

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, July 6**  
5:00 p.m.  
Larry Davis (D)  
**Sunday, July 7**  
8:00 a.m.  
St. Louis Parish  
10:30 a.m.  
Charles Van Smith (L)  
**Tuesday, July 9**  
6:00 p.m.  
Violet Baker Cook (D)  
**Wednesday, July 10**  
8:30 a.m.  
Mary Johnson (D)  
**Thursday, July 11**  
6:00 p.m.  
Margaret Green (L)  
**Friday, July 12**  
8:30 a.m.  
Mary Johnson (D)  
**Saturday, July 13**  
5:00 p.m.  
Mary Johnson (D)  
**Sunday, July 14**  
8:00 a.m.  
St. Louis Parish  
10:30 a.m.  
Edward Veccia (D)  
Richard Sullivan (D)



**THE PASTOR'S PEN**

Dear Parish Family,

Among the many lessons Jesus teaches in this speech about how to be a Christian, the last one is often overlooked. After encouraging them to work hard, because the harvest is ready, after encouraging them to be ready for difficulties, because there are wolves out there, after encouraging them to put their confidence in God, not in money or in their own strength, after encouraging them to stay focused on their mission and not be distracted....after all of that, he finishes his instructions by telling his disciples how to react when they are rejected, when their efforts appear fruitless and when they seem to fail in their attempts to win people over to Christ. When that happens, they are simply to shake the dust from their feet and move on.

Jesus is telling his disciples (and that includes all of us) to expect failures as we try to live out and spread the Gospel, and not to let it bother us. We need to reflect on this lesson. Everyone remains free to accept or reject God's grace. Christ himself couldn't convince the Pharisees to follow him. Should we expect anything different? St. Paul certainly didn't; This is why he lays so much emphasis on the cross in the Second Reading: He writes, "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The cross, Christ's greatest glory, because on the cross he showed that his love for us and for the Father has no limits. But at the same time the cross was a sign of the stark reality of sin, of people's free rejection of the Gospel.

Are we ready to face rejection for Christ's sake? Jesus wants us to be.

Peace to you and yours,

Fr. Stevens

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**TIME / TALENT / TREASURE  
July 13/14**

**Extraordinary Ministers  
Of Holy Communion**

5:00 p.m. J. Larson, B. Mueller  
8:00 a.m. L. Ogbodo, M. Macko  
10:30 a.m. K. Onokpise, A. Madera

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Ro. O'Leary, Ri. O'Leary  
8:00 a.m. V. Laurienzo, Open  
10:30 a.m. M. Woolley, G. Brown

**Sacristans**

5:00 p.m. J. Larson, M. D'Souza  
8:00 a.m. T. Sobon  
10:30 a.m. B. Smith

**Altar Servers**

5:00 p.m. (Open) (Open)  
8:00 a.m. (Open) (Open)  
10:30 a.m. D. Smith, (Open)

**Liturgical Assistant**

5:00 p.m. J. Mueller  
8:00 a.m. S. Ball  
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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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



**For Sunday, June 30**

Offertory this week: \$3,765.00  
Target: \$4,100.30  
Collected vs. Target for month: -\$899.91  
Collected vs. Target since July: \$28,568.00  
Projected Offertory for year: \$278,568.00  
Annual Budget: \$250,000.00

Building Fund this week: \$408.00  
Collected this month: \$2,824.00  
Target for the month: \$2,713.00  
Collected since July: \$30,728.00  
Collected vs. Target since July: \$30,728.00

Improvements Collections: \$143.00  
Total collected to date: \$7,300.00

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

\*Volunteer of the Month for July is Virgil Cross. Thanks for all you do for St. Louis, Virgil!

**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 Wednesday, July 10th, 7:00 p.m., in the 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 10th Topic: The Sacraments; Baptism and Confirmation.

**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!

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Do you know an adult who has not been confirmed? 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.

**DONATE BLOOD**  
Sunday, July 21  
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
St. Louis Church

All donors will receive a free OneBlood Cooler and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening! Make an appointment online at [www.oneblooddonor.org](http://www.oneblooddonor.org) and use Sponsor Code #18140

"Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers* "A Prayer for Life"

MAY EVERY EXPECTANT MOTHER ENCOUNTER LOVING SUPPORT AS SHE AWAITS THE BIRTH OF HER CHILD.

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