

Good News

First Sunday in Lent

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When I was on a pilgrimage to Israel, we visited Masada, the last stronghold of the Jews after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem. The temperature hit 117 degrees the day we came. We wandered around and wondered what it must have been like to hold out for a long time. When we returned to our bus, we couldn't wait to get to the cold water that awaited us. The priest said, "The Jews were in the desert for forty years; Jesus was in the desert for forty days; you've been in the desert for forty minutes. Think about that."

I have no doubt that Jesus was tempted to give himself food and water when he was enduring the desert heat. I have no doubt that in his agony he might also have thought about seizing power for himself. These are the things that tempt us when we are worn out, beaten down, or simply think we are not getting enough of what we believe we deserve.

Lent begins with the temptation of Jesus. Like us in all things but sin, he knew about being and feeling deprived and weak. And while his temptations came while he was in an actual desert, our harsh and barren places may be physical, psychological, or spiritual. We may feel lost, alone, helpless, and sometimes hopeless. In our times of weakness, evil can find a foothold and convince us that we must control our lives, that we can and should have whatever we want. In this account, we find in Jesus an example of how to resist temptation—patiently, humbly, with trust in God's promise of salvation.

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Colin Kilgore
	9:00	+Joe Hudson
	10:30	+Emmett O'Ryan & +Tim Corrigan
	12:00	+Catherine Hart & +Charlie Gaia
	6:00	Parish
Mon.	6:15	+Dick Lanigan
	8:15	+Dan Thompson
	12:00	+Amelia Roberson & Special Intention for Wilson & Winnie Nelson
Tues.	6:15	+Arthur Cary Moore
	8:15	Special Intention for Mary Gorman
	12:00	+Joe Calabretta
Wed.	6:15	+Margaret Zanone Nelson
	8:15	Special Intention for Lewis Proctor
	12:00	+Aline Wray & +Robert Hanson, Sr.
Thurs.	6:15	+Harry Cashin
	8:15	+Don Metzger
	12:00	+ In Thanksgiving to the Child Jesus
Fri.	6:15	+Richard James McClelland
	8:15	+Pat Metzger
	12:00	+Mary Ellen Craven & +Dan Thompson
Sat.	6:15	Special Intention for Wilson Nelson
	8:15	+Katherine Joyce & +Janet Leach Richards
	4:30	+Josephine Pante & +Mary Ramsey

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jean Donati+Lewis Proctor+Gloria Andereck+Kathleen Bryant+Cliff Davis+Lloyd Jordan+Mary Morgan Wade+Joan Webb+Michaela Dockery+Ronnie Grisanti+Michael Novarese+Mark Harkins+Teresa Teribery+Tan Wallace.

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.

February 14th, 2016—First Sunday of Lent



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.

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.

SAVE THE DATES

DOORS OF MERCY:

EXPLORING GOD'S COVENANT WITH YOU

Join us! For only the fourth time in Church history, the Pope has declared an Extraordinary Jubilee Year. And the focus? Mercy. Learn to give and receive forgiveness, to forgive others, to forgive yourself. This is not a bible study, there is no written homework, just eight simple sessions that will help you to experience God's hope, healing and loving mercy. We will use the Ekklesia Thursday format with \$5 dinners. Dates are **Thursday, March 3rd, Thursday, March 17th, Thursday, April 14th and Thursday, April 21st**. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/StLouisEkklesia> or call the church office at 682-6606.



LENTEN FISH FRIES

The St. Louis Men's Club will hold Lenten fish fries on **Friday, February 26th and Friday, March 11th** at 5:30pm in the Cafeteria. Fried catfish, hushpuppies, French fries, cole slaw, desserts and cold beverages will be served. Cheese pizza will be available for children. Adult catfish plate is \$10, child's catfish plate is \$5 and cheese pizza is \$4.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

A special collection will be taken up on **Sunday, February 14th** for Black and Indian Missions.

2015 LENTEN SCHEDULE

Confessions will be heard on each Tuesday and Thursday from 5-6pm in addition to our regular confession schedule of Saturdays 3:30-4:30 and 20 minutes before each Sunday Mass.

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays at 5:30pm.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

The Lenten regulations regarding fast and abstinence are as follows: Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence only. Church law binds as follows:

- A. The Law of Abstinence (not eating meat) obliges those who have completed their 14th year.
- B. The Law of Fast (only one full meal each day, nothing between meals) obliges those who have completed their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year.

