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February 17, 2013

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Sunday: Daily:

5:30 p.m. (all year) 8:00 a.m. (all year); 10:30 a.m. See schedule inside bulletin 7:00 p.m. (eve of holyday); 12:05-12:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. St. Francis Chapel, Mico, Texas Holydays:

**PENANCE** 

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Saturday 5:00 p.m. at Church or by appt.



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MARRIAGE Contact the pastor at least 6 months in advance.

**QUINCEAÑERA** Parents should contact the parish rectory 6 months in advance. Young adults must be in the religious education program at least 1 year and must attend 2 Quinceañera classes.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK In event of hospitalization or serious illness, please call the church rectory.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

September - April

9:00 - 10:15 a.m., Pre K - 8 Sunday: Wednesday: 7:00 p.m., High School students

RCIA: Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

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St. Louis Church Rectory	931-2826
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#### PARISH MINISTRIES AND SERVICES

St. Louis Society: 1st Monday, 6:45 p.m. St. Ann's Society: 1st Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul: 1st Sunday of month, 11:30 a.m.

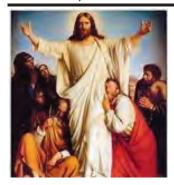
Guadalupana Society: Last Thursday of month, 7:00 p.m.

Adult Choir: Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Free Spirits Choir: 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. in Church Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 1st Saturday of month, 6:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Sunday - rectory chapel St. Louis Day Co-chairs: Edgar Keller & Troy Persyn

NEW PARISHIONERS We welcome you with joy and invite you to register and introduce yourself.

**DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN MATERIAL** Monday by 12:00 noon, must be delivered in rectory office.



#### **Pledging Allegiance** Luke 4:1-13

Today's opening prayer asks God to help us "grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects." All three readings deal with professing faith in the living God. We move toward pledging our allegiance of faith on Easter.

Lent's journey will take us to the celebration of the paschal

mystery of Easter. During these forty days we are invited into a space of sensory deprivation when we gather for worship: no flowers on the altar, no music for its own sake but only to accompany our singing, and no colorful banners that might distract us from the task at hand: to prepare our minds and hearts to renew our baptismal promise during the celebration.

We will be asked both to renounce Satan and all his perks and promises and to place our wholehearted trust in God who created us, in the Son who redeemed us, and in the Spirit who dwells within us and enlightens us. Lent is a serious season but not necessarily a somber one; it is the waiting room for Easter joy. One Lenten Preface (the priest's prayer before the Holy, Holy, Holy) even speaks of it as a season that is a gracious gift from God, making us joyful because we are purified to celebrate the Easter mysteries.

Just as Jesus was tempted throughout his ministry to turn aside from his mission, his followers will be, too. The three temptations speak to our own experience when we seek self-gratification rather than the glory of God.

God's word today calls us to make God our true nourishment, our true wealth, our faithful source of strength, and the solid foundation of our trust. Paul's bold proclamation to the Romans extends to us: the Lord enriches all who call upon Him. All who call on him will be saved.

- Where do you want to find yourself at the end of this Lenten journey?
- What temptation lures you to turn aside from having God and Christ at the center of your life?

Lord Jesus, as you had the help of the Spirit to turn aside from the temptations that came to you during the time in the desert and the years of your ministry, help us to turn to this same Spirit to help us in our efforts to grow in faith, hope, and charity this Lent.

Taken from the Living Word

""...the need for a deeply spiritual approach to ending the abortion holocaust is fundamental. It does not absolve us from working in every way humanly possible to end abortion, but it puts all our human activity into the right perspective."

~ Fr. Euteneur, Spirit & Life, Human Life International e-Newsletter, 7/27/07 ~

#### **Please Note Change of Confession Time:**

Time for confession is now 4:30pm to 5:00pm. This change is so that our Priests will have enough time after confession to get ready for 5:30pm Mass. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### St. Louis School Advisory Council

An active and involved School Advisory Council plays a vital role in the overall operation and success of the school.

