

Good News

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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In my work as a pastoral associate, I frequently speak with couples preparing for marriage. They often ask for suggestions about readings and desire to have something a little unconventional. When I ask what they mean, they will say something like, "We've heard that love reading so many times, and some of the gospel readings we have heard aren't what we want to say." I ask them what they think love is and, after a pause, they begin to tell me what they believe about love. It usually includes words like patient, humble, wanting the good of the other. We look at the reading from Corinthians again and they suddenly understand why so many choose it. It is one of the more beautiful descriptions of love that we have, and the love Paul describes is grounded in the Lord—God's love for us and the love we must have for each other.

I think the ending of the passage is of greatest importance to marriage and the Christian life. Marriage is a process of becoming known. We "put aside childish things," like unrealistic notions of romantic love, and work at loving a real person. Spouses begin their marriage knowing each other only partially but grow in understanding with each passing day. That wisdom leads to unity and transforms the spouses. This movement mirrors our life with God. We know very little as baptized infants and children. But as we pray, worship, and serve, we come to know God more and more until we meet him face to face and our lives are one with his.

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	Parish
	9:00	+Mimi Uhlmann &+ Jeanne Fisher
	10:30	+Lore Hisky & +Bernadette Hawkins
	12:00	+Alex Migliara
	6:00	+Sean Michael Bolton
Mon.	6:15	+Sue Hughes
	8:15	+Joe Calabretta
	12:00	+Agnes Pierotti
Tues.	6:15	+Charlie Mezzetti
	8:15	+Eugene Podesta
	12:00	+Dan Thompson
Wed.	6:15	+Anthony Cremerius
	8:15	+Dorothy Pratt &+ Lena Carruba
	12:00	+Bob Crenshaw
Thurs.	6:15	+Dan Thompson
	8:15	+Charlotte Halford
	12:00	+ Tom Robinson & +Dick Lanigan
Fri.	6:15	+Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson & +Rita Bertasi
	8:15	Special Intention for the Wilson Family
	12:00	Special Intention for Fran, Carolyn & Jack Ginski
Sat.	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	Special Intention for Jeff Sciscilo
	4:30	+Ronald Brignole & +Jim Bedwell

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jean Donati+Lewis Proctor+Gloria Andereck+Kathleen Bryant+Cliff Davis+Jean Garbarini+Harvey Maxwell+Jen McBride+Lloyd Jordan+Mary Morgan Wade.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Sean Cummins+Eli Erwin+Michael Myers.

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 31st, 2016—Fourth 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 or Libby Parks at libbykparks@gmail.com.

SCOUT SUNDAY

Scout Sunday Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, February 7th** at 9am followed by awards and reception in the Clunan Center.

MEN'S CLUB RETREAT

The Men's Club Retreat will be held on **February 19th-21st** 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.



PERPETUAL ADORATION

Visit 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 or call 255-1954.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will meet on **Sunday, January 31st**. Senior High meets from 7-9pm. Junior High will meet 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. 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.



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.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

Attention guild members! It's time again, to gather in gratitude! The next guild meeting will take place on **Monday, February 8th** at 12pm in the home of Karen and John McLaughlin, 212 Avon Rd. Durant and Sharon Fleming will talk about his book and their journey into the Catholic Church. We encourage all ladies to attend for prayer, food, and fellowship. We are all to bring an unwrapped baby gift (newborn to 6 months) for Birthright. Hope to see you there!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Spring campaign for 40 Days for Life will begin **Wednesday, February 10th** and continue thru **Sunday, March 20th**. This is an international prayer, fasting and peaceful prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood. Won't you be a part of this vibrant mission? We need you! To sign up call 730-6279 or www.40daysforlife.com or call Libby Parks at 355-8546. We will be praying from 6am til 6pm daily.

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.

LIFE BLOOD

LifeBlood will be at St. Louis on **Sunday, January 31st** 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. It is not required to sign up in advance. It is wise to eat prior to donation.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, February 1st** at 6pm in the Clunan Center Meeting Room. We will have MLGW officials Kim Tibbit and Beck Ham speak to us at this meeting and update us on MLGW programs available for the poor.

FLEUR DE LIS

Our first lunch meeting went well. We will have lunch on **Thursday, February 25th** at 12:30pm in the Clunan Center. BBQ and fixings are on the menu. A representative from Brooks Museum will give a short presentation on their current and future exhibitions.



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.

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ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, February 17th** from 10:30-11:30am in the Clunan Center.

ARKANSAS CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Arkansas Catholic Men's Conference will feature speakers Archbishop J. Peter Sartain and Dr. Allen Hunt on **Saturday, February 6th** from 8am-4pm at Christ the King Church in Little Rock. Register at tinyurl.com/ACMRegister.

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.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray for our students, teachers and staff this week as they celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Psalm Psalm 138
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel Luke 5:1-11

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, Philip Principi and Bryan Haneghan.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Week of January 24, 2016

Total collection	\$42,044
Envelopes	34,595
Electronic	6,515
Loose	934
Budget requirements	40,385
Total registered families	1,711
Donated by envelopes	430 families
Donated electronically	91 families
Non-participants	1,190 families
31% of families participated . . . 69% did not	

LEBONHEUR



So sorry we had to cancel lunch on the 21st. Decision had to be made on Friday when weather was still looking bad. Next lunch is **Saturday, February 13th**.

www.signupgenius.com/gp/60b0948afae2c7-parish.

Thank you!

JOY OF LIVING IN THE SPIRIT

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

JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT AT ST. LOUIS

On **Thursday, February 11th** 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.lumencivitas.com.