

# the Spirit of St. Louis

ST. LOUIS CHURCH  
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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Louis Parish is a home for all of God's people. We respect and welcome all in the spirit of Baptism and the sharing of Eucharist. We are committed to the Gospel message through service to our parish family, the larger community and especially those in need throughout the world.

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August 29, 2010



## OBSERVATIONS

... fr. kevin

[kmurphy@stlouischurch.org](mailto:kmurphy@stlouischurch.org)

I hope you found the Piazza a pleasant place to park today...(Fr. Reddington never liked it to be called the parking lot)...maybe some will continue to park on the street or in some place that you have found over these past 4 weekends... while it has been an inconvenience to have to adjust your parking, maybe we can be more conscious of car pooling and finding more environmental-friendly ways to get to and from Church...I thank you for the patience that this major improvement has required of you...hopefully it will be a very long time before we have to experience such again.

One request: if you have not been with us very much this summer, could you consider 'making up' your contributions to the Church...our collections have taken an understandable hit since the piazza was inaccessible...summer is a lower quarter of the year for us normally, but this summer has been lower than usual...do what is possible.

As we approach the fall, I want to encourage YOU to join one of our Bible Study groups...we all need to become more comfortable and familiar with the Word of God and these programs will be very helpful---and not too demanding---ways to do just that...Msgr. Gerry offers a Bible basics course on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month...it runs from 7:30 to 9 pm in the Manse meeting room...these will begin on Sept. 8 and study the Psalms...the other opportunity is on Monday mornings at 7:15 to 8:30 am in the Parish Meeting Hall...I will be leading a study of the Book of Exodus and we will begin on Sept. 13...for my study group, I need to order materials so please give the Ministry Center, 586-5675, a call or email me...think about doing something for yourself in the area of faith renewal this fall...you will be better for it...we will have several other opportunities for Adult Learning that we will outline in the next couple of weeks...think now and make a determination of an added commitment.

Also we are getting geared up for Stewardship Renewal in Sept. and Oct...how can you make St. Louis a better community...how might your presence add to our life?...what gift or talent can you offer to the building of the Body of Christ...I would like families to think of how they might serve together at our weekend Masses...kids can serve or be in a choir, parents

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. LOUIS

### Daily Masses This Week:

Mon, Wed, Fri @ 11 am & 5:15 pm  
Tues & Thurs @ 6:45 am and 11 am  
Saturday @ 9:00 am



### MONDAY - AUGUST 30

6:30 am - Men's Spirituality Group, Manse

### THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 2

7:00 pm - Holy Hour, Church

### FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 3

**11:30 - 4:00 pm - First Friday**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

### SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 4

3:30 pm - Confessions

4:30 pm - Mass

### SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 5

7:30 am - Mass

9:00 am - Mass, Children's Liturgy of the Word (LOW)

11:00 am - Mass, Children's LOW

5:00 pm - Mass

### MONDAY, SEPT. 6, LABOR DAY

**Only one Mass at 9:00 am**



**WE PRAY AND GIVE THANKS**

 **Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**MONDAY - August 30**

**1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30**

11:00 am Daniel Tasciotti -  
The Magguilli Family  
5:15 pm Thomas R. Seymour -  
Linda & Jim McCauley

**TUESDAY - August 31**

**1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37**

6:45 am Lucille Moser -  
Bea & John Hack  
11:00 am Thomas Seymour -  
Matt & Tina Hanna & Family

**WEDNESDAY - September 1**

**1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44**

11:00 am Richard Schmidt - Geri  
5:15 pm Gerhard & Edith Siefert -  
Astrid Siefert

**THURSDAY - September 2**

**1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11**

6:45 am All Deceased Parishioners  
11:00 am Daniel Tasciotti - Sally Burdick

**FRIDAY - September 3**

**1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39**

11:00 am Gerald McDonald -  
Edmund & Gloria Viele  
5:15 pm Martin Q. Moll Sr. -  
The Moll Family

**SATURDAY - September 4**

**1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5**

9:00 am Samuel DiPalma - Family  
4:30 pm Rosa E. Guerra -  
Olivares Family

**SUNDAY - September 5**

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33**

7:30 am Ann Whiting -  
The Coan Family  
9:00 am Sheelagh Jefferson -  
Peggy Midgley  
11:00 am John Rubens - Ann Catalfano  
5:00 pm Michelle Peartree -  
Strassburg Family



**SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Would you like to have your very special intentions remembered for a week? The Thursday Holy Hour Ministry will offer special prayers for your intention.

