

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 6

6:00 p.m.
Mary Johnson (L)

Sunday, January 7

8:00 a.m.
St. Louis Parish

10:30 a.m.

Fr. Kevin Johnson (L)

Monday, January 8

8:30 a.m.
(Communion Service only)

Tuesday, January 9

8:30 a.m.
(Communion Service only)

Wednesday, January 10

8:30 a.m.
(Communion Service only)

6:00 p.m.

(No Latin Mass)
Thursday, January 11

8:30 a.m.
(Communion Service only)

Friday, January 12

8:30 a.m.
(Communion Service only)

Saturday, January 13

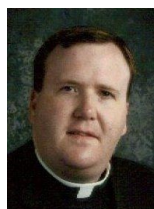
6:00 p.m.
Martha Mims (D)

Sunday, January 14

8:00 a.m.
St. Louis Parish

10:30 a.m.

Edward Veccia (D)
Richard Sullivan (D)



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,

Each one of us should strive to be like the star that guided the Magi: a steady witness to Christ, a gentle, but clear and attractive, invitation to his everlasting Kingdom. We are citizens of Christ's Kingdom; we are here in the world as his ambassadors. So many people are seeking fulfillment where they can't get it: in their own little kingdoms of money, pleasure, and power; in their own web of merely human relationships, built on the shifting sands of undependable human affection; in their own earthly hopes that will come and go like a puff of smoke. If you and I don't show them a higher Kingdom, a lasting Kingdom, a Kingdom that will infuse all those hopes and relationships and activities with a meaning that never grows old but only grows better, who will? Our example, our words, our actions should reflect Christ. We each should ask ourselves, how can we be more like Christ? Which relationship, habit, or activity in our life needs to be enhanced right now, so that we can be more like him, so that we can be better ambassadors? In our hearts, we know, and the Holy Spirit knows. Let's ask him now, during Mass, when we receive Holy Communion, to show us what project of home improvement for the soul we should take up, and let's ask him for the courage to do it. We should be billboards for his Kingdom. We should, each one of us, be like that star that guided the Magi to Jesus. More people than we realize, people who live right beside us, are searching, and if we let our lives shine in Christ, we will help them, as the star helped the Magi, to find true joy and happiness.

Peace to you and yours,

Fr. Stevens

PS: I will be away from St. Louis Parish January 8th to the 12th. I will be visiting a dear priest friend of mine in California. I will be staying with the Capuchin Franciscans, and will remember you in my daily prayers and Masses.

TIME, TALENT, TREASURE
January 13/14

Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion

6:00 p.m. M. Jones
J. Larson
8:00 a.m. T. Cross
J. Piotrowski
10:30 a.m. K. Onokpise
A. Madera

Lectors

6:00 p.m. E. Hawkins
C. Morris
8:00 a.m. A. Farabee
T. Harbour
10:30 a.m. Youth Mass

Altar Servers

6:00 p.m. Open
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8:00 a.m. V. Nguyen
Open
10:30 a.m. Youth Mass

Sacristans

6:00 p.m. J. Larson
8:00 a.m. T. Cross
10:30 a.m. A. Gorniak

Liturgical Assistants

6:00 p.m. J. Mueller
8:00 a.m. S. Mehr
10:30 a.m. P. Johnston

For Sunday, December 31, 2017

Offertory this week: \$3,670.00
Target: \$6,933.27
Collected vs Target for month: **-\$6,721.63**
Collected vs Target since July: **-\$9,628.15**
Projected Offertory for year: \$235,970.07
Annual Budget: \$250,000.00

Building Fund this week: \$1,282.00
Collected this month: \$3,446.00
Target for the month: \$2,713.00
Collected since July 1: \$16,059.00
Collected vs Target since July 1: **-\$219.00**

Improvements Collections: \$104.00
Total collected to date: \$3,403.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

This ministry is helping us improve the look and upkeep of our Parish. We started over on July 1st...our goal this fiscal year is \$11,000. Second collection for this account is held the third weekend of the month. To date we have collected \$4,101.75. Monthly Movie Nights support this campaign. Car wash gift card sales support our efforts too! (See Joe/Brenda Mueller to get your cards!)

CONGRATULATIONS

*Volunteer of the Month for December, **Lori Hocking!** Thanks for all you do for St. Louis!!

KEY AMNESTY

If you have a key for the Church or Parish Hall please contact the office and let us know. If you have keys that you no longer need, please turn them in to the office. Keys will not be *confiscated*, but people need to be honest about having keys and accountable for their use. Further, please do not duplicate or give out Church/Hall keys without checking with Fr. Stevens.

Thank you,
Fr. Stevens

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 14 - Shelter Dinner Ministry meeting at 11:40 a.m.
January 28 - Blood Drive

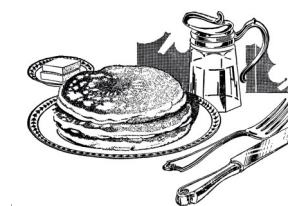
HOMELESS SHELTER MINISTRY

Thank you for your continued generosity to our Homeless at the Shelter. The cold weather brought in more guest, than ever for our Shepard's Pie Dinner. All are welcome to join us, at our 2018 informational meeting, next Sunday, January 17th, at St. Louis, after the 10:30 Mass. It will be in the Parish Hall at 11:40 a.m. contact Mary Balkcom (jmbkcom@gmail.com) for more information.

MARRIAGE STRUGGLING?

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



January 14, 2018
St. Louis Parish Hall
8:45 – 10:15 AM
Pancakes/Bradleys Sausage/
Orange Juice
Cost: \$5.00 (\$3.00 Children)

meal at Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More on Saturday, January 27 from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Candace Ochoa will be our speaker. Reservations are \$10. Call Terry at 321-8174 or e-mail MagnificatTallahassee@gmail.com

PRE-LENTEN RETREAT AT THE NEUMANN CENTER

The St. John Neumann Retreat Center welcomes you to join us for "Into the Barren Wasteland: A Journey with Jesus Through the Desert Trials", a 24-hour pre-Lenten retreat hosted by Fr. Tom Dillon, parochial vicar at Good Shepherd Catholic Church on February 9th and 10th. The cost of \$100 includes meals and lodging. For more information, please call 224-2971 or visit neumanncenter.org

RED MASS

Ever since the 13th Century, the Red Mass has been a formal occasion set aside for the asking of God's Help and Wisdom upon our lawmakers. This time of prayer to the Lord for our government leaders and legislators is a significant and unique opportunity. You are invited to attend the 43rd Annual Red Mass on Wednesday January 31 at 6:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More. A reception will follow Mass.

2018 JUBILEE MARRIAGE MASS

This Mass will be celebrated by Bishop William A. Wack, C.S.C. on February 18th at St. Thomas More Co-Cathedral at 11:45 a.m. to recognize couples celebrating their anniversaries during 2018 as follows: 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 50th, and any anniversary beyond the 50th. Register by phone 850-435-3553, or online ptdiocese.org/events/jubileetally. Please make sure to register at least one week in advance.

MAGNIFICAT

Join us for our next Magnificat

CHURCH FLOWERS

The Flower Ministry is an important part of creating a beautiful environment for worship. Would you like to donate money for the altar flowers for a particular weekend? Your donation could be in remembrance of a loved one or some special occasion in your life. Call the office to reserve a date and get details.