

**TIME / TALENT / TREASURE
March 23/24**

**Extraordinary Ministers
Of Holy Communion**

5:00 p.m. J. Croft, B. Stich
8:00 a.m. T. Cross, L. Ogbodo
10:30 a.m. M. Woolley, B. Woolley

Lectors

5:00 p.m. E. Hawkins, R. Larson
8:00 a.m. S. Ball, (Open)
10:30 a.m. P. Johnston, R. Patterson

Sacristans

5:00 p.m. Pullens
8:00 a.m. T. Sobon
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. I. Brown, Tu. Binitie

Liturgical Assistants

5:00 p.m. J. Mueller
8:00 a.m. S. Mehr
10:30 a.m. G. Brown

For Sunday, March 10

Offertory this week:	\$6,474.00
Target:	\$5,709.77
Collected vs Target for month	\$1,574.20
Collected vs Target since July	\$27,145.97
Projected Offertory for year:	\$289,139.81
Annual Budget:	\$250,000.00

Building Fund this week	\$522.00
Collected this month:	\$1,156.00
Target for the month:	\$2,713.00
Collected since July	\$21,555.00
Collected vs Target since July	-\$2,862.00

Improvements Collections	\$59.00
Total collected to date:	\$5,229.00

CONGRATULATIONS

*Volunteer of the Month for March is **Teresa Gorham**. Thanks for all you do for St. Louis, Teresa!

**CRS RICE BOWL
ENCOUNTER ANNET**

In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee

violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

SAVE THE DATE:

The Sisterhood will be sponsoring a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 23, beginning with Mass at 8:30 a.m. Fr. Stevens will be speaking on "Our Lady of Sorrows: Joy in the Midst of Suffering." R.S.V.P. to lori.hocking@comcast.net or 570-1237, no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 20.



LENTEN FISH FRIES AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fish Fry Meals began March 8 and will continue for 4 more weeks. Take-out is from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. and Dine-in from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Stations of the Cross will follow in the church at 7:00 p.m.

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 44th Annual Red Mass on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More. A reception will follow Mass.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
6:00 p.m.
ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH HALL



PAUL, APOSTLE OF GOD

Paul, who goes from the most infamous persecutor of Christians to Christ's most influential Apostle, is spending his last days in a dark and bleak prison cell awaiting execution by Emperor Nero. Luke, his friend and physician, risks his life when he ventures into Rome to visit him. Paul is under the watchful eye of Mauritianus, the prison's prefect, who seeks to understand how this broken old man can pose such a threat. But before Paul's death sentence can be enacted, Luke resolves to write another book, one that details the beginnings of "The Way" and the birth of what will come to be known as the church. Their faith challenged an empire. But their words changed the world.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16

5:00 p.m.
St. Louis Parish

Sunday, March 17

8:00 a.m.
Dana McMillin (L)
10:30 a.m.
Jose Leopoldo Pujals
Mederos (D)

Tuesday, March 19

6:00 p.m.
Patricia Ann LeBlanc (D)

Wednesday, March 20

8:30 a.m.
Corrina Mehiel (D)

Thursday, March 21

6:00 p.m.
Joe Mueller, Sr. (D)

Friday, March 22

8:30 a.m.
Jose Leopoldo Pujals
Mederos (D)

Saturday, March 23

8:30 a.m. (Latin Mass)
All Vocations

5:00 p.m.

St. Louis Parish

Sunday, March 24

8:00 a.m.
Donato and Rosa Castaño
(D)

10:30 a.m.
Patricia and Eugene
VandeZande(D)

MASS INTENTIONS

Contact the office if you wish to schedule a Mass for particular intention



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,

St. Paul was worried about the Christians in Philippi. He had preached the Gospel in that Roman outpost for the first time, and had received a remarkable welcome. The community quickly became thriving and faithful. But since then, doctrinal and moral controversies had sprung up and caused division and strife, confusion and difficulty. And so Paul writes to them to plead with them to "stand firm in the Lord." He is afraid that the trials they are facing will lure them away from God.

In our lives too we face confusion and difficulty. We are surrounded by challenges that make it hard for us to be faithful to Christ and his Church. The normal behavior of the popular culture does not follow the Christian pattern of dignified self-control, self-forgetful love, humility, and moral integrity. Instead, it glorifies self-indulgence, exaggerated individualism, superficiality, and moral weakness – just as the pagan society of Philippi did. We too, therefore, need to be encouraged to "stand firm in the Lord," so that we don't get tired of doing what is right, and so that we don't get tricked into preferring the news of CNN to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

How did St. Paul motivate the Philippians to hold firm and be strong? He reminded them of their true identity: "Our citizenship is in Heaven," he wrote. Just as athletes have to keep the gold medal in their mind's eye in order to endure the sacrifice necessary to train effectively, so we have to keep our true home in mind in order to persevere through life's trials. If

we remember that our citizenship is in heaven, we will not expect life on earth to perfectly satisfy all our longings, and so we will not become slaves to the seductive pleasures and fashions of this passing world.

CSA 2019

On Monday, John Kennedy alerted all Pastors/Administrators that the Catholic Sharing Appeal, was significantly down from last year across the Diocese. For St. Louis this is true as well; we are down 22 pledges from last year, and of the pledges made to date there has been some significant reductions made. I will review the reports with the Finance Council. If you have not responded to the Bishop's annual CSA, I encourage you to please do so. If you want talk about why you choose to reduce your pledge, or not pledge, I am happy to meet with you. My door is open to anyone who has concerns. I am willing and ready to meet and listen.

Joint Meeting

Tuesday evening the Parish Council, Finance Council, Parish Deacons, and Staff held a joint meeting. We prayed, discussed some of the themes that came out of the Parish Survey, shared concerns and hopes. It was a good meeting, and I am grateful for their consultation, discernment and support.

Peace to you and yours,
Fr. Stevens

LENTEN CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesday/Thursday 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.
Wednesday/Friday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00-10:00 a.m.,
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:15 - 10:15a.m.

