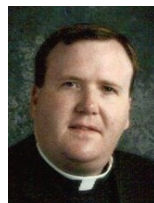


Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 3
5:00 p.m.
Jerry Thompson (D)
Sunday, August 4
8:00 a.m.
St. Louis Parish
10:30 a.m.
Daniel Dickman (L)
Tuesday, August 6
6:00 p.m.
Mary Johnson (D)
Wednesday, August 7
8:30 a.m.
Theresa de la Valdene (L)
Thursday, August 8
6:00 p.m.
Dave Kerns (D)
Friday, August 9
8:30 a.m.
Daniel Murphy (D)
Saturday, August 10
5:00 p.m.
Victoria Larson (D)
Sunday, August 11
8:00 a.m.
Edward Veccia (D)
Richard Sullivan (D)
10:30 a.m.
St. Louis Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

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



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,

Many people criticize Christianity because they think it is an empty list of do's and don'ts. They resent the Church's moral standard because they think it limits personal freedom. They think that the Church's moral teaching comes from an irrational thirst for power and domination. This is entirely false.

The real reason behind the Church's moral teaching is explained by St. Paul in today's Second Reading. Christians strive to live according to a demanding moral standard because we have come to know and believe in Christ. We have experienced his love, power, goodness, and grace.

That experience has shown us what the universe really looks like, that without Christ human life is meaningless. It is a chasing after the wind, vanity of vanities, as the First Reading says so clearly. That is because, without Christ, everything we do here on earth would simply come to an end when we die. It would have no lasting value, like the mark your finger leaves in the water when you dip it into the ocean. But Jesus came to earth, suffered and died for our sins, rose from the dead, and ascended back into heaven in order to give us a chance at lasting value.

Through faith in Christ our lives are now plugged into eternity, "hidden with Christ in God" as St. Paul puts it. Everything we do is linked to salvation history. Before Christ we were

shipwrecked on a desert island with no escape...dying. Life was vanity. But Christ came to rescue us, and, as long as we cling to the wood of his Cross, we can rest-assured that he will bring us home to his glorious, everlasting Kingdom.

That's why we strive to avoid anything that could possibly separate us from Christ, anything that could break our friendship with him by violating his command to love God and love our neighbor: impurity, greed, dishonesty---every form of self-centeredness, as St. Paul points out. Our faith in Christ has consequences for our life. It has given us a friendship that will last into eternity...if we let it.

Peace to you and yours,

Fr. Stevens

TIME / TALENT / TREASURE
August 10/11

Extraordinary Ministers
Of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. M. Jones, E. Hawkins
8:00 a.m. T. Cross, L. Ogbodo
10:30 a.m. D. Jacobs, M. Macko

Lectors

5:00 p.m. J. Croft, R. Larson
8:00 a.m. T. Cross, J. Piotrowski
10:30 a.m. D. Busch, C. Reynolds

Sacristans

5:00 p.m. M. Reeves
8:00 a.m. T. Cross
10:30 a.m. A. Gorniak

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. (Open) (Open)
8:00 a.m. V. Nguyen, (Open)
10:30 a.m. Tu. Binitie, To. Binitie

Liturgical Assistant

5:00 p.m. J. Mueller
8:00 a.m. G. Brown
10:30 a.m. P. Johnston

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Holy day of Obligation
August 14th, Vigil Mass 7:00 p.m.
August 15th, 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS

*Volunteers of the Month for August are Chuck and Marie Bauer. Thanks for all you do for St. Louis, Chuck and Marie!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:
Adult Faith Formation:

Why is the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confession, essential and potentially life-changing for Catholics? How does the Anointing of the Sick make a difference to those who are suffering or dying?

Wednesday August 7th, 7:00 p.m.
Shook Parish Hall

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



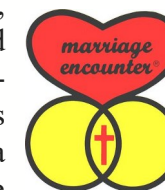
Religious Education registration is now open! We will be using a primarily online program. For more information, please see the parish website. The forms will be available online and on the back table. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

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!

MARRIED COUPLES

You are cordially invited to experience a program to deepen your matrimonial vocation's sacramental call to fulfilling love, romance, oneness of spirit and deep joy. The program is presented by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, the largest pro-marriage movement in the world. Join us on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and renew and refresh the passion and excitement of your



marriage. The next weekend will be at Saint Rose of Lima Church in Milton on September 6th, 7th and 8th. Because SPACE IS limited, please apply early! For more information about taking a private time away, check out flwc-wwwme.org or call 813-270-7832.

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.

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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION



Location: Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More, 900 W. Tennessee St. Tallahassee

Sunday, November 3, at 2:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for those baptized as Catholics who have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit. To register, contact Sr. Margaret Kuntz, ASCJ, by phone at 850-435-3523 or e-mail kuntzm@ptdiocese.org.