

Our Parish Churches

St. Charles 912 Main Street St. Francis, ME 04774

St. Joseph 7 Church Street Wallagrass, ME 04781

St. Louis 26 East Main Street Fort Kent, ME 04743

St. Mary 3451 Aroostook Road Eagle Lake, ME 04739

St. John 1867 St. John Road St. John Plt., ME 04743

St. Paul 320 Dickey Road Allagash, ME 04774

Good Shepherd Ministries

214 W. Main St., Suite 102 Fort Kent, ME 04743 207-834-7166 Thrift Shop Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 9am-3pm

> Our Cemeteries St. Louis, Fort Kent

St. Paul, Allagash St. Charles, St. Francis St. John, St. John Plantation Holy Family, Daigle St. Joseph, Wallagrass St. Mary, Eagle Lake Sacred Heart, Soldier Pond

<u>Food Pantries</u> (distribution every first week of the month)

St. Mary Church Pantry 3443 Aroostook Road Eagle Lake, ME 04739

St. Charles Church Pantry 912 Main Street St. Francis, ME 04774



Allagash † Eagle Lake † Fort Kent † New Canada † St. Francis St. John Plantation † Wallagrass † Winterville, Maine

Parish Office: 26 East Main Street, Fort Kent, ME 04743 Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8am-4pm Ph. 207-834-5656; Fax. 207-834-7461 Faith Formation Center: 102 Pleasant Street, Fort Kent, ME 04743; Ph. 207-834-3984



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

cerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Parish Financial Stewardship

for the weekend of January 15/16 Offertory Envelopes/Church pew: \$4,521.53 WeShare (online): \$777.00

TOTAL: \$5,298.53



WeShare total collected from 20 parishioners.



February 6: Winter Collection (all proceeds remain in the parish to assist with heating)

February 20: Easter Flowers (all proceeds remain within the parish to purchase Easter Flowers)

February 27: Faith Formation Center Colletion (all proceeds remain in the parish to support the Faith Formation Program)

"Please prayerfully consider giving to our parish community online as it does benefit our parish in many important ways."



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2022 offertory envelopes are in and available to be picked up at your church locations.

Some numbers have changed, so please be sure to grab the right envelopes. Interested in using offertory envelopes, please contact the parish office.

PARISH INFORMATION Pastor: Very Rev. Jean-Paul Labrie

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK Please call the Parish Office anytime. If you know that you will be admitted to the hospital, please call ahead.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Available during monthly Holy Hour (2-3pm every third Sunday of the month) or by appointment – please call the Parish Office at 834-5656.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact Barb Pelletier at 834-3984 to complete registration and to sign up for Baptism Preparation.. We have moved to Online Baptism Preparation. Pre-registration is required, if more than 5 years since your last child you fall in that category too!

SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION Please contact Barb at 834-3984.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA/C) If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Barb Pelletier at 834-3984.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD & RELIGIOUS LIFE Contact Fr. Seamus Griesbach: 207-773-6471 www.portlanddiocese/vocations; Facebook: Vocations/ME

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN:

Upcoming training will be offered from 9am-12pm at the Faith Formation Center on Pleasant Street in Fort Kent: on <u>April 9,</u> <u>2022</u>. Please call Barb to register at 834-3984. Pre-registration is required. This training is free and open to the public. FMI, please visit the Diocese of Portland, Office of Safe Environment.

PRAYER CHAIN: Do you know someone who needs the power of prayer in their lives? You can have them put on the prayer chain by calling 834-3222 or 834-5487.



Join us for mass on TV or online: Saturdays at 4pm & re-aired Sundays at 8am & 2pm Tune in to WFKTV-4 cable Channel 8 (1301) or visit the "WFKTV-4" YouTube channel. Special thanks to the Channel 4 camera crew: Chaz, Danny & Don.

Please note upcoming deadline for bulletin submissions: By 8am on <u>Wednesday, February 2</u> for the weekend of <u>February</u> <u>13</u>. Please submit your request via email to the editor: SJVPbulletineditor@portlanddiocese.org

HOLY HOUR: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION AT ST. LOUIS CHURCH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20 FROM 2PM TO 3PM (CONFESSION ALSO AVAILABLE) ST. CHARLES CHURCH HOLY HOUR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 FROM 3PM TO 4PM

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

<u>Rosary</u>: Before mass on Wednesday (7am) and Saturday (4pm) at St. Louis Church. Before mass on Saturday (6pm) at St. Charles Church. <u>Divine Mercy Chaplet</u>: Wednesdays after 7am mass at St. Louis



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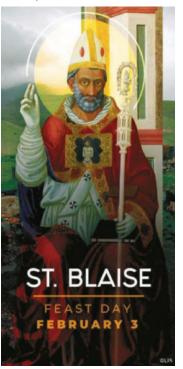
MASS SCHEDULE & SPECIAL INTENTIONS



Saint Blaise—Patron of throat ailments Feast:February 3 Blaise was a bishop in Sebaste in Armenia (located today in Turkey) who was martyred under Emperor Licinius about the year 316. According to tradition, when persecutions began, Blaise fled to the wilderness neat Sebaste. He had been a physician before his election to the episcopacy and in hiding continues a healing ministry, laying hands on the wounded wild animals that came to present themselves to him in his cave. Blaise was eventually found and arrested by Roman soldiers, and as he was escorted to prison, he performed another act of kindness for a woman who was in distress because her pig had been snatched by a wolf. After Blaise prayed with her, the pig was miraculously restored.

