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The Little French Church

SUNDAY MASSES

7:00 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

11:00 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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Monday of the Month

At all Masses (except Holy Days
and Holidays)

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY
OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL**

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. For parishioners only.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made at
least six months in advance for those
who have been registered, supportive
parishioners for at least two years.
Contact the Parish Office for a meeting
with the Pastor.

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MEDITATION
Sunday, March 24, 2019

The Third Sunday of Lent

See Worship Book 795

I have witnessed the affliction of my people.
(Exodus 3:7)

On Ash Wednesday, we began Lent with the age-old call to repentance: "Return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning" (Joel 2:12). That theme continues in today's second reading and Gospel. But the first reading is something different. It's not about our need to repent; it's about God's free, overflowing mercy.

For the children of Abraham, God's mercy came in the form of release from slavery in Egypt. For us, that mercy comes in the form of release from slavery to sin.

God showed mercy and grace to the Israelites, not because they were perfect, but because they were his people and he cared for them. Likewise, he shows mercy to us because we are his children, and he doesn't want to see us bound in sin.

Exodus was just the beginning too. From age to age, God has shown himself to be merciful toward his people. He told Moses that this is how he should always be remembered: "The Lord, the Lord, a God gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love and fidelity" (Exodus 34:6). Other prophets then continued the teaching, always referring to God as "gracious and merciful" (Joel 2:13; Jonah 4:2). Even the psalms praise God's mercy repeatedly.

When Jesus came, he focused his ministry on the mercy and graciousness of his heavenly Father as well (Matthew 5:7; Luke 6:36; 10:37). But even more important, he showed himself to be the very mercy of God. He refused to condemn a woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11). He welcomed tax collectors and sinners as disciples (Luke 15:1-2). And best of all, he promised the thief on the cross, "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (23:43).

It's no wonder that one of the most common sentences Jesus heard while he was on earth was "Have mercy on me!" It's a prayer he cannot help but answer!

"Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy."

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ENTRANCE HYMN 537

The God of Abraham praise

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 795

The Lord is kind and merciful.

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 753

Have mercy, Lord, on us

CHORAL MUSIC AT THE 11:00 AM MASS

Kyrie eleison (Missa brevis)

Andrea Gabrieli (1510-1586)

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, "Where is now thy God?" — *Psalm 42:1-3*

Communion Passer invenit

Graduale Romanum, Mode I

The sparrow has found herself a home, and the turtle dove a nest in which to lay her young: at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God! Blessed are they who dwell in your house, they shall praise you for ever and ever. — *Matthew 17:9.*

Antiphon Sub tuum praesidium

Mode VII

Under thy protection we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our needs, but from all dangers deliver us always, Virgin Glorious and Blessed.

— *Oldest extant Hymn to the Blessed Virgin; c. 250 A.D.*

TUESDAY ORGAN RECITALS, 12:35 pm — 1:05 pm

26 March — **Dorothy Young Riess, M.D.,**

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 25

Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 40:7-11; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, March 26

Daniel 3:25,34-43; Psalm 25:4-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 27

Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9; Psalm 147:12-13,15-16,19-20; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 28

Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95:1-2,6-9; Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 29

Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6-11,14,17; Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 30

Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4,18-21; Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, March 31

Joshua 5:9,10-12; Psalm 34:2-7; Second Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Please pray for our parishioners and friends of St. Louis Church who are sick: Mark Joseph Acesor, Christy, Ginny Collins, Monty Denniston, Estrella DeVeyra, Barb Arland-Frye, Greg Ennis, Anne Hallgren, Margaret Ann Hennen, Ruth Murray, Tom Nutter, Joan Schmitt and Evelyn Virnig.

Prayer Requests If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please call or email the parish office and we will add their names to our ongoing parishioners and friends list of intentions: markmstlouis@comcast.net or call 651-224-3379.

Saint Louis King of France Lenten Food Drive

Help us help the **Franciscan Brothers of Peace** in feeding the hungry, the poor and the homeless. Donations will be collected at each Mass in the Church by the Saint Joseph Altar and in the Chapel by the Lourdes Grotto. The Food Shelf is in need of **Nonperishable Foods**, Personal Hygiene Products, Gift Certificates, **Gift Cards**, and **Monetary Contributions** are always helpful.

RING OUT, O BELLS...

