

Good News

The Ascension of the Lord

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Part of my ministry involves sitting with families as they plan a funeral service for a loved one. There are often long pauses as thoughts flood their minds and memories fill their hearts. They share stories and grief. We pick readings and songs and talk about prayers.

Inevitably, we talk about what will happen after the funeral. I tell them grief is a process, that everyone does it differently, and that it would be good to be gentle with each other. In my experience, it takes about six weeks just for the reality to begin setting in and to begin adjusting to this new situation. Things don't get better; they get different, and we go on.

I can only imagine how the disciples felt when Jesus, whom they loved, was crucified in front of them. They had only just begun their grieving. I can only imagine the joy they felt when he appeared after his resurrection, eating with and teaching them again, giving them everything they needed for what was to come.

I can't help but wonder how they felt when he left them again, ascending into heaven—not dead, but so very clearly not with them in the same way.

We celebrate Jesus' ascension just past the six-week mark from Easter. I like to think the reality of the death and resurrection has just started to sink in and that we're learning to move on in this new situation.

It's no accident that Jesus' last command to us is to live that new reality and tell the world about him.

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Lorraine Bursi Cordera
	9:00	+Steve Drzycimski & +Elsa Heros
	10:30	+Hilary Nwokeji
	12:00	Parish
	6:00	+Tracy R. Moore
Mon.	6:15	+ Mary Gattas Parker
	8:15	+Stephen Drzycimski
	12:00	+Joseph Panaskichira
Tues.	6:15	+ Cathie Kirk & Special Intention for Betty & Johnny Sherlock
	8:15	Special Intention for Pam Jeter
	12:00	+Mary & +Luke Borger
Wed.	6:15	+Dr. Joseph Garbarini
	8:15	+Delma Baioni Purvis
	12:00	+Josefina & Eduardo Radelat
Thurs.	6:15	+Chris Mosby
	8:15	+Martha Barker & for the Poor Souls in Purgatory
	12:00	+Luke Borger & +Neomie Sennett Ashburn
Fri.	6:15	+Adriana Moya
	8:15	Special Intention for Beba Heros
	12:00	+Annette LeVaughn Farmer
Sat.	6:15	+Bill Bauer
	8:15	+Mary Styers & +Albert Santi
	4:30	+Jim Bedwell & +Shea Buchignani

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jean Donati+Gloria Andereck+Mimi Uhlmann+Ralph Donati+Ann Fountain+Jhanelle Mendel-Blewett+John Schwarzmann+Clare Marie Wilson+John Pierotti+Martha Jenette+Dr. Robert Maddux+Mariluz Cianciolo+Rebecca Donati+Cliff Davis+Mark Schuler+Dr. Gordon Wills.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Mark Uhlmann+Pamela Becalla.

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 17th, 2015— The Ascension of the Lord

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.



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 \$446,934.21 towards our goal of \$458,000. 825 families have participated out of 2,111 registered in our parish. This is 50% 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

Fridays at 6pm, 7pm

Saturdays at 4pm

Sundays at 2am, 3am, 5:00am, 5pm

Contact Jan O'Donnell with questions

by email at jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org or call 255-1954.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS

MSGR. JOHN B. MCARTHUR

On **Monday, May 25th**, Msgr. McArthur will celebrate the 41st anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. We all congratulate him on this joyous occasion. Thank you for fifteen outstanding years as Pastor of St. Louis Parish. The Altar Guild will host a reception in his honor on **Thursday, May 28th** in the Clunan Center following 8:15am Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection this weekend is for the Catholic Communications Campaign.

FLEUR DE LIS

Time to close for the year and what better way than celebrating our Blessed Mother! We'll gather for May Procession and Mass at 6pm on **Thursday, May 28th**. Remember to bring a flower to slip in a vase on the altar. Hors D'oeuvres and dinner will follow in the Clunan Center. Leonard's is catering that delicious roast beef aujus meal. Please call Fred or Cathy at 685-1934 by **Monday, May 25th** to make a reservation. Have a great Memorial weekend and we will see you on the 28th!

LE BONHEUR MINISTRY

May is such a joyful month. So many events to celebrate! So, thank you to everyone who responded to our plea to all the cooks on the parish volunteer list! The annual bereavement ceremony at Le Bonheur is a special event. It begins at 11am on **Saturday, May 23rd**. Our ministry is assisting the chaplains by preparing and serving a reception that follows the ceremony. Anyone who would like to help, please check our sign up: www.tinyurl.com/stlouissignup.

Our ministry provides 2 meals a month and single serve items for the pantry on the 5th floor—the ICU. Call Cathy at 496-2025 if you have any questions about our ministry. Thank you again for being angels to these beautiful families. Please log in and see if you can help: www.tinyurl.com/stlouissignup. For information, call Cathy Freres at 685-1934.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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.



