Forming A United Front for Jesus and His Church
September 1, 2019

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited.” - Lk 14:8bc
Welcome to worship on this Labor Day weekend, as we celebrate all work, paid and unpaid, that’s done for the glory of God and the service of others.

Stop by our Welcome Table after Holy Mass for information regarding our parish.

Parish Office Closed
Business hours resume Tuesday, September 2

ST. STEPHEN ADORATION CHAPEL

Twelve Biblical Reasons for wanting to spend one hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

6. Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen his divine peace in your heart. “Come to me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you...” “Cast all of your anxieties upon the one who cares for you...” “My Peace is My Gift to you.” (Mt 11:28; Pt 5:7, Jn 14:17)

Our St. Stephen Adoration Chapel is open 24/7 where Jesus is waiting, present in the tabernacle, to spend time with you.

Stop by the Welcome Table to receive instructions for the use of the Chapel and the access code for the outside door.
St. Louise Happenings

Women’s Ministry

Walking With Purpose

All women from the parish are invited to register with a new Walking with purpose session beginning on September 12, called “Beholding Your King.” The Registration sheet is on the welcome table.

You will need to order your book online, if possible, either through Amazon or the Walking With Purpose website. The cost is $20.00 plus shipping if applicable.

If you are unable to order online or have questions, please feel free to call us.

Maria Elena Pace 248-953-4410
Laura Buczek 586-484-4113

SAINT LOUISE DE MARILLAC NEEDS YOU!

Intercessory Prayer
5:30 pm – 6:45 pm
Monday, September 9

Please join us in front of the Blessed Tabernacle!
All are welcome!

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR SEPTEMBER

Weekday Holy Masses
Tuesday -- 6:30 pm
Friday -- 12 pm

Reconciliation
First Friday ONLY 11:30 am (Sept. 6)
Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm

Galatians

Set Free to Live

In the new study by Galatians: Set Free to Live by Jeff Cavins, learn what it means to have this filial relationship with God the Father, how He honors us as His children, and how we must honor Him as our loving Father.

Join us in the Social Hall for this 8 week adventure beginning Monday, September 23 at 6:30 pm. Sign up at the Welcome Table or by calling the parish office. For more information call the parish office, 586.751.3340.

GOSSIP MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Can you imagine if Jesus threw a party? From the wedding feast at Cana, we know he wouldn't let the wine run out. From this Sunday's Gospel, we know there would be quite a lively array of guests! We also knew who the most important people would be - everyone. Jesus advises throwing a party that turns everything upside down. Everyone should assume they're the least important attendee, and the guest list shouldn't include the neighborhood "who's who."

Rather, we should go looking for "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" and hope they RSVP. Jesus describes a particular posture towards our own hospitality.

Parties are about the other people. "Do not recline at table in the place of honor." How often can small talk become a one-upmanship of job promotions, home renovations, and our children's achievements? We've all been to parties where being the most interesting guest is the highest achievement. Yet so often, we know the best party guests are the ones who listen well to our stories. Whether we are guests or hosts, we have the opportunity to look on others with humility and awe.

Parties are opportunities to serve. Jesus advises us to be careful who we invite "in case they might invite you back and you have repayment." Does Jesus literally mean we shouldn't invite our friends over? Of course not! But he does invite us to special consideration when we offer hospitality. When we invite people over to our home, what motivates us? Who we want to spend time with? Who we'd like to impress? These ultimately have only ourselves in mind. How about asking: Who could use some extra care right now? Who could benefit from a fun evening out? In other words, who can I serve?
Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, of Albanian parents on August 26, 1910. Her father died unexpectedly when she was eight years old, leaving the family in poverty. She depended on her mother’s unwavering faith. At eighteen, she set off to Ireland to become a missionary with the Sisters of Loreto, taking the name Teresa, after Thérèse of Lisieux. She taught school girls in Calcutta, India, for twenty years.

On September 10, 1946, Teresa received the first of many interior promptings from Christ. He begged her to quench his “infinite thirst” for souls by “laboring for the salvation and sanctification of the poorest of the poor.” Two years later, she began to work among the destitute on the streets of Calcutta. Her first companions were her former students. From this humble beginning, the Missionaries of Charity rapidly expanded throughout the globe. Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize for her work in 1979.

Teresa’s letters, released after her death in 1997, reveal how Christ withdrew his presence from her in the beginning of her ministry. For forty years she felt abandoned, sharing in the desolation of the poor she served.

Teresa briefly described herself: “By blood, I am Albanian. By citizenship, an Indian. By faith, I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the Heart of Jesus.”