DATE	REQUEST FOR	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
March 25	†Joseph Houle	Anniversary of Death	Helene Houle
March 27	†Jerry Ernster	Memorial	Joan Ernster
March 28	†Thomas Francis McGuire	Birthday Memorial	Glory and Richard
March 29	Dan Abdul	Happy Birthday	Nancy and Bruce Lindberg
March 30	Lulu Daly	Happy Birthday	Helene Houle
March 31	Dr. Peter and Lulu Daly	Wedding Anniversary	Helene Houle

OPEN BELL DATES: The following dates are still open in March and April for anyone wishing to have the bells rung in memory or in honor of a loved one: April 2nd, 11th-13th, 16th-17th, 19th, 21st-22nd, 25th-26th, 28th-30th. Please, call the rectory during office hours to make arrangements.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 25 *Annunciation of the Lord*

6:45 Poor and Abandoned
12:10 Sick and Dying

Tuesday, March 26

6:45 Susan Stevenson
12:10 Paul Gatto

Wednesday, March 27

6:45 Alexander Cleaveland
12:10 Joan Felion

Thursday, March 28

6:45 †Thomas Francis McGuire
12:10 Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday, March 29

6:45 Families
12:10 Deceased Marists

Saturday, March 30

6:45 †Harvey T. Jacobson
5:00 Therese Menke

Sunday, March 31 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

7:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners
of St. Louis Church
9:15 †Jerry Ernster
11:00 Darrel Atkinson
12:30 Keenan Raverty

PARISH CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 26 *Organ Recital* after the 12:10 Mass
Wednesday, March 27 *Eucharistic Exposition* 11:00 – 12:00pm
Monday, April 1 *Anointing of the Sick* (After all the Masses)



**Stations of the Cross during Lent on
Fridays at 5:15pm in the Main Church**

40 Days for Life Sign Ups

40 Days for Life's Spring Campaign is from March 6 through April 14. We invite all to join this worldwide movement to protect babies and their families from the tragedy of abortion! Thank you in advance to all who sign up for any days of prayer at Planned Parenthood on Vandalia, just north of University Avenue. Please invite friends/family to participate with you through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful vigil. If you wish to sign up contact Karen McCann at 612-964-4522 or Jen Rolfes at 651-231-2940 or go to 40daysforlife.com.

New Hours for Adoration

The Church will be open for Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 11:00am to 12 noon.

Easter Flowers

Honor your loved ones this Easter by making a donation to help with the Easter flowers in their honor or in their memory. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. **PLEASE PRINT** your name clearly on the front of the envelope and the name(s) of those in whose honor you are making the contribution on the back. These envelopes can be dropped in any **collection basket**.

Lifetouch Photos

For those who received a free 8x10 for being photographed for our Parish Directory, you can pick up your free photo on the round table in the rear of the church after any of the weekend Masses. Otherwise, you can pick your photo up at the parish office Monday through Friday from 9am to 3pm.

The Catholic Services Appeal

If you have not yet given your gift in support of the 20 Collective Ministries of this Archdiocese to the Catholic Services Appeal, please prayerfully consider God's gifts in your life and consider making a pledge. Every gift is important and helps to strengthen our Catholic family and this Archdiocese. **Our goal this year is \$43,601.00.** We are currently more than halfway there. Parishioners and friends of St. Louis Church generously contributed \$61,484.00 in 2018. St. Louis parish receives a 25% return on the amount we collect providing we reach our goal.

Ceremony Marian- Senior Social Event

Cards, games and pie social this Tuesday, March 26th from 1:30 – 3:00. Come early and attend 1:00pm Mass in the chapel. 200 Earl Street, St. Paul, 55106 651-495-1819.

24 Hours For The Lord

Join with the universal Church in this 24-hour celebration of the Lord's mercy from Noon on Friday, March 29-Noon on Saturday, March 30 at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul. Reconciliation will be offered around the clock for the faithful. There will also be perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information please visit arch.spm.org/24Hours.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Lenten Cheese Enchilada Dinner

Fridays through April 12 from 11:30am-6:30pm in the Church Social Hall, 401 Concord St., St. Paul, 55107. Large and small dinners. Take-out available. Pre-orders call 651-228-0506.

FEATURED ON THE COVER – The Eight Station of the Cross. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem. *Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never gave suck!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us'. For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" Luke. 23:28-31* "Lord, to the weeping women you spoke of repentance and the Day of Judgment, when all of us will stand before your face: before you, the Judge of the world. You call us to leave behind the trivialization of evil, which salves our consciences and allows us to carry on as before. You show us the seriousness of our responsibility, the danger of our being found guilty and without excuse on the Day of Judgment. Grant that we may not simply walk at your side, with nothing to offer other than compassionate words. Convert us and give us new life. Grant that in the end we will not be dry wood, but living branches in you, the true vine, bearing fruit for eternal life." *Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger 2005.*



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