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ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING FUN RUNS



We start our runs every Wednesday at 6pm (changing to 7pm starting **Wednesday, June 3rd**) rain or shine. Walkers welcome! Meet us on the North side of the Church before we start to get the route. For more information, contact Ray Johnson at ray@johnson.org or text/call (704) 281-4575.

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.



BOWLING FUN NIGHT

St. Louis Fun Night at Billy Hardwick's All-Star Lanes each Tuesday from 6:30-8:30pm. Cost is \$5 and includes shoe rental. No registration required.

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.

ST. AGNES ACADEMY ADMISSIONS



St. Agnes Academy Upper School is now enrolling for the 2015-16 school year. Drop by any "Tour Tuesday" June 2nd through July 28th for a tour and meeting with Admissions. Need based financial aid is available. Call 435-5819 or email admissions@saa-sds.org for information.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone, please call Patricia Schoembs, 685-8604.



St. Louis Cradle Roll

St. Louis Cradle Roll welcomes **Charlie Louis Parker**, born March 26th, son of **Rachel and Tate Parker**, grandson of **Peggy and John Steffan**.

Banns of Marriage

Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for **Shellye Fields** and **Jonathan McAlister**.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray for our parishioners who are graduating from elementary, high school, and colleges this year.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Pentecost Sunday—May 24th

First Reading	Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
Psalms	Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (30)
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel	John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

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 10, 2015

Total collection	\$40,367
Envelopes	34,502
Electronic	4,453
Loose	1,412
Budget requirements	40,385
Total registered families	1,647
Donated by envelopes	401 families
Donated electronically	64 families
Non-participants	1,182 families
29% of families participated . . . 71% did not	

CBHS SOCCER CAMPS

Don't forget to sign up for CBHS Summer Soccer Camps! WHO: Ages 3rd-8th grade. WHEN: All weeks in June from 8:30-11:30am. Multiple Week, Team and Sibling Discounts available! Visit CBHS.org or email: nqlaser@cbhs.org.



CBHS FOOTBALL CAMP

CBHS Football Camp is for boys entering grades 4-9 and will be held **June 8th-12th**. Please go to www.cbhs.org, follow summer camps to football or you may contact Coach Thomas McDaniel at 261-4926 or tmcdaniel@cbhs.org.

SPECIAL LENTEN EDITION OF EKKLESIA THURSDAY!

Have you ever heard of the Shroud of Turin? The Shroud of Turin is a centuries-old linen cloth that bears the image of a crucified man (a man that millions believe to be Jesus of Nazareth) that has been the center of decades of controversy and scientific study. Local Catholic and Shroud expert Ed Brucker will host an exciting and informative evening. Please join us on **Thursday, May 21st** for dinner and discussion about the amazing Shroud of Turin.



Dinners are \$5. We meet in the Clunan Center at 6pm. RSVP for dinner, childcare and to volunteer by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/StLouisEkklesia> or calling the church office at 682-6606. Contact Deacon Jeff Drzycimski, Director of Religious Education, at 682-6606, or email him at deaconjeff@thecatholiccafe.com.

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.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Beginning Experience weekend is designed to help men and women who are widowed, separated and divorced to work through the grief process associated with the end of marriage and to move into the future with new hope. The retreat weekend is scheduled for **June 5-7** and will be held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center. For more information, contact Alma Abuelouf at 373-1224 or alma.abuelouf@cc.cdom.org. Register on line: www.cdom.org.

KNITTING MINISTRY



The St. Louis Knitting Ministry meets on Sundays from 1-3pm. Beginners are welcome. Members supply their own materials (donations welcomed!). Needs and demands are growing tremendously to wrap newborns and sick in God's love. Please call Charlotte B. Parry at 820-0531 for information.

WOW—WOMEN OF THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

Please join us every Tuesday from 11:30am-12:30pm in the Clunan Center Meeting Room to discuss the Book of Exodus. We are using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible which can be purchased at St. Paul's Book Store.



DOES GOD CARE WHAT I WEAR TO CHURCH?

Summer activities and vacations can make getting to Mass each week seem like a juggling act. Harder still is finding the time to dress properly and prepare, as we would like. But approaching all aspects of the Eucharist carefully can deepen our Communion with Christ. What we wear can help.

Use this guideline. When deciding what to wear in Church, think about this: If it's something you would wear to a picnic, to play a sport, or to clean out the garage or the house, don't wear it to church—even during the summer!

WAVE FOOTBALL



Don't forget to sign up for Wave Football. They are trying to get all registered before school lets out. Teams will be 1st Flag, 2nd Flag, 3rd Tackle and 4th Tackle football teams. Teams will play in Crosscheck league with games at CBHS stadium. Contact Brett Soefker if you are interested or for more information at 848-8102 or bsoefker@wasoefker.com.

