

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, October 12**  
5:00 p.m.  
Randall Clayton Morris  
(D)

**Sunday, October 13**  
8:00 a.m.  
Edward Veccia (D)  
Richard Sullivan (D)  
10:30 a.m.  
St. Louis Parish

**Tuesday, October 15**  
6:00 p.m. (No Mass)  
Joe Mueller, Sr. (D)

**Wednesday, October 16**  
8:30 a.m. (Communion Service)

Fr. Shane Stevens (L)  
**Thursday, October 17**  
6:00 p.m. (No Mass)  
Gerry Taylor (L)

**Friday, October 18**  
8:30 a.m. (Communion Service)

Mary Johnson (D)  
**Saturday, October 19**  
5:00 p.m.  
Randall Clayton Morris  
(D)

**Sunday, October 20**  
8:00 a.m.  
St. Louis Parish  
10:30 a.m.  
Deacon Bob Macko (D)  
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,

At the end of St. John's Gospel we are told that, if everything Christ did during his brief earthly life were written down, the entire world could not contain the books. We can infer, therefore, that many--maybe even the majority--of Christ's miracles and encounters were not recorded in the New Testament.

So why did St. Luke include the one we hear today? Clearly because of the lesson that Christ teaches us by it: the beauty of gratitude. The one leper who came back to thank Jesus is praised for this gratitude. We can almost hear the sadness in Christ's heart at the lack of gratitude in the other nine who were healed.

Why does Christ value gratitude so much? Is he vain? Is his self-esteem so weak that he gets depressed if we don't praise and thank him? No. He values gratitude because gratitude is valuable...it's valuable for us, for the health of our souls. In the first place, gratitude keeps us grounded in the truth, which is key for our ongoing relationship with God. To be ungrateful to God is not only unjust, but it's also living an illusion. The simple fact is that everything we have is a gift from God: creation, life, talents, opportunities, hope in heaven, the grace that helps us persevere in doing what is right--these are all God's gifts. We can't create ourselves!

In the second place, gratitude is the perfect antidote to sin. Sin turns us in on ourselves, like an ingrown toenail; gratitude opens us up to God and neighbor. It directly contradicts self-centeredness, self-indulgence, and self-absorption. It builds bridges, unites communities, and softens hearts. It counteracts depression and releases anxiety. Gratitude is one of the most beautiful flowers in the garden of

virtue...what a pity that it's so rare!

**Surgery/Convalescence:** I will be leaving this week for a number of pre-admission appointments, anticipating my hip replacement surgery October 22. Thank you for your promises of prayers and concern for me. It means a lot, and I am grateful! If all goes well, I hope to return to St. Louis, December 7th.

*Peace to you and yours,*

*Fr. Stevens*

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**TIME / TALENT / TREASURE  
October 19/20**

**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. V. Wall, F. Spanarelli

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. C. Morris, K. Radford  
8:00 a.m. J. Piotrowski, T. Sobon  
10:30 a.m. K. Onokpise, P. Johnston

**Sacristans**

5:00 p.m. J. Larson,  
8:00 a.m. T. Cross  
10:30 a.m. A. Gorniak

**Altar Servers**

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

**Liturgical Assistant**

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

**OFFERTORY REPORT  
for Sunday, October 6**

Here is a snapshot of what was donated through the Regular Offertory during Mass last week. There was \$3,381 offered as checks and \$279 as cash in envelopes. There was \$464 in "loose" cash, which cannot be credited to specific parishioners. The loose cash in the second collection amounted to \$302, while the envelopes and checks totaled \$390. Finally the envelopes for the Building Fund contained \$332 and the one for the Burse Club \$1. The total deposit from the Offertory baskets was \$5,149.

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
*Volunteer of the Month for October is Jackie Larson. Thank you for all you do for St. Louis, Jackie!*

**ATTENTION**  
**MASS MINISTERS**  
There is now a form available on the parish website, on its "Ministries" page, to submit any such dates you are unavailable to serve. Please submit any dates by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following month. If you have any questions please contact Catherine Anderson Smith. 262-8157 or [dre@stl.ptdiocese.org](mailto:dre@stl.ptdiocese.org).

**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.



**THANK YOU!  
FARM SHARE**



On Saturday morning, October 5<sup>th</sup> St. Louis Parish hosted another biannual FARM SHARE event. Approximately 56 volunteer parishioners came out to assist in providing 16,048 pounds of fresh produce and other packaged food items to at least 235 households in our community. Your help with the tasks of setting up, bagging and distributing the food, traffic control, obtaining signatures and cleaning up came together beautifully, and assured a smooth operation. Your hard work secured another tremendous achievement for our brothers and sisters and was greatly appreciated. HUGE PROPS to Saint Louis! SUPER JOB!! THANK YOU!!

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



October 20th  
St. Louis Parish Hall  
8:45 – 10:15 a.m.  
Pancakes/Bradley Sausage/  
Orange Juice  
Cost: \$5.00 (\$3.00 Children)

**BURSE CLUB**

When using the Burse Club envelopes, please use cash or make your checks payable either to St. Louis Church indicating in the memo "For Burse Club" or to DCCW Burse Club, Please remember St. Louis Church in your will.



**JOSEPH HOUSE  
CHARITY GALA**

You are invited to an Evening for Peace and Justice, Friday November 8 at 6:30 p.m., Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 624 Miccosukee Road. As we break bread together and celebrate the mission of Joseph House, we will hear from our residents, learn our vision for 2020 and hear messages from Bishop William Wack and Public Defender, Andy Thomas. RSVP by October 25 to Fr. Dustin Feddon, [frdustin@josephouseus.org](mailto:frdustin@josephouseus.org). You may purchase tickets at [www.josephouseus.org](http://www.josephouseus.org) at \$25 for a single ticket or \$200 for a table that seats 8.