Mother Teresa devoted her life to caring for the sick and poor. She was canonized by Pope Francis on September 4, 2016.

Words to live by from St. Teresa of Calcutta:

“God does not demand that I be successful. God demands that I be faithful.”

“Life is a gift that God has given us. That life is present even in the unborn.”

“To listen to someone who has no one to listen to him is a very beautiful thing.”

“We should not serve the poor like they were Jesus. We should serve the poor because they are Jesus.”

VENERATING A SAINT’S RELIC

Veneration of a relic is giving thanks to God for the saints holy life and praying for the grace to imitate them. We can also ask saints to pray to God for us, for others, and for our own special intentions. This is a beautiful practice that brings us close to those who walked before us in the sign of faith.

When venerating a relic it is appropriate to honor and respect the saint by performing a simple exterior gesture: you can kiss or touch the glass case that houses the relic, or simply stand near the relic in a prayerful attitude. Other acceptable gestures include signing oneself or kneeling in prayer. Whatever gesture you use to venerate the relic, it must not be done out of superstition, but out of love for the saint and for God.

Please keep in mind you should NOT genuflect before the relic as you would genuflect before the Blessed Sacrament, as that type of veneration is reserved for Christ alone.
REVISITING THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

The Sixth Commandment
The Love of Husband and Wife

The spouses’ union achieves the twofold end of marriage: The good of the spouses themselves and the transmission of life. ---CCC, No. 2363

The bond between husband and wife is both conjugal and procreative. Conjugal mutual love and fidelity is the unitive aspect of marriage. The procreative aspect of marriage concerns the conception, birth, and education of children. The bond between the unitive and procreative may not be broken.

BEWARE DON'T GET SCAMMED
Several parishioners have received a text from someone identifying themselves as Andrew Czarnecki asking for money or gift cards. If you receive such a text, be assured it is NOT from Fr. Andrew. At no point in time will a Pastor or Deacon ever ask for money, gift cards or any type of personal financial help via social media, mail, text, email, wire or phone.

DO NOT fall prey to this SCAM.

HEALTH CARE MINISTRY
MOBILE HEART & HEALTH SCREENING CENTER

Coming to St. Louise de Marillac Church

Sunday, October 6 ~ 1 - 4 pm
Ascension Mobile Heart and Health Screening Center

The non-invasive, FREE heart screening includes:
- Cardiac health assessment
- Blood pressure check
- Electrocardiogram (EKG)
- Body mass index (BMI)
Registration required, please call 248-550-5597 to schedule your screening time.

Watch future bulletins for more information.

SENior Lunch Bunch
We will resume our usual 11 am - 2:00 pm gathering at the St. Louise Parish Center on Tuesday, September 16. Lunch is served at 12 noon.

This invitation is to all Seniors 55 and over who wish to have lunch, play cards, or just visit. Membership is $5.00 for the September thru June season.

Come and get to know your fellow parishioners and enjoy the afternoon.

Pat Schmidt, Sec.

A SIGN OF WHAT’S TO COME

When God is about to do something great, he starts with a difficulty.
When he is about to do something truly magnificent, he starts with an impossibility.

---Armin Gesswein

A PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

Lord, take me where you want me to go;
Let me meet who you want me to meet;
Tell me what you want me to say, and keep me out of your way.

---Rev. Mychal Judge, FDNY chaplain and the first official casualty on 9/11
WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

It is festival time and we need help in getting the grounds set up for this fun filled weekend!

Any teens or scouts who are looking for service time, young adults or parents who are willing and able are invited!!

Dates: Sept. 4 and 5th from 5pm – 9pm

Work needed:
- Table and chairs loaded in the Flea Market tent, Bingo hall and the Entertainment tent.
- Table and chairs loaded for the various food courts, game tents and outdoor eating areas.
- Moving Flea Market items from the hall to the Flea Market tent.

Many hands make light work!

Come join us as we transition the church grounds into a festival atmosphere! We will have pizza available for all workers.

Sign up forms for service will be available in the hall when you arrive.

Tom Francis – 586.863.2712

BAKERS, “START YOUR OVENS”!

We need pies, cakes, cookies or any baked goods (including sugarless) to make a beautiful and tasty assortment for the Sweet Shop. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

We also need help selling these goodies at the festival. If you enjoy the SeptemberFest visitors and can work even a few hours, please call:

Jackie 586-558-3624
June 586-573-7742

SUPPORT THE USHERS CLUB

The Ushers need boxed liquor gift sets, or bottles of liquor. Please drop off your bottle donations at the Parish Office.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Don’t forget to sell or purchase your raffle tickets for a chance at the cash winnings! You can’t be a winner if you don’t purchase a ticket!

