

Good News

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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It seems odd that Jesus would tell someone he just cured to keep silent about the whole incident. If I had experienced a miraculous cure, I think my first impulse would be to tell everyone about it and how it came to be. It's hard to keep that kind of good news to oneself. But Jesus' reasons for asking this went beyond mere modesty. He did not want people to follow him simply because of what he did. There were prophets and preachers at that time who called attention to God and appeared to cure those who were ill. They cast out demons and preached their understanding of the truth. But Jesus wasn't like any other person. He wanted people to look within themselves and believe in him because of who he was: Emmanuel, God with us.

If we believe in Jesus only because we have seen a miracle, then our faith is not rooted in a deep conviction of heart and mind. The first time something bad happens, our faith will waver. If we believe only because someone else told us to, then when that person exits our lives, our faith may stop. But if we have had a personal encounter with Christ mediated through sacraments, or in prayer, or through another person and have come to believe in Christ as the Son of God, then our faith will grow. It will see us through rocky times and brighten the rest of our days. We will be like someone whose eyes and ears have been opened, because we will see Christ present in the world and hear his voice calling to us to come and follow him.

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+June Pogson
	9:00	+Art Schoembs
	10:30	Parish
	12:00	+Lorraine di Lire
	6:00	+Grace Catherine Goodwin
Mon.	6:15	Poor Souls in Purgatory
	8:15	+Art Schoembs & Special Intention for Bridget Mary Riley
	12:00	+Eugenia Buchignani & Special Intention for John Rose
Tues.	6:15	Special Intention for Jimmy Riley
	8:15	Special Intention for John & Emma Conroy
	12:00	+Michael Dorian & Special Intention for Ed Jude Costello
Wed.	6:15	Special Intention for Jonathan Gorman
	8:15	Special Intention for the Nelson Family
	12:00	Special Intention for Edith Marino & the Stallings Family
Thurs.	6:15	+Bob and +Eleanor Hunting
	8:15	+Ed Mader & Special Intention for Winnie and Wilson Nelson
	12:00	Special Intention for James McWillie
Fri.	6:15	Special Intention for the Jim Nelson Family
	8:15	Special Intention John Paul Nelson
	12:00	+Bob Sullivan & for the Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	6:15	Special Intention for Teresa Bounds
	8:15	Special Intention for Connie & Vincent Smith
	4:30	+Ed Crenshaw & Special Intention

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jean Donati+Ralph Donati+Beth Hutton+Ann Fountain+Charlie Mezzetti+Clayton Smith+Eric Mitchell+Chris Smith+Bob Crenshaw+Alma Potts+Janet Bowens+Emil Cergnul+Sarah Beth Overcash+Wendy Ray+Bill Segui.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Doris Henderson.

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.

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MEN'S CLUB NEWS

MEN'S CLUB KICK-OFF MEETING

The St. Louis Men's Club will have its annual Kick-Off meeting on **Sunday, September 13th** at 7:15pm in the Dining Hall. All men of the parish are invited; food and refreshments will be served. Sports radio will be there to discuss the upcoming football season as well as other sports related topics. Contact Chris Ybos at cybos@ybosconstruction.com or 359-0002.

MEN'S CLUB APPRECIATION DINNER

The Men's Club Appreciation Dinner will be held on **Saturday, September 18th** at 6:30pm in the Clunan Center. Free dinner and drinks will be served. Spouses and significant others are welcome. We will have televisions available to watch college football games. This is a great opportunity to meet other members of the Parish. Please RSVP to Chris Ybos at cybos@ybosconstruction.com or 359-0002.

MEN'S CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

The St. Louis Men's Club Golf Tournament will be held on **Sunday, September 27th** at Galloway Golf Course. Lunch will be served at 11:30am with a shotgun start at 12:30pm. Cost is \$100 per player to be paid at the golf course on the day of the tournament and includes lunch, golf, beverages, and post-golf snacks. Cash and other prizes will be provided for flight winners, closest to the pin and longest drive. Please sign up prior to **Wednesday, September 23rd** by emailing Curt Soefker at csoefker@yahoo.com.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

There will be a second collection for the Catholic University of America this weekend, **Saturday, September 5th** and **Sunday, September 6th**.