It was in prison that Blaise performed the miracle for which he is best known, coming to the aid of a young boy who was choking on a fish bone caught in his throat. Blaise's prayers for the boy brought about a miraculous save, and the boy's mother (the woman whose pig was restored, according to some) brought candles to the prison as a gift of thanks.

The practice of going to Saint Blaise for help with throat ailments dates to the 6th century, and it continues today in the blessing of the throats that is still offered on his feast in many parishes. The carding comb, which was used a an instrument in Blaise's torture, features in pictures of the saint. (Magnificat)



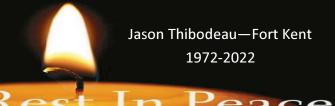
Blessing of the Throats

There will be a blessing of the throats at all the weekend masses on February 5 and 6.



Scout Sunday

The mass at St. Joseph Church on February 6 will be a mass in honor of the Scouts. Please join in celebrating mass and honoring **Troop 189 along with all the other** Scouts.



READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of January 30, 2022

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 5:21-43 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/ Mk 6:7-13 <u>Friday</u>: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29 <u>Saturday</u>: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34 Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/

1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Observances for the week of January 30, 2022 <u>Sunday</u>: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

<u>Monday</u>: St. John Bosco, Priest <u>Wednesday</u>: The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life

<u>Thursday</u>: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop <u>Saturday</u>: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

<u>Next Sunday</u>: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs ©LPi



SANCTUARY CANDLES

The St. Charles Church Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of *Irene Labrie* at the request of Darrell & Sharon.

The St. Joseph Church Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of *Covid Victims* at the request of Anonymous.

The St. Louis Church Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of *Eddie Babin—46th Anniversary* at the request of Claudette Babin.

JOB OPENINGS

John Vianney Persion

High School Youth Ministry Coordinator 8-10 hours per week

Junior High Youth Ministry Coordinator 8-10 hours per week

> Website/Social Media Manager 2-4 hours per week

If interested call the parish office at 834-5656

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 30, 2022

"Before you were born, I consecrated you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Greg Dube, Director of Vocations, at (207)-773-6471 or email vocations@portlanddiocese.org.

MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Blessed Mother Candle burns this week at St. Louis Church for **Prayers of good health, happiness & peace to the community** at the request of Greta Martin.

> The Blessed Mother Candle burns this week at St. Mary Church for *People to be kind to one another* at the request of Anonymous.

The St. John Vianney Candle burns this week at St. Louis Church for **Recovery of Health of a Special Infant** at the request of Brenda & Larry Plourde.

First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

Immaculate Conception

"Love is patient, love is kind ..." As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you've probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn't just for newlyweds. It wasn't written for married folks. It's for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It's for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I'm forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn't there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it's never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a

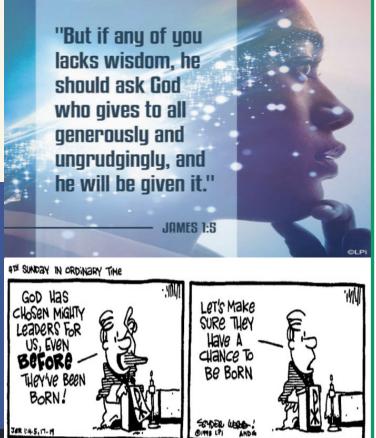
screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window. As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that's an opportunity to "strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Question: I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

Answer: While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate? Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin! CLPi



Our Parish Library has many wonderful books and DVDs available to be checked out. Learn about Church history and teachings and some of the famous and not-so-famous saints. We have many titles in the "spirituality" category that cover topics such as prayer, death, heaven and practices for living a full Christian life.

The library is located in the rectory, across from the main office. It is open 8am to 4pm, Monday through Thursday.







ST. JOHN, APOSTLE

Alcoholic Anonymous Meetings are held on Fridays from 7pm to 8pm at the St. Louis Church basement. For more information please contact Rudy St. Peter at 834-3504.



NOTICE:

Volunteer church cleaners needed on Monday mornings at St. Louis Church. If interested please contact the parish office at 834-5656.



Good Shepherd Donation Drop Box is accepting donations during its operating hours of Good Shepherd Ministry. Please drop off clean and gently used items. Also, please close boxes and tie bags closed. Thank you!



Have you lost any jewelry over the last year at St. Louis Church? If any of these items looks like they could be yours, please stop by the parish office.



U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking

<u>January</u> - Respect for the Dignity of persons is a Principle of Catholic Social Teaching and one ignored by traffickers who treat persons as commodities. Join us in abolishing this horrific crime. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501 c (3) organization, 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131 (sistersagainsttrafficking.org)

Gift certificates to the Good Shepherd are available at the

parish office. Please stop by if you are interested in giving a certificate as a gift.