PRIZES NEEDED FOR GAMES TENT

The children’s game tent is in need of prizes. New, unopened games, action figures, Hot Wheels, stuffed animals, dolls, sidewalk chalk, coloring books and crayons, little trinkets and bags of candy, etc.

Please bring your items to the Parish Center during business hours.

volunteer

do good, feel good
COUNTRY STORE THEME BASKETS
The Country Store is in need of filled baskets, items for our surprise packages (baby, kids, teens, men, and ladies) and food for our grocery bags. If you can’t get out to shop, monetary donations are gladly accepted. Donations can be dropped off at the office Monday thru Thursday, 10 am thru 4 pm. You have always been generous in the past, please help us make the Country Store a big success again. Thank you in advance.

If you have any questions or would like to give us a hand, call:
Brian Ozimek, 586-751-3640

GROCERIES NEEDED FOR THE COUNTRY STORE
For your convenience, baskets have been placed in the Church foyers for your donations of non-perishable grocery items that will fill the baskets raffled off at the Country Store booth during SeptemberFest. We are looking for canned goods, paper products and such. Many stores run ten for ten sales. Please take advantage of those specials for The Country Store.

Many thanks!

2019 SEPTEMBERFEST SPONSORSHIP
Our parish festival, SeptemberFest, is St. Louise’s biggest fundraiser. For 40 years we have come together as a parish to put on one of the best church festivals in our surrounding community—and we are still going strong! Unfortunately, festival expenses have increased each year and we are asking for your help.

The SeptemberFest committee is seeking sponsors to cover some of the area expenses. You DO NOT have to donate the full amount listed below; only an amount that you are comfortable with.

If you wish to make a donation, please select the area of interest and how much you’d like to donate. Return the bottom portion of this form with your check to the Welcome Table, the parish office or drop it in the offertory collection basket.

Thank you and God bless you for your continuous generosity!

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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: “ST LOUISE CHURCH FESTIVAL”
**St. Louise Happenings**

**Community Prayer List**

Let us pray for our sick and continue to hold in our hearts and minds those who cannot be here today:

- Rebecca Alegar
- Baby Isabella
- Baby Adelina Bowes
- Noel Cabrera
- David Rosario Campbell
- Terrie Cervera
- Kevin Crepeau
- Jim Crepeau
- Shirley DeFazio
- Jude Lynn Trembley-Dulong
- Patricia Farmer
- Jean Gasser
- Jelka Gern
- Heide Gold
- Benjamin Grafilo
- Dylan Graves
- Nora Griffin
- Roy Harris
- Aiden Hassig
- Loretta Hughes
- Zoë Kinsella Johnson
- Jim Jones
- Judith Kaminski
- John Kleven
- Cindy Kolar
- Steven Laudicina
- Edna Mahlmeister
- John Maziarz
- Janice Mazzenga
- Barbara Mezzapelle
- Dan & Beata Miotke
- Thomas Murray
- Celine Nemeckay
- Ted Niedbala
- Mary Lou Pape
- Louran Pardy
- Edita Paterson
- Danielle Plomaritas
- Beth Rajter
- Olivia Rokicki
- Juanito & Baby Romano
- Norma Rowland
- Kitty Scanlon
- Baby Jude Skoma
- Art & Virginia Smolinski
- Karen Smith
- George Spix
- Janet Trabucchi
- Helen Walczak
- Madison Waters
- Eleanor Weathers
- Patti Wietnik
- Marsha Wsienski
- Cassie Wilson

**REMINDER**

If your name or the name of a loved one has been removed from this list and is still in need of prayers, please call the parish office at 586.751.3340 to be placed on the list for another month.

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Father God, we pray for all those who are facing sickness in their bodies. We ask that you would restore their health, soothe their pain, and ease their worry. Give them your peace and comfort as they wait. In Jesus’ name, Amen!

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**FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2018-2019**

As always our fiscal year ends on June 30th of each year. Please see a summarization of this past year’s results.

- Total parish operating receipts were $676,000.00 which was below budget projections by $46,000.00 and down over 4% from a year ago.
- Total parish operating expenses were $617,000.00 which was well below the budgeted dollars. With cost saving measures in place we were again able to decrease our operating expenses compared to the prior year.

As of July 2019 we have $47,000.00 in our savings account with $30,000.00 in aged payables (we will need to take $22,000.00 out of our savings for recent rectory renovations).

So how best do we interpret this information and what are the next logical steps for our parish.