YOUNG MOMS BIBLE STUDY

Are you a young mother . . . or perhaps just the mother of young children, looking for a bible study? Join us! We meet on Thursdays beginning **Thursday, September 10th** from 10-11:30am in the Clunan Center. Childcare will be provided for children up to 5 years old in the nursery. The book is "Beloved and Blessed" by Kimberly Hahn Contact Katie Abart at klyons218@gmail.com or 229-1540 or Jen McBride at jen.s.mcbride@gmail.com or 481-5902.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE/EKKLESIA THURSDAY COMING TO ST. LOUIS



Her message is for PEACE in our world and our families. Mark your calendars: **Thursday, September 24th** from 12-8pm. Bill Sockey, Custodian, will speak at 1pm and 7pm. Visit www.lifefatima.org or contact Tine Winterrowd at Williams_tine@msn.com for more information.

At 5:45pm, there will be an Ekklesia Dinner in the Clunan Center. Cost is \$5 per person. Visit www.tinyurl.com/StLouisEkklesia or call the church office at 682-6606 to make a reservation for dinner or to sign up to volunteer to help.

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF MEETINGS



The 2015-2016 Kick-Off meetings for Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will be **Sunday, September 13th** in the St. John Paul II Youth Ministry Center. Junior High meets from 4:30-6pm and Senior High meets from 7:15-9pm. For online registration, visit www.stlouisyouth.org. You may also visit the Facebook page at St. Louis Catholic Church Youth Ministry and follow the Youth Group on Twitter at St_Louis_Youth and on Instagram at st.louis_youth_ministry.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

The Health and Wellness Ministry will be doing free Blood Pressure screenings on the following 4:30pm Mass on **Saturday, September 12th** and from 8:30am-12pm on **Sunday, September 13th** in the Clunan Center.



ST. LOUIS
— CATHOLIC SCHOOL —

ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR DUKE TIP PROGRAM

The following 7th grade students have qualified to participate in the Duke Tip Program. These students scored at or above the 95th percentile in at least one of the subtests of the ITBS which is administered each spring. Congratulations to the following students:

Zach Beck
Matthew Durden
Ean Fagan
Benjamin Floyd
Grace Goughnour
Richard Hauser
Clay Kirkland
Lydia Koch

Hayden Meadows
Sean Mullen
Brendan Phelan
Nicholas Quarles
Jack Scherson
Caroline Senter
Celia Watson

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

Ladies of the parish are invited to attend the Altar Guild's first meeting of the year on **Monday, September 14th** at noon. We will celebrate Mass followed by lunch at the home of Becky Kraker, 214 Fleur de Lis Cove. Please join us as we kick off the year with an "Attitude of Gratitude" for our wonderful church parish.

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!**

iPhone & Android app is now available! Download Volunteer Scheduler Pro from the app store on your mobile device and enter our Organization ID *StLouisPerpetualAdoration*.

Volunteers are needed for the following times:

Mondays at 11am

Tuesdays at 1am, 6am

Wednesdays at 3pm

Fridays at 7pm

Saturdays at 12pm

Sundays at 2am, 3am, 5am, 12pm, 5pm

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



VIRTUS TRAINING

Virtus (Protecting God's Children)

Training will be held in the Clunan Center on **Wednesday, September 9th** at 6:30pm. All who work with children (teachers, coaches, etc.) are required to complete this course. Register online at

www.virtus.org or call 682-2150. Pre-registration is required.



BISHOP'S OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 28th Annual Bishop's Open Golf Tournament will be held on **Friday, September 11th** with 8am and 1:15pm flights at Quail Ridge Golf Course. To register and for sponsorship opportunities, visit www.bishopsopen.org. Forms are also available on the Clunan Center bulletin board.

HELP WANTED

St. Louis Catholic School Aftercare Program is looking for adults to work in their program who are loving, nurturing, and experienced working with children. The hours are from 3:15-6pm two to three times a week or possibly more. If interested, please contact Lori Tucker, Director of Aftercare, at 907-6124.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for **Mary Griffin Tate** and **Whit Orians** and for the first time for **Erin Courtney** and **Jeff Townsend**.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray that all who work for their living enjoy the abundant fruit of their labors.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13th

First Reading	Isaiah 50:5-9a
Psalm	Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)
Second Reading	James 2:14-18
Gospel	Mark 8:27-35

