

#### **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.

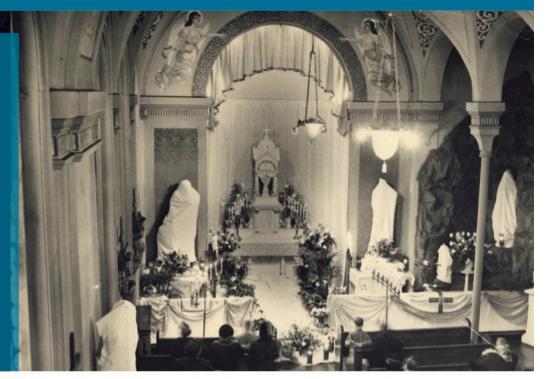
#### DAILY CONFESSIONS

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 31, 2019

### The Fourth Sunday of Lent See Worship Book 798

This man welcomes sinners. (Luke 15:2)

Isn't it ironic that this story, which is one of the best loved in all of Scripture, has a somewhat misleading title? Rather than calling it the parable of the prodigal son, we should call it the parable of the forgiving father. This is not a story only about one son. It's a story about two sons and their father. And as a parable, this story tells us about our heavenly Father's infinite love for us.

The parable of the prodigal son has two distinct goals: it shows us that God wants everyone to know his love, and it shows us that God wants those who know his love to experience it more

In a sense, the prodigal son was "dead" because of the sins he had committed when he was away from home. But the moment he came back, it's as if he had come back to life. Jesus used this fellow to describe people who have not accepted the love that God has for them. They need to turn and come home to him. They need what we would call an "initial conversion."

These are the people God asks us to lift up in prayer in a special way—especially our loved ones who are far from the Lord. May they all experience an initial conversion!

The prodigal son's older brother, however, was already "alive." He was faithful and hardworking. But he also needed a conversion. He may have been obedient to his father, but a lot of sinful thoughts still occupied his mind. This fellow needed "ongoing conversion," a deeper turning away from his habits of resentment, anger, and self-righteousness.

Even if we believe in Jesus, pray every day, and go to Mass regularly, we still need ongoing conversion. We can be trying our best to live good lives and to care for our families. But we can fall into judgmental, self-righteous, self-centered ways of thinking. And so God asks us to keep turning to him for help and healing.

God welcomes home everyone who comes to him. No matter how big or small our sins, he is always waiting with open arms.

"Thank you, Father, for welcoming me home."

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#### ENTRANCE HYMN 537

Come, you sinners, poor and needy

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 798

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

#### POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 755

Our Father, we have wandered

#### CHORAL MUSIC AT THE 11:00 AM MASS

Kyrie eleison (Messe basse)

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Anonymous, XVIth-Century

Rejoice in the Lord alway Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

Philippians 4:4-7

Communion **Oportet te** 

Graduale Romanum, Mode VIII My son, you should rejoice; for your brother who was dead has come back to life; he was lost and he has been found. - Luke 15:32.

Antiphon Sub tuum præsidium

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

2 April — David Briggs Concert Organist; Artist in Residence,

The Episcopal Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, New York City.

A significant portion of the costs of the Tuesday recitals for the current season was graciously given by Sharon Bigot in loving memory of ALFRED E. BIGOT.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 1

Isaiah 65:17-21; Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-13; John 4:43-54

Tuesday, April 2

Ezekiel 47:1-9,12; Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9; John 5:1-3,5-16

Wednesday, April 3

Isaiah 49:8-15; Psalm 145:8-9,13-14,17-18; John 5:17-30

Thursday, April 4

Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 106:19-23; John 5:31-47

Friday, April 5

Wisdom 2:1,12-22; Psalm 34:17-21,23; John 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday, April 6

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 7:2-3,9-12; John 7:40-53

Sunday, April 7

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126:1-6; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

Please pray for our parishioners and friends of St. Louis Church who are sick: Mark Joseph Acesor, Christy, Ginny Collins, Monty Denniston, Estrella DeVeyra, William F. Faulkner, 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
April 1	Sarah Abdul and Jackie Kozak	Happy Birthday (March 31)	Nancy and Bruce Lindberg
April 3	†Dick Miller	Memorial	Helene Houle
April 4	James H. Niven	Happy Birthday (April 5)	Marilee DesLauriers
April 5	John and Janet Junkman	Wedding Anniversary	Brian and Jacqueline Krech
April 6	Miranda Hansen	Happy Birthday	Nancy and Bruce Lindberg
April 7	Ava Lindberg	Happy Birthday (April 8)	Nancy and Bruce Lindberg

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

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Monday, April 1

6:45 †Meg Franczok

12:10 Eric Neumann

#### Tuesday, April 2 St. Francis of Paola

6:45 Valerie Taylor

12:10 Margaret Moen

#### Wednesday, April 3

6:45 Children Waiting for Adoption

12:10 Special Intention

#### Thursday, April 4 St. Isidore of Seville

6:45 Isabelle Michalak

12:10 Mary Ozarowski

#### Friday, April 5 St. Vincent Ferrer

6:45 Robert Tereau

12:10 Ann Gallivan

#### Saturday, April 6

6:45 Carol Haupt

5:00 Evelyn Virnig

#### Sunday, April 7 Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Louis Church

9:15 †Mr. Jen Toft

11:00 Rebecca Berthiaume

12:30 Poor Souls in Purgatory

#### PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, April 1 Tuesday, April 2 Wednesday, April 3 Wednesday, April 14 Anointing of the Sick after all the Masses Organ Recital after the 12:10 Mass Eucharistic Exposition 11:00 – 12:00pm Coffee & Donuts after all Sunday Masses

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

A plenary indulgence can be gained once a day for making the Way of the Cross and praying for the intention of our Holy Father the Pope.

#### 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.

FEATURED ON THE COVER The Winter Chapel during Lent. *circa* 1940.

**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**.

The Catholic Services Appeal We are currently only a few hundred dollars short of our goal of \$43,601.00. Please prayerfully consider God's gifts in your own life and consider making a pledge in support of the 20 ministries.

**Ushers** Those who are interested in ushering for a Mass, please see the ushers in the back of the Church at least 15 minutes before the start of Mass. You may also contact Brendan Cohen at (651) 336-4640. Appropriate dress is encouraged.

Summer in St. Paul! Students K-12 are invited to play sports, perform Shakespeare, read great books, conduct science experiments, hike in local parks, and so much more this summer at Saint Agnes School! (Need not be Saint Agnes students to participate). Adults can join the fun too, with classes on knowing and defending Catholic teaching, St. Francis de Sales' *Introduction to the Devout Life*, and opportunities to paint and sip! Most offerings are \$45 and all are held at Saint Agnes in the heart of St. Paul, 530 Lafond Avenue. Information at SaintAgnesSchool.org.

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Strangers Around The Church Asking For Money The police recommend that if you are confronted by a person asking you for money a very good response is to immediately say "no" and to keep moving. If the person persists repeat your response of "no" but briefly communicate to them that you will make a contribution to help support the work of Catholic Charities or the Union Gospel Mission or the Naomi Center and will pray for them. Individuals in need should be referred to these places. Finally, if you feel threatened in any way and you are carrying your cell phone, call 911 and report the incident. At no time should you ever reach into your wallet or purse.

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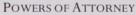
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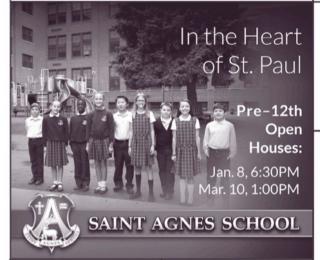
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