

Good News

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary Katharine Deeley

One of the great religious scandals is the multiplication of Christian denominations. Fueled partly by arguments about structure, Scripture, and theology and emphasis on individual autonomy (“I don’t like what you’re doing so I’ll start my own church”), the number has risen over the last few centuries into the hundreds. We can be certain this isn’t what Jesus intended. His frequent prayer was “that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you” (John 17:21). But Jesus knew the human temptation to exclude those whom we do not like or understand. The call for oneness can be distorted into the call for exclusiveness, with a select few deciding who’s in and who’s out, depending on criteria they alone decide.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus reminds the disciples that they are not the sole recipients of spiritual gifts or divine grace. Perhaps remembering the account in Numbers, Jesus gently points out that those who preach, heal, or cast out demons in his name are not doing wrong simply because they are not part of the twelve. They, too, can be part of Christ’s mission. Jesus reminds them (and us) of the catholic (universal) nature of the body of Christ. I think this, in some way, prepared them for the spread of Christianity throughout the world.

As Catholics we are diverse and unique. We are also united to many Christian brothers and sisters through our common, Trinitarian baptism. And so we pray for the day that all people will be one in the fullness of Christ’s power and truth.

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Lamar Kimsey
	9:00	Parish
	10:30	+Mary McNaughton
	12:00	+Special Intention for Annette & Bill Mariencheck
	6:00	Special Intention for Mary Costello
Mon.	6:15	+Luke Schanzer, Sr. & Special Intention for Michael & Theresa Costello
	8:15	+Art Schoembs
	12:00	+Virginia Pretti
Tues.	6:15	+Gordon Wills, Sr. & +Anthony Cremerius
	8:15	Special Intention for Teresa Bounds
	12:00	+Louis Hinton & Special Intention for Joe & Ellen McNally
Wed.	6:15	+Kay Kraus
	8:15	+Gordon Wills, Sr.
	12:00	Special Intention for Elizabeth Ann & Pat Joseph
Thurs.	6:15	+Margarita Munden
	8:15	+Gordon Wills, Sr. & Special Intention for Pat Gerald III
	12:00	Special Intention for Nancy & Tony Lanigan
Fri.	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	Special Intention & +Cole Harrison Smith
	12:00	+Ed & Michael Dorian & +Grace Goodwin
Sat.	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	+Dr. Gordon Wills, Sr.
	4:30	+Jim Bedwell

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

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Ginevra Bland.

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 27th, 2015— Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS



Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will meet on **Sunday, September 27th** in the St. John Paul II Youth Ministry Center. Senior High meets from 7:15-9pm. Dinner will be served. Junior High Youth Group meets 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](https://twitter.com/St_Louis_Youth) and on Instagram at [st.louis_youth_ministry](https://www.instagram.com/st.louis_youth_ministry).

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.

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, 4pm, 5pm

Contact Jan O'Donnell with questions by email at

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



LEBONHEUR

Thank you to everyone! Our ministry of adopting the 5th floor is so rewarding. In October, we will take lunch down on the 10th and 24th. check our sign up at: www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948afae2c7-parish.

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.

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.



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

The Health and Wellness Ministry will be doing free Blood Pressure screenings on the following 4:30pm Mass on **Saturday, October 3rd** and from 8:30am-12pm on **Sunday, October 4th** in the Clunan Center.



ST. LOUIS
— CATHOLIC SCHOOL —

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL NEWS

St. Louis Catholic School enrollment is just around the corner. Please join us for our Open House on **Sunday, October 11th** from 1-2pm. Tour the school, meet the faculty & staff, and find out why you should apply to enroll at SLCS! Parents of rising Junior High students are invited to attend our Junior High Coffee Chat on **Wednesday, October 14th** at 8am in the Youth Ministry Center. Tour the Junior High building, meet the Junior High teachers, ask questions, and get answers. Call Kim Pesce in the office at 255-1900 or email her at kpesce@stlouismemphis.org to RSVP today!

FLEUR DE LIS

Our trip to Holly Springs last Saturday was great! We visited Strawberry Plains to watch humming birds. We also got to tour the Old Plantation Home. Our tour guide, Mitch, gave us some history about the property and lots of information on plants to attract the tiny birds. Lunch at Annie's Restaurant was delicious!! A great day trip!!!