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 August 30th, 2015

Total collection	\$36,618
Envelopes	29,907
Electronic	5,401
Loose	1,310
Budget requirements	\$40,385
Total registered families	1,684
Donated by envelopes	423 families
Donated electronically	70 families
Non-participants	1,191 families
29% of families participated ... 71% did not	

NOTE: July Utilities—\$18,833

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA & LOURDES WITH FR. DEXTER NOBLEFRANCA

Fatima Santiago de Compostela, and Lourdes Pilgrimage, **April 5th-15th, 2016** with Fr Dexter Noblefranca. The price from Memphis with 2 meals included every day is \$3790 plus \$148 taxes. There are many extra visits included plus a stop at a Eucharistic Miracle in Santarem, Portugal. If you saw the movie, The Way, you will want to explore Santiago. Fatima and Lourdes are very powerful shrines with messages for today. Itinerary may be seen on www.traveltyme.com or brochures are available in the Church office. A \$400 deposit will hold your place. Contact Jeannie Presley at 335-4563 for information. We would encourage you to join us. All are welcome.

FAITH MAGAZINE

In the diocese's print publication, Faith West Tennessee, you will read about local Catholics who put their faith in action. For \$18 a year (\$1.50 per month) the magazine will help you to explore your faith and to evangelize. Donations over \$18 help to cover working costs of the Memphis Diocese's website (www.cdom.org), weekly online news in the West Tennessee Catholic, the diocesan calendar and Facebook – always with free access for you.

SERRA CLUB HOLY HOUR

The Serra Club of Memphis will hold its monthly Holy Hour on **Thursday, September 10th** at 7pm at St Louis Catholic Church. Rev. Msgr. John B. McArthur, pastor of St. Louis parish and chaplain of the Serra Club, will preside. The Holy Hour is dedicated to praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Pope Francis asks all Catholics to promote vocations. The Serra Club provides the opportunity to fulfill his request. For information, call Graham Crawford at 737-3046.



NURSERY & CRY ROOM

Children are always welcome at St. Louis Catholic Church. We strive to provide a church home for all. However, it is distracting to others if children play loudly and talk during Mass. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of our nursery or cry room in order to allow all present to fully experience the celebration of Mass. Infants and children through 3 years old are welcome in our Nursery, which is well-staffed by professional childcare providers who are part of our Mother's Day Out team. Staff members are assisted by teenagers who have completed the Red Cross Babysitting Certification Course. There is no charge for the nursery.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The 15th Campaign of 40 Days for Life prayer vigil will begin **Wednesday, September 23rd** and continue thru **Sunday, November 1st**. We pray for 40 days from 6am-6pm. We join people from all over the world in prayer for 40 days, begging our Lord to change the hearts of the mothers seeking an abortion, for the workers and for all who betray the dignity of women and the unborn. Our physical presence brings a witness of Christ's love and mercy. We offer help, hope and love to all who enter Planned Parenthood at 2430 Poplar. Planned Parenthood has been exposed for what they do and we must declare *no woman ever needs to enter a Planned Parenthood*. Visit www.40daysforlife.com/Memphis or call Libby Parks 355-8546.

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ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, September 16th** from 10:30-11:30am in the Clunan Center.

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Join Fr. Dexter Noblefranca on a Pilgrimage to the Philippines for the 51st International Eucharistic Congress. The meeting takes place **January 21–February 2, 2016** in Cebu, Philippines. The group going from our diocese will experience a pilgrimage designed especially for parishioners of the Catholic Diocese of Memphis. To attend with Fr. Dexter, please register by **December 21st**. For more information please call Faith Journeys at 1-877-732-4845, option 1. To see a full color brochure with itinerary, visit www.myfaithjourneys.com/login and enter group #16050.

Parish Religious Education News

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED

St. Louis Church is seeking one additional volunteer teacher for Parish Religious Education classes. PRE is offered for grades Kindergarten through 8th for students who do not attend Catholic schools. Parishioners willing to assist in these programs are asked to contact Sonya Fleck at 921-1833.

DIRECTOR OF SUNDAY SCHOOL & VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

St. Louis Church is currently seeking someone who can take on the responsibility of running the Sunday School program during 10:30am Mass for 3-5 year olds, as well as volunteers for Vacation Bible School. Parishioners willing to assist in these programs are necessary for them to continue. Please contact Deacon Jeff Drzycimski, Director of Religious Education, at 682-6606 or 240-7649, or deaconjeff@thecatholiccafe.com.

