

Good News

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Many enduring images of Church come to us from the New Testament. One is Paul's image: "The Body of Christ." Another comes from our gospel today: "The Vine and the Branches."

Both are metaphors of living organisms. For both, Christ is the most important element. Christ is the head of the Body and the symbol of authority and purpose. Christ is the vine that brings life and nutrients to the branches that produce fruit. Anyone who has visited a winery knows the significance of the vine. If it's cut, the branches wither and the crop fails.

Why is it important to have both images?

John's image reminds us that the Church can't survive if it's separated from Christ. We can live only if we remain in Christ so that the power of grace can continue to infuse us with everything we need to bear the fruit of love, compassion, and mercy.

Paul's metaphor keeps us humble. Regardless of how this Body is structured, Christ is the true head; we are to submit ourselves to obedience to him regardless of how important we are in this world. We also know we belong as a community to Christ and in communion with one another.

There are many parts to the Body and many clusters of fruit on the vine. To leave either is to separate ourselves from Christ.

That's why praying together each week is so important. It reminds us who we are and whom we belong to.

Let us offer praise for this vine and for this Body into which our baptism has called us.

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Ed Workhoven
	9:00	+Rita Radogna
	10:30	Parish
	12:00	+Clayota Hightower
	6:00	+Tom Gibson
Mon.	6:15	+Mary Styers & Poor Souls in Purgatory
	8:15	+David Wieties
	12:00	+Jimmy and +Ann Riley
Tues.	6:15	+Genevieve Garrone
	8:15	+Betty John & +Jay Mattingly
	12:00	+Lucille Guidi & +Margaret McGarity
Wed.	6:15	Special Intention for Winnie Dean Costello
	8:15	+ Mary Gattas Parker
	12:00	+Edward & +Mae Boywid
Thurs.	6:15	+Sissy & + +Bill Trigg
	8:15	+Special Intention for 8th Grade Confirmandi
	12:00	+Alison Duffy
Fri.	6:15	+Loraine Cordera
	8:15	+Mrs. Gavin
	12:00	+Luke & +Mary Borger
Sat.	6:15	Special Intention for Harry McNally
	8:15	+Stephen Drzycimski & +Betty Gush
	4:30	+Jim Bedwell & +Violet Mangiolardi

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jean Donati+Gloria Andereck+Mimi Uhlmann+Marguerite Harris+Ralph Donati+Ann Fountain+Jhanelle Mendel-Blewett+Dan Cohen+Chris Carrier+Susan Sanders+Alex Gray+Sue Hughes.

Information

Sacrament of Baptism—Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays following noon Mass. Parents are asked to attend an instructional class prior to the baptism. Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

Adults interested in the Catholic Faith—to learn more about the Catholic Faith, please contact Deacon Jeff Drzycimski at 682-6606, ext. 1953 for information about our R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program.

Sacrament of Marriage—Please contact one of the priests for an appointment at least 6 months in advance of the proposed wedding date. Diocesan policy requires that certain guidelines be met.

Funerals—please call the parish office to make funeral arrangements; our staff will be happy to assist you.

Ministry to the Sick—When a family member is ill, home-bound, or hospitalized, please call the parish office to request prayers and to arrange a pastoral visit. The priests and our lay Ministers to the Sick make regular visits to the sick and home-bound.

Counseling Services—St. Louis Parish participates in the Parish Family Counseling Program of the Diocese of Memphis. Professional available; fees are based on one's ability to pay. Contact Anne McInnis at 722-4711.

Nursery—a nursery is provided in the Clunan Center each weekend at 4:30 pm, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, and noon Masses on Sunday.

May 3rd, 2015— Fifth Sunday of Easter

ST. JOHN PAUL II YOUTH MINISTRY CENTER



Bishop J. Terry Steib will be with us on **Sunday, May 17th** at 2pm for the dedication of our new St. John Paul II Youth Ministry Center. Our pastor, Msgr. John McArthur has chosen to name our Youth Ministry Center for Saint John Paul II because of his dedication to youth. Saint John Paul II was the founder of World Youth Day. During a WYD homily, he addressed the youth with these words, *"Dear young people, let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are."* These words mirror the mission statement of our Youth Ministry program to bring youth closer to the Church and closer to Christ.

One Faith,
One Family

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal. We have received pledges of \$435,709 towards our goal of \$458,000. 780 families have participated out of 2,111 registered in our parish. This is 36% participation.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

St. Louis Parish has online scheduling for Perpetual Adoration. Visit www.tinyurl.com/SLCCAdoration to sign up to volunteer for one hour per week **or as a substitute. It is not necessary to commit to the slot for each week—substitutes are also needed!**

Volunteers are needed for the following times:

- Tuesdays at 6am
- Thursdays at 6pm
- Fridays at 6pm, 7pm
- Saturdays at 4pm
- Sundays at 2am, 3am, 5pm



Contact Jan O'Donnell with questions by email at jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org or call 255-1954.

