



NOT ON THE LIST

People have a list for everything these days. Simple hand written grocery lists have evolved into hand held personal assistants. Our days are diced into 15 minutes sections, each prioritized and labeled for easy use. An efficient way to manage time, perhaps, but is it any way to live?

Take a minute and think about your own to-do lists. Any entries labeled, "Watch for Jesus' coming?" What about "pray" or "read God's word"? Well, at least there's "attend church", right? Hmmm. According to our planners we've de-prioritized God. We've lost the spiritual hunger Andrew had as he searched for the Messiah. Pausing on the street corners of our lives, Jesus could walk past unrecognized while we're checking off another "done" item. And we're simply too tired to follow Jesus home if it means another commute back home. It's a sad state of affairs today when God goes begging for a single hour of the day He created. This week let's stop time managing and start living, for God and with God, every day and every hour.



ALL LIFE IS SACRED

Anniversary of Roe v Wade – January 22, 2009

Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim the right to supersede God's place as the giver and taker of life.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18-25, 2009

To be only one is not to be alone. Each of us is a perfect, single part of God's kingdom, fitting exactly into the place He made for us. Our differences, our diversity does not separate us, it shapes us so that we fit snugly into the heart of God, the circle of his purpose, the foundations of His kingdom.

Father, unite all the congregations of the Church in Jesus your Son, our Lord and Savior. May your will be done among us and your kingdom come soon, through him who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

On Monday, January 19, 2009 we celebrate Martin Luther King Day, a legal holiday. Morning Mass will be celebrated at its regular time and the Parish Office and St. Louis School will be closed.

WORLD DAY OF SICK

On Sunday, February 15, we will celebrate the World Day of the Sick which falls on February 11. This is a special day for us to remember and pray for all those who suffer illness in any way. We pray especially for our parishioners. On that Sunday, we will offer the Sacrament of the Sick after each liturgy giving anyone who feels the physical or mental need for healing to come forward. More details as they become available. Please continue to pray for the sick.



600 CLUB DRAWING THIS SUNDAY

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish Club **600 Club Drawing** for January which was scheduled for last weekend was postponed due to the storm. Drawing will take place **this Sunday, January 18, 2009** at 9:00 a.m. Please join us in Ste. Marguerite Parish Hall for a pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Door prize for this drawing is \$150.00. You must be present to win the door prize.



During these cold winter months and with the economy the way it is, many people in our parish are in need of our help. Please be generous to the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** by using the Poor Boxes located at the church entrances.



Our **Children's Liturgy** is held on the First and Third Sundays of each month during the 9:00 Mass. This gives the children the opportunity to go downstairs to listen and participate in Readings, Gospel and a Sermon on their level. This program is geared towards preschool to fourth grade children. All are welcome! If you are interested in helping out **one** Sunday a month **during** the 9:00 Mass please contact Christine Carignan 978-453-3385. Please come join us, the children love it!



Religious Education Program ANNUAL CALENDAR RAFFLE

Tickets are now available for the Annual Religious Education Program Calendar Raffle. The raffle takes place each day during Lent and you have 40 chances to win. You may also win more than once as your ticket is returned to the raffle after you win. The drawing begins February 25, 2009. If you did not receive tickets in the mail or if you need more, they may be picked up during class times, at the back of the church or at the Parish Office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit our Religious Education Program.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

We have received added donations for Christmas Flowers from:

Mrs Beatrice Larrabee in memory of Richard J. Larrabee and Gail T. Manue.

A donation from Pamela Monette.

We thank all who donated to make our church extra special for Christmas.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK "Catholic Schools Celebrate Service"

Distinguished Graduate

Mrs. Therese Berard, a graduate of St. Louis School, has been chosen to receive the Distinguished Graduate Award for the year 2009. She will be the honored guest both at the opening Liturgy of Catholic Schools Week to be held at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 25, 2009 at the St. Louis School Center and at a reception that will follow at the St. Louis School Annex Cafeteria. Mrs. Berard graduated from St. Louis school in 1958 and began teaching third grade at St. Louis School in 1984.

Catholic Schools Week Schedule at St. Louis School

Sunday, January 25, 2009

Mass at 8:30 a.m. St. Louis School Center
Book Fair – near main entrance of Center
Open House until 12:00 p.m.