We also invite you to have a Sanctuary Lamp lit at the Blessed Sacrament. Please call/visit the Ministry Center to make known this intention.

This week, one Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of **Veronica Heydens** by the family and two Sanctuary Lamps will burn in memory of **Matthew John Hester** by the family.

*For all the victims of  
violence in our cities.*

**WEEKEND OF September 4 & 5 ... Those who serve**

Time	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Lit. Assistants	Cantor	Altar Servers
4:30 pm	C. McManus E. O'Connell	S. Schrecker, L. Nunn, N. O'Connor, E. O'Connell, R. Dewan, C. Herdklotz, J. Ranaletta, A. Herdklotz	L. & J. Nunn	F. Giovagnoli	E. Mancini J. Mancini
7:30 am	S. Holland J. Holland	M. Brodnicki, D. Schmidt, P. Shea, A. Tomaino, C. DeJoy, D. Hofmann, P. Kling, G. Shea	The Andersons	M. Valentine	N. Tomaino S. May
9:00 am	J. Kenneally T. Hartzell	S. Payne, K. McMahon, M.K. Ward, C. Thomas, L. Lusk, M. McMahon, M. Joyce-Rosen, M.A. Monley	K. Keogh A. Doerr	Children	J. Doerr A. Molinari
11:00 am	W. Martin J. Brandt	J. Eisenhart, N. Tosch, J. Ferranti, M. Cargill, M. Murphy, S. England, D. Schnell, L. Iati	D. Varrenti B. Varrenti	M. Verghese	I. Marin E. Whitaker
5:00 pm	M. McNiffe E. Lynege	K. D'Antonio, J. Roxstrom, A. Pulli, R. McNiffe, M.E. Holvey, A. Infantino, C. Smith, S. McCormick	K. Legawiec	L. Larson	B. Holvey A. Holvey

Sunday Communion Service - September 5  
The Highlands: George Kimber     Heather Heights: Doris Wilmot & Ann Murty

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**New Bible Study Group**



If you would like to be a part of a Bible Study group, our Monday morning group will begin to meet on Sept. 13 at 7:15 am. We conclude our sessions by 8:30 am. This fall we will focus on the Book of Exodus from the Old Testament. We will consider Moses, the Covenant, the Sinai experience and the journey of Israel into the Promised Land.

These sessions will include a video presentation as well as discussion by the members. At the end of this study, we will take a look at the Infancy Narratives in Luke and Matthew just before Christmas.

Come and join us and learn more c d q w v " I q f ø u " Y q t f  
To sign on: call the Ministry Center at 586-5675 so we can order study guides for each person.

**Annual Corn Sale**



Our Annual Corn Sale will be held at all Masses the week-end of September 11 - 12.

The proceeds will benefit Our Little Brothers and Sisters Orphanage in Haiti, so please support this event.

The corn will, again be donated by the Powers Farm Market.

**Mark your calendars!**

**Outdoor Mass & Parish Picnic**



**Sunday, Sept. 12**

At 12:15, after the 11:00 am Outdoor Mass

Right here at our Parish Playground, behind Reddington Hall

Just bring your appetite (and maybe a lawn chair)!

Hots, sausage, hamburgers, salads and drinks provided.

Special entertainment for all ages!

**All are welcome!**

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could be an usher or serve as lector or Eucharistic Minister...or the family could offer to be in the presentation of the gifts procession...the more we can show our active and full participation in our prayer and worship, the more it will become a part of the life of one another...we never have too many Eucharistic ministers, for instance, so this is one way that those who have been confirmed and older can serve in a very worth-while way...think about how you can help!

A word about weddings: we have several weddings in Sept. and Oct. scheduled and it is a joy to be able to celebrate with young adults their commitment of love for one another...when we finish this year's wedding season, we will have celebrated about 22 weddings...if you or your son or daughter is planning a wedding for 2011, I would encourage you to be sure to reserve the date at Church...our dates can fill up and while we can do more than one wedding on a Saturday, the more popular time of 2 pm gets taken pretty quickly.

