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**SUNDAY MASSES**

7:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m. Saturday Vigil Mass  
12:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

**DAILY MASSES**

Monday - Friday 6:45 a.m.,  
12:10 p.m.

Saturday 6:45 a.m.

**DAILY CONFESSIONS**

In the Chapel (except Holy  
Days & Holidays)

Monday - Saturday  
6:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

Saturday  
4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.



**ANOIDING OF THE SICK**

First Monday of the Month. At all  
Masses (except Holy Days and  
Holidays)

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF  
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Monday 12:00 p.m.

**BAPTISMS**

Second Sunday of the month.  
Contact the Parish Office at least  
one month prior to requested date  
of Baptism to arrange for a  
personal interview with the Pastor.  
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**MARRIAGES**

Arrangements should be made at  
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those who have been registered,  
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one year. Contact the Parish Office  
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## MEDITATION

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

***To me life is Christ, and death is gain. (Philippians 1:21).***

When he wrote these words, Paul wasn't just creating a catchy slogan for the Christian life. He was sharing his deepest conviction—how he was torn between the prospect of being united with Jesus in heaven and continuing to fulfill the mission God had called him to during his earthly lifetime. His heart and mind were so united to Jesus that he was consumed by these two seemingly conflicting desires: “to depart this life and be with Christ” or to “remain in the flesh” (Philippians 1:23,24).

Most of us would probable rather not think of death. Perhaps it makes us recall the loved ones whom we miss. Or maybe thinking about our own death makes us consider how we will be separated from our friends and children, or from the purpose and satisfaction we feel in serving the Lord in our parish or in our community. In either case, death certainly doesn't seem like a real “gain.”

So, what can we learn from St. Paul's perspective? First, heaven is something that we can wholeheartedly look forward to. While we may initially think of all that we might lose when we pass away, the truth is that we can expect to experience far more joy and satisfaction in eternity than we ever could in our earthly lives.

Second, we can experience a foretaste of the joy that awaits us in heaven right here and now. We can be so consumed with Christ that we say, with Paul, “To me life is Christ” (Philippians 1:21). How can we be consumed with Christ? Like Paul, we can spend our lives in “fruitful labor,” serving others and pointing to Jesus in all we do (Philippians 1:22). As Paul delighted in seeing people grow in their faith, so, too, can we find joy in seeing our lives draw others closer to Jesus, even as we await the fullness of life in heaven.

***“Lord, open my eyes to the beauty of this life,  
today and in eternity.”***

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## FOCUS ON THE WORD

**God rewards those who place their trust in him.**

It is hard not to relate to the worker who toiled all day and then was jealous of the worker who was paid equally for his one hour of work. But if we unite ourselves to the heart of Christ, we can understand God's pleasure in the conversion of all souls, whether they were faithful their whole lives or came to him right before death. Thank God for the mercy shown to each of us.

## POPE LEO'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

**For the care of water.**

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

## TODAY'S MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven #265*

Kyrie #1, Page 7

Gloria #5, Page 9

Readings for Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Pages 56-57

OFFERTORY HYMN:

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy #241*

Sanctus #75, page 93

Agnus Dei #89, page 106

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

***You have laid down you precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.***

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

*Now Thank We All Our God #228*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, September 21

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Psalm 19:2-5

Matthew 9:9-13

### Tuesday, September 22

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13

Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44

Luke 8:19-21

### Wednesday, September 23

Proverbs 30:5-9

Psalm 119:26, 72, 89, 101, 104

Luke 9:1-6

### Thursday, September 24

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11

Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc

Luke 9:7-9

### Friday, September 25

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Psalm 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4

Luke 9:18-22

### Saturday, September 26

Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8

Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17

Luke 9:43b-45

### Sunday, September 27

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm 25:4-9

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

Prayer Requests: If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please call or email the parish office and their names will be added to our list of intentions: **The email for prayer requests is [omannstlouis@gmail.com](mailto:omannstlouis@gmail.com) or call 651-224-3379.**

***We ask that you kindly let us know when the names of people should be removed. Names will be removed after 2 months unless otherwise notified. Many, many thanks.***

Please pray for our parishioners and friends of St. Louis Church who are sick: Gertie Alvela, Peggy Anfang, Margie Atkinson, Mary Atkinson, Lowell C., Jenny Dufner, Greg Ennis, Joan Felion, Harry Frazier, Anne Hallgren, Mia Hasouris, Jacqueline Heintz, Mary Ellen Hennen Mark Hennen, Austin Hogan, Patty Huiras, Doria Johnson, John Johnson, Brian Junker, Marilyn Krass, John D. Lamey, Bonida Lanford, Caroline Lanford, Steve Lauinger, Oscar Marfori, Michael McGuire, Jennifer McMaster, Brad McNaught, Tom Miller, Dick Mogren, Ruth Murray, Gretchen Naegeli, Tom Nutter, Karen Olson, Stephanie Pommier, Zachary Redland, Jacob Revera, Jaxson Rivera, Inger Saffie, Mamie Singleton, Maureen Sullivan, Robert Tereau, Allyson Tracy, Robert VanGuilder, Jr, Edie Virnig, Brian Walstad, Jennifer Washington and Justin Woessner.