Monday, January 26, 2009

Get Up and Move Day
Bingo
Crazy Tie and Sock Day

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

(Service in our Communities)
Service Project
School Colors Day
Spaghetti Supper - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

Grandparents/Special People Day
Visit classes from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Special people will take student to Book Fair

Thursday, January 29, 2009

(Student Appreciation Day)
Special; grade Level Presentations
(Pre K to 5)
Enrichment Activities ((Grades 6, 7 and 8)
Favorite Stuffed Animal Day
(Grades Pre K to 3)
Career Dress Up (Grades 4 to 7)
High School Colors (Grade 8)

Friday, January 30, 2009

(Teacher Appreciation Day)
Half Day
Movie & Popcorn
Pajama/Comfy Clothes Day

PARISH CLUB MEETING

The monthly Parish Club meeting will take place on Monday, January 19, 2009 in the Parish Hall. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:45 and meeting at 7:30.

FROM PAUL DUQUETTE

This week I return to some of my duties in the parish. Pending my return to the office I will be working from home. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr. Bob, Fr. Chris, Fr. Lyons, Deacon Penney and the entire Parish Staff for their prayers, visits, phone calls and support throughout my 16 plus weeks of illness. I am also grateful to all of you who kept me in your thoughts and prayers throughout this time. I thank you for all enrollments, cards and get well wishes that I received. Without all of you, my recovery would have been nearly impossible.

For those who don't believe in miracles or don't think that prayers help, I am a living example of a miracle and the power of prayer.

God bless you and I will continue to keep all of you in my daily prayers.

Paul Duquette

GIVING TREE

We often wonder if people appreciate the gifts that they receive from the generous people of our parish who support the Giving Tree program. We have received the following thank you notes:

"I cannot tell you how happy my daughter was Christmas morning finding presents from you that were there. The expression on her face was irreplaceable. You helped in a great way. My prayers are with you all."

"I am writing this letter to thank you for all the Christmas help you gave to my family this Christmas. It means a lot to me as times are so tough and it feels good to know that there are people like you in this world who care about other families. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your help to give my family a wonderful Christmas. God Bless!"

"Thank you for your help in our time of hardship. Your thoughtfulness helped our family have a brighter and happier holiday and for that we are very grateful. God bless you!"

"I just want to thank each and every person who took the time out of their own lives to go and buy gifts for my daughter at Christmas. Because of each of you, my daughter had wonderful gifts to open on Christmas Day. It brings tears to my eyes as I write this, because I'm very thankful and it's great to know that there are people who care, and will help others, whom you don't know. Of course my daughter thinks Santa brought the gifts and when she is older I will tell her about all the wonderful people who made her Christmas. God bless each and every one of you and your families."

FINANCIALS

AMOUNT NEEDED WEEKLY **\$7,702.00**

Income received from 1/06/09 to 1/12/09

Offertory Collection	\$3,463.00
Parish Monthly Collection	\$1,533.00
Other Income	\$1,464.00
TOTAL PARISH INCOME	\$6,460.00

WEEKLY GAIN or (DEFICIT) (\$ 1,042.000)

Grand Annual Collection to date \$41,209.00

This amount is lower than last week as the amount listed was incorrect.

If you would like to receive a 2008 donation statement for tax purposes, please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322.

JANUARY 18, 2009



GIFT OF BREAD AND WINE

We invite parishioners to donate the bread and wine for consecration at all Masses for a given week. The person remembered will be listed in the bulletin on the weekend and will cover all Masses for that week. Suggested offering for this gift is \$50.00. Please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322 to schedule this special memorial.

Mass Intentions

This Weekend – January 17 & 18

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Catherine Waterworth

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Raymond Ferron

9:00 a.m. Andre Beaudette

11:00 a.m. Therese Masse (4th Ann.)

Weekday Masses

Monday	7:30 a.m.	Frances Drouin Donna Whiteside
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Parish Intention
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Parish Intention
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Therese Rousseau (6 mos.)
Friday	7:30 a.m.	M/M Alphonse Thibeault M/M Leo J. Cloutier
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Lucille Hebert

Next Weekend – January 24 & 25

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Roland & Pauline Tremblay
(67th Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Edward J. Douksewicz IV (4th Ann.)

9:00 a.m. Laura Morrissette (11th Ann.)

11:00 a.m. Raymond Bursey

CROSS INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Under the direction of its chairman, Bishop Sam Jacobs, Cross International Outreach is working to establish a stronger spiritual relationship between America's Catholics and their counterparts overseas – with the ultimate goal of helping the poorest of the poor.

Next weekend, we will welcome Rev. Bernard Olszewski, O.F.M. who comes to us on behalf of Cross International Catholic Outreach. Parishes in underdeveloped countries represent more than an important source of spiritual truth for their community. They also stand as a beacon of hope for impoverished families who have nowhere else to turn. Come and hear how we can make a difference in the lives of our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the Third World.