RED CROSS BABYSITTER'S TRAINING COURSE



The Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course will be offered on **Saturday, March 5th** from 9am-4pm for ages 11-15 only. There will be 15 available spaces. Sign-up sheets are in the church office. You must sign up by **Friday, February**

25th. The cost is \$69. Bring a snack, sack lunch and drink.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will meet on **Sunday, February 21st**. 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.



ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

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



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

We want to thank all who participated in Catholic Schools Week! The week began with a fantastic Mardi Gras parade, hosted by the Men’s Club. Thanks to all who attended and participated- it was the best parade to date! To the parents who spoke at Mass last weekend, thank you for sharing your testimony about what Catholic Schools have done for your children and your families. To our priests, thank you for celebrating Mass each week with our children throughout the year and for visiting the classrooms at SLS this past week. To the teachers, staff, and administrators, thank you for your commitment to educating our children in a loving environment. To our parents, thank you for making the financial sacrifice to send your children to Catholic schools and for actively participating in the education of our children. To our grandparents, thank you for attending Grandparents Day and for supporting our school. To our parishioners, thank you for supporting our church mission to educate children in our Catholic faith.

We invite all of our parishioners to come tour our school and see the work that is being done, especially those with young children. We witness daily the ability of parents, faculty, staff, and clergy to come together as a community to do amazing things!! Each year is better than the last because, while we hold on to tradition, we also embrace new and innovative ideas to improve year after year. For this tradition of excellence to continue, we must all share our success with future generations of SLS parents and students!

Contact the school office at 255-1900 or email Kim Pesce at kpesce@stlouismemphis.org if you want to schedule a tour. Applications for admission are accepted online at www.stlouismemphis.org 18 months prior to enrollment. Like our Facebook page (St. Louis Catholic School Mphs, TN) for the latest posts and updates about what’s going on at SLS!

LEBONHEUR MINISTRY

Well, snowmageddon did not happen. So sorry that we missed the chili luncheon. Hopefully our roast dinner this weekend will make up for it. Please check the signup genius at: www.tinyurl.com/stlouissignup. Thank you to all of you who have been so faithful to our ministry!

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.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray for our youth group members and chaperones as they travel on their Winter Retreat this weekend, that they open the doors of their hearts to let Jesus work in and through them in this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

NEXT WEEKEND’S READINGS

Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
 Psalm Psalm 27
 Second Reading Philippians 3:17-4:1
 Gospel Luke 9:28b-36

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 February 7, 2016

Total collection	\$52,347
Envelopes	44,850
Electronic	6,361
Loose	1,136
Budget requirements	40,385
Total registered families	1,711
Donated by envelopes	473 families
Donated electronically	82 families
Non-participants	1,156 families
33% of families participated . . . 67% did not	

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Michael & Martha Lander	John & Christi Parent
Dennis & Carol Bondzio	Katherine Miller
Alexander & Maria Cortez	Jordan Knight
Mark & Megan Ann Bula	

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Spring campaign for 40 Days for Life will 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.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

“Rice Bowls” for participation in Operation Rice Bowl, a program of Catholic Relief Services, will be available in the narthex during Lent. The donations are to be returned on Easter Sunday.



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.

SAVE THE DATE!

11th Annual Cardinal 5K

Sponsored by Paragon Bank
Benefiting St. Louis Catholic School
and Madonna Learning Center

Saturday, April 2nd 5K at 9am

Kids 1-Miler at 10am

www.facebook.com/StLouisSchoolCardinal5k

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 runner's lite, the more colors the better! For more information or to get on the weekly email list contact Ray Johnson at ray@johnson.org or text/call 704-281-4575.

FLEUR DE LIS

Our next get together is **Thursday, February 25th**. We're doing lunch again! BBQ and all the fixings. Vickie McConnell of Brooks Museum will do a short presentation. We'll meet in the Clunan Center after noon Mass—about 12:30pm. Call Cathy or Fred at 685-1934 by **Monday, February 22nd** to make a reservation.

MADONNA CIRCLE SWEEPSTAKES

Madonna Circle 80th Anniversary Mardi Gras Gala Sweepstakes will be held on **February 27, 2016**. Contact any Madonna Circle member or Amy Ryan at amyryan@me.com for information.

