

Fourth Sunday of Advent

For Sunday, December 16

Offertory this week:	\$4,018.00
Target:	\$4,137.22
Collected vs Target for month	\$1,068.14
Collected vs Target since July	\$16,939.70
Projected Offertory for year:	\$288,135.19
Annual Budget:	\$250,000.00
Building Fund this week:	\$1,043.00
Collected this month:	\$2,029.00
Target for the month:	\$2,713.00
Collected since July 1:	\$14,972.00
Collected vs Target since July 1:	-\$1,306.00
Improvements Collections:	\$44.00
Total collected to date:	\$2,733.00

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve
Monday, December 24
 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 25
 9:00 a.m.

NEW YEARS
Monday, December 31
 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 1
 8:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY PARISH PARTY



All are welcome to attend the Christmas/Epiphany Party. Sunday, January 6th at 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Turkey/Ham/Deserts/Drinks provided. Side Dishes are Potluck; sign up sheets are at the entrance of the Church. Bring a dish to pass and share; all are welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS

*Volunteer of the Month for December is **Brady Ostendorf**. We appreciate all you do for St. Louis, Brady!

SISTERHOOD PROJECT

The Sisterhood is extremely grateful for those who have donated to this project. We are still in need of several items, as follows:
 Women's Soap and Body Wash - 19 needed
 Men's Deodorant - 43 needed
 Women's Deodorant - 54 needed
 Men's Sock's - 15 pairs needed
 Toothpaste - 33 needed
 Men's Shampoo - 35 needed
 Women's Shampoo - 52 needed

ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. You **CAN** afford a Catholic education for your child. We have several scholarship and financial assistance opportunities! Schedule a tour to come see our beautiful campus, or a shadow day for your student to spend a day with us. For information or to schedule a visit you can simply call 201-5744. **Save the date!** SJPII Open House is Feb. 2nd from 1:00-3:00 p.m. St. John Paul II Catholic High School wishes you and your family a blessed 2019. Happy New Year!



TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 Open House will be on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. Visit Trinity Catholic School! We are the only Catholic school serving PK3 – 8th Grade students in Tallahassee. Come to learn more about our exceptional academics and extracurricular offering. Visit our Christ-centered classrooms and meet our dedicated teachers.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

6:00 p.m.

ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH HALL

“FULL OF GRACE”

There is one person in scripture that had the experience of living thirty-plus years with Jesus from birth through His resurrection: Mary. His Mother. After a full life lived with the Son of God, fleeing into Egypt, losing him in the temple and seeing him placed upon the cross, Mary is living her final earthly days pondering her life with Jesus. Set ten years after the Resurrection, Mary eagerly awaits the return of the Apostle Peter. Arriving at Mary's home after years of traveling, preaching and narrowly escaping death, Peter expresses the overwhelming responsibility of preaching the word amidst heresies and conflict. Providing encouragement only a mother can, Peter re-discovers the truth: he is not leading, he is following and walking in the light of God.

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

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 22

5:00 p.m.
 Shook Family (L)

Sunday, December 23

8:00 a.m.
 St. Louis Parish

10:30 a.m.
 Marie V. Winner (D)

Monday, December 24
5:00 p.m.

Francis Joseph Advent (D)
7:00 p.m.
 Robert Eugene Childers (D)

Tuesday, December 25
9:00 a.m.

Maude Scott (L)

Wednesday, Dec. 26

8:30 a.m.
 No Mass

Thursday, December 27

6:00 p.m.
 No Mass

Friday, December 28

8:30 a.m.
 William Rowan, Sr. (D)

Saturday, December 29

5:00 p.m.
 Dorothy Berwager (D)

Sunday, December 30

8:00 a.m.
 St. Louis Parish
10:30 a.m.
 Robert Gochnauer (L)



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,

Something is different about Christmas. It's not the lights and presents and festive atmosphere that make it different. Those things are the expression of the difference, not its cause. Even soldiers fighting in snowy mountains and empty deserts feel the difference; even poor refugees fleeing from civil wars feel the difference, and they don't have Christmas trees or Christmas dinners or even a Christmas Mass.

What is this difference? What is the secret heart of Christmas that touches even the Grinches and the Scrooges? It is the simple message that God sent us through the baby Jesus. By becoming a human being just like us, by becoming a helpless little baby, by coming down from the splendors of heaven in order to live a regular human life right in the middle of the pain, sorrow, injustice, and suffering of this fallen world, God was telling us something that every one of us desperately needs to hear; He was saying: "I haven't given up on you."

We human beings have made a real mess of this beautiful world that God put under our care, but God hasn't given up on us. Ever since original sin darkened our minds and poisoned our hearts, we have all felt the sting of loneliness, regret, remorse, and interior division - truly, we have all sinned and rebelled against God. But still, He hasn't given up on us. He is more powerful than the world's selfishness. His light is brighter than the darkest darkness. His love is firm and faithful like the mountains. His wisdom is deep and ever-flowing like the oceans. His goodness is endless like the sky. God hasn't given up on us, and He never will give up on us.

That's why Jesus is called Savior. Today in the City of David a Savior is born for us - for us, for each one of us, because God has great hopes for us.

I wish each of you a Blessed Christmas, and I thank you for your prayers, support, cards and gifts. They are signs of your

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kindness and welcome, and it is much appreciated!

Peace to you and yours!
Fr. Stevens

Christmas Eve: December 24th 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (no Midnight Mass)
Christmas Day: December 25th 9:00 a.m.
New Year's, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God/Holy Day of Obligation:
New Years Eve: December 31st 5:00 p.m.
New Years Day: January 1st 8:30 a.m.

TIME / TALENT / TREASURE

December 29/30

Extraordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. J. Croft, B. Mueller
 8:00 a.m. T. Sobon, J. Piotrowski
 10:30 a.m. R. Spanarelli, F. Spanarelli

Lectors

5:00 p.m. C. Morris, E. Hawkins
 8:00 a.m. T. Harbour, E. Campos
 10:30 a.m. R. Patterson, P. Johnston

Sacristans

5:00 p.m. M. Reeves
 8:00 a.m. T. Sobon
 10:30 a.m. L. Davis

Altar Servers

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

Liturgical Assistants

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

THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed for the holidays from December 24th through January 2, 2019 and will reopen January 3rd. Thank you and have a **Merry Christmas!**