

Good News

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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My mother was convinced that none of her children would get married. We were older when we were called to that vocation but, one by one, we did marry. I am happy to say that my husband and I continue to share this vocation three decades later, and we give our thanks to God. My sister was not as fortunate. After years of abuse, she divorced her husband. She did not make that decision lightly. She went into counseling, prayed, and talked. She considered her children, her husband, and herself. And she read and reread today's Gospel from Mark. In the end, her safety and the safety of her children was a major concern.

Jesus railed against the ease of divorce. A man had simply to hand his wife a piece of paper, and he could do so for any reason, including infertility and a failure to please him. But Jesus advances the woman's cause, refusing to allow her to be treated like a piece of property or disposed of at whim. He saw marriage as a sign of God's covenantal love and lifelong fidelity and exalts it as a sacrament. When both spouses commit themselves to each other and to their vocation, this grace is made manifest, and their bond is strengthened. But sin and human brokenness can interfere with God's plan, leaving separation or even divorce as the only option.

In the longer form of this reading, the people brought their children to Jesus, and he blessed them. Maybe we can do the same for those affected by abuse or divorce, so they too, at long last, can be healed.

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Lena Rees
	9:00	+Betty John
	10:30	+Ed Harrison
	12:00	Parish
	6:00	+Colin Kilgore
Mon.	6:15	+Kai Kaiser
	8:15	+Art Schoembs & Special Intention for the Cassidy Family
	12:00	+Ann Breaux & Special Intention for Bridget Cricket
Tues.	6:15	+Luke Schanzer, Sr.
	8:15	+Will H. Higgins & +June Wurster
	12:00	+Betty Craven Hayes
Wed.	6:15	Special Intention for Jim McWillie
	8:15	+Marjorie Hardy
	12:00	+Thelma Lynch & Special Intention for the Stallings Family
Thurs.	6:15	+Catherine Cremerius
	8:15	+Betsy Lanigan & +Pat McKelvy
	12:00	+Dr. Fox Miller
Fri.	6:15	+Bob & +Eleanor Hunting
	8:15	+Art Schoembs
	12:00	Special Intention for Teresa Bounds & Jim Patrick Kelly
Sat.	6:15	+Art Schoembs
	8:15	Special Intention for Fr. Yoelvis Gonzales
	4:30	+Jim Bedwell & +Ed & +Bob Crenshaw

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

Prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Mary Thackston+Margaret Guidi+Bill Minkus.

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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LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain Sunday will be **Sunday, October 4th** from 2-3pm. St. Louis Church 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.



BIRTHRIGHT SUNDAY

A speaker from Birthright will be at all Masses this weekend. There will be a Second Collection on **Saturday, October 10th** and **Sunday, October 11th** to benefit Birthright.

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.

FLEUR DE LIS

It's October, time for Oktoberfest! Toe tapping time as we listen to polka music and feast on brats. A volunteer from Shelby Farms will join us to get us up to date on the many changes going on out there. We will gather at 6pm on **Thursday, October 22nd** in the cafeteria (Carla and Cathy cooking). Cost is \$8 per person. Please call Fred or Cathy at 685-1934 by **Monday, October 19th** to make a reservation.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you St. Louis Parishioners for your support of the 8th Annual Walk for the Poor. The Walk is our only fund raiser for the Ozanam Center, our soup kitchen & ministry center. In 2013-2014, SVDP fed 50,866 people in our dining hall. The Memphis Diocese has 10 SVDP conferences. In past years we provided over \$210,376 in emergency assistance. This included 16,890 member volunteer hours + 11,080 nonmember volunteer hours.

Join us to find out more about SVDP at our next meeting on **Monday, October 5th** at 6pm in the Clunan Center meeting room. We meet the first Monday each month at this time and location. You can learn more about SVDP at www.svdpmemphis.org. Our mission is to help the poor!

We have a national vehicle donation program that is a simple way to offer hope to those in need. The sale of donated vehicles allows SVDP to offer hope to more than 12 million Americans per year. The funds provide food and shelter plus elderly care and medicine to those we help. To donate a vehicle, call 800-322-8284 or go to svdpusacars.com. Donated vehicles in any condition are accepted. Vehicle donations can be deducted from your annual federal taxes.

Special thanks to Msgr. McArthur and our wonderful St. Louis staff for hosting our SVDP Feast Day Mass last week. Msgr. McArthur gave an inspiring homily. SVDP appreciates the generosity of our parishioners. Thank you and God bless!

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will **not** meet on **Sunday, October 4th** due to Fall Break. For the calendar and other 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.

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 10am

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.



EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

Please help us celebrate at **Walker Hamberlin's** Eagle Scout Court of Honor on **Sunday, October 4th** at 2pm in the Clunan Center. There will be a reception immediately following the ceremony. Walker is the son of Laird and Katie Hamberlin.

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.



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!

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 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!

LIFE BLOOD

LifeBlood will be at St. Louis on **Sunday, October 18th** from 8am-2pm in the Clunan Center. Every 3 minutes someone needs a life-sustaining blood transfusion. Blood donors must meet state age-eligibility requirements, weigh at least 115 pounds, be generally healthy, and provide picture ID. Contact kmcates@comcast.net for information. It is not required to sign up in advance.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are donated in memory of **Gregory Allen** from the wedding of **Natalie Barnoud** and **Ryan Allen**.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for **Maggie Drennan** and **Eric Barrowclough** and for the first time for **Ashley Atkins** and **Phillip McLendon**.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray that all people may recognize and treat each person as a masterpiece of God's creation.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 11th
First Reading Wisdom 7:7-11
Psalm Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)
Second Reading Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel Mark 10:17-30

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 27th, 2015

Total collection	\$37,550
Envelopes	31,079
Electronic	5,256
Loose	1,215
Budget requirements	\$40,385
Total registered families	1,707
Donated by envelopes	405 families
Donated electronically	66 families
Non-participants	1,236 families

28% of families participated . . . **72% did not**
NOTE: September Maintenance & Repairs--\$9,915



QUEEN OF PEACE

Rosary, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration begin at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, October 12th** at St. Louis Church. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Clunan Center Meeting Room, there will be a Baptismal Preparation Class.

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.





SERRA CLUB HOLY HOUR

The Serra Club of Memphis will hold its monthly Holy Hour on **Thursday, October 8th** at 7pm at St. Louis Church. The Holy Hour is dedicated to praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. All Catholics are welcome.

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.

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.

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. For information contact Susan Smith at 755-9447.



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.

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.

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.



Catholic Charities
of West Tennessee

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. 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.

FORGET ME NOT MASS

A special Mass for those who have lost children especially through miscarriage or still birth and those who suffer with infertility will be on **Thursday, October 8th** at 6:30pm at Holy Rosary Church. Come and let the Lord give you comfort. Call 373-1285.

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. 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 information or to register, 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.