A letter about our Sacramental programs will be sent to those who are registered to celebrate First Penance, First Eucharist or Confirmation in this next school year...because Lent and Easter is so late in the spring in 2011, we have had to make major changes to the Eucharist program...that and having over 90 children registered means that Sue Payne will expect your full cooperation in responding in a timely way to any requests for the classes...just a heads-up to urge you to respond as best you can.

Well, have a great last week of August...Peace!

**STEWARDSHIP: TIME, TALENT & TREASURE**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

*August 22, 2010*

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*August 15, 2010*

E q n n g e v k q 9,122 i i 0 0 i  
C u u w o r v k q 4,248 i i 0 0 i  
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**Your goodness can take form of making St. Louis Church a beneficiary in your estate planning**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**We tithe 10% of our collection to various community groups.**

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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nounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Luke 14:33*

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

**THIS WEEK'S TITHING IS FOR SCHOOL OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD**

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**NEXT WEEK'S TITHING IS FOR THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the U.S. Bishop's Relief Organization, is devoted to serving the most vulnerable people overseas. Millions of people around the world have been devastated by life's direst circumstances. They struggle to feed, care for, educate and protect their families. CRS responds to emergencies, relieves human suffering and replenishes hope in more than 100 countries. This organization truly "hears the cries of the poor." When we support CRS we, too, answer this call.

Please be generous as we will send our tithe to assist the people of Pakistan.

Stephen Ministry



**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

**Tired.**

The day-in, day-out routine of caring for her is finally getting you down. And she isn't getting any better. You're exhausted. You need someone to care for you. A Stephen Minister can be this person. He or she won't push advice on you - instead, your Stephen Minister will listen and care for you, helping you sort through your feelings and discover the resources you need to make it through.

**Different**

You remember looking at people with disabilities in the past. Now you're one of them. Anger, denial, sadness...and the need to get your life back together again. A Stephen Minister can help you find the resources you need to rebuild your life.

**What happens when you ask for Stephen Ministry for yourself or a friend?**

Someone will contact you to talk more about Stephen Ministry and what it can mean to you. Then, you will be matched with a Stephen Minister, who will listen and support you through this tough time.

The whole process is completely confidential. No one knows what you talk about with your Stephen Minister except the two of you. Stephen Ministers are trained to give this care by listening instead of pushing advice.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry, or to receive a Stephen Minister's care, call Cris Wensel at 586-5675, x224. All calls are confidential. Please do not report a friend's need without first asking his/her permission to do so.

**WE GROW IN FAITH: FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY**

***Attention Parents!!***

***Religious Education Start-Up Information***

The religious education program of *Seasons of Faith will begin on Sunday, September 12 and Living Faith will begin on Tuesday September 14.* Information is being sent, via letter, in the next couple of weeks to all registered families about these programs. Here are a few points that are critically important to the success of these programs.

We urge you to come to Mass each week. Our Faith Formation programs lead parents and children to the Eucharist. Please make regular participation in the weekend Liturgies a part of your Louis Parish community.

100% attendance is expected in each of the programs. Parents are sent a calendar of the meeting times to put on their home calendars. Consistent attendance is the best way to help your children in their faith development.

As in public school programs, best behavior is expected from all the children in the programs. Inappropriate behavior is a distraction for the other children in class as well as taking valuable time to discuss appropriate behavior with your children before the programs begin.

Regular involvement in parish religious education programs provides the ground work for sacramental preparation and is necessary for participation in the separate sacrament programs.

During September and October, our parish will renew our Stewardship program. Our expectation is that all Faith Formation families will make a commitment of *Time, Talent and Treasure* to foster our

Each year, we add a variety of different events to the programs so please check the calendar in your program carefully for these scheduled events. They will be explained in detail at the kick-offs. *Seasons of Faith kick-off for parents Sunday September 12, at 10 a.m. in the gym. And Living Faith kick-off for all parents and children Tuesday, September 14, at 4:30 in church.*

Please contact Sue Payne at 586-5675 (Ext. 233, 24-hour voicemail) or email [spayne@stlouischurch.org](mailto:spayne@stlouischurch.org) with any questions or concerns.