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL MAY PROCESSION

Our All School May Procession outside with our statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held on **Wednesday, May 6th** at 8:30am. The statue is located in the alcove of the Orians Center, facing the athletic fields. All students from grades Pre-K through 8th will process onto the fields and place a flower at the feet of Mary. The Blessed Mother will be crowned by eight-grade student **Karen Benedict**, who was chosen by the girls in her class. The attendant will be **Bridgette Groben**. All are invited.

MOTHER'S DAY ALTAR FLOWERS

On Mother's Day, lovely flowers decorate the altars. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special, please use the envelope in your packet. Your donation will be recognized in the bulletin on Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 10th**. Deadline for donations is **Monday, May 4th**.



RUN WITH CHRIST

Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps you would like to get in shape, learn to run pain free, get ready for your first 5K fun run, train for your school cross country team, or run a Boston qualifier? Come prepared to run and join St. Louis coaches and leading area runners outside the north side of the Church on Wednesday evenings at 6pm, rain or shine. Pace is from 13 minutes per mile to 6:30's. Distances are 2.5-7.5 miles through neighborhoods. Participants under 13 or over 85 please bring a parent or companion. Contact Ray Johnson at ray@johnson.org or text/call 704-281-4575.

LE BONHEUR MINISTRY

Thanks to all who help with the meals we provide twice a month for the families on the fifth floor. Many thanks are received from the families and the staff at the hospital. The annual memorial service for the families who have lost a precious child over the past year is scheduled for **Saturday, May 23rd**. We will be assisting the chaplains by providing food and serving at the ceremony. Items needed are on the sign up genius. Please log in and see if you can help. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948afae2c7-parish>. For information, call Cathy Freres at 685-1934.



ST. LOUIS ALTAR GUILD

The St. Louis Altar Guild will hold its final meeting of the year at 12 noon on **Monday, May 11th** in the Clunan Center. We will celebrate Mass, install next year's officers, followed by a luncheon.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Today is the last Sunday for Children's Liturgy for this year. We would like to thank all of our wonderful teachers for volunteering their time and talents for our children. We will start up again in the Fall. Have a wonderful summer!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will meet on **Sunday, May 3rd** in the gym. Junior High meets from 4:30-5:45pm and Senior High meets from 7:15-8:45pm. Visit www.stlouisyouth.org.



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

The Health and Wellness Ministry will be doing Blood Pressure screenings on the first Saturday of each month following 4:30pm Mass and the first Sunday of each month from 8:30am-12pm in the Clunan Center. Join us on **Saturday, May 2nd and Sunday, May 3rd**.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 9th** at 10am. A reception will follow in the Orians Center gym.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

If you would like to help the poor and learn more about SVDP, please attend one of our meetings. Our St. Louis Conference meets **Monday, May 4th** in the Clunan Center at 6pm. Our Memphis Diocese Council meets the second Monday each month at 6:45pm and we rotate the location each month among our 10 parish members. Thank you again for remembering the poor in your donations to SVDP. God bless!



We collect food year round with food baskets in the Narthex and at both side doors and we collect clean clothing at the little house in the back parking lot. God bless you for helping others.

SERRA CLUB HOLY HOUR

The Serra Club of Memphis will hold its monthly Holy Hour on the **2nd Wednesday** this month on **Wednesday, May 13th** at 7pm at St. Louis Church. Deacon Andrew Terry will preside. The Holy Hour is dedicated to praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. All Catholics are welcome.

CAMP INVENTION

Plan ahead for summer fun! Camp Invention, a program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, is coming to St. Louis School during the week of June **15th-19th** from 9am-3:30pm. This camp is for children who are in grades K-5 (1st-6th graders next school year). Let your child's imagination go wild while exploring connections between science, technology, engineering and innovation. Call 800-968-4332 or visit www.campinvention.org. Contact Lauren Hayden at lhayden@stlouismemphis.org.



ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray that God will bless our children who will receive the Sacrament of First Communion next Saturday.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 10th

First Reading	Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Psalm	Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (2b)
Second Reading	1 John 4:7-10
Gospel	John 15:9-17

Prayers for the Armed Forces

Please keep the men and women serving in Iraq, and other conflict areas around the world, in your prayers as well as their families. Pray especially for William Newsham, Jonathan Paul Morales, Robert Bender, Desiree Bender, Brad Israel, Major Michael Geiger and Capt. Charlie Kennedy.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Week of April 26, 2015

Total collection	\$32,413
Envelopes	24,843
Electronic	6,848
Loose	722
Budget requirements	40,385
Total registered families	2,111
Donated by envelopes	397 families
Donated electronically	66 families
Non-participants	1,648 families
22% of families participated . . . 78% did not	

QUEEN OF PEACE

Rosary, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration begin at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, May 11th** at St. Louis Church. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Tuesday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Clunan Center Meeting Room, a Baptismal Preparation Class will be held. Parents planning to have a child baptized are expected to attend one of these sessions. Please contact the church office at 682-6606 to register.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS CENACLE & MASS

The Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle and Mass will be held on **Monday, May 18th** from 7-9pm at St. Michael's Church. Please come and pray for our priests. Call Fr. Richard Cortese at 762-4616.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, May 20th** from 10:30-11:30am in the Clunan Center.