

## Good News

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Mary Katharine Deeley*

In the legends of the saints in Ireland, it is said that St. Bridget performed a miracle similar to the one Jesus did at Cana. When three beggars came to the monastery, there was nothing to give them to drink. Bridget invited them in anyway and, seeing only the water used for washing clothes, she prayed to God. The wash water turned into beer, which she served to the guests.

While the account of the wedding feast is not a legend, the similarity between the two stories highlights the way God works in ordinary things (and sometimes in ordinary people) to make them extraordinary. Jesus turns the water at an everyday wedding into wine of such abundance that it reminds us of Isaiah's vision of the Lord's banquet when all will feast at the table. God worked through Bridget (an ordinary person) to turn the water used for washing clothes into beer to satisfy the thirst of three beggars. Though seemingly without, they had as much as they needed, and the generosity was remembered.

Even now, God takes what is mundane and uses it to show forth his glory and satisfy his people. John's Gospel highlights this activity as the first of the signs that Jesus performed. The legend of Bridget and the stories of men and women who reflect and share the grace of God in their day-to-day living strengthen our faith and hope that God is active still in the world and will bring us all to glory one day.

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## Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Mary Lou Walpole
	9:00	+Eugene J. Podesta
	10:30	+Ann Fountain
	12:00	+Frank Wilborne III
	6:00	+Jeanne Fisher
Mon.	6:15	+Luke Schanzer
	8:15	+Charlotte Halford
	12:00	+Bob Moore & +Dan Thompson
Tues.	6:15	+Joe Calabretta
	8:15	+Bernadette Hawkins
	12:00	Special Intention for Johnny & Mary Costello
Wed.	6:15	+Rev. John M. Gibbons
	8:15	+Alena Wagnerova
	12:00	+Special Intention for Pat & Henry Klosky & the Tim Ginsky Family
Thurs.	6:15	+Dan Thompson
	8:15	Special Intention for Erin Shackelford
	12:00	Special Intention for the Steve Ginski Family
Fri.	6:15	+Kay Kraus
	8:15	+Catherine Costello
	12:00	Special Intention for Eddie & Mamie Webb Costello
Sat.	6:15	Special Intention for Br. Joel McGraw
	8:15	+Tara Faith Snider
	4:30	Special Intention for JoAnne Avanzi & +Mary Ramsey

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jean Donati+Lewis Proctor+Gloria Andereck+Kathleen Bryant+Nick Pinter+Maria Meyers+Teresa Bounds+ Michelle Agnew+Cliff Davis+Jean Garbarini+Magdalene Harris+Carrie Ybos+Chris Pascal.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Joseph Sims.

## 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.

# January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has called for a special Jubilee Year of Mercy. St. Louis Parish will offer the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church at 2:30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and following the 8:15am Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Susan Smith at [Sbsmith408@aol.com](mailto:Sbsmith408@aol.com) or Libby Parks at [libbykpark@gmail.com](mailto:libbykpark@gmail.com).



## PERPETUAL ADORATION

Visit [www.tinyurl.com/SLCCAdoration](http://www.tinyurl.com/SLCCAdoration) to sign up to volunteer for one hour per week or as a substitute.

Many slots have only one adorer and there is a great need to have at least two adorers per shift.

Contact Jan O'Donnell with questions by email at [jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org](mailto:jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org) or call 255-1954.

## YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Senior High Youth Groups will meet on **Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** from 7-9pm. Junior High will meet on **Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** from 4:30-5:45 pm. Both groups meet in the St. John Paul II Youth Ministry Center. For the calendar and other information, visit [www.stlouisyouth.org](http://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).



## LIFE BLOOD

LifeBlood will be at St. Louis on **Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** 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](mailto:kmcates@comcast.net). It is not required to sign up in advance. It is wise to eat prior to donation.

## MEN'S CLUB RETREAT

The Men's Club Retreat will be held on **February 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** in Cullman, AL. Speaker is Fr. Mike Johnston, who is a friend of Msgr. McArthur's from Nashville. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/SLCMen> to sign up.

## CONFIRMATION PARENTS MEETING

A mandatory meeting for parents of children being confirmed will be held in the Church on **Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 10am. It is most important that one parent from each family is in attendance.

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a second collection on **Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** and **Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** for the Church in Latin America.

## MARDI GRAS DINNER & PARADE



The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual St Louis Parish Mardi Gras Dinner and Parade will be held **Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm. This is a fun family evening with great Louisiana-themed food prepared by the Men's Club. Dinner is followed by a float parade around

the parking lot. All groups of parish organizations, supper clubs, neighborhood friends and others are encouraged to decorate a trailer or truck bed and participate. Please contact Greg Crone at [croneg@bellsouth.net](mailto:croneg@bellsouth.net) ASAP if you would like to have a float in the Mardi Gras Parade or if you have questions. The theme is "Favorite Sports Teams."

## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PRE and Sunday School will not meet on **Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>** due to Martin Luther, King, Jr. Holiday.

## THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Morning Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 9:30am in the Meeting Room. The study on the teaching of St. Therese of Lisieux is titled "I Believe in Love" by Fr. Jean C.J. D'Elbee. Contact Kathy Hackett at [kahackett@yahoo.com](mailto:kahackett@yahoo.com).

## ITALIAN WINTERFEST

Italian Winterfest will be held on **Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016** at 5pm at the Racquet Club of Memphis. The event will honor **Msgr. Peter Buchignani**. Tickets are \$45 and are available in the church office. For information, contact Lisa Bell at [lbell@avemariahome.org](mailto:lbell@avemariahome.org) or 405-3791.



## STAND FOR LIFE RALLY

40<sup>th</sup> Annual Stand for Life Rally will be **Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30pm at the Memphis Botanic Garden-Hardin Hall. Come join others who stand for the sanctity of all human life. We need to support, pray and learn from one another and be a visible witness to the fact all humans were made in the image and likeness of God. Many in our country have forgotten this truth. Help us keep the truth alive and one day abortion will no longer be legal in the United States.

## VOYAGE RETREAT FOR GRADES 7 & 8



The annual VOYAGE retreat will be held **Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** at Memphis Catholic High School for those students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Registration is required and forms are available at [www.stlouisyouth.org](http://www.stlouisyouth.org). Cost is \$50.00. Contact Dianne Dolan at 373-1292 or [dianne.dolan@cc.cdom.org](mailto:dianne.dolan@cc.cdom.org).

### ROOM IN THE INN

St. Louis Parish is participating in the Room in the Inn with Colonial Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We need drivers and shepherds to spend the night. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/SLCRITI>. For information call Pam Scarbrough at 763-0295 or Ann Drennan at 674-2117.



### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Carleen & Scott O'Reilly	Jeffrey Kissell
Jerrold & Sheri Washburn	William Statile
Mary & Terrence Tucker	Sara Harrison
Brendon & Whitney Plumpton	Michael Seitz
Christopher & Meaghan Apang	Christina Davis

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Is it enough to vote Pro-life and say "I am pro-life"? Perhaps God is calling YOU to do more during this Lent of the MERCY YEAR. Consider this: The Spring campaign for 40 Days for Life will begin **Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** and continue thru **Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**. This is an international prayer, fasting and peaceful prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood's abortion facility at 2340 Poplar. Many Catholics and other dedicated Christians have participated in the past, and many women have turned away from the horror of abortion and chosen life for their child and themselves. Won't you be a part of this vibrant mission? We must continue to witness to the community promoting the sanctity of human life. We need you! To sign up call 730-6279 or [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) or call Libby Parks at 355-8546. We will be praying from 6am til 6pm daily.



### ROSARY MAKERS GUILD

Members of the Rosary Makers Guild are reminded of the monthly meeting on **Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>** at 2pm in the Clunan Center Room A.

All parishioners are invited.

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

## ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray for those who are facing illness and pain and for their caregivers that they will receive comfort and peace.

### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm	Psalm 19
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Gospel	Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

### 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, Capt. Charlie Kennedy, and Philip Principi.

### OFFERTORY REPORT

Week of January 10, 2016

Total collection	<b>\$34,516</b>
Envelopes	27,111
Electronic	6,069
Loose	1,336
Budget requirements	40,385
Total registered families	<b>1,711</b>
Donated by envelopes	403 families
Donated electronically	71 families
Non-participants	1,237 families
28% of families participated . . . 72% <b>did not</b>	

### JOY OF LIVING IN THE SPIRIT

Joy of Living in the Spirit will be held on 7 Mondays beginning on **Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** from 10am-12pm in the Clunan Center. Contact Carlene Inzer at [chinzer@juno.com](mailto:chinzer@juno.com) or 454-5314 to register. 14 credit hours possible.

### JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT AT ST. LOUIS

On **Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm in the church, John Michael Talbot will provide in song and the spoken word a reflection on the Jesus Prayer in the context of the season of Lent and the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Talbot is considered a music legend, being one of the pioneer artists of contemporary Christian music. Since a capacity crowd is expected, please register at [www.lumencivitatis.com](http://www.lumencivitatis.com).

### WOW—WOMEN OF THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

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

### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

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

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Louis SVDP is fortunate to have Jack Borg as a very active member of our conference. On **Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**, Jack was honored for his 16 years of service to SVDP Memphis in helping the poor. Also note our soup kitchen at Ozanam Center has been blessed with close to \$20,000 in donations to replace our vandalized windows since early December. We were vandalized twice last year October & December. Please call 755-8213 with any questions about SVDP or come to our next meeting **Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** at 6pm in the Clunan Center Meeting Room. We will have MLGW officials Kim Tibbit & Beck Ham speak to us at this meeting and update us on MLGW programs available for the poor. Thank you and God bless St. Louis Church.