There will be three (3) openings on our School Advisory Council. It is a 3year commitment. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Czerniec at (650) 533-6484.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday,	February 18, 2013 MASS
8:30am	+ Alfred & Elvie Stein Family
	+ Marion "Billy" Tschirhart
Tuesday,	February 19, 2013 MASS
8:00am	A Special Intention
Wednesday,	February 20, 2013 MASS
8:30am	+ August Wurzbach
	+ Jeanne M. Keller-Godette
Thursday,	February 21, 2013 MASS
8:30am	+ Josephine "Jo" Brieden
Friday,	February 22, 2013 MASS
8:30am	+ Irene Hoog
12:05pm	+ Helen Rihn
Stations	
Saturday,	February 23, 2013 MASS
11:00am AFVII	+ Magdaline Berger
	+ May Smyth
5:30pm	+ In Memory of Mary M. Tschirhart's
	Birthday
	+ Robert "Bob" Hester
	+ Felix & Mary Pollok
Sunday,	February 24, 2013 MASS
8:00am	+ Maria Mascorro's Anniversary of
	Death
	+ 1st Lieutenant Carl Mangold
	+ Don Debner
10:30am	For Our St. Louis Parishioners
	+ Alice Groff Schartz
	+ Alice Groff Schartz + Alene Brown

Weekly Readings for (February 18th – February 22nd)

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/ Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 Monday, Isaiah 55:10-11 / Gospel Matthew 6:7-15 Tuesday, Wednesday, Jonah 3:1-10 / Gospel Luke 11:29-32 Thursday, Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25/ Gospel Matthew 7:7-12 Friday,  $1\ Peter\ 5:1\text{-}4/\ Gospel\ Matthew}\ 16:13\text{-}19$ 

Prayer serves as an edge and border to preserve the web of life from unraveling.

Thou hast enclosed me behind and before, and laid Thy hand upon me. Psalm 139:5

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection-Black & Indian Mission this weekend:2/17/13 The Black & Indian Mission Collection has, for the last 128 years, helped open the door of faith for Native Americans and African Americans. We ask for your continued support to invite all peoples to this journey of a lifetime. Together, join our journey to support our mission to the missions!



Operation Rice Bowl - is the Lenten program of the Catholic Relief Service (CRS), the official overseas relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic Community, 75% of proceeds from Operation Rice Bowl fund programs which positively affect tens of

thousands of lives around the world through CRS" development programs. 25% of contributions support hunger and poverty alleviation programs in your diocese. Rice Bowls are available in the main entrance of church if you and your family would like to take one and return them on Easter Sunday.

#### **Sunday Collections**

Thank you for your continual support	ort to our Church!
Weekly Budget Goal	\$8,500.00
Weekly Collections	\$ <u>11, 245.84</u>
Weekly Surplus	+\$2,743.84
Children's Collection\$69.00	

#### Services During Lent

The regular weekday schedule of Masses continues with the following additions:

Fridays: Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 12:05 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence, meaning no meat and only one full meal is allowed.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat for everyone over the age of 14.

#### Archbishop's Appeal

The Campaign goal for St. Louis Church is \$33,372. During this year of Faith, we can deepen our own faith by making a difference in the lives of those in greatest material and spiritual need through the ministries funded by the Archbishop's Appeal. These ministries also ensure that our schools and our religious education programs remain vital sources of learning for our children and that those who are called to ministry within our archdiocese receive continuous and essential training so that our parishes can remain vital, communities of faith and evangelization. These are some of the ministries funded by the Archbishop's Appeal: Catholic Charities, Hospital Chaplains, St. PJ's Children's Home, St. Vincent De Paul, Sam Ministries, ACTS Missions, Pilgrim Center of Hope, Diaconate Program, Office of Marriage and Family Life, Hope for the Future, Assumption Seminary,

### **SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

#### **Comet Casino Night**

Will take place on Friday, March 1, 2013 at Hoffmann Ranch in Castroville, Texas Cost is \$50.00 per person includes Food,

Drinks and Entertainment. We are accepting donations to our silent auction. For more information contact: Carol Hatcher 936/676-0252 or Cindy Guzman at 210/273-8055.

Tickets will be sold after all masses on February 23rd and 24th . See you There!