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 three additional volunteer teachers 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. Please make checks payable to St. Louis and drop in collection basket or leave in church office. Donations over \$18 help to cover working costs of the Memphis Diocese's communications.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for **Natalie Barnoud** and **Ryan Allen** and for the first time for **Maggie Drennan** and **Eric Barrowclough**.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray that the Church community commits itself to the defense of the culture of life.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 4th
First Reading Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (5)
Second Reading Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel Mark 10:2-16

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 Jonathan Paul Morales, Robert Bender, Desiree Bender, Brad Israel, Major Michael Geiger and Capt. Charlie Kennedy.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Week of September 20th, 2015

Total collection	\$35,534
Envelopes	29,930
Electronic	4,496
Loose	1,108
Budget requirements	\$40,385
Total registered families	1,684
Donated by envelopes	496 families
Donated electronically	70 families
Non-participants	1,180 families
30% of families participated . . . 70% did not	
NOTE: Security for the month—\$7,892	

PRISON MINISTRY

Each Christmas, we supply 600 inmates of C.C.A. Prison in Mason, Tennessee, a Christmas package containing a white towel, large bar of soap, large toothpaste, pen, four Christmas cards along with a card from St. Louis Catholic Church.

We would appreciate cash or check donations so the items may be purchased in bulk and must be all the same brand and size. Any donations may be left in the church office for St. Louis Prison Ministry. Envelopes will be available. Many Christmas cards will be needed to fill the packages so all card donations are welcome.

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.

**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.

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 continues through **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.

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.

**COME
& SEE**
Sharing Love · Giving Voice

**If the presidential election were held
this November instead of in 2016,
how would you vote?**

Offered by the Parish Social Ministry Office of Catholic Charities of West Tennessee, **Come & See – Sharing Love, Giving Voice** begins a series of opportunities addressing the role of citizen from a Catholic perspective.

Saturday, October 10, 2015

11:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. (Lunch included)

St. Louis Church 203 S. White Station Road, Memphis, TN 38120

Simultaneous Spanish Translation Available

Event is free and open to the public but reservations are required due to limited seating.

RSVP – <http://ccwtnpsm10-10-15.eventbrite.com>

INFORMATION:

Therese Gustaitis therese.gustaitis@acc.cdom.org
901.722.4794



**Catholic Charities
of West Tennessee**

PRESENTERS:

Brian R. Corbin

Brian Corbin serves as Executive Vice President for External Relations at Catholic Charities USA. In this role he is responsible for social policy at a national level. He will share the big-picture of Catholics and citizenship, especially focusing on how we have always been called to be the voice of the poor and vulnerable.

Peter Gathje, PhD

Currently Peter Gathje serves as Professor of Christian Ethics at Memphis Theological Seminary. In addition, he is a founder and co-director of Manna House, a place of hospitality for homeless persons located in Memphis. He will speak not only from his viewpoint at the "ground-level" but he will also invite some of his Manna House homeless guests to share the conversation.

Workshop audience:

Anyone interested in being a good citizen - parish leaders, catechists, parents, employers, employees, students, youth.

Workshop goals:

Begin the election conversation from the Catholic perspective. Take away 2-3 things that can be done immediately to prepare for the 2016 elections.

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.

A ROSARY INVITATION

All our welcome to join a group to pray a rosary for our priests/church, city, country and world at St. Louis Church on the first Thursday of every month at 7pm. Our rosary will be on **Thursday, October 1st**. For more information contact Susan Smith at 755-9447.

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. Shadow Days will be **October 12th, 15th and 30th, and November 11th and 16th**. Register at www.cbhs.org/admission/visit or call 901-261-4938.

The 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 families. Come hear from CBHS Athletic Director Mike Kelly and meet coaching staff members from each athletic program. This will be a great opportunity for students and families to ask questions and meet families interested in CBHS. Register at <http://www.cbhs.org/admission/visit> or call 261-4938.

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.

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.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MEMPHIS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO)

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.

Director of Development

The Catholic Diocese of Memphis is searching for a Director of Development to be responsible for the comprehensive ministry of development, supports the overall mission of the Diocese of Memphis. Oversees and carries out the ministry based on the four principles for development which are: quality Catholic ministries, sound business management, effective public relations and people and dollars. Performs development activities resulting in operational, capital and endowment income to fund the mission of the Diocese of Memphis. Qualifications: Proven prior experience in nonprofit development, Bachelor's Degree, Roman Catholic in good standing, active in a parish within the Diocese of Memphis and strong interpersonal skills.

Send cover letter and resume to Director of Human Resources, 5825 Shelby Oaks Drive, Memphis, TN 38134.