

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 17
5:00 p.m.
St. Louis Parish

Sunday, August 18
8:00 a.m.
George Dickman (D)
10:30 a.m.
Elizabeth Burrigge (D)

Tuesday, August 20
6:00 p.m.
Eileen Gorham (D)

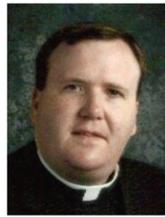
Wednesday, August 21
8:30 a.m.
Thanksgiving to God,
Mary Our Lady
and St. Joseph

Thursday, August 22
6:00 p.m.
Andrea Erick (D)

Friday, August 23
8:30 a.m.
Thanksgiving to God,
Mary Our Lady
and St. Joseph

Saturday, August 24
5:00 p.m.
Joe Mueller, Sr. (D)

Sunday, August 25
8:00 a.m.
St. Louis Parish
10:30 a.m.
Lessie and Susan Tiblier
(D)



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,

What does Jesus mean by saying that he came "to set the earth on fire"? He is speaking about the fire of Christian virtue, of the Christian way of life that makes power struggles, prejudice, and oppression obsolete. He is speaking of the fire of faith and hope that will bring countless human lives back onto the path of a meaningful and fulfilling life. He is speaking of the love for one's neighbor that will take root and gradually build up a civilization of justice and love.

Twenty centuries later we know that this is what Christ meant. But when he said it, the Church didn't yet exist. It hadn't converted emperors and kings. It was just an embryo, just a tiny community of ordinary fisherman from the boondocks.

Jesus successfully communicated that mission statement. His Apostles got the message and made it their own. They let Jesus set their hearts on fire first. And then they went on to do their job. They started spreading that fire. They spread it with words and deeds. They even sealed their work with the sacrifice of their lives. All but one of the Apostles died a martyr's death. And the next generation of Christians continued carrying the torch. And the next...

But even so, the world is not yet all ablaze. Many pockets are still cold and dark. Many places that used to be blazing are now only smoldering. Many hearts still haven't been renewed by the fire of Christ's love and wisdom. And so Jesus repeats the lesson today, to us.

40th Anniversary Dinner: Invitations will be going out this week; please RSVP by e-mail or by phone. I hope to see you there October 13th.

Operation New Hip: Three weeks ago, I met with my surgeon and elected to go forward with total replacement of my right hip. As I have shared in the past, I was born with a hip defect; in short, my socket was not fully formed. I had surgery as a child, and that served me well for 43 years. I will be having the surgery Tuesday October 22nd, at Sacred Heart Orthopedic, Pensacola, Florida. I will be away up to 8 weeks, and I am grateful that Fr. Mark Akubo will be covering the weekend Masses. If all goes well, and I have great hope it will, I will return to St. Louis December 7th, 2019. So now you all know! Pray for me!

Peace to you and yours,
Fr. Stevens

TIME / TALENT / TREASURE
August 24/25

**Extraordinary Ministers
Of Holy Communion**

5:00 p.m. B. Stich, B. Mueller
8:00 a.m. W. Vargo, J. Vargo
10:30 a.m. V. Wall, F. Spanarelli

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Ri. O'Leary, Ro. O'Leary
8:00 a.m. S. Ball, (Open)
10:30 a.m. G. Brown, K. Onokpise

Sacristans

5:00 p.m. J. Larson
8:00 a.m. M. D'Souza
10:30 a.m. V. Wall

Altar Servers

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

Liturgical Assistant

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

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



Offertory Reports
For Sunday, August 11

Last week we collected \$5,608 for the Offertory and \$550 for the Building Fund. The target for the offertory collection was \$5,128. The target changes every week based on two considerations. The first is the month, and August historically has seen smaller collections. So the target for last week adjusted downward. The second consideration is that collections are higher during the first two Sundays of any month because many parishioners get paid monthly. The target was adjusted upward last week because of this. Finally, the targets are set so they add up to a specific annual goal. For the fiscal year running from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 the targets add up to a goal of \$270,000 in offertory giving. To have something about parish finances explained here, talk to Greg Brown or e-mail him at browningrg@comcast.net.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

WELCOME TO ST. LOUIS

Dal and Lian Khai
Alexander and Esperanza Muniz

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.

SISTERHOOD

Our next meeting will be Sunday, September 8th, in the parish hall, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

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!

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.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 31
6:00 p.m.
ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH HALL

Maximilian, Saint of Auschwitz

In 1941, Father Maximilian Kolbe was arrested by the Gestapo for his tireless work against the Nazi forces and was sent to the infamous death camp of Auschwitz. There he was used for slave labor, frequently beaten and subjected to humiliations, and in the end offered to take the place of a married man condemned to death by starvation. In this he fulfilled the words of Christ; "Greater love than this has no man, that he give up his life for his friend."

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
(You should get back home during the 1st quarter of the FSU-Boise State Game!)

JOIN THE TRAIL!



Trail Life USA is a Christ-centered, boy-focused outdoor adventure, character, and leadership development program for boys and young men (ages 5-17). Trail Life combines traditional scouting methods (camping, hiking, the patrol system, advancements, and uniforms) with Christian formation. Our vision is "a troop fully alive" that is, a program with an authentic Catholic identity that integrates the Catholic faith with traditional scouting methods, to guide our sons on their journey to become saints and prepare them to defend the faith. A ministry of Good Shepherd Parish, Trail Life serves the entire Tallahassee Catholic community. Join us at our new member recruitment, Tuesday, August 27, at 6:15 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Annex.

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