

Good News

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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It's not often we're caught in our prejudices. My moment of reckoning came with the birth of my second daughter. My hospital roommate was a teenager giving birth to her third child. My husband and I were having trouble making ends meet, and even with insurance we'd still have hospital bills.

I resented the free care my roommate was receiving. Why can't you be more responsible? I thought. Because of people like you, my hospital bills are higher.

Reflecting back, I'm ashamed of my attitude. I held the unconscious assumption that I had a "right" to this fine hospital because I was working, could pay bills, and had insurance. Would I deny my roommate's child the level of care I wanted for my own?

The early Church wrestled with that type of question. Could Gentiles be admitted to the Christian community? They were considered unclean, and any Jew who touched or ate with them would be made unclean.

In the encounter with Cornelius, Peter comes to realize that there is no clean or unclean when it comes to people. God shows no partiality. The Holy Spirit makes a convincing argument to the believers by falling on the Gentiles even before they're baptized.

We often decide, consciously or subconsciously, who is worthy of our care or God's. But Jesus commanded us to love one another and to dwell in love, because God is love.

It's our prejudice that gets in the way.

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Jeanne Phillips & +Carol Abbott
	9:00	+Arthur (Charlie) Johnson
	10:30	Parish
	12:00	+Lorraine Bursi Cordera
	6:00	+Mary Casey
Mon.	6:15	+ Luke Borger & Special Intention in Honor of St. Jude
	8:15	+Jean Winkler
	12:00	+Jim Craven & +Robert McCarty
Tues.	6:15	+Reuben Peterson
	8:15	+Evelyn Brown
	12:00	+Michael Dorian
Wed.	6:15	Special Intention for Catherine & Rosemary Batt
	8:15	+ Theresa Higgins & +June Hall
	12:00	+Bob Moore & Special Intention for Jim Michael & Bridget
Thurs.	6:15	+Luke Borger
	8:15	+Joyce Mader
	12:00	+Bob McGannon
Fri.	6:15	+Clayota Hightower & Special Intention in Honor of the Blessed Mother
	8:15	+Bob & +Eleanor Hunting
	12:00	+Lorraine Cordera
Sat.	6:15	+Kay Kraus
	8:15	+Mary Gerarda McNally
	4:30	+Jim Bedwell & +Michael Wolfson

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jean Donati+Gloria Andereck+Mimi Uhlmann+Ralph Donati+Ann Fountain+Jhanelle Mendel-Blewett+John Schwarzmann+Dan Thompson+Jean Thomas+Don McLean+Ed Harrison+Chris Hurtgen+Susan Carter+John Schmidt+Clare Marie Wilson.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Chris Ward.

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 10th, 2015— Sixth 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. A reception will follow in the cafeteria.

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.

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.



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 \$443,724 towards our goal of \$458,000. 811 families have participated out of 2,111 registered in our parish. This is 38% 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.

YOUNG ADULTS

Meet Between the Masses will not meet during the summer. They will begin meeting again in the fall.

Happy Mother's Day

ST. LOUIS MEN'S CLUB



The St. Louis Men's Club will hold a business meeting and Hole in One Festival planning meeting on **Sunday, May 17th** at 7:15pm in the St. Louis cafeteria. At this meeting, the Men's Club will discuss planning for the Hole in One Festival, which begins **Sunday, June 21st** and goes through **Saturday, June 27th**. Dinner and drinks will be provided.

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. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Louis SVDP helped 21 families in April, for \$5,147.95, as follows; 12 families were helped on utilities in amount of \$3230.77, 3 families were given rental assistance for \$1057.16, 2 were assisted in motels for \$484.94, 3 were helped by twinning for \$675, 1 was helped with a bike for \$353.93, + we handed out 50 Cash Saver Food cards for \$25 each (Rick James, Cash Saver owner is very generous to your SVDP), + we gave away \$538.70 in Palazola Produce at the Holy Names soup kitchen on Wednesdays. Thank you for continuing to help the poor in Memphis.



All are invited to our monthly Council dinner meeting for 10 SVDP society parishes on **Monday, May 11th** at Our Lady of Sorrows for dinner at 6:45pm followed by meeting at 7:15pm. God bless St. Louis parish.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Henry Atkinson**, Christian Brothers High School 2015 Valedictorian. Henry is the son of **Todd and Joanne Atkinson**. He will attend the University of Alabama Honors College on a full Presidential Scholarship.



RUN WITH CHRIST

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.

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.

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.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

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



St. Louis Cradle Roll

St. Louis Cradle Roll welcomes **Cadence Elizabeth Valentine**, born April 8th, daughter of **Courtney and Blake Valentine**, granddaughter of **Charlene and Carter Myers**.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray for mothers, grandmothers and all who fill a motherly role, that they be surrounded and embraced by love.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

The Ascension of the Lord—May 17th

First Reading	Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
Psalm	Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)
Second Reading	1 John 4:11-16
Gospel	John 17:11b-19

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 May 3, 2015

Total collection	\$41,161
Envelopes	32,624
Electronic	6,963
Loose	1,574
Budget requirements	40,385
Total registered families	2,111
Donated by envelopes	405 families
Donated electronically	73 families
Non-participants	1,633 families
23% of families participated . . . 77% did not	

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY WITH MSGR. JOHN MCARTHUR



Pilgrimage visiting Venice, Padua, Florence, Siena, Rome, Monte Cassino and Pompei will be held **October 6-16, 2015**. We will visit many places in Rome during the five nights we spend there. We plan to be in attendance at Pope Francis' Wednesday audience and also to visit the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel. The complete price for air, taxes, hotel and 2 meals a day is \$4,253 from Memphis on Delta airlines. Space is limited so please pick up a brochure in the office or call Jeannie Presley at 335-4563. You can view it online at traveltyme.com. \$400 deposit will secure your place.