R.C.I.A.

R.C.I.A. is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. This program is designed to help non-Catholics learn about the Catholic faith. Meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings. First class is **Tuesday, September 8th** at 7pm. If you are interested in learning about the Catholic faith or if you are interested in helping someone who is pursuing the faith, contact Deacon Jeff Drzycimski, Director of Religious Education at 682-6606 or deaconjeff@thecatholiccafe.com or Anna Shelton at anna.shelton@stlouis.cdom.org.

ROOM IN THE INN

“For I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.” Matthew 25:35



St. Louis Parish is launching into an already established ministry in Memphis called Room in the Inn. We have committed to sponsoring and running the Inn ten nights this winter to help make a difference to those without a home. In partnership with Colonial Cumberland Presbyterian Church (1500 S. Perkins Rd.) we will feed, shelter and provide fellowship to 12-14 homeless men and women on our scheduled nights. A warm place on a cold night can mean the difference between life and death. We need your help. For information call Pam Scarbrough at 763-0295 or Ann Drennan at 674-2117

WOW—WOMEN OF THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

Please join us every Tuesday in the Clunan Center Meeting Room to discuss The Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. We are using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible which can be purchased at St. Paul's Book Store. We will begin the *Gospel of Mark* on **Tuesday, September 8th**. Meeting time is Tuesdays from 11:30am-12:30pm.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

All are invited to our St. Louis Chapter meeting in the Clunan Center on **Tuesday, September 8th** at 6pm in the donut room.

We will discuss final plans for our SVDP Feast Day Mass here at St. Louis on Wednesday, September 23rd & our 8th Annual Walk for the Poor at CBHS on **Saturday, September 26th**. Walkers are appreciated and needed. For a fun Saturday, please sign up at www.svdpmemphis.org or pick up a card from the poster in the narthex. Let's make St. Louis parish the largest supporter of SVDP and help feed the poor in Memphis. God bless!

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Sign up day will be **Thursday September 10th** at 9:30am. The Study is entitled "Mercy A Bible Study Guide For Catholics" by Fr Mitch Pacwa. Each of the six sessions in this study will help you rediscover the incredible history of God's mercy in your own life, which in turn will lead you to an understanding of the importance of extending God's love and mercy to the world around you".

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.

FLEUR DE LIS

FYI, our September meeting will be on **Thursday, September 17th**. So mark your calendars! New members are always welcome. Just call Fred or Cathy at 685-1934.

WEDNESDAY EVENING FUN RUNS

We start our runs every Wednesday at **7pm** rain or shine. Walkers welcome! Meet us on the north side of the Clunan Center before we start to get the route. Beginning **Wednesday, September 16th** run will begin at 6pm. For information, contact Ray Johnson at ray@johnson.org or text/call 704-281-4575.

CATHOLIC DIVORCE CARE MINISTRY

Join other divorced Catholics on a 6-week journey toward finding the hope, healing and peace you may be seeking. Whether you got divorced 10 days ago or 10 years ago, the program offers valuable insight for everyone. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Cost \$20 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide" and all materials. Sessions begin **Monday, October 5th** from 6-8pm in the Clunan Center. For more information or to register, please call the Office of Pastoral Life Ministries at 373-1224 or email alma.abuelouf@cc.cdom.org. Registration forms may be found at www.cdom.org.

PRAYER CARD MINISTRY

The Prayer Card Ministry at St. Louis Church is in need of volunteers to help send cards to parishioners who are sick, homebound, and elderly or in the nursing home. It requires sending three to four cards a month. The cards are available in the church office. If you are interested in helping with this wonderful ministry, please call Susan Smith 755-9447.

LE BONHEUR

Thank you to all who helped with the August 22nd luncheon. We met some more very nice families who were so very appreciative. Our next lunch is **Saturday, September 12th**. We will be tailgating this time. If you would like to help, please check the sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948afae2c7-parish> or call Cathy at 685-1934.

Grief Support Group

An eight week grief support group will begin on **Tuesday, September 15th** from 6:30 – 8:00pm, at Methodist Hospice, 6416 Quince Road. Mrs. Reba David, Minister of Consolation, will lead the group. If you have experienced the death of a loved one, you are welcome and invited to attend. For additional information and registration, contact Reba David at 754-7085.