

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 15
5:00 p.m.
Don and Vicky Larson (D)

Sunday, February 16
8:00 a.m.
Carolyn Davis (D)
10:30 a.m.
St. Louis Parish

Tuesday, February 18
6:00 p.m.
Mary Johnson (D)

Wed., February 19
8:30 a.m.
Seminarian Michael Nnadi (D)

Thurs., February 20
6:00 p.m.
Mary Nicholson (L)

Friday, February 21
8:30 a.m.
Jane Logue Myers (D)

Saturday, February 22
5:00 p.m.
Peter Ferrigno (D)

Sunday, February 23
8:00 a.m.
St. Louis Parish
10:30 a.m.
Emma Martin (D)

MASS INTENTIONS

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



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Parish Family,

The Greek word Jesus uses for "Hell" is "Gehenna." Gehenna itself was Jerusalem's garbage dump. It had been the valley where unfaithful Jews in past centuries offered human sacrifices to foreign, false gods. When the nation reformed and such practices were stopped, they decided to use it as an open-air incinerator. Thus, the ever-smoldering and worm-infested valley became a symbol for the place where people who reject friendship with God suffer eternal frustration: Hell.

Christ's frequent mention of Hell in the Gospels has caused some critics to accuse Christianity of manipulating weak and superstitious people by instilling irrational fear. Nothing could be less accurate. Christ's warnings are those of a friend. Jesus knows that we can reach lasting happiness only through friendship with God, and he wants us to be happy, so he warns us about everything that could damage or destroy that friendship, thus leading eventually to eternity spent without God. That is an indescribably painful prospect, because the human person was created to live in union with God; eternity without God is everlasting existential frustration.

Since Jesus loves us, he tells us the truth --even the tough truth. But there is another side to this truth as well--the side St. Paul refers to in today's Second Reading. He reminds us of the magnificent wisdom of God's divine plan, which, if we follow it, will bring us to Heaven. Heaven is a state of

happiness so complete and overflowing that, St. Paul explains, no eye has ever seen something so wonderful, no ear has ever heard it, nor has anyone ever been able to imagine it. Hell, eternal frustration, is a reality worth being warned about. But Heaven, eternal and unimaginable fulfillment, is just as real, and it will be the reward of everyone who dies in friendship with God.

Peace to you and yours,

Fr. Stevens

TIME / TALENT / TREASURE
February 22/23

Extraordinary Ministers
Of Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. E. Spearl-Hawkins, B. Stich
8:00 a.m. T. Sobon, J. Piotrowski
10:30 a.m. A. Madera, D. Jacobs

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Ri. O'Leary, Ro. O'Leary
8:00 a.m. T. Cross, T. Harbour
10:30 a.m. K. Onokpise, M. Woolley

Sacristans

5:00 p.m. J. Larson
8:00 a.m. M. D'Souza
10:30 a.m. L. Davis

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. (Open) (Open)
8:00 a.m. V. Nguyen, (Open)
10:30 a.m. Tu. Binitie, (Open)

Liturgical Assistant

5:00 p.m. J. Mueller
8:00 a.m. S. Ball
10:30 a.m. P. Johnston

OFFERTORY REPORT
(for Sunday, February 9)

Offertory this week:	\$6,563.00
Target:	\$6,241.65
Collected vs. Target for month	-\$1,218.31
Collected vs. Target for Fiscal Year	\$4,447.36
Projected Offertory for year:	\$277,324.35
Annual Budget:	\$270,000.00

Building Fund this week	\$601.00
Collected this month:	\$1,027.50
Target for the month:	\$2,713.00

Improvements Collections	\$50.50
Total collected to date:	\$5,231.50



LENT
Ash Wednesday
is Wednesday,
February 26th.
Mass times are
8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

LENTEN FISH FRY



Begins on Friday, February 28th. Fish Fry will continue every Friday until April 3rd. Take-out is from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. and dine-in from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Come join us in the Shook Parish Hall.

HOMELESS SHELTER

Thank you to each of you for your continued support of our First Saturday Shelter Dinner which has been ongoing for 25 years!!! We have not missed providing and serving the dinner to Tallahassee's Homeless Guests, at least once per month, for that long. Father Stevens has moved ALL collection bins to the little "former kitchen" room at the back of the church. You are always most welcome to drop your assigned item there (if it does not need refrigeration!) May God richly bless each of you for feeding and loving all of His beloved children.

LAST CALL!

St. Louis parishioners have been very supportive as the Baby Bottle Project has progressed along, and are getting closer towards meeting our goal. The proceeds will go towards assisting in the purchase of a new Mobile Health Care Unit with ultrasound services for Open Door Women's Clinic of Tallahassee. Please consider offering your spare change and dollars into a bottle to give distressed pregnant women the opportunity to "Choose Life". Write checks to: "Knights of Columbus." Bottle pick-up and return is located at the back of the church. FINAL DEADLINE for returned bottles is **Sunday, February 23rd**. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!!**

"Can You Spare Change to Save Unborn Babies?"

2020 JUBILEE MARRIAGE MASS
Tallahassee

March 1 / 11:45 AM EST
Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More
If you celebrate the 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, or any anniversary after your 50th during 2020.

Come celebrate your marriage with Bishop Wack!
Registration and more information at ptdiocese.org/events
(850) 435-3553

GIFTS STORE

Blessed Sacrament Books and Gifts store now has a large selection of First Communion and Confirmation gifts in stock. New items arrive weekly. Come by and check out our books (over 130 titles in stock), rosaries, jewelry, etc. We also take special orders. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted. *Now Open Saturday 1:00 - 4:45 p.m.*



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29,
6:00 PM
ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
SHOOK PARISH HALL

GIFTED HANDS

The true story about a renowned brain surgeon who overcame obstacles to change the course of medicine forever. Young Ben Carson didn't have much of a chance. Growing up in a broken home amongst poverty and prejudice, his grades suffered and his temper flared. And yet his mother never lost her faith in him. Insisting he follow the opportunities she never had, she helped to grow his imagination, intelligence and, most importantly, his belief in himself. That faith would be his gift--the thing that would drive him to follow his dream of becoming one of the world's leading neurosurgeons.

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