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY



We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book and Directory for the parish. This book is being provided at no cost to the parish, including the mailing to each family, and is being subsidized by local businesses who advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like information, email Judi Herbers at judi.herbers@stlouis.cdom.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SVDP Ozanam Center at 1306 Monroe served 3,500 people lunch in the month of January. Our broken vandalized windows are set to be replaced February 29. Thank you to all that donated; it is wonderful to have the funds in hand before doing a project! Our Ozanam Center is in need of personal hygiene items to give to our guests. St. Louis SVDP will meet at 6pm in the Clunan Center on **Monday, March 7th**. Our Council dinner for all 10 Memphis Conferences will meet at St. Anne Highland on **Monday, March 14th** at 6:45pm. Thanks for all you do for the poor in Memphis thru SVDP. Please come to a meeting or call 755-8213. God bless!

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.

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.



RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

St. Louis Youth Ministry will hold a Rummage Sale fundraiser on **Saturday, March 5th** from 7am-1pm in the St. John Paul II Youth Ministry Center. Donations are needed and will be accepted from 3:30-5pm **Monday, February 29th-Wednesday, March 2nd** and from 3:30-7pm **Thursday, March 3rd-Friday, March 4th** and by appointment by calling 255-1967. Proceeds benefit St. Louis Youth Ministry. Visit www.stlouisyouth.org for more information.

MEN'S MORNING OF SPIRITUALITY

Come join us for Men's Morning of Spirituality on **Saturday, March 19th** at the Church of the Incarnation. The doors open with free breakfast and coffee at 7am; event begins at 8am. Presenting EWTN's Crossing the Goal Team, featuring Coach Danny Abramowicz of the New Orleans Saints, Peter Herbeck, Vice President, Renewal Ministries; Curtis Martin, Founder of Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS); and professional broadcaster, Brian Patrick. Confessions and Mass will close out an awesome faith filled day. Sign up at www.MensMorning.com.

WOMEN'S MORNING OF SPIRITUALITY

Save the Date for Women's Morning of Spirituality: **Saturday, April 9th** at the Church of the Incarnation from 8:15am-1:30pm with a Continental Breakfast beginning at 7:15am. Keynote Speaker is Kelly Nieto. Witness Speaker is: Leslie Harden. Music with Bethany and Kevin Paige. Celebration concludes with Mass. Register at www.womensmorning.com.



A TASTE OF CBHS

A Taste of CBHS will be held on **Sunday, March 6th** from 5-7:30pm at Christian Brothers High School. More than 40 restaurants, vendors and sponsors, all with a connection to Christian Brothers High School, will participate in this 5th annual event. Tickets are \$75 per person and are available for purchase at the CBHS Development Office or online at www.cbhs.org. For information, call 261-4930.

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.

Youth Retreats

YOUTH MINISTRY RETREATS

The third SEARCH retreat of the year will be held **Friday, February 26th-Sunday, February, 28th** for students in 11th and 12th grades. Cost is \$60.

Retreats will be held at Memphis Catholic High School. Registration is required and forms are available at www.stlouisyouth.org. Contact Dianne Dolan at 373-1292 or dianne.dolan@cc.cdom.org.

YEAR OF MERCY EVENT WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

9th ANNUAL DIVINE MERCY HEALING MASS

Anointing of the Sick, blessings for all, veneration of our 1st Class Relic of St. Faustina and Icon of the Divine Mercy will be held on **Saturday, February 20th** at St. Ann Catholic Church in Bartlett TN. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from 9-10:15am followed by Liturgy at 10:30am celebrated by Bishop J. Terry Steib. Reception will follow. Contact Jay Hastings at 438-7772.

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 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.



NURSERY & CRY ROOM

Children are always welcome at St. Louis Catholic Church. We strive to provide a church home for all. However, it is distracting to others if children play loudly and talk during Mass. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of our nursery or cry room in order to allow all present to fully experience the celebration of Mass. Infants and children through 3 years old are welcome in our Nursery, which is well-staffed by professional childcare providers who are part of our Mother's Day Out team. Staff members are assisted by teenagers who have completed the Red Cross Babysitting Certification Course. There is no charge for the nursery.