

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 25

6:00 p.m.
Donald Larson (D)

Sunday, November 26
8:00 a.m.

St. Louis Parish
10:30 a.m.

Danielle Hernandez (L)
Monday, November 27
8:30 a.m.

(Communion Service only)

Tuesday, November 28
8:30 a.m.

Joann Hamilton (D)

Wednesday, November 29
8:30 a.m.

Tally Walker, Sr. (D)
6:00 p.m.

No Latin Mass
Thursday, November 30
8:30 a.m.

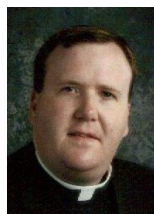
Ed Lee (D)
Friday, December 1
8:30 a.m.

Juanita Jimenez (D)
Saturday, December 2
6:00 p.m.

Jerry Thompson (D)
Sunday, December 3
8:00 a.m.

St. Louis Parish
10:30 a.m.

Frederick Ogbodo (L)



The Pastor's Pen

Dear Parish Family,

Advent:

Next weekend begins the liturgical season of Advent, and the beginning of a new liturgical year. Advent has two main themes. The first two weeks being a meditation on the second coming of Christ; while the second two weeks recall the first coming of Christ, culminating with the Solemnity of Christmas.

The focus of the Mass each week is first and foremost the worship of God. The Mass is then the great hymn of thanksgiving, in which the priest leads the people to the Lord, and offers the great sacrifice for and on behalf of the people trusted to his care.

Mass "Propers":

Each Mass has a proper entrance and communion antiphon that is drawn from scripture and is found in the Roman Missal. They set the tone for the celebration of Mass. Beginning this Advent they will be used during the entrance of the Priest, and during the communion procession of the people. A suitable hymn will be retained at the offertory and recession at the conclusion of Mass. I want to thank PJ Wilford and our musicians for their good work and efforts!

Mass Times at St. Louis

Over the next several months I will be looking at and evaluating the current Mass schedule. I have spoken to both the Parish Council and Finance Council and there is consensus that there needs to be a consistent time made available each week for the Latin Mass. I think we could add a third morning Mass.

Mass times continued....

I recognize that this will require some adjustments for everyone.

When asked to come to St. Louis parish, Bishop Wack indicated that he wanted those who desired the Latin Mass to have access to it. Having it once a month, and having it instead of Mass in English is not ideal. I would like your feedback and constructive criticism, and I emphasize *constructive* criticism.

I continue to settle in and I am very grateful to the welcome and kindness you have shown me. Let us ask the Lord to fill us with kindness patience and understanding. Let us strive to be a people of peace!

Peace to you, and yours!

Fr. Stevens

THANKS TO:

All who supported the Knights pancake breakfast and Christmas shopping raffle. We appreciate you!

CONGRATULATIONS

*Winner for the Christmas shopping raffle, first place: **Tracy Harbour** Second and Third place: **Stephen Gagne**

*Volunteer of the month for November, **Ron Reynaldos!** Thanks for all you do for St. Louis!!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Our parish is being asked to "Fill the Big Box" (located in the parish hall near the restrooms). Please purchase non-perishable items as you are able and add them to the box. Items will be picked up once each month.

For Sunday, November 19, 2017

Offertory this week:	\$4,477.00
Target:	\$4,509.54
Collected vs Target for month	-\$397.30
Collected vs Target since July	-\$2,283.34
Projected Offertory for year:	\$244,096.24
Annual Budget:	\$250,000.00

Building Fund this week:	\$338.00
Collected this month:	\$1,560.00
Target for the month:	\$2,713.00
Collected since July 1:	\$12,295.00
Collected vs Target since July 1:	-\$1,270.00

Improvements Collections:	\$329.00
Total collected to date:	\$2,465.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT UPDATES:

This ministry is helping to improve the look and upkeep of our parish! **The goal for the year which began July 1st is \$11,000.** To date we have collected \$2,465.00 in second collections (taken up on the third weekend of each month) and \$592.75 from Movie Nights. If you have an idea for a future fundraiser we hope you'll share it with us.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year we will be having our Parish Christmas Party after Mass on December 16th. This time will also be used to welcome Father Stevens! Sign up sheets will be placed on the bulletin board in the Parish hall this upcoming weekend. The Sisterhood will be purchasing a cake and the parish will be purchasing the meats so we would like everyone else to sign up for salads, vegetables, drinks, bread, etc. And if you have a special dessert, feel free to bring that too! We will be doing a 50/50 raffle and also having our ornament gift exchange. If you want to participate in that, bring a wrapped ornament with you that night with your name on the outside tag.

When all the ornaments are under the tree, we will start having folks pick an ornament and then your job is to pray all year for that person whose name is on the tag. We are hoping to have some **Christmas** carol sing-alongs and maybe even "break in" Father Stevens with the Reindeer game.....hmmm.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Christmas Angels are available for pick up on the tree in the back of the Church. Thanks to Chuck and Marie for the donation of the tree and for Barb Stout for chairing this project. Gifts will be due back the weekend of December 9/10.



"A HOLIDAY TEA"

Ladies of St. Louis you are invited to "A Holiday Tea" at St. Thomas the Apostle, Quincy, on Saturday December 2nd, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Please join our ladies at the beginning of Advent. Bring your favorite tea cup, a plate of goodies (if you have time) and a small gift to exchange (\$5). RSVP Barbara Stout by phone 528-2397 or e-mail her at barb@renewandco.com.

HOMELESS SHELTER

The Homeless Guests want to thank the Ministry Members who donate, come to prepare, cook and /or serve the delicious dinners each first Saturday! The next dinner is December 2nd. Let Mary Balkcom (jmbalkcom@gmail.com) know if you want to join our ministry. Any parishioner can contribute to the Shelter's "wish list" in December by donating ground coffee. Place it in the gray bin at the back of church.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 2 - Ladies Tea in Quincy at 10:00 a.m.

December 3 - Blood Drive

December 7- Knights of Columbus meeting - 7:00 p.m.

December 9/10 - Christmas Angels gifts due back

December 10 - NOTE: Sisterhood Christmas Party/meeting has been cancelled.

December 16 - Christmas Party/Welcome Dinner for Father Stevens at 7:00 p.m.

December 16/17 - Second Collection Weekend for Capital Improvements Campaign

January 7 - Sisterhood meeting at 11:30 a.m. (We will be putting bags together for Casa Calderon)

January 28 - Blood Drive

SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood is collecting items for its January community projectgift bags for the residents at Casa Calderon. If you would like to help we will be collecting the following regular size items until the end of December: bars of soap, shampoo, deodorant (men and ladies), socks (men and ladies), toothpaste, lotion and toothbrushes (we still need 50 more individual brushes). Many of these residents have no one to visit and this is a special treat for them. Thank you!