BREWVILLE AT DENEUVILLE 2015

Join us for the Brewville @ DeNeuville Homebrew Competition being held at DeNeuville Learning Center on Saturday, June 6th from 5-8pm. Be our guest and vote on your favorite Memphis homebrew while you enjoy local food, live music and local craft beer from Memphis Made. Buy tickets at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1376859>. To enter your homebrew or for more info, email Lori Bramlett lbramlett@deneuvillecenter.org



MSGR. PAUL W. CLUNAN ENDOWMENT FUND

The Clunan Fund is named after our long-time pastor, Msgr. Paul W. Clunan. The purpose of the Clunan Fund is to provide assistance to families who are unable to pay the full tuition fees and to aid in keeping pace with new developments in technology, curriculum and facilities. Online donation is available at www.stlouischurchmphs.org and by clicking on this QR code with smart phone.



ST. LOUIS WOMEN'S RETREAT INVITATION TO JOY



St. Louis Parish will have a Women's Retreat **Friday, August 28th through Sunday, August 30th** at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center. The theme is *Invitation to Joy*. Suggested offering is \$185 single room or \$155 double room.

There is also an option this year to come for the day on Saturday. The cost for this is \$90. Contact Pam John at 292-8875 or pjcosmetics@bellsouth.net for information. Contact Debbie Voyles at Debbie.Voyles@olqp.cdom.org to make your reservation.

INSTITUTE FOR LITURGY & SPIRITUALITY

St. Louis Parish sponsors any parishioner of St. Louis access at **no cost** to the courses offered by the Institute for Liturgy and Spirituality at the Diocese of Memphis. Please visit www.cdom.org for information about these courses.

CURSILLO 3-DAY WEEKENDS



Cursillo (pronounced Cur-see-yo) is a movement of the Church that promotes Catholic ideals, fellowship, and spiritual growth. It provides an opportunity to deepen your Catholic faith, and to experience the love of God within a supportive and prayerful community. The Cursillo is a method of giving those, who have the potential of influencing others, a personal encounter with Christ and the means to enhance, support, and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Contact Jonathan or Kristie Lyons by email at lyonsjonathan5@gmail.com or jklyons99@bellsouth.net or online at www.memphiscursillo.com.

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT SAA-SDS

Get ready to GO WILD at St. Agnes Academy-St. Dominic School this summer! Programs are available for PK-12th grade students. We have a full-day Day Camp and more than 50 specialty programs. Please visit <http://saasdsummerprograms.com> or email jtacker@saa-sds.org for more information.

CBHS ALL-SPORTS CAMP

CBHS will offer the ALL-SPORTS Camp for boy's ages 5-10. Five (5) weekly sessions begin May 25th and run through June 26th. Campers rotate through a variety of activities, shifting every 30 minutes enabling campers to learn many skills. Day camp is from 9am-4pm each day and the cost is \$195 per week. Contact Mike Kelly at 261-4961.



COFFEE & DONUTS

Please join us in The Clunan Center for coffee and donuts after the 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 10:30 am Sunday Masses. Exit church by the front door on St. Joseph's side and enter the large reception room by the single door on the west end.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Ave Maria is a great place to receive service hours for high school students. Visit avemariahome.org and download paperwork for volunteers. Send a message to Linda Gattas at lgattas@avemariahome.org with time you are available. Adults are needed to help with Greenhouse Nursing Home Residents. Volunteers read to residents, polish the ladies nails, take them outside and sit with residents. There are so many residents that would enjoy a friendly visit. Call Linda Gattas at 386-3211 ext. 2035 for more information.

The Catholic Diocese of Memphis in Tennessee encourages all victims, or parents of minors who are victims, of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon or diocesan employee or agent, to report such abuse by phoning any of the following numbers: Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline (1-877-237-0004) or Shari Lee, Victim Assistance Coordinator (652-4066); or Jim Latta, Office of Professional Responsibility, Child and Youth Protection (359-2027). All reports will be treated in a confidential manner. The Diocese of Memphis offers a program of psychological and spiritual assistance to abused victims in need.

CAMP SUBIACO

Subiaco Camp is a fun camp for boy's ages 9-13 organized and operated by Subiaco Academy Alumni and fathers of campers with the monks of Subiaco Abbey. The camps will be held June 14-20 and June 21-27. Register online at www.campsubiaco.org or call 479-934-1029.

TRAVELING CRUCIFIX

Families will be presented with the Crucifix at the Mass of their choice and will keep the parish crucifix in their home for a week and pray for vocations and for our priests, parish, church, and school. Contact Susan Smith at 755-9447.

Reminder: Federal regulations prevent hospitals from divulging patient information. If you would like a visit from a priest; contact the church office at 682-6606 or jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org.