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## Volunteers, Your Help is Needed For the Saint's Place Fall Sale



**Dates:** Thursday, October 7, 3-9 pm (set-up)  
Friday, October 8, 8:30 am – 7 pm (set-up and sale)  
Saturday, October 9, 8:30 am – 3 pm ( sale and clean-up)

This sale will be a smaller sale than our April sale. We will be selling books, toys, purses, decorative items, holiday items, and much, much more! If you can help for a few hours, it will be greatly appreciated. Proceeds from the sale are used to purchase beds for the newly arriving refugees.

Call 385-6860 or email [michele@saintsplace.org](mailto:michele@saintsplace.org) to sign up. High school students – this is your chance to earn those community hours.

### *Urgent!* FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR SUPPORT

Saint's Place has an urgent need for an *active* fundraising committee. This committee would meet once a month and be responsible for planning *one* fund-raising event a year (a cookbook, a fashion show, dinner/dance/auction, etc). If you like social, fun activities, this is your chance to be creative and volunteer for a worthy cause. The more people who join this committee, the better the ideas that will be generated and the work load will be less demanding! So please consider joining.

The committee would also be in charge of overseeing the Annual Sale, which is held every April. This task should not be overwhelming as most of the ground work has been done; we have most of the schedules, signage, layouts, volunteer lists, etc.

Volunteering for this committee is great opportunity for individuals who want to help Saint's Place but cannot volunteer on week days. Many of the assignments can be done at home, at your leisure.

If you are interested in joining the **fund raising committee**, please call Michele at 385-6860 or email [michele@saintsplace.org](mailto:michele@saintsplace.org)

## Updates

We have experienced a significant decline in the number of newly arriving refugees for the months of June, July and August. There seems to be no explanation for this slow down and no forecast for when the surge of arrivals will begin. On the positive side, it has given us a chance to restock our shelves and warehouse. In fact, we no longer have storage space. So, we are asking your help during the next few weeks. **If a donation can wait a week or two or three weeks, please hold the items until then.** We know we will need the items, but at the present time space is very limited.

Thank you again for all the school supplies. We are in awe of the generosity of so many people. The refugee children are always delighted to have backpacks with new supplies to start the school year.

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**46 S. Main St.:** Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Closed Fridays. Phone: 385-6860

**St. John of Rochester:** Monday through Thursday, 9:30 am until 12 noon. Closed Fridays.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome to St. Louis Church

We extend a warm welcome to any visitors among us today. We hope you will feel at home with us. Know that we appreciate your presence and hope that as we pray together we may know the grace of God that flows through the Body of Christ.

If you are visiting our area and are with family and friends, we hope you enjoy your time in our community. If you are here looking for a community to be a part of, we hope you will sense our warmth. If there is anything we can do to help you feel more at home and to assist your becoming part of this parish, we are most willing to be at your service.

Life these days can be very demanding and complicated. It is our hope that our prayer at the Eucharist will touch your heart and speak to whatever need you bring. Be at rest here and know the love of God.

### We Welcome Our New Parishioners

**We welcome the following families/individuals who recently joined the parish to our community. We hope they will feel at home with us and will add to our life and kinship.**

**Daniel & Emily Ambron**

**Amarante DesPinosse and Brien**

**Ivan & Karen Morales and Victoria & Julianna**

**Arjan & Ashley Vilkuh**

**Maureen Zagursky**



**ST. BERNARD'S**  
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

### LOOKING FOR SOME SERIOUS STUDY THIS FALL?

Your faith is a journey, a challenge, a joy, and a comfort. Learn to deepen your relationship with God and embrace that faith through the pursuit of knowledge. St. Bernard's is starting its most exciting semester to date and it's not too late to look into our graduate or continuing education classes. Scholarships are available. Please call Laura Smith, Director of Admissions, at 271-3657, x289 or email [admissions@stbernards.edu](mailto:admissions@stbernards.edu) for more information.

### Volunteers: Orientation for Saint's Place Tutori

The Saint's Place Tutoring Program will begin tutoring for the 2010-2011 year on Wednesday, September 15 at 5:00 pm at the old St. Boniface School at 330 Gregory Street. The Thursday program will begin at 5:00 pm at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Spirit at 835 South Avenue on September 16. Tutoring is for one hour.

