

Good News

Second Sunday in Lent

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From the top of Mount Tabor in Israel, the supposed site of Jesus' transfiguration, visitors can see clearly across the valley to the distant Golan Heights some forty-five miles away. The view takes your breath away. When I was in the valley, I could only see the immediate area, but at the top I was mesmerized by both the distance and the beauty of the land.

Maybe that's why mountains have always been places of prayer, of divine unveiling, and why Jesus took Peter, James, and John up to the top of a mountain to experience this vision of his glory. He wanted them to see more than their daily life and work. He wanted them to see further than they ever thought they could. He wanted them to see the depths of who he was in a new and profound way. It was important that they do this. The transfiguration happens in the midst of Jesus' predictions of his passion and death, before he begins his deliberate journey to Jerusalem. Without an image of the glorified Christ, the apostles might not have had the courage to continue following him.

Like the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert, we hear this transfiguration account every Lent. Jesus takes the Church, and each one of us, up the mountain and dares us to see further, better, more deeply than ever before. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, he dares us to leave what we know, listen to him, and follow in his footsteps. May we have the courage to accept the challenge.

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Masses

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| Sun. | 7:30 | +Lenora Drenning |
| | 9:00 | +Eugene Douglas, Sr. & +Jeanne Fisher |
| | 10:30 | +Emmett O'Ryan |
| | 12:00 | +Donna & +Michael Schlemmer |
| | 6:00 | Special Intention for the Pat Abbott Family |
| Mon. | 6:15 | +Dan Thompson |
| | 8:15 | +Rosemary Langan |
| | 12:00 | Special Intention for Wilson & Winnie Nelson |
| Tues. | 6:15 | +Jean Thomas |
| | 8:15 | +Leo Butler & +Josephine Sicola |
| | 12:00 | +Martha Garrone |
| Wed. | 6:15 | +Aline Wray & +Michael Kobb |
| | 8:15 | +Joe Calabretta |
| | 12:00 | Special Intention for Ann May |
| Thurs. | 6:15 | Special Intention for Pete Costello |
| | 8:15 | +Dan Thompson |
| | 12:00 | + Bob McCormick & +Clare Schaedle |
| Fri. | 6:15 | +Albert Santi |
| | 8:15 | +Tara Snider |
| | 12:00 | +Rick Ocker |
| Sat. | 6:15 | +Paul Hamblen, Jr. |
| | 8:15 | Special Intention for Marilyn Allen |
| | 4:30 | +Rogelio Heros |

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

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Jean Peabody+Mel Vescovo.

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 21st, 2016—Second 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 libbykpark@gmail.com.



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.



ROSARY MAKERS GUILD

Members of the Rosary Makers Guild are reminded of the monthly meeting on **Tuesday, February 23rd** 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.

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.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Confessions will be heard on **Monday, February 22nd** from 4-5pm and on **Thursday, February 25th** 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.

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.



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.

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.





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.



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.

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.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, March 18th** from 10:30-11:30am in the Clunan Center.

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

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray that all baptized Christians faithfully proclaim the reign of God, and overcome every temptation.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm Psalm 95
Second Reading Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel John 4:5-42

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 14, 2016

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| Total collection | \$36,020 |
| Envelopes | 31,738 |
| Electronic | 3,052 |
| Loose | 1,230 |
| Budget requirements | 40,385 |
| Total registered families | 1,711 |
| Donated by envelopes | 413 families |
| Donated electronically | 61 families |
| Non-participants | 1,246 families |
| 28% of families participated . . . 72% did not | |

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 amyeryan@me.com for information.

NANETTE QUINN GOBBLER 5K

Register online for the Nanette Quinn Gobbler 5K Run/Walk: gobbler5k.racesonline.com. The race is in honor of Nanette Lanigan Quinn who lost her battle with cancer in 2009. Nanette taught French at St. Mary's Episcopal School for over 20 years. The cost is \$20, and proceeds benefit the Nanette Quinn Scholarship Fund and St. Jude. The race is **Saturday, February 27th** at 9am. There is also a 400M dash for kids 10 and under. If you can't make it, you can sign up to be a spirit runner!

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.