



Picture two gates before you, one is wide, attractive, hinting of glorious things beyond. It beckons you. It would be easy to go through. Indeed you could drive a semi-truck through it with all the worldly possessions you would ever need. The other gate is narrow. It looks difficult to get through. One would have to get rid of a lot of excess baggage, carry only what you think is truly essential. Indeed it would be a struggle to squeeze oneself through the tiny opening. One might wonder if the struggle and sacrifice would be worth the effort. Which gate would you choose? The temptation would be the wider gate. But Jesus said to choose such an easy path would be a mistake. "The gate is wide and the way easy that leads to destruction". He said that many would choose that avenue. But he also said that it is the narrow gate that leads to "life" and that few would choose it because it is the hard way. Christ calls us to discipline ourselves and to choose the way of sacrifice and servanthood. It is that path that leads to the abundant life.



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.

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY

You are invited to St. Joseph the Worker Shrine for a free 4 week course on the value and importance of Marian devotion. The instructor, Anthony S. Pasquale, is a Third Order member of the Franciscans of the Immaculate and a certified Catholic catechist. The course will be conducted from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on September 5, 12, 19, and 26. For more information please call Joyce Chaput at 978-458-6346 ext. 210.

IMPORTANT

Over the past few weeks, several parishes have reported that purses and other valuables were removed from the pews as people received Communion. Also, other thefts and vandalism occurred during services. Please do not leave anything of value unattended in the pews,

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. 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.

RETRouvaille.....a lifeline

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no communication, if you are considering a separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. Look us up on the web at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. The next Retrouvaille weekend will be held on September 21-23, 2007.



Offertory Collection	\$4,154.60
Home Missions	\$1,673.46
Feast of the Assumption	\$879.00

SECOND COLLECTION

This week's second collection is a special collection, authorized by His Eminence Cardinal O'Malley, to support the victims of the massive devastation caused by the recent earthquake in Peru.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This year the Parish Picnic will be held on September 16, 2007 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. (rain or shine) at the Acacia Club, 247 Sladen St. in Dracut. There will be a DJ, dancing, 50/50 raffle and fun for the kids. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend and the weekend of September 9th as well as at the Parish Office. The cost is \$6.00 per person if purchased in advance or \$7.00 if purchased at the door. Children under 3 admitted free. Please bring family, friends and neighbors. **Please bring your lawn chairs.** If possible, please purchase your tickets in advance so that we will have an idea on how much food to prepare.

PARISH PICNIC MEETING

Anyone wishing to volunteer for the Parish Picnic is asked to attend a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 10, 2007 in room 101 of the Parish Center. It is very important that we have enough volunteers for this parish event. It would make it so much easier on everybody if there were many people sharing the work.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Bake Sale

The Youth Ministry Group will host a Bake Sale in the Parish Hall after all Masses this weekend. Please help support our group by purchasing some homemade delights.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

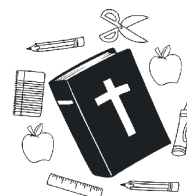
In an attempt to facilitate communication in our parish, the members of these two committees are at your service and are willing to receive your concerns. Please do not assume that they can answer your question, but they are willing to listen and bring it to the next meeting.

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WELCOME BACK

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL REOPENS TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2007.

Grades 1-8 will report at 8:00 a.m. and will meet in the SLS 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 SLS Center on August 30th.

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

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 of the 600 Club, it is now time to renew your membership for the 2007-2008 season. If you are not contacted by your captain, please give them a call to renew your membership. Cost is still \$5.00 per month or \$50.00 for the entire year (a saving of \$10.00 if paid yearly). Anyone wishing to become a member, or if you would like additional numbers, please contact a captain listed below. We are looking for new captains. Captains must sell at least ten numbers and receive 10% of the value of the prize won by one of their ticket holders. If you are interested in becoming a captain please contact Lucien Dalpe at 978-957-1710.

Present Captains:

Claire Beaudette	978-957-2251
Paul Bergeron	978-453-2020
Denise Belleville	978-458-1908
Al. Bourgeois, Jr.	978-957-3680
Al. Bourgeois, Sr.	978-957-0735
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Leo Cloutier	978-453-3366
Lucien Dalpe	978-957-1710
Sue Dery	978-454-7223
Ann Marie Dion	978-453-4000
Sharon Maxim-Eno	978-459-3383
Diane Ervin	978-957-1432
Roma Fauvel	978-957-6486
Sue Fauvel	978-957-3332
Sandra Perry	978-957-3568
Marie Philippon	978-957-4759
James Sigman	1-978-360-2294
Maureen Toupin	978-957-1733

MASS INTENTIONS

This 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 (14th Ann.)
11:00 a.m. June Dion (3rd Ann.)

Weekday Masses

Monday 7:30 a.m. Victor Beaudette
Tuesday 7:30 a.m. William O'Neill (4th Ann.)
Wednesday 7:30 a.m. Rose Aimee Proulx
Thursday 7:30 a.m. Mary McKeon
Friday 7:30 a.m. Parish Intention
Saturday 7:30 a.m. M/M Leo L. Cloutier

Next Weekend – September 1 & 2

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Alphonse Chaisson
7:00 p.m. Parish Intention

Sunday

7:30 a.m. M/M Alphonse L. Thibeault
9:00 a.m. Paul Vigeant (1st Ann.)
11:00 a.m. Coutu Family

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 basket or bring/send to the Parish Office.