#### Penance Service

Tuesday, March 5, 2013	AFVII	4:00pm	
Tuesday, March 5, 2013	St. Francis/Mico	5:00pm	
Wednesday, March 6, 2013	St. Louis Church	7:00pm	



The next Baptism class will take place on Monday, March 11th at 7:30pm. For more information or to schedule your baptism call 830/931-2826.

#### This Week in Our Parish

Sun.~2/17	2nd Collection/Catholic Missions Among Black &
	Native Americans
8:00am	Mass
	Guadalupana Taco Breakfast/Naegelin Hall
10:30am	Mass
Sat.~ 2/23	
11:00am	Mass AFVII
4:30pm	Confession/Church
5:30pm	Mass
Sun. – 2/24	
8:00am	Mass
10:30am	Mass

**Pray for:** Jean Marty, Wyatt Ducos (son of Weston & Chesney Ducos), Paul Kohleppel, Shelia Crawford, Margaret Keller, Cindy Haby Keller, Otelia Jurcak, Landon Groff, Connor Tondre, Heath Noonan, Zachariah Springer, Paul Perales, Joseph Guzman, James Parker, Margaret Finger Pruit, Betty Keeffe, Andrea Ramos, Joe & Eva

Varga, Dolores De La Fuente, Barb Godard (grandmother of Deborah Ruiz), Linda Morales, Dorse "Ken" Whiteside, Edwina Sievers, Fr. Plutarco Belanggoy, cicm, John & Pauline Morrow, William Snavely, Mary Louise Burell, Harley Tschirhart, Paulette Martin, Dr. John Pfeiffer, Jr., Dominga Ybarra, Dorothy Jurcak, Hillary Tuttlebee, Jane Steffey, Donna Shcorr (daughter of Rosalie Biediger), Fr. Willy Verboomen, cicm., and those who care for them.

Perpetual Candles (February 15th – February 21st

#### In Memory of:

Tony Mascorro, Sr.'s Wedding Anniversary Dotsie Tschirhart's Anniversary of Death Don Rager's 69th Wedding Anniversary Erwin Biediger's Birthday Josephine "Jo" Brieden's Birthday Mindy Jones' Anniversary of Death Anna Biediger Hutzler's Birthday

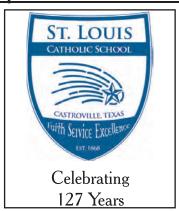


#### **Youth ACTS**

The St. Louis Youth ACTS Retreat registration is open and all high school students are invited to

participate in a weekend of getting to know Jesus and spend time in fellowship. The retreat will begin on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and end on Sunday, March 17th. Registration forms are available in the main entrance of the church and can be returned to the rectory. Come and spend part of your Spring Break with Jesus and with your friends! For more information call Cindy Lange at 210/218-9452.

## Sponsor of the Week





#### For the Safe Return of:

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- Labels for Education (Campbell's Soup Products)
- Box Tops for education
- > Tyson Foods Project A+

You may drop off your box tops/labels at the designated areas such as the school office and rectory office. For more information or questions please call the school at 830/931-3544.



St. Louis School is still in need of a Music Minister for our Children's Mass on Thursdays. We are looking either for a pianist, organist, or guitarist. Call 830/931-3544.

#### Catholic Trivia

Who does Jesus meet at the Fourth Station?

- > John
- His Blessed Mother
- Judas
- Peter

Last week's answer: All human being fall or weaken in life, but must stand up again with God's help.

**St. Louis High Reunion Photo Booklets-**We have a few left if you would still like to purchase one, please contact Janice Roberts at 210/260-0247; cost is \$12.50.



#### **Are Your Ready for Lent?**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church also refers to these sins as "capital sins" and explains why they are the most dangerous. "Vices can

be classified according to the virtues they oppose, or also be linked to capital sins which Christian experience has distinguished, following St. John Casian and St. Gregory the Great. They are called "capital" because they engender other sins, other vices. They are pride, avarice (greed), envy, wrath, lust, gluttony and sloth" (No. 1866).

#### **The Seven 7 Deadly Sins**

**PRIDE:** an excessive love of self or the desire to be better or more important than others. (No. 1931).

**LUST:** an intense desire, usually for sexual

pleasure, but also for money, power, or

fame. (No. 2541).

