



**MORE THAN THE BEST**

We need to follow God's ways and not our own. Where is our world today? We must put Jesus above everything else in our life.

Jesus tells us that it isn't enough to put Him ahead of what is worst in your life, or what is mediocre in your life; to be really committed means to place Him above even the best things in your life. Value Him more than even those things that are finest in your life. Think of it. Could you put commitment to God above love for your family? Would you be able to commit yourself more to Christ than to your job, status, income, and your home? This is the kind of devotion Jesus is asking for here, our best for His best. Who could ask for more, or give less?

Remember



In Prayer

**PRAYER LINE**

The prayer line has been in existence since January 1999. We have taken thousands of requests and have received countless prayers of thanksgiving. None of this would have been possible without the support of our Pastor, and those members who dedicate their prayers so faithfully. We would like to thank those who pray with us, however more faithful servants are needed to join us, so that we may be able to keep the prayer line strong. If you believe in the power of prayer, and pray regularly, we need you! If you are able to join us, or have an intention for the prayer line, please contact the Parish Office at 978-957-0322 or email your request to [prayerline@stmar.org](mailto:prayerline@stmar.org). ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL. It is suggested that if the prayer is very personal, then it would be best to use the phone. Please pray for all the members of the Prayer Line so that we may remain healthy and continue to be able to devote our time to daily prayer for those who call upon us. God Bless You!

**OUR LADY OF BEAURAING**

As we celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady in Beauraing, Belgium, the Pro-Maria Committee will sponsor a local pilgrimage and special celebration at St. Mary Magdalen Parish Center in Tyngsboro at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2007.

Special statues of Our Lady of Beauraing will be available for purchase. These statues are available only through the Pro-Maria Committee here in the United States. For more information please contact Irene at 978-649-1813 in the evening only.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

This Sacrament will be offered every Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy. We ask that you come to the front pew and wait for the priest to finish greeting the people and return to the sacristy for the Sacred Oils.

**MEN'S ACTS RETREAT**

An ACTS retreat for men, organized by St. William's Parish in Tewksbury, will be held from September 6-9, 2007 at The Franciscan Center. The retreat begins on Thursday evening and ends with a Mass on Sunday. Talks and activities during the retreat focus on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service, from which the ACTS acronym is derived. Applications are at the doors of the church or for more information, contact Deacon Gerry Hardy at 978-458-4050.

**VIRTUS TRAINING PROGRAM**

All staff and volunteers of the parish are required to attend a child Abuse Protection Program session. These sessions educate adults in ways to prevent child abuse and how to provide a safe environment for children. If you have not attended one of these sessions you may do so at St. Francis Parish on Saturday, September 15, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You must register prior to the session by calling 978-452-6611.

can you hear



HIS CALL?

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

We are presently in need of Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Sacristans for all weekend Masses.

If you are interested in serving in one of these important ministries please contact Paul Duquette at the Parish Office (978-957-0322 ext 302) or Email to [p.duquette@comcast.net](mailto:p.duquette@comcast.net). Training sessions will be set up as soon as we have a sufficient number of volunteers. Many people have said that they have not been asked. Please consider this as you "being asked" and hopefully you will say yes as many people are needed to provide the services required at each Mass.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**

On occasion, people pick up a bulletin when they attend Mass in another parish while on vacation and forward them to us for review. This past week we received one from New Hampshire which showed where a Pastor and Parochial Vicar service **three parishes and a chapel** in three different towns. How fortunate and blessed we are to have a Pastor, Parochial Vicar and several Senior Priests servicing **only two** parishes. Pray that they will remain healthy and able to continue this service. We need to continue working together and to volunteer our services to assist them in their ministry.



Last Week's Offertory Collection	\$4,763.55
Monthly Parish Support Collection	\$2,411.00

**SECOND COLLECTION**

This week's second collection is the Annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This collection supports missions here in the United States. Last year, Home Missions gave more than three million dollars to dioceses along the Gulf Coast devastated by hurricanes. Please give generously to assist fellow Catholics here in America.

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### From Fr. Bob

It's been quite a hectic week around the parishes and I am so grateful to the staffs that have been keeping things going so well. Most of you know I have been limping around for a while and the surgery to repair my knee will take place this coming Tuesday. This is a repeat from the same operation on the other knee a few years ago. I have to stop being so active! So keep my in your prayers. I will be recuperating for a week or so, but look forward to returning to full work after Labor Day.

You may have already read the Lowell Sun article this weekend on the joint-parish adventure that we are in. I am very optimistic about our being able to keep an even balance between the two parishes. One of the important points I hope is in the article was noting how important lay participation and support is for the success of both parishes. You ARE the parish and we need to keep increasing involvement. One of the important areas of support is at liturgy. There seems to be a reluctance to volunteer to be a liturgical minister. This is not good. Please consider volunteering to be a Eucharistic Minister or a Lector or help in some way. We cannot have vibrant and effective liturgy without your participation. The call for the "full participation of the laity" in the liturgy has been an integral call of the Church for over 40 years now. We need your help at almost all the Masses. Without full participation, we have to seriously evaluate each liturgy and its value to the parish. To serve at the altar is a grace and a gift – to US and to YOU. I ask you to come forward and be of service to the community to which you belong.

