friday April 5th at 7:00 p.m. St. Louis Catholic Church. Led by Fr. Shane D. Stevens. Come early for the Fish Fry. Contact Gloria Lay at glomarielay@gmail.com for details.

**OPEN DOOR
 WOMEN'S CLINIC**

All are invited to join Open Door Women's Clinic for a pro-life Stations of the Cross led by Bishop William Wack, on Good Friday, April 19th at 8:30am. **NEW LOCATION:** Both the abortion clinic and Open Door have moved! Stations of the Cross will begin at the *Women's Clinic*, 2410 -1 Mahan Dr, Tallahassee. For more information please email Tracy at tracy@womensct.com or call 850-656-9177