**There will be an orientation on Thursday, September 9 at 5:30 pm in the St. Louis Parish Meeting Hall. The orientation is mandatory for new tutors and optional for returning tutors.** There is always something new to learn and a refresher is beneficial. The orientation should last about one hour.

We will be showing an optional video to give background on the Bhutanese who presently make up 60% of our students. It chronicles the removal of the Bhutanese by soldiers from their country, their life in the camps in Nepal and their journey to America.

**The video will be shown at 7:00 pm.** For those remaining for the video there will be pizza at 6:45 pm. If you have any questions, contact Geri Dolan at [gdola45@rochester.rr.com](mailto:gdola45@rochester.rr.com) or 278-8244. **Please RSVP** as to whether you will be attending the orientation and/or video to plan for materials and food.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Answering tough questions about immigration

U.S. bishops advocate mending broken system and improving economic development in poor countries

By Bishop John C. Wester

G f k v q t dnulighp of the recent "de- d c v g " q x g t " C t k | q p c and responses to Archbishop Jose H. I q o g | ø u " g u u c { " õ C t t q n g " k p " k o o k i t c v k our May 2 issue, Our Sunday Visitor asked Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake E k v { . " e j c k t o c p " q h mittee on Migration, to answer some of q w t " t g c f g t u ø " v q w i j E j w t e j ø u " r q u k v k q p "

Question: What don't the bishops understand about "illegal"? Why disrespect the rule of law?

Answer: The U. S. bishops and the teachings of the Catholic Church have consistently respected the right of the sovereign to control its borders, as well as the rule of civil law. However, the Church, along with other members of our democratic society, has the right to work to change laws which are believed to violate basic human dignity, dignity imbued by the Creator. In the case of immigration, the U.S. bishops believe that the broken U.S. immigration system contributes to the exploitation of migrant workers in the workplace; their abuse by ruthless smugglers; and their deaths in the desert as they seek to find work to support their families. They come illegally because there are insufficient visas under the current system to come legally. Our system contains only 5,000 permanent visas for unskilled laborers to come to the United States, but the demand for their work is much higher, since as many as 300,000 undocumented people each year are absorbed into the U.S. workforce. Comprehensive immigration reform, which the U.S. bishops support, would replace illegality with a system based on legal presence and legal entry, thus restoring the rule of law to a chaotic system while also pro-

tecting the basic dignity, and lives, of our fellow brothers and sisters. It would require those who have broken the law to get on the right side of it by paying a fine, taxes, learning English and waiting in the back of a long line to have a chance to become a U.S. citizen. This path to citizenship is in the best interests of migrants, who are able to become full members of their communities, and our nation, which will continue to benefit from their contributions without sacrificing our long-held values as a nation of immigrants: freedom, fairness and opportunity.

Question: Is this welcoming of Latinos because they are Catholic? If not, do you also support opening our borders to impoverished people from Arab and Asian countries?

Answer: The support of the U.S. bishops for immigration reform is not because the majority of immigrants at this point in our history are Latino or Catholic. The Catholic Church heeds Our Lord's call to "welcome the stranger" to all children of God, regardless of their ethnicity, national origin, race or religion. This is evident in all of the social-service programs of the Catholic Church, which base their outreach on "need," not "creed." Having said that, the fact that the majority of immigrants are Catholic makes it more real for many Catholics, since many immigrants are present in our service programs, health care centers, schools and parishes.

We, as a Catholic community, directly witness the human consequences of a broken system each day, when immigrant families come to pastors and employees and ask for help for a family member who has been detained or deported by immigration authorities. We can only help these families, and keep

them together, by changing our immigration laws. Finally, despite assertions to the contrary, the U.S. bishops do not support "open borders," but support generous, but reasonable, immigration policies that serve the common good.

Question: The current situation of illegal immigration is causing an unsustainable strain on social services. Do the bishops not see that as a problem?