| RING OUT, O BELLS . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |             |                   |                   |
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| DATE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | REQUEST FOR | INTENTION         | REQUESTED BY      |
| September 27                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | †Sandy Klas | Birthday Memorial | Fred Lenertz, Sr. |
| <b>OPEN BELL DATES:</b> The following dates are open in September and October for anyone wishing to have the bells rung in memory or in honor of a loved one: September 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30; October 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29 30 and 31. Please call the rectory during office hours to make arrangements. Some dates listed as open may not be available due to the normal lag in printing time. |             |                   |                   |

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 21 *Saint Matthew*

6:45 †Stan Turner

12:10 †Joseph and †Lorraine Merk1

Tuesday, September 22 *Seasonal Weekday*

6:45 Thomas Gustafson

12:10 †Gerald and †Evelyn Virnig

Wednesday, September 23 *Saint Pius of Pietrelcina*

6:45 †Janice Chouanard

12:10 Bruce Polske

Thursday, September 24 *Seasonal Weekday*

6:45 †Mercedes Romena Eustaquio

12:10 Austin Hogan

Friday, September 25 *Seasonal Weekday*

6:45 †Dale A. Plumhoffd

12:10 Paula Linnen

Saturday, September 26 *Saints Cosmas and Damian*

6:45 †Sandy Klas

5:00 Catherine Lamey

Sunday, September 27 *Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners  
of Saint Louis Church

10:00 †Stephen Sipper

12:30 †Ed and †Helen Brisson

## PARISH CALENDAR

September 21..... Rosary Recited 11:40 AM

September 21..... Novena Miraculous Medal 12:00 PM

September 21..... Synod Scripture Group 6:30 PM

September 22..... Rosary Recited 11:40 AM

September 23..... Eucharistic Adoration 11-12 PM

September 24..... Rosary Recited 11:40 AM

September 25..... Rosary Recited 11:40 AM

September 26-27 ..... Maintenance Fund Collection

## Mass Intentions

For Mass Intention Requests, please complete a Mass Intention Envelope clearly and readable and place your envelope in the collection basket or mail to the parish office. The stipend for a Mass Request is \$ 10.00.

## Bell Requests

If you would like to have the bells rung for the intention of a loved one, please call the parish office or mail your request to the parish office. The stipend to have the bells rung is \$ 25.00.

## ELECTRONIC DONATION

You can now make an electronic donation to St. Louis Church by scanning the QR code to the right. The code is linked to our online giving page on the website.



## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekend for the Maintenance Fund. The proceeds from this collection is used for the maintenance and repairs of the church, chapel, rectory and parish hall. As always, your continued generosity and support is immensely appreciated.

## SYNOD SCRIPTURE GROUP

The Synod Scripture Group will resume on Monday, September 21, from 6:30 – 7:30 PM in the parish hall. The group will begin discussing the **Gospel of Mark: Growing in Faith**. Mark's Gospel traces the spiritual journey of Jesus' followers. Mark focuses especially on the apostles who readily left behind their homes and livelihoods but with far more difficulty came to understand who Jesus was and what his mission meant for them and ultimately for all of us. **Mark: Growing in Faith** invites us to accompany Jesus' disciples on this journey and grow in our own faith and discipleship. Please join us. New members are always welcome.

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE

As of September 11, 2026, \$24,235.75 of our goal of \$26,165.00 has been raised for the Catholic Services Appeal. This leaves \$1,929.25 to be raised for us to reach our goal. Remember, 25% of the amount over our goal is returned to the parish. Please consider making a donation to the Catholic Services if you have not already done so. Thank you.

## TUESDAY CONCERT SERIES

Due to the lack of funds, the Tuesday Concert Series for the fiscal year 2026 – 2027 has been reduced to one concert a month. In the past, we have received funding for the concert series from a very generous parishioner. If we receive donations to help cover costs, we may increase the recital offerings. The first concert for the new fiscal year will be on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 12:35 PM, immediately after the 12:10 PM Mass.

## FR. RON DesROSIERS MEMORIALS

Some people have asked where a donation to the Marist Fathers and Brothers can be sent in memory of Fr. Ron DesRosiers. You can send a donation to Marist Center, 4408 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Washington, DC 20017. Please make a note on the memo line of the check "Fr. Ron DesRosiers Memorial". Thank you.

## END OF LIFE PLANNING WORKSHOP

This workshop is designed to give individuals and families practical information and resources to help them prepare for end-of-life decisions before they are faced with them. There will be speakers and exhibitors covering topics such as funeral and cemetery planning, Catholic funeral rites, veterans' benefits, legal and financial considerations, and other aspects of end-of-life planning. The workshop is being held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, New Brighton. The workshop is presented by Catholic Cemeteries. You can register online at [catholic-cemeteries.org/workshop](http://catholic-cemeteries.org/workshop).

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James 2:14

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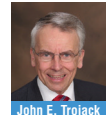
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