

**Mass Intentions**

**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)  
**Tuesday, July 16**  
6:00 p.m.  
Joseph Broadnoy (D)  
**Wednesday, July 17**  
8:30 a.m.  
Fr. Stevens/Birthday  
**Thursday, July 18**  
6:00 p.m.  
Mary Johnson (D)  
**Friday, July 19**  
8:30 a.m.  
The Pullen Family (L)  
**Saturday, July 20**  
5:00 p.m.  
St. Louis Parish  
**Sunday, July 21**  
8:00 a.m.  
Jordan Benage (L)  
10:30 a.m.  
Jerome, Margaret and Josephine Onokpise (D)



**THE PASTOR'S PEN**

Dear Parish Family,

Today's Readings remind us that it is not hard to know the Lord's expectations for us. We're the ones who complicate things. The difficulty comes in doing what Our Lord expects of us. Why?

In today's First Reading, Moses, in his parting words to the Israelites, encourages them to see that what the Lord expects of them is not hard to know or achieve: it is turning to God with all their heart and soul. The Lord had come to them when they were slaves in Egypt, led them to freedom, and constituted them as his people at Mt. Sinai, giving them the Ten Commandments that we live even today. When they rebelled, the Lord had Moses lead them through the desert for forty years, but his expectations never changed. They resisted for a long time but he'd already told them at Mt. Sinai what he expected of them. When Moses speaks to them in today's First Reading, just before they would finally enter into the Promised Land, he is almost pleading with them to turn to their Lord with all their heart.

The Lord has made this even easier by sending us his Son, the image of the invisible God, as Paul describes in today's Second Reading. Moses, in the First Reading, describes the Lord's commandment as close, already in their hearts and lips, waiting to be carried out. With the coming of Christ, the Lord's expectations become even closer: we see them in the flesh, in the Son. Paul reminds us that all things were created in, through, and for the Son. By conforming ourselves to Christ, we are conforming ourselves to what humanity is truly meant to be, turning away from any confusion or disfiguration due to sin. This is not just a process of aligning our goals with Our Lord's. We were created in the image and likeness of

God so by conforming ourselves to the "image of the invisible God" we conform ourselves to the pattern of life the Lord wants for us. It is the best lifestyle for which we can hope. Through the Son we are aided in turning to God with all our heart and soul; he not only leads by example but also empowers our charity through his act of love on the Cross.

In today's Gospel the scribe shows wisdom in seeing that love for God and neighbor are the path to fulfillment in life. He just wants to know one point of fine print: who should we consider our neighbor? The answer is not hard: everyone is our neighbor, as the parable of the Good Samaritan teaches. The man waylaid on the way to Jericho was heading from a "good part of town" to a "bad one" (Jericho often symbolized turning your back on Jerusalem and heading into sin); anyone could have rationalized that when you head to a bad part of town you deserve what you get. The Samaritan was overcome with compassion at the sight of his neighbor bleeding and half dead alongside the road. In Luke's Gospel, the scribe asks in the context of asking what he needs to do to inherit eternal life. That Samaritan's goodness and compassion, by extension, despite all the bad blood between Jews and Samaritans, won him eternal life. It's not complicated. We make it complicated. Strive to love God and every neighbor, and you will accomplish something in life and achieve everything genuinely worthwhile.

Peace to you and yours,

Fr. Stevens

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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



**Altar Flowers**  
in loving memory of  
**Jerome, Margaret**  
**and Josephine**  
**Onokpise**  
By  
**Onokpise Family**



**TIME / TALENT / TREASURE**  
July 20/21

**Extraordinary Ministers**  
**Of Holy Communion**

5:00 p.m. M. Jones, J. Croft  
8:00 a.m. J. Piotrowski, (Open)  
10:30 a.m. M. Macko, V. Wall

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. G. Pullen, J. Pullen  
8:00 a.m. E. Campos, T. Cross  
10:30 a.m. P. Johnson, C. Reynolds

**Sacristans**

5:00 p.m. M. Reeves  
8:00 a.m. T. Cross  
10:30 a.m. V. Wall

**Altar Servers**

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

**Liturgical Assistant**

5:00 p.m. R. Larson  
8:00 a.m. S. Mehr  
10:30 a.m. G. Brown

**For Sunday, July 7**

Offertory this week:	\$6,343.00
Target:	\$5,049.20
Collected vs. Target for month	\$1,293.80
Collected vs. Target since July 1st	\$1,293.80
Projected Offertory for year:	\$309,527.94
Annual Budget:	\$250,000.00

Building Fund this week	\$598.00
Collected this month:	\$598.00
Target for the month:	\$2,713.00
Collected vs. Target since July	-\$2,115.00

Improvements Collections	\$16.00
Total collected to date:	\$16.00

**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!

**CHURCH LUNCH/ ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

July 21st after 10:30 Mass. Sign up sheets with specific menu/ice cream items can be found at the rear of the church.



**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.

**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)

**FALL BUNCO PARTY FOR ALL CATHOLIC WOMEN**

Don't miss our first Fall Bunco on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Tallahassee, 11:00 a.m. Come play and meet ladies from your parish and others and have a lot of fun. Lunch buffet followed by Bunco with lots of prizes and extra drawings. Cost is \$15 due by Sept 4th. Send check payable to "PTDCCW-Eastern Deanery" and note Bunco in memo line to Mary Whelan, 5647 Jacksons Gap Rd., Tallahassee, Fl.

32317. Seats are limited so respond early. Proceeds split between NW Florida Catholic Charities and the Council of Catholic Women (Eastern Deanery). For more information, call Linda Husbands (850) 509-2908.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Do you know an adult who was baptized Catholic but has never been confirmed? Be the good neighbor by inviting them to accept Bishop Wack's invitation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in November. For details call 850-435-3523.



SATURDAY, JULY 27  
6:00 p.m.  
ST. LOUIS PARISH HALL

**RUN THE RACE**

*Run the Race* tells the story of two desperate brothers willing to sacrifice today for a better tomorrow. Reeling from his mother's death and his father's abandonment, Zach finds glory on the football field, working to earn a college scholarship and the brothers' ticket out of town. But when a devastating injury puts Zach—and his dreams—on the sidelines, his brother David laces up his track cleats to salvage their future and point Zach toward hope.

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/brother/sister/friend.

All proceeds go to St. Louis' Capital Improvement Fund