Answer: There are several myths in this area. First of all, most studies show that, although at an early age immigrants consume more than they contribute, over a lifetime they are net contributors to our economy through the taxes they pay, the goods they produce and consume, and their labor. Moreover, legal immigrants do not qualify for welfare or health care for the first five years of their residency in the United States, while undocumented immigrants never qualify for such benefits. In fact, undocumented immigrants pay billions in income taxes each year and at least \$7 billion in Social Security taxes, helping to sustain Social Security for the baby-boomer generation. By adopting comprehensive immigration reform and providing the undocumented legal status, the United States would receive even more income taxes and Social Security payments from immigrants, since they would be required to register with the government and pay their full share.

Taken from the May 6, 2010 edition of Our Sunday Visitor.

\*John Norton, editor of Our Sunday Visitor.

Note: This is the 1st of a 2-part article. On immigration that appeared in Our Sunday Visitor. The second part will appear in a future edition of this bulletin.

## PARISH AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS: 19th ANNOTATION

A few open slots remain in both the Morning and Evening sessions for persons interested in making the Spiritual Exercises retreat at **Mercy Prayer Center**, 65 Highland Ave. If you have been considering this retreat experience and would like to apply for participation this year, **contact Giovina Caroscio at 585-473-6893 x113.**

The retreat begins in mid-September and ends in May, 2011. Retreatants meet weekly for input and spiritual guidance and establish a daily prayer practice. Sessions are held on Wednesdays. Choose either a morning or evening session.

### Other Upcoming Events

Tuesday, August 31, 7:00 pm, at Christ the King Church, 445 Kings Highway South: **Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Family Novena.** Continues for 9 consecutive Tuesday evenings. Rosary, Novena Prayers, Scripture Readings followed by a brief homily and Benediction/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Call the church rectory 9266-1288) for more info.

Tuesday, September 14, 9:00 am, at Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua. September Day of Prayer: **Nine Days that Changed the World** - extraordinary documentary covering John Paul II's nine day pilgrimage to Poland in June of 1979 that transformed Poland and reshaped the spiritual and political landscape of the 20th century. For reservations, call 585-394-5700. \$15.00 includes conference and lunch. The day begins at 9 am with refreshments and concludes with mass at 2:00 pm.

Thursday, September 16, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm, at St. Ann's Community, 1500 Portland Ave.: **24th Annual Community Care Health Fair.** Completely free and designed to create awareness of community resources for seniors and those who care for the elderly. Over 30 exhibit booths, health screenings for cholesterol and blood pressure. Call 697-6406.

Sunday, September 26, 11:15 am, at Sacred Heart Cathedral. **San Lorenzo Ruiz Mass, Bishop Matthew Clark** presiding. Celebrates Filipino culture. Filipino food at the reception following the Eucharistic Celebration. Call Fr. Edison Tayag (254-3221, x112) for information.

### Liturgy Notes

#### Processions at Mass

Processions are like mini journeys—they lead us from one place to another. They always have a goal. During Mass there are actually four processions, each with its own goal. Although the General Instruction of the Roman Missal refers to the four processions (see GIRM 44,47, 73, 86,119,133), it gives no explanation or theology for them. The following comments may help fill in what is missing.

#### Entrance procession

This procession at the beginning of Mass is symbolic of the gathering of all the people into a unity for a common purpose of worship and transformation. The entrance procession symbolizes our journey from being individual members of the Body of Christ to being the Body of Christ gathered around the one Head, Christ made visible in the church.

#### Gospel procession

The procession with the gospel book (usually from the altar to the ambo) is an opportunity for the assembly to acclaim the presence of Christ in the proclaimed word. It also is a symbolic expression of their journey from hearing God's word to putting it into practice. We are now invited to turn toward the gospel book and follow its journey to the place of proclamation as a sign of respect.

#### Procession with the gifts

The procession and presentation of the gifts symbolize the gift of ourselves presented to God for transformation into being more perfect members of the Body "of Christ, just as the bread and wine are transformed into being the Real Presence of Christ. As the gifts are placed on the altar, we place ourselves on the altar and offer ourselves with Christ in sacrifice. It is symbolic of the ongoing journey of self-sacrifice that characterizes Christian living.

#### Communion procession

The Communion procession symbolizes our journey to the messianic table, that heavenly banquet where we already share by partaking in Jesus' Body and Blood at Communion, and also which we will forever share when we die and go to heaven. This procession most clearly proclaims what it means when the Communion lines actually move forward toward the altar.

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