Summer is coming to a close and we are getting ready for a full new year. Programs are being structured and calendars are set. We have completed our registration periods for Religious Education and look forward to an excellent year with the students that have signed up. Ste. Marguerite will begin a new program and the staff is very excited about its success. St. Francis will continue to build on its programs and enhance the Generations of Faith process. I wish you and your families a great "end of summer" and look forward to being with you – walking tall – as soon as possible.

God bless you all. Peace,  
Fr. Bob.

### **Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish Club 600 Club Drawing for April 15, 2007**

<u>NO.</u>	<u>AMT.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
83	\$1000	Mary Lee Matthews
599	200	Sue & Bob Fauvel
300	100	Rita Lalonde
329	100	Nicholetta Kofomehehalis
498	100	Mary Bergeron
512	100	Denise & Ed Waterworth
533	\$100 Door Prize	Don Beauchesne
50/50 Drawing	\$124.00	Sue Bourgeois

### **NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND DRAWING September 9, 2007 DOOR PRIZE \$50.00**

Must be present to win door prize.



### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

St. Louis School reopens on Tuesday, August 28, 2007. Grades 1-8 will report at 8:00 a.m. and will meet in the School Center (former church). Dismissal will take place at 11:00 a.m. NO busses will be available.

On Wednesday and Thursday, August 29 & 30 grades 1-8 will report at 7:40 a.m. with dismissal at 11:00 a.m.

Parent with child meeting for Kindergarten (K2) will take place at 8:00 a.m. at the School Center on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Parent with child meeting for Pre-K (K1) will take place at 8:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria on the same day.

Opening day for K1 and K2 will be September 4, 2007. Please note that September 4 & 5 will be half days for K1 & K2.

The opening School Liturgy (Mass) will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 7, 2007.

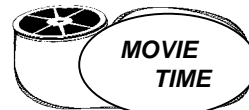
Calendar for 2007-2008 school year is available on the school web page at [www.saintlouisschool.org](http://www.saintlouisschool.org)

### **YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**



#### **Bake Sale**

The Youth Ministry Group will host a Bake Sale in the Parish Hall after all Masses next weekend (Aug. 25 & 26). Please help support our group by purchasing some homemade delights. Anyone interested in baking, please contact Roma Fauvel at 978-957-3113 ext. 603 or by email at [romafauvel@yahoo.com](mailto:romafauvel@yahoo.com).



#### **MOVIE TIME**

"MOVIE TIME" for incoming 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will resume Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

### **STE. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE 600 CLUB**

August brings us to the end of the fiscal year for the 600 Club. If you are presently a member it is now time to renew your membership for the 2007-2008 season. Cost is still \$5.00 per month or \$50.00 for the entire year (a saving of \$10.00 if paid yearly). If you wish to become a member please contact a captain (listed in last week's bulletin on the website). Or contact Lucien Dalpe at 978-957-1710. Over \$1,500 in prizes every month.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**This Weekend – August 18 & 19**

**Saturday**

4:00 p.m. Lorraine Chandonnet  
7:00 p.m. Lt. Donald G. Taylor (31<sup>st</sup> Ann.)

**Sunday**

7:30 a.m. Willis Hebert (25<sup>th</sup> Ann.)  
9:00 a.m. Alfred Bellerose  
11:00 a.m. Mario & Ginger Campo

**Weekday Masses**

Monday 7:30 a.m. Paul Ricard  
Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Estelle Judd  
Wednesday 7:30 a.m. Esther Walsh  
Thursday 7:30 a.m. For Both.....  
Margaret M. Salem  
(Mother & Daughter)  
Friday 7:30 a.m. Parish Intention  
Saturday 7:30 a.m. Paul J. Rousseau

**Next Weekend – August 25 & 26**

**Saturday**

4:00 p.m. Donald Jodoin  
7:00 p.m. Joseph & Mary Powers

**Sunday**

7:30 a.m. Lorraine Chandonnet  
9:00 a.m. Gerald Monette (14<sup>th</sup> Ann.)  
11:00 a.m. June Dion (3<sup>rd</sup> Ann.)

**INFANT/TODDLER PRESCHOOL PARENTS GROUP**

Stay at home moms and dads, come join us for 1½ hours one day per week with your young ones and join in for story times and activities for the three age groups.

This will take place on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Please fill out the form below if you are interested in becoming part of this program. Sessions will begin in October.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD(REN'S) NAME(S):

\_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

Please place completed form in the collection or bring/send to the Parish Office.