

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 18
5:00 p.m.
 St. Louis Parish
Sunday, May 19
8:00 a.m.
 Barbara Brewers (D)
10:30 a.m.
 Janice Jeanne
 Weatherford (D)
Tuesday, May 21
6:00 p.m.
 Racquel Mignott (L)
Wednesday, May 22
8:30 a.m.
 Winifred Poppel (D)
Thursday, May 23
6:00 p.m.
 Joe Mueller, Sr. (D)
Friday, May 24
8:30 a.m.
 Catherine and Clyde
 Gochnauer (D)
Saturday, May 25
5:00 p.m.
 Robert Gochnauer (D)
Sunday, May 26
8:00 a.m.
 Bob Kelly (L)
10:30 a.m.
 St. Louis Parish



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,

Throughout the Easter Season, we get the blessing of reading/hearing almost the entirety of the Acts of the Apostles, and this week is no exception. Paul and Barnabas continue on their travels, and they are covering a lot of ground.

Just in this short passage of the first reading, nine different locations are mentioned, nine different cities where they "proclaimed the good news." In describing this missionary journey, St. Luke, the author of the Book of Acts, continues providing a snapshot of the early Church. Last week the emphasis was on its dynamism. The early Church was as active and dynamic as Christ himself had been, and filled with Easter Joy! This week the emphasis is on the Church's structure. Dynamism without structure is like a firecracker: lots of noise with no lasting results. Dynamism with structure assures stability, growth, and fruitfulness. A little seed is full of dynamism of potential, and it releases that dynamism in an ordered, structured way. First it starts putting down roots, then up goes the stalk and only then can the leaves emerge, and finally come the flower and the fruit.

Since the Church was founded to endure, grow, and bear fruit until the end of time, it needed a structure - a hierarchy. That's what St. Luke describes when he writes that Paul and Barnabas "appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord." In the Bible, people don't go around starting their own churches. There is only one Church, the one

started by Christ and entrusted by him to the first Twelve Apostles, with Peter as their head. Under their leadership, the Holy Spirit sent out missionaries like Paul and Barnabas, who ordained local church leaders to care for the local Christian communities.

From the very beginning, then, we see that the Church has a hierarchy - a pope, bishops, and priests. This is part of God's plan from the beginning, not a later human invention.

Peace to you and yours,
Fr. Stevens

TIME / TALENT / TREASURE
 May 25/26

**Extraordinary Ministers
 Of Holy Communion**

5:00 p.m. B. Mueller, B. Stich
 8:00 a.m. L. Ogbodo, M. Macko
 10:30 a.m. D. Jacobs, A. Madera

Lectors

5:00 p.m. E. Hawkins, R. Larson
 8:00 a.m. T. Sobon, J. Piotrowski
 10:30 a.m. K. Onokpise, M. Woolley

Sacristans

5:00 p.m. Pullens
 8:00 a.m. T. Sobon
 10:30 a.m. L. Davis

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. (Open) (Open)
 8:00 a.m. V. Nguyen, (Open)
 10:30 a.m. S. Berrien, J. Angulo

Liturgical Assistants

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

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.

For Sunday, May 12

Offertory this week: \$4,363.00
 Target: \$4,875.33
 Collected vs. Target for month: \$338.87
 Collected vs. Target since July: \$39,503.60
 Projected Offertory for year: \$283,763.40
 Annual Budget: \$250,000.00

Building Fund this week: \$523.00
 Collected this month: \$1,473.00
 Target for the month: \$2,713.00
 Collected since July: \$26,749.00
 Collected vs. Target since July: -\$3,094.00

Improvements Collections: \$41.00
 Total collected to date: \$6,778.00



**Congratulations to Our
 First Holy Communicants
 who can now share in
 receiving Jesus!!**

**Zachary Berrien
 Messiah Flowers
 Savannah Gorniak
 Allison Humphrey
 Dulcinea Murphy**

*If you meet any of our new
 Communicants, be sure to congratulate
 them on this wonderful blessing!*

CONGRATULATIONS

*Volunteer of the Month for May is Mark Crago. Thanks for all you do for St. Louis, Mark!

SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special thank you to the Humphreys and Stephens families for their generous donation to provide altar flowers for our First Communion recipients!

**SATURDAY, May 25
 6:00 p.m.
 ST. LOUIS PARISH HALL**

**DEMETRIUS AND THE
 GLADIATORS**

In the sequel to "The Robe", the newly-liberated Demetrius forges an alliance with his Christian brethren to hide the sacred robe of Christ, coveted for its "magic" by the vile emperor, Caligula. Captured and manipulated into believing his beloved Lucia has been killed, Demetrius rejects his pacifist faith, plots vengeance while becoming a rising star in the bloody arena, and falls prey to the scheming senator's wife, Messalina, who craves his... affection. It all leads to a crisis of faith that will determine Demetrius' fate as a noble Christian or downfallen hedonist.

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*

**ST. JOHN PAUL II
 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

St. John Paul II Catholic High School is now accepting applications for the 2019-20 school year. Call now to schedule a tour of our campus or a shadow day for your child. We offer several scholarships and also financial assistance

opportunities. Early re-enrollment discounts are being offered for current families.

**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.



Did you know that there is a prayer meeting here at St. Louis every week? We meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Our focus is on learning more about the Holy Spirit which means we are learning more about faith. There is prayer, a little music, teaching and discussion on a chosen topic. During the month of May we have delved into the Holy Spirit as evidenced in the Old Testament and the Catechism. We all learned something new and still have more to cover! Next we will be talking about Mary inspired by the writings of Scott Hahn. Please consider coming by one Tuesday night soon. We meet in the church. Any questions feel free to contact Gloria Lay at glomarielay@gmail.com or phone 850-559-3498.

The Holy Spirit, in his mysterious bond of divine communion with the Redeemer of man, is the one who brings about the continuity of his work: he takes from Christ and transmits to all, unceasingly entering into the history for the world through the heart of man.

*- St. Pope John Paul II
 May 19, 1986*