

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 31
5:00 p.m.
Victoria Larson (D)
Sunday, September 1
8:00 a.m.
Bob Blalock (D)
10:30 a.m.
St. Louis Parish
Tuesday, September 3
6:00 p.m.
Aurora Pascual (D)
Wednesday, Sept. 4
8:30 a.m.
Donald Larson (D)
Thursday, September 5
6:00 p.m.
Pat Silva (D)
Friday, September 6
8:30 a.m.
Hugh Jackson (D)
Emma Martin (D)
Hugh Jackson, Jr. (D)
Saturday, September 7
5:00 p.m.
St. Louis Parish
Sunday, September 8
8:00 a.m.
Nancy Ball (D)
10:30 a.m.
Father Shane Stevens
(L) Blessed Pilgrimage



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,

Humility doesn't have a good name. It may conjure up images of degradation and abjection Or we may think that it means becoming a doormat for others to step on. But those ideas are both off-target. And God thinks that true humility is vital: in fact he tells us so in the readings we just heard. However it's important to understand what humility really means. Humility means seeing ourselves through God's eyes. To belittle the gifts God has given us would actually be a subtle form of pride. St. Benedict used to say that if a monk had a wonderful singing voice and degraded his own ability it would be displeasing to God. So we should recognize the good, and thank God for it. However we also need to recognize what is evil in us. The pride, the vanity, the laziness, the lust, and the plain old selfishness that we give in to should bring us on our knees before God to ask for his mercy. When St. Teresa of Avila asked Christ what true humility meant, he replied: "To know what you can do, and what I can do." And that also brings us to a peaceful humility in our relationship with others. We are not frustrated by others' sinfulness or lack of virtue, because we know that we're just like them. The first reading today, from the Book of Sirach, exhorts us: "Child, conduct your affairs with humility... Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God." Jesus reprises this idea in the gospel, and declares that "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." He's calling us to see ourselves as God sees us: sinners infinitely loved by God, and in desperate need of his mercy.

p.s. I will be away the next two weeks on pilgrimage to Fatima, Santiago de

Compostela, Lourdes, and Rome. Please welcome Fr. Mark Akubo warmly. The Mass intentions listed next week will be offered at the Shrines and Holy Places; I will have the parish directory with me, praying for you all.

Peace to you and yours, *Fr. Stevens*

**TIME / TALENT / TREASURE
September 7/8**

**Extraordinary Ministers
Of Holy Communion**

5:00 p.m. J. Larson, M. Jones
8:00 a.m. J. Vargo, W. Vargo
10:30 a.m. F. Spanarelli, K. Onokpise

Lectors

5:00 p.m. C. Morris, K. Radford
8:00 a.m. T. Sobon, Open
10:30 a.m. M. Woolley, R. Patterson

Sacristans

5:00 p.m. J. Larson
8:00 a.m. T. Sobon
10:30 a.m. L. Davis

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. (Open) (Open)
8:00 a.m. C. 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. Johnston

**Offertory Reports
For Sunday, August 25**

Last week was the last collection for the month of August. This week counts as the first week of September since we go by Sunday's date. You gave \$6,040 to the Offertory last week. In addition, the Knights of Columbus donated \$4,000 to cover the balance due on replacing the rectory driveway last year. Both the Knights and the Sisterhood are quite generous in meeting the needs of the parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

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



CONGRATULATIONS

*Volunteer of the Month for September is Greg Brown. Thanks for all you do for St. Louis, Greg!

LABOR DAY

The church office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 2.

SISTERHOOD

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

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Wack is inviting all those adults baptized as Catholics who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation to be confirmed this November. Do you know someone to whom this invitation could be extended? Will you invite them? For more information or to schedule preparation contact Sister Margaret by phone at 850-435-3253 or e-mail kuntzm@ptdiocese.org

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

As we continue our efforts to protect our youth by meeting the Safe Environment standards set forth by the diocese, more volunteers are needed for our religious education program. It is preferred to have two adults present with the children, and we are not able to meet this right now. Volunteers will need to sign a waiver allowing a Level II Background Check to be

performed, have their fingerprints taken, and take a few short courses online. Please contact Catherine Anderson Smith, parish DRE at dre@stl.ptdiocese.org or 262-8157 if you are able to help meet this need. Thank you!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

September 8
St. Louis Parish Hall
8:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Pancakes/Bradley Sausage/
Orange Juice
Cost: \$5.00 (\$3.00 Children)

WORD OF LIFE

A Memorial Service for Aborted Children will be held at Roselawn Cemetery, Tallahassee on Saturday, September 14. Pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the second annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 55 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Join us for the memorial service in our community on Saturday, September 14, at 10:00 a.m. at Roselawn Cemetery, 804 Piedmont Drive. For more information call Chris Moleski at 445-5979.

Together let us remember the victims of abortion and pray for a final end to this injustice in our land during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL'S ANNUAL

MASS ON THE GRASS



With Most Reverend Bishop William Wack
October 13 at 12:30 PM

Fellowship picnic, games and live music to follow. Food available for purchase.



Saturday, September 28
6:00 p.m.
ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH HALL

UNPLANNED

To commemorate the start of the 40 Days For Life Campaign, please join us for "Unplanned", an eye-opening account of Abby Johnson's experience working for Planned Parenthood.

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