Pastor’s Page

My dear brothers and sisters, as I am writing this page, the result of the election is still being decided. We certainly live in unprecedented times, requiring each of us to go back to the roots of Christianity and to its authenticity. Another sign of the times; in our state, Proposition 115 did not pass, thus indicating that at least 60% - though some may have not understood the implications of what they were opposing - of the people in our state are in favor of killing a baby up to the point of birth, gives us a sense of the society in which we are living. I invite all of us to pray for our Church, that the Church may continue to remain faithful to the mandate of Christ! Each of us needs to do our part in renewing our spirit to a deeper encounter with Christ.

What consoles me is, on November 3rd we celebrated the sacraments of Christian initiation with ten of our kids. It was a beautiful and intimate celebration to the Holy Spirit. I invite you to look at the pictures we’ve posted on our Facebook page or the parish website.

Finally, some have asked about the Holy Fathers words concerning homosexual civil unions recently reported in a documentary. The Vatican Secretary of State has issued a clarification and I am copying some parts from a CNA article regarding that issue: “the Vatican’s Secretary of State has asked papal representatives to share with bishops some clarifications regarding comments on civil unions made by Pope Francis in a recently released documentary, according to the apostolic nuncio to Mexico, His Excellency Coppolo. The clarifications explain that the Pope’s comments do not pertain to Catholic doctrine regarding the nature of marriage as a union between one man and one woman but, to provisions of civil law. [...] The post explained that in a 2019 interview, unpublished parts of which were aired in the recent documentary, the Pope commented at different times on two distinct issues: that children should not be ostracized from their families because of their sexual orientation and on civil unions,
amid discussions of a 2010 same-sex marriage bill in the Argentine legislature, which Pope Francis, who was then the Archbishop of Buenos Aires, opposed. The interview question that prompted remark on civil unions was “inherent in a local law from ten years ago in Argentina on “equal marriage of same sex couples” and the opposition of then Archbishop of Buenos Aires, in this regard. In this regard, Pope Francis has affirmed that “it is an incongruity to speak of homosexual marriage” adding that, in the same context, he had spoken of the right of these people to have certain legal coverage: “what we have to do is a law of civil union; they have a right to be covered legally. I defended that.” Moreover, it is important to make present that “the Holy Father had expressed himself thus during an interview in 2014: “Marriage is between a man and a woman. The secular States want to justify civil unions to regulate various situations of coexistence, moved by the demand to regulate economic aspects between people, such as securing health care. These are coexistence pacts of a different nature, of which I would not be able to give a list of the different forms. It is necessary to see the various cases and evaluate them in their variety,” the post added. Therefore it is evident that Pope Francis has referred to certain state provisions, certainly not to the doctrine of the Church, reaffirmed numerous time over the years. (Excerpts from CAN)

Having myself listened to the original interview in Spanish, I can assure you that, as we have witnessed more and more on media and news outlets, the manipulation of one’s thought and words is indeed becoming the norm of these times. Let us keep our Church and our society in our prayers.

Religious Education

This coming Tuesday Nov 10th, we will have the monthly class for the parents as we continue to meditate on the mission of the Family through John Paul II’s apostolic exhortation Familiaris Consortio and other Church’s documents. The meeting will take place in the cafeteria during the religious education classes of our children (beginning at 6:30pm.)
This weekend all Catholics are being asked to support the “Annual Seminaries Appeal”. Priests are irreplaceable in the life of our Church. In appreciation for their pastoral labors, please donate generously to the “Annual Seminaries Appeal”. Your gift of gratitude will help ensure the continuation of the priesthood for years to come. If you have already contributed, it’s greatly appreciated and we thank you. If not, please fill out one of the envelopes available in the church or visit archden.org/futurepriests to donate today. Thank you for your support.

Mr. Dylan Armstrong, from the Denver Seminaries will be with us this weekend to give his experience of the call to the priesthood and ask for your support. Please welcome Dylan to St. Louis after each Mass. Thank you.

Please pray for Mark Manzanares a Knight of Columbus who is hospitalized at present.

ALL SOULS NOVENA
Our All Souls Novena has begun on Sunday 1 November 2020 and will run for a total of ten days through Tuesday 10 November 2020. Petition envelopes can still be found on the tables at the entrances to the church and can be dropped in the mailbox at the rectory and they will placed on the altar for the duration of the novena. May All Souls, Rest In Peace!

PLEASE let us know if anyone is seriously ill and needs the sacraments. Contact us by calling the office 303-761-3940 or Fr. Basso at 720-366-9212.

Please consider donating to St. Louis Parish Online Go to our website: stlouiscatholicparish.org/give and click on “Contribute” to St. Louis Online”

Weekend Oct. 31st - Nov. 1st, 2020  
Weekly Collections  
Offertory Collection...............................................$3444.00  
Online Donations Week 18th October...................$1088.00  

Please remember St. Louis Parish in your will. Thank you for your Generosity.

CHRISTMAS PLAY
Parents, the preparation for the Christmas play is starting! This is an excellent opportunity for your child to have fun, get to know other children of the parish, participate in a play, and create memories of Christmas that will last a lifetime. We will be holding the first meeting for parents and children next Saturday, November 14th, in the school (St. Mary Magdalene room), at 10:30a.m. If your child is interested, please plan to attend this important introductory meeting.

SHOPPING AT KING SOOPERS
1.) Please register your King Soopers loyalty card by going online to kingsoopers.com.

2.) Once there create your personal account, sign in and open your account and click on “THE COMMUNITY REWARDS TAB”.

3.) On the “COMMUNITY REWARDS TAB” you must designate an “Organization”; our “Organization Name” is: St. Louis King of France; our Organization Number is QI104 (Q, EYE, as in the capital letter “I” 104; Q1104).

4.) Each time you sign into your account you can see how much money the account has donated to St. Louis Parish through your purchases at any King Soopers Store.

ST. LOUIS RECEIVED $960.00 FOR THE 3RD QUARTER 2020 FROM YOUR PURCHASES AT KING SOOPERS STORES. THANK YOU!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #14443 ON THE OCCASION OF THE BEATIFICATION OF THEIR FOUNDER REV MICHAEL McGIVENY, A SERVANT OF GOD

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Those who are sick and want their names announced from the altar and listed in the bulletin please call the Parish Office 303-761-3940. Also, call the office if you wish to be anointed prior to entering the hospital or if someone in the hospital needs to be anointed. Names of the sick as well as the intentions in the book at the back of the church will be included in our prayers at every Mass. For urgent requests please call: Margaret 303-781-3523 or Stan 720-838-6260.