



**Attention Please**

There are new telephone numbers for St. Louis Parish  
Fr. Stevens (850) 262-8155  
Neida Castillo (850) 262-8156

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**

This ministry is helping us improve the look and upkeep of our Parish. We started over on July 1<sup>st</sup> and 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 \$8,952.75. 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 January, **Lori Hocking** Thanks for all you do for St. Louis!!

**BOSTON BUTTS**

You can just smell the aroma of these 7-8 lb. (precooked weight) Cajun-rubbed, Smoked Boston Butts. A St. Louis exclusive from the Knights of Columbus, and still only \$35.00! They only smoke 100 for pick-up on Saturday February 3rd, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Just in time for the Super Bowl!

**HOMELESS SHELTER**

The St. Louis Dinner Meal Ministry for the Homeless thanks you for

your continued support. Our next meal is Saturday, February 3rd. We are especially in need of volunteer servers from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please contact Brenda Mueller at [rustynole@embarmail.com](mailto:rustynole@embarmail.com) or you can reach Mary Balkcom at [jmblkcom@gmail.com](mailto:jmblkcom@gmail.com) or phone 445-1816 if you are interested in serving this February 3rd. The Homeless Shelter's most-needed supplies are: ground coffee, seasonings and 55-gallon garbage bags.

**SISTERHOOD**

The Sisterhood will be having a Valentine's Bake Sale on Sunday, February 11th, after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. We will have a good selection of yummy cookies, cakes, pies, and even some candy for the little ones. There will also be a raffle for a beautiful Valentine's Blanket. Ticket donations are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. A winner will be drawn at the end of the Bake Sale after 10:30 Mass.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Our parish is being asked to try and "fill the big box" (located in the parish hall) each month! Please purchase non-perishable items as you are able and add them to the box. Items will be picked up once a month. The Charities' food bank is in great need of pasta sauce and canned meats.

**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](http://ptdiocese.org/events/jubileetally). Please make sure to register at

least one week in advance.

**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 help, as it has helped tens of thousands of others. Our next program begins **February 2nd**. For more information, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org), or call (813) 816-0711. *Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.*

**NEUMANN CENTER BOOK CLUB**

We will discuss "Dorothy Day/The World Will Be Saved by Beauty" by Kate Hennessy on Monday, February 12, at 7:30 p.m. In his review, Fr. James Martin says this book "brings vividly alive the brilliant, charismatic, and faith-filled apostle of social justice who will one day be known as St. Dorothy Day." We meet on the second Monday of each month in the conference room of the Neumann Center. All are welcome to join us once or occasionally or every time we meet. Questions? Call Jackie Hallifax, 284-2251.

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 27 6:00 p.m.**  
Carolyn Girouard (L)

**Sunday, January 28 8:00 a.m.**  
St. Louis Parish

**10:30 a.m.**  
Shook Family (L)  
**Monday, January 29 8:30 a.m.**

(Communion Service only)

**Tuesday, January 30 8:30 a.m.**

(Communion Service only)

**Wednesday, January 31 8:30 a.m.**

(Communion Service only)

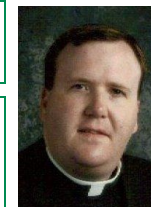
**6:00 p.m.**  
(No Latin Mass)  
**Thursday, February 1 8:30 a.m.**

Eugene Konrad (D)  
**Friday, February 2 8:30 a.m.**

Carolyn Girouard (L)  
**Saturday, February 3 6:00 p.m.**

Miriam Caquimbo (D)  
**Sunday, February 4 8:00 a.m.**

St. Louis Parish  
**10:30 a.m. (Latin Mass)**  
Fr. Kevin Johnson (D)



**THE PASTOR'S PEN**

Dear Parish Family,

Even in the time of Moses, as we heard in today's First Reading, God was already announcing the future arrival of Jesus, the Savior - salvation was and is His agenda for human history.

This salvation has been the secret behind Christianity's constant expansion throughout the past 2,000 years. Unlike other religious creeds, Christianity doesn't offer wealth, success, pleasure, and popularity in this life. In fact Jesus said that following Him involves taking up our cross every day - suffering goes with the name Christian. But Christianity does offer a real, personal, and everlasting friendship with God through Jesus Christ. And that is what our hearts yearn for most deeply, because that is what they were created for. This friendship includes the forgiveness of sins, wisdom, peace of heart amidst life's struggles, and the hope of Heaven. It makes sense of life's mysteries by helping us see them as God does. In the eighth century, when Christianity was making inroads in Anglo-Saxon England, the pagan King Edwin held a council of his top advisors to discuss whether they should accept the Christian faith or not. One of the advisors painted a dramatic picture of Christ's message of salvation. He said to the council: "The present life of man upon earth, O King, seems to me, in comparison with that time which is unknown to us, like to the swift flight of a sparrow through the house wherein you sit at supper in winter, with your Earls and knights, while the fire blazes in the midst, and the hall is warmed, but the wintry storms of rain or snow are raging abroad. The sparrow, flying in at one door and immediately out at another, whilst he is within, is safe from the wintry tempest; but after a short space of fair weather, he immediately vanishes out of your sight, passing from winter into winter again. So this life of man appears for a little while, but of what is to follow or what went before we know nothing at all. If, therefore, this new doctrine tells us something more certain, it seems justly to deserve to be followed.' The other advisors agreed, and the King and his people were baptized." [Quotation from St Bede's "Ecclesiastical History," Book II, Chapter xiii]

How many little "birds" then seek the

warmth of the Church? Open the windows and let them in!

Peace to you and yours,  
Fr. Stevens

**TIME / TALENT / TREASURE**  
**February 3/4**

**Extraordinary Ministers**  
**Of Holy Communion**

6:00 p.m. M. Jones, S. Wilson  
8:00 a.m. L. Ogbodo, T. Cross  
10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

**Lectors**

6:00 p.m. R. O'Leary, E. Hawkins  
8:00 a.m. V. Laurienzo, M. Campos  
10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

**Sacristans**

6:00 p.m. Pullens  
8:00 a.m. T. Cross  
10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

**Altar Servers**

6:00 p.m. (Open), (Open)  
8:00 a.m. Vivian Nguyen, (Open)  
10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

**Liturgical Assistants**

6:00 p.m. R. Larson  
8:00 a.m. G. Brown  
10:30 a.m. Latin Mass

**For Sunday, January 21, 2018**

Offertory this week:	\$4,016.00
Target:	\$4,598.60
Collected vs Target for month	-\$758.73
Collected vs Target since July	-\$5,352.09
Projected Offertory for year:	\$240,878.87
Annual Budget:	\$250,000.00

Building Fund this week:	\$590.00
Collected this month:	\$2,254.00
Target for the month:	\$2,713.00
Collected since July 1:	\$18,313.00
Collected vs Target since July 1:	-\$678.00

Improvements Collections:	\$496.00
Total collected to date:	\$8,952.00