First, and foremost we must all firmly commit ourselves to fervent prayer, in asking our Loving Lord to intercede in helping us in developing a well thought out plan which will allow St. Louise de Marillac to continue to subsist. Currently we are below budget $3,400 for the first 6 weeks of our current fiscal year. In order for St Louise de Marillac to be self-sustaining we need to take immediate action.

We are a parish that has been able to survive over the last number of years due to the financial success of our annual festival and the Christmas collection. These two income enhancers can no longer be the crutch we lean on.

There are three areas that we really need to attack:

The greatest potential for improving cash flow, enhancing savings and eliminating deficits is by increasing receipts, more specifically by increasing receipts through Parishioner contributions. Next, is that we need to seek out ways to effectively cut costs (some of these cuts may be unpopular) and eliminate any inefficiencies that currently exist without negatively affecting our day to day operations.

So the work will begin immediately to develop a plan of action to address our current situation. We see this plan having three initial prongs: To develop a sustainable model to enhance weekly giving. Second, to put together effective cost cutting measures. Thirdly, to develop a strategy that will allow St. Louise to be a parish that can maintain its financial integrity and in doing so, continue to welcome and bring all who enter our doors to a closer relationship with HIM.
St. Louise Happenings

GIVE ONLINE WITH WESHARE

We Are Called to Be Stewards

As the summer months are winding down and we enjoy one last vacation away from home, we should continue to understand and appreciate the ministries in our parish, and remember our fiscal responsibilities to the Church while on vacation.

Our parish has been using an Online Giving system that is strengthening stewardship as well as making it easier for members to support our parish. Your regular contributions support the operation of the church and all of our ministries. Sign up today by visiting our church website and choose Give Online.

On behalf of the entire staff, we want to thank you for the contributions you continually provide to our parish.

The Community Rewards Program of Kroger has issued a check in the amount of $85.38 for the period of May 1 through July 31. If interested in signing up for the Kroger Community Rewards Program, go to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com

The more shoppers who sign up, the more money St. Louise will earn. Thanks for your support!

SEPTEMBERFEST 2019

Our festival continues to be the NUMBER 1 fundraiser for our parish. This year as always we pray that our Loving Lord will bless us with beautiful and dry weather. We are facing one major hurdle that we know of already. Yes, the road construction on 12 Mile Road. We are not expecting this construction to be completed by the time our festival days rolls around.

That said, this year more than ever before, it is critical that we do well with our raffle ticket sales. Meaning that if you are financially able please purchase yourself or sell all the tickets that were sent your way. If you need additional tickets please contact or stop by the parish office.

Our festival is a great time for us to enhance parish unity, bring families together and engage people within our community. I urge all of you and your families to attend, as well as inviting relatives and friends to join in on the fun.

Our monetary goal this year is $50,000.00. Please do your part as a parishioner of St. Louise de Marillac to help make this goal become a reality.

Blessings,
Mike Ashby

Grateful Giving - Joyful Living

Stewardship Update as of 08/25/19

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(YTD Actual includes Holy Mass collection plus Online Giving)
Looking At The Week Ahead

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 3, 2019
6:30 pm  Living & Deceased members of Christian Women
          Waclaw Mankiewicz by Daughter

Friday, September 6, 2019
12 Noon  Edward Diedo by Family

Saturday, September 7, 2019
4 pm     Jack Bass by Wife
          Jacob & Mary Beltowski by Julie Beltowski
          Billie Perucca by Virginia Bialy

Sunday, September 8, 2019
9:30 am  Barbara Wahl by Dave & Denise Wahl
          Joe Amormino (1st Anniv.) by Family
          Dennis Manzo, Sr. by Family
11:30 am  People of St. Louise

Marriage Banns

I - Dale Smith & Kathleen Enal

An angel says---
... a good thing to remember and a better thing to do, is to work with the construction gang and not the wrecking crew.

MINISTERS OF WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 07/08, 2019

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*Indicates set-up and clean-up

HOLY ROSARY PARTICIPATION
If you belong to the following organizations, please join us in the recitation of the Holy Rosary after Holy Mass on Tuesdays.

September 3  EMEs
September 10  Lectors
**A Joyful Noise**

with the
Dominican Sisters of Mary, 
Mother of the Eucharist

Thursday • September 19 at 6:30 P.M.
788 Lake Shore Road 
Grosse Pointe Shores, MI • 48236

Strolling Supper • Curated Wines and Beers
The Sisters will share musical selections from their Billboard-topping CDs and the counter-cultural story of their young and growing community.

RSVP by September 12 at
www.sistersofmary.org/grossepointe