**GLUTTONY:** over-consumption, usually of food or

drink. (No. 2290).

**GREED:** the desire for and love of possessions.

"Sin...is a failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods" (No.

1849).

**SLOTH:** physical laziness, also disinterest in

spiritual matter or neglecting spiritual

growth. (No. 2302).

**ANGER OR WRATH:** uncontrolled feelings of hatred

or rage. (2302).

**ENVY AND JEALOUSY:** sadness or desire for the

possessions, happiness, talents,

or abilities of another.

(No.2553).

Taken from Our Sunday Visitor-

### <u>The following are two prayers that can be prayed</u> <u>during the Lenten Season</u>

The Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian
O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of
indifference and discouragement, lust of power and idle chatter.
Instead, grant to me, your servant the spirit of wholeness of
being humble mindedness, patience, and love.

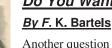
**Prayer for Lent** 

God of Eternity, we thank you for the gift of salvation.

As we walk through the desert this Lenten season, we thirst for the healing waters of your love.

Give us the strength to overcome the temptation of sin. Cleanse our hearts and minds that we might prepare with great joy for the resurrection of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

#### Do You Want To Become A Saint?



Another question you must ask yourself is, "Do I want to become a saint?" Worldly freethinkers are

uninterested; it's all restrictive and limiting silliness and foolishness to them. It is only the humble who fully grasp the beauty in dying to self with open arms to God, a requirement of sainthood. Others fear that having God means giving up all the pleasures of the world. Unfortunately, they misunderstand what possessing God really means and really is.

For instance, we often hear God is love. The mistake we make, however, is in thinking God's love is simply a bigger version of human love, and we know in the depths of our heart any amount of human love, however great, will not satisfy us forever. We have all experienced some kind of pleasurable love from others, whether it be from friendship, paternal or maternal or filial love, human intimacy, and so forth; yet God's love cannot be directly compared to these. Gather all your most pleasurable experiences in life into one. Once touched by God's love, you will realize how

very small and insignificant these fleeting moments really are, for they are as nothing when compared to one Divine Glance lasting but a fraction of a second. To compare human love and the pleasures of earthly life to the intense, fiery heat of the love of God, is to compare but a dim candle flame to the combined heat of all the stars contained in 100 billion galaxies -- and this analogy, too, falls infinitely short.

If you want to have everything, God alone suffices. If you want to experience complete, life-changing and indescribable love, God alone can supply it. There is no substitute for God. There is no experience like the experience of God. If you want to be kissed by the Divine Fire who will burn within your being for eternity, providing continuous warmth and love, companionship and peace, happiness and security, then you will need to give up yourself to God; you will need to become a saint. It is not a way of life for the fickle or for cowards, but rather for the determined and persistent and courageous. It will not be easy, as the cross of Christ clearly reveals, but the rewards are unimaginably great. Do you want that life? Do you want to become a saint?

Above we noted how something radical, at some point, happened in the lives of the saints. Some moment came and passed, leaving them different.

In Loving Memory of

Families of

Verstraeten &

Laskowski

Love,

Richard, Patricia & Family

"My Jesus, pardon

and mercy, by the

merits of Thy

Holy Wounds.

THOMAS L. TARRILLION

It is as if they were each being tossed about on a stormy sea, when suddenly a sure, certain and loving wind filled their sails, and began to push them along toward a new, unseen yet highly desirable destiny.

-To be continued next week-



#### Catholic Men's Conference

If you want answers and would like to learn more about Catholic Relationships, the Holy Spirit, the Eucharist, Spiritual Combat and Sexual Integrity for

men today, then come to the San Antonio Catholic Men's Conference, February 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Matthew's Church on Wurzbach Road. The conference offers powerful speakers such as Andreas Widmer who was Blessed John Paul II's bodyguard, Joe McClane and others, along with a Healing Service, and Mass with Bishop Oscar Cantu, live music, reconciliation, meals and much more! Don't miss it! You can register on-line at CMCSSanAntonio.com. Call the Pilgrim Center of Hope, for more information at 210/521-3377. Don't miss this event! Pamphlets are available in the Rectory office.

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