

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, June 29**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
 Joe Mueller, Sr. (D)

**Sunday, June 30**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
 St. Louis Parish

**10:30 a.m.**  
 Mary Johnson (D)

**Tuesday, July 2**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
 Kim Tu Guy (D)

**Wednesday, July 3**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
 Claude Hinson (D)

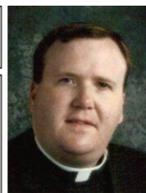
**Thursday, July 4**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
 No Mass

**Friday, July 5**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
 (Communion Service)

**Saturday, July 6**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
 Larry Davis (D)

**Sunday, July 7**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
 St. Louis Parish

**10:30 a.m. (Latin Mass)**  
 Charles Van Smith  
 (L)



**THE PASTOR'S PEN**

Dear Parish Family,

G. K. Chesterton said being a Christian changes everything – even the way you brush your teeth. His point was simple: a Christian is given the power to live differently. This is especially evident in the way we speak about others. In the second Reading today, St. Paul refers to that when he exhorts the Galatians to be guided by the Spirit. Galatia was a city in what's now Turkey. The early Christians there were undergoing some strife and dissension, which St. Paul was trying to correct. He tells them: "If you go on biting and devouring each other, beware that you are not consumed by one another."

This point is perennially valid. In the Letter of James, we read: "With the tongue we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse others, who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth comes forth blessing and cursing. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says in #2477 that "The sin of detraction is committed when we, without objectively valid reasons, disclose another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them." (Some objectively valid reasons could be, for example, when someone commits a crime and we need to report that, or when someone is endangering himself or others and we need to tell the competent authority.) In a 2013 homily Pope Francis said: "Every time we judge our brothers and sisters in our heart and, worse, when we talk about it with others, we are killer Christians", imitating Cain who committed "the first homicide in history".

Our experience confirms this. How do we feel after we've gossiped or torn someone down with our words? Maybe we feel good for a few minutes but afterwards there's a feeling of uneasiness. We know that we just did something that isn't right or loving. So against this, St Paul is reminding the Galatians, and, through them, us, that we have been called to freedom, and freedom means to love. One of the most powerful ways that we love is by speaking well of others.

Freedom means choosing to love. And love is real when it influences everything we say about others.

Peace to you and yours,

Fr. Stevens

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**TIME / TALENT / TREASURE**  
**July 6/7**

**Extraordinary Ministers  
 Of Holy Communion**

5:00 p.m. T. Gorham, B. Stich  
 8:00 a.m. T. Cross, T. Sobon  
 10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. C. Morris, J. Croft  
 8:00 a.m. J. Piotrowski, S. Ball  
 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. V. Nguyen  
 10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

**Liturgical Assistant**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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



**For Sunday, June 23**

Offertory this week: \$4,273.00  
 Target: \$4,100.30  
 Collected vs. Target for month: **-\$564.60**  
 Collected vs. Target since July: \$28,903.30  
 Projected Offertory for year: \$279,385.25  
 Annual Budget: \$250,000.00

Building Fund this week: \$566.00  
 Collected this month: \$2,416.00  
 Target for the month: \$2,713.00  
 Collected since July: \$30,320.00  
 Collected vs. Target since July: \$30,320.00

Improvements Collections: \$81.00  
 Total collected to date: \$7,020.00

**BURSE CLUB**

When using the Burse Club envelopes, please use cash or make your checks payable either to St. Louis Church or DCCW Burse Club, indicating in the memo "For Burse Club."  
 Please remember St. Louis Church in your will.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY!**



The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

\*Volunteer of the Month for June is Christian Lara. Thanks for all you do for St. Louis, Christian!

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

New Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Altar Servers are needed at all three Masses. If you are interested in volunteering; please e-mail me at: [stevenss@clergy.ptdiocese.org](mailto:stevenss@clergy.ptdiocese.org). Training will be scheduled yet this summer, and "thank you" to the dedicated folks who regularly help.

**WANTED: DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

St. Louis Catholic Church is hiring a new DRE. For more



information please contact: Fr. Stevens, Parochial Administrator at: [stevenss@clergy.ptdiocese.org](mailto:stevenss@clergy.ptdiocese.org).

**HELP US STAY UP TO DATE!**

Have you changed your phone number or e-mail since you registered at the parish? Have you moved? Please take a moment and send your new contact information to the parish office: 262-8156 or [stlouischurch@embarqmail.com](mailto:stlouischurch@embarqmail.com)

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION/STUDY**

Resuming Weds. July 3rd, 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall. Knowing the Catholic Faith is one thing, but what about living it? *Symbolon: Living the Faith* answers that question by exploring how Jesus gave us the Sacraments, the Mass, and the rich treasures of Church teaching to enliven our faith and bring vibrancy to our Catholic lives. With experienced and insightful teaching from top presenters, complemented by beautiful cinematography from around the world, *Symbolon: Living the Faith* touches on all aspects of our lives for authentic spiritual growth and development. July 3rd Topic: The Sacraments; Baptism/Confirmation.

**THANKS!**

The Lay Carmelite Community wishes to thank Father Stevens for his wonderful support of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which occurred this weekend. We also wish to thank the Knights of Columbus for their support of this endeavor. Thanks go to our director Anne Marie and to all who led rosaries, meditations and other devotions. Gratitude is also extended to all who participated. Finally, we give thanks to the Lord our God, the Holy Spirit, Jesus, and Mary

his mother who were so present during this time of prayer, reparation, and praise. May we continue to honor and praise them and may they continue to watch over and bless us.

**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!

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

St. JPII is now accepting applications for the 2019-20 school year. For more information visit our website: [www.sjpiichs.org](http://www.sjpiichs.org)

**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.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Do you know an adult who has not been confirmed? Like the seventy-two in today's Gospel, we are sent to announce the kingdom of God. Will you announce the kingdom of God to that adult by inviting them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation when the diocese has the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults baptized Catholic? Call 850-435-3523 for more information.

