

Good News

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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When I get engrossed in a book, I try to read it through without stopping. Sometimes I can't help myself and I peek at the last few pages to see where the author is taking me. It is satisfying to let a story unfold and allow ourselves to be surprised, but there is also a secret delight in glimpsing the end of our journey and wondering how the storyteller will get us there. Looking ahead to the end of the story is what the Book of Wisdom wants to do when it says, "Let us see whether his words be true....Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him." The author knows that the end of the story will reveal the truth.

Jesus picks up the story when he gives the second prediction of his passion. He offers the disciples a glimpse of what is yet to come. The disciples, as usual, miss the point. Instead they argue about how they wanted the story to go—with one of them as the greatest over all. Like a good storyteller, Jesus takes them in a different direction. The ending he has in mind does not come close to defining greatness as they think about it—a prize for being the best. Rather, Jesus points to a child, and we suddenly realize that greatness has nothing to do with power or ability, but with innocence and openness to the unfolding tale. The story Jesus tells and the life he lives will include death and resurrection for him and his followers. Let's participate in it fully because we do know how it ends.

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Catherine A. Trouy
	9:00	+Teresita Madduma
	10:30	Parish
	12:00	+John Boletta
	6:00	+Paula Kelman
Mon.	6:15	Special Intention for Ann Trimble
	8:15	+Gordon Wills, Sr.
	12:00	Special Intention for Charlie & Ginger Taylor
Tues.	6:15	+Hope Bilbruck
	8:15	Special Intention for Teresa Bounds
	12:00	+Chuck Gaia & +Pat McGannon
Wed.	6:15	+Gordon Wills, Sr.
	8:15	+Jan Williams
	12:00	+Michael Dorian & Special Intention for the Stallings Family
Thurs.	6:15	+Gordon Wills, Sr.
	8:15	Special Intention for Anthony Maranise
	12:00	Special Intention for Ann & Bobby Leatherman
Fri.	6:15	+Edward & Mae Boywid
	8:15	+Gordon Wills, Sr.
	12:00	Special Intention for Eliot & Lee Morris
Sat.	6:15	+Carolyn Jones
	8:15	+Jan Williams & +Grace Catherine Goodwin
	4:30	+Jim Bedwell & +Jay Naramore

Prayers are requested for the sick: Chris Smith+Alma Potts+Emil Cergnul+Wendy Ray+Vickie Griffith+Ouida Rodriguez+Sheila Hubman+Duane Nance.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Bob Crenshaw+Elena Canaan+Hazel Laverne Douglas+Betty Jean Glosson.

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.

September 20th, 2015— Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Senior High Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, September 20th** in the St. John Paul II Youth Ministry Center from 7:15-9pm. Dinner will be served. Junior High Youth Group will meet on

Sunday, September 27th from 4:30-5:45pm. For information, 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.

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.

FOUR DATE NIGHTS

Make Plans Now—Four Great Date Nights—starting **Friday, October 9th** (for 4 weeks) at 6:30pm in the Clunan Center, all couples are invited to have a Date Night, that will be fun and instructive about what it means to be a Married Catholic Couple and Parents in this day and age. These evenings are being led by Linda (a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist) and Deacon Jack Conrad. We will have discussions about communication, family systems, parenting, and living out our Sacrament as married couples, and much more. For information, call Deacon Jack at 606-6602.



ROSARY MAKERS GUILD

Members of the Rosary Makers Guild are reminded of the monthly meeting on **Tuesday, September 22nd** at 2pm in the Clunan Center. All parishioners are invited.

FIRST PENANCE PARENTS MEETING

A meeting for parents of children attending PRE, St. Louis Catholic School, St. Agnes Academy and St. Dominic School who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held in the Church at 10am on **Saturday, September 26th**. If you wish to have your child receive First Holy Communion at St. Louis next year, at least one parent must attend this meeting. If you cannot attend this meeting, it is your responsibility to meet with Deacon Jeff to receive the materials.



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
- Wednesdays at 3pm
- Fridays at 7pm
- Saturdays at 12pm
- Sundays at 2am, 3am, 12pm, 5pm

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



FEED MY FLOCK SIGNUP

Online sign up for Feed My Flock is open at <http://tinyurl.com/feedmyflock>. Feed My Flock is a parish-wide food packaging event and will be held on **Saturday, October 24th**. Over 700 volunteers come together to package meals for the hungry. Our goal is to package 150,000 meals!

Feed My Flock T-shirts—You've been asking for them, and now you can have your own! For a limited time, Feed My Flock T-shirts are available to order online at www.booster.com/feedmyflock. Adult and youth sizes are available. Orders must be placed by **Thursday, October 1st**. Call Mary Margaret Koch at 219-4617 with questions.

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 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.

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.

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 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.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, October 21st** from 10:30-11:30am in the Clunan Center.

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.

ROSARY FOR OUR NATION

Please join us in praying for our nation on **Saturday, October 10th** at 12noon. The United States is in great need of prayer, repentance and conversion. We will ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. We will pray together in the church.



Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are in memory of **Don Wilhelm** requested by **Joyce Wilhelm and family**.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for **Erin Courtney** and **Jeff Townsend** and for the second time for **Natalie Barnoud** and **Ryan Allen**.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray that all ministers and members of the church bear clear witness to the dignity of life.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 27th

First Reading	Numbers 11:25-29
Psalms	Psalms 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)
Second Reading	James 5:1-6
Gospel	Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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 September 13th, 2015

Total collection	\$32,305
Envelopes	26,458
Electronic	4,407
Loose	1,440
Budget requirements	\$40,385
Total registered families	1,684
Donated by envelopes	385 families
Donated electronically	67 families
Non-participants	1,232 families
27% of families participated . . . 73% did not	

LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain Sunday will be **Sunday, October 4th** from 2-3pm. St. Louis will stand on Poplar at White station in front of the Starbucks.



Last year we had so many that we also covered the sidewalk in front of Walgreens. Let's do that again! Blessed once more, we will have a Eucharistic procession from St. Louis starting at 1:30pm in front of the Clunan Center and prayerfully walk to our spot with Our Lord. Join us as we pray and stand for the unborn in our world who are not protected against the evils of abortion. We pray one day abortion will no longer be a choice in our land. Bring the family.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA & LOURDES

WITH FR. DEXTER NOBLEFRANCA

Fatima Santiago de Compostela, and Lourdes Pilgrimage, **April 5-15th, 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.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES WORKSHOP

Come And See—Sharing Love, Giving Voice

This workshop is offered by the Parish Social Ministry Office of Catholic Charities of West Tennessee. This workshop begins a series of opportunities addressing the role of citizens from a Catholic perspective. Brian Corbin, National Executive Vice-President for External Relations, Catholic Charities USA and Peter Gathje, PhD, Professor of Christian Ethics, Memphis Theological Seminary and Founder of Manna House, will lead on **Saturday, October 10th** from 11:30am-4:15pm at St. Louis Church. Lunch is included. Reservations are required. Register: <http://ccwtnpsm10-10-15.eventbrite.com>.

CBHS NEWS

Christian Brothers High School Shadow Days are a great way to see if CBHS is the right fit for you. Join us and hear from faculty, staff, and current students. Interested students will also have the opportunity to shadow a current student for two periods and enjoy lunch in our dining facility. Each parent and student will also be given a tour of our beautiful campus. Shadow Days will take place **October 12th, 15th and 30th, and November 11th and 16th**. Register today at www.cbhs.org/admission/visit or call 901-261-4938.

The annual CBHS Athletic Open House will be held on **Friday, October 16th** at 5:15pm. This event is open to all 5th – 8th grade boys and their families. Come hear from CBHS Athletic Director Mike Kelly and also meet coaching staff members from each of our athletic programs. This will be a great opportunity for students and families to ask questions and meet other families interested in CBHS. Register today at <http://www.cbhs.org/admission/visit> or call 261-4938.

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.



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.

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.

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. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/SLCRITI> to volunteer. 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 are studying the *Gospel of Mark*. Meeting time is Tuesdays from 11:30am-12:30pm.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

All are invited to 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

Thursday Morning Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 9:30am in the Meeting Room. 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. Contact Kathy Hackett at kahackett@yahoo.com.

WEDNESDAY EVENING FUN RUNS

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



ST. AGNES ACADEMY-ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL

SAA-SDS SHINE Family Education Series will continue its popular SHINE family education series on **Saturday, September 26th** with Playtime Picassos, a morning of art activities, stories, snacks and music for you and your toddler. The event begins at 10am in the Davis Early Childhood Center.

The SHINE speaker series kicks off on **Wednesday, September 23rd** at 7pm in the Hook Theatre with a presentation by Dr. Len Getz. Dr. Getz, a Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner, will discuss what parents need to know about drug use and teenagers.

Both events are free and open to the public and take place on the St. Agnes Academy-St. Dominic School campus. For more information, email shine@saa-sds.org or call 435-5818.

TAILGATE COOKOUT

Join us for a tailgate and cookout as the Cardinals take on the Timberwolves at the PeeWee and Junior football games on **Sunday, September 20th** from 2-5pm! Hot Dogs- \$2.00/Hamburgers- \$3.00. Please help the St. Louis Catholic School Beta Club raise money for LeBonheur and GO JIM GO! All money raised will go to Lebonheur Children's Hospital!

CATHOLIC DIVORCE CARE MINISTRY

Join other divorced Catholics on a 6-week journey toward finding the hope, healing and peace you may be seeking. This 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.

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.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO) CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MEMPHIS

The Diocese of Memphis is accepting resumes for the CFO position to oversee the management, facilitation and operation of all programs and services provided by the Finance Office under authority of the bishop and in accordance to the budget determined by the Diocesan Financial Council. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, budgeting, accounts receivable and payable, bank relationships, relationship with investment advisors and contact point for a variety of day-to-day operational issues for all parishes and other affiliated entities. The CFO works closely with the Finance Council. Send cover letter and resume to Director of Human Resources, 5825 Shelby Oaks Drive, Memphis, TN 38134.

ROSARY MAKERS GUILD

The St. Louis Rosary Guild is happy to take special requests for custom rosaries. Call the church office at 682-6606 and the Rosary Guild will contact you.

OFFERTORY CHECKS

Many parishioners make their weekly offertory contribution by check and do not use their envelope. This requires the office staff to look up the account number. If you do not know your account number, please contact Anna Shelton at 255-1952 or anna.shelton@stlouis.com.org.