

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 7
Fatima
 5:00 p.m.
 St. Louis Parish

Sunday, September 8
Fatima
 8:00 a.m.
 Nancy Ball (D)

10:30 a.m.
 Father Shane Stevens
 (L) Blessed Pilgrimage

Tuesday, September 10
Fatima
 6:00 p.m. (No Local Mass)
 Fernando Prado (D)

Wednesday, Sept. 11
Santiago De Compostela
 8:30 a.m. (Local Communion Service Only)
 Margaret Green (D)

Thursday, Sept. 12
Santiago De Compostela
 6:00 p.m. (No Local Mass)

Friday, September 13
San Sebastian/Lourdes
 8:30 a.m. (Local Communion Service Only)
 Joseph Mueller, Sr. (D)

Saturday, September 14
Lourdes
 5:00 p.m.
 Joe Mueller, Sr. (D)

Sunday, September 15
Lourdes
 8:00 a.m.
 St. Louis Parish
 10:30 a.m.
 Edward Veccia (D)
 Richard Sullivan (D)

Altar Flowers
 in loving memory of
Nancy Ball
 by
Scott Ball



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,

Jesus is making two things clear to us today in the Gospel for this Sunday. First, he wants us to have no illusions about following him. His path is a hard path. Our nature is fallen, and to get back up again, even with his grace helping us, is going to be hard. It will involve self-sacrifice and suffering: "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

That is the obvious lesson in this Gospel passage. We can never let ourselves forget it. But there is another lesson too, equally worth our attention. Jesus is teaching us that following him involves more than feelings and vague inspirations.

We are supposed to use our minds to put our creativity and intelligence to work in the adventure of following Christ. This is clear from the examples Jesus uses. The builder and the warring king had to channel their enthusiasm through the cool filter of reason. Christians must do the same. The emotional excitement that comes from a retreat or a pilgrimage or a special grace-filled encounter with the Lord is like the blossoms on a cherry tree. They bloom quickly and fill our souls with a sweet aroma, but then the long summer comes and we have to persevere patiently, following an intelligent plan of spiritual and apostolic work, before the fruit matures. Love, even the lasting love that comes from friendship with Christ, is often born amidst intense emotions but it matures through sweat and suffering,

and those can only be endured with the aid of reason and conviction---both of which go deeper than mere passing emotions. Following Christ is more than following a whim; it is a long-term project that deserves and engages the whole person.

Peace to you and yours,

Fr. Stevens

TIME / TALENT / TREASURE
September 14/15

**Extraordinary Ministers
 Of Holy Communion**

5:00 p.m. B. Mueller, S. Wilson
 8:00 a.m. L. Ogbodo, T. Sobon
 10:30 a.m. M. Macko, V. Wall

Lectors

5:00 p.m. B. Stich, J. Croft
 8:00 a.m. J. Piotrowski, Open
 10:30 a.m. K. Onokpise, P. Johnston

Sacristans

5:00 p.m. M. Reeves
 8:00 a.m. M. D'Souza
 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. I. Brown, (Open)

Liturgical Assistant

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

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!

dre@stl.ptdiocese.org or 262-8157 if you are able to help meet this need. Thank you!

WELCOME TO ST. LOUIS PARISH
 Mark Feely and family

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



PARISH WORK DAY
All hands on deck!
We need your help!

A church grounds work day has been scheduled for Saturday, September 21st in preparation for our 40th Anniversary Celebration with the Bishop. Personal yard tools and work gloves should be brought! We'll start at 8:00 a.m. and continue 'til finished. A pizza luncheon will be served. We look forward to seeing you here. *Thank you!!*

CONFIRMATION

Just as St. Paul welcomed Onesimus and asked others to do so, Bishop Wack is welcoming all the baptized Catholics who are not confirmed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this November. He is asking all of us to welcome and invite them to receive the Sacrament. For more information and preparation contact Sister Margaret at 8 5 0 - 4 3 5 - 3 2 5 3 or 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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Fall Campaign is September 25th, to November 3rd. The Opening Service will be on Tuesday, September 24th at 6:30 p.m., and we will have weekly gatherings for evening prayer on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. on October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. These events, and the daily prayer vigil will be in front of the Planned Parenthood facility at 2618 West Tennessee Street. Please visit our website, 40daysforlife.com/tallahassee to learn more about 40 Days for Life, and/or call David Hill, 567-1460, or e-mail jdh659@gmail.com. We need all of you and your prayers to help end abortion in our city.

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