### Pope Francis' Prayer for Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

### FLEUR DE LIS

First, Happy New Year! Second, we owe everyone an apology. The date for this month on the calendars we handed out was incorrect—AND we are changing the time to 12:30pm in consideration of the noon Mass goers. So, lunch is **Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** at 12:30pm in the Clunan Center. Chuck Petit is catering and will serve Vegetable Beef Soup, Italian Combo Salad, and turkey or ham sandwiches. Our hostesses will be providing dessert as there is no need for hors d'oeuvres before lunch. Wine, tea, lemonade, and coffee to drink. Bingo for entertainment afterwards. Call Fred or Cathy at 685-1934 by **Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** to make a reservation.

### LEBONHEUR

Hard to believe, but we're beginning our 5<sup>th</sup> year in this ministry! So many have been so faithful in helping us collect food and toiletries for the family room pantry on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor—and for helping with our twice a month meals. Mercy yields grace and grace yields mercy. It's kind of a "pay it forward" deal. To help: [www.signupgenius.com/gp/60b0948afae2c7-parish](http://www.signupgenius.com/gp/60b0948afae2c7-parish). Thank you!

### CBHS LACROSSE

CBHS Lacrosse is proud to introduce the Brothers Lacrosse Club Offering Recreational Spring Lacrosse for Boys in Grades 3-8 Practices start in February and season concludes first week of May. All skill levels welcome! This is for beginners and experienced players! Please register by **Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** at: <https://go.teamsnap.com/divisions/59039/registration/19626/register/new> Questions? Call Ken Kimble 568-1922 or Kiki Hall 568-4005.

### 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.

### KNITTING & CROCHETING MINISTRY

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

## LISA 5K REMEMBRANCE RACE

Join runners and walkers for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Lisa 5K Remembrance Race on **Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 9am at St. Agnes Academy-St. Dominic School. Register online at [www.racesonline.com](http://www.racesonline.com). On-line registration deadline is **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**. Race registration is \$20 & includes a t-shirt for the first 600 to sign up. Race Day fee is \$25. All proceeds benefit West Cancer Center, St. Agnes Academy-St. Dominic School and Grace-St. Luke's School. Lisa Lassandrello, an avid runner, was a faculty member at Grace St. Luke's, and the wife of Jim Lassandrello, Athletic Director at St. Agnes-St. Dominic and the mother of three St. Agnes Alumni, all parishioners at St. Louis Church.

## R.C.I.A.

RCIA, or the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, is the process through which non-Catholics come into the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Deacon Jeff Drzycimski, Director of Religious Education, at 682-6606, ext. 1953, or [deaconjeff@thecatholiccafe.com](mailto:deaconjeff@thecatholiccafe.com).

## WEDNESDAY EVENING GLOW RUNS

We start our runs every Wednesday at 6pm sharp, no matter the weather. Walkers welcome! Meet us on the north side of the Clunan Center before we start to get the route. Wear reflective gear and bring something that glows or a runners lite, the more colors the better! For more info or to get on the weekly email list, contact Ray Johnson at [ray@johnson.org](mailto:ray@johnson.org) or text/call 704-281-4575.

## THIRD ANNUAL

### HOLY ROSARY EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

Looking for something more in 2016? Want to dig deeper into your Catholic faith? Seeking a deeper understanding of the source and summit of the Christian Life? Mark your calendar for **Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** and **Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Eucharistic Conference at Holy Rosary. Keynote speaker is Dr. Lawrence Feingold, Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri and Msgr. Victor Ciaramitaro, pastor of St. Michael's parish. The conference begins Friday evening at 7pm and continues Saturday morning beginning with Mass at 8:15am concluding with lunch at 12:30pm. Register at [www.holyrosarychurchmphs.org](http://www.holyrosarychurchmphs.org).

## EMAIL UPDATES

St. Louis Church has an email database which is used to send out news about parish events and activities. Contact [jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org](mailto:jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org) if you would like your email address to be included or updated.

## MADONNA CIRCLE SWEEPSTAKES

Madonna Circle 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mardi Gras Gala Sweepstakes will be held on **February 27, 2016**. Contact any Madonna Circle member or Amy Ryan at [amyryan@me.com](mailto:amyryan@me.com) for 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.

## 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](mailto:klyons218@gmail.com) or 229-1540 or Jen McBride at [jen.s.mcbride@gmail.com](mailto:jen.s.mcbride@gmail.com) or 481-5902.



## DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS



The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass will be held at 10am on **Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** at St. Louis Catholic Church. Bishop J. Steib will preside followed by a reception in the Clunan Center.

## 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](http://www.stlouischurchmphs.org) and by clicking on this QR code with your smart phone.



**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](mailto:jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org).