

Good News

Third Sunday in Lent

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Now that I am older, I can look back on my life and clearly remember times when I took great pride in my accomplishments, the breadth of my knowledge, and my insight into human dynamics. The problem was that my pride bordered on, and occasionally slipped into, a sense of superiority and hubris. At such times I was not fun to be around. The advantage of maturity is that we become more aware of our shortcomings and, hopefully, develop a humility that appreciates the gifts that everyone brings to the table, recognizes that we always have more to learn, and grows grateful, rather than prideful, at the gifts we have been given.

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges the sense of pride that the Israelites feel from God's choosing them and the sense that they are, therefore, better than the people of the surrounding nations. He also questions their habit of judging those on whom misfortune fell as more sinful than they were. In a way, he was asking them to grow up and find the humility that comes from age, holding them to the same standard with which they held others. He challenged them to spend less time judging others and more time recognizing their sins and need for repentance.

That's a hard lesson for us all, but a necessary one. If we are to accompany one another on this journey through Lent and life, we need to know we are all the same in God's eyes and all in need of God's grace to make it through.

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Carolyn Adams
	9:00	+Cathie Kirk
	10:30	Parish
	12:00	+Tim Corrigan
	6:00	+Emmett O'Ryan
Mon.	6:15	+Walter Joyce
	8:15	+Caridad Torres
	12:00	+Beatrice & +John Metz & Special Intention for Tonya Dumas
Tues.	6:15	+Mary & +Luke Borger
	8:15	+Pat Bell Martini & +Joyce Mader
	12:00	+Michael Dorian & +Jean Thomas
Wed.	6:15	Special Intention for Tish Montesi
	8:15	+Theresa S. Higgins & Special Intention for Janet Lucchesi
	12:00	+August Heuertz
Thurs.	6:15	+Kay Kraus
	8:15	+Agnes Pierotti & Special Intention for Janet Lucchesi
	12:00	Special Intention for Tanya Dumas
Fri.	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	Special Intention for the Wilson Family
	12:00	+Secunda Mangialardi
Sat.	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	+Alicia Maria Moreno & +Katie Willis
	4:30	+Jim Bedwell

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jean Donati+Lewis Proctor+Gloria Andereck+Kathleen Bryant+Cliff Davis+Charles Ford+David H. Klyce+Jean Garbarini+Alani Stocks+Sophie Cervetti.

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 28th, 2016—Third 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.



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.

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.

CHURCH TOUR

Join Deacon Jeff for a special "behind-the-scenes" tour of the Church! All children (and any adults who are interested) are encouraged to take a close-up look at what happens at Mass: discover the "secrets" of the Sacristy, explore the Sanctuary, ring the bells, smell the incense and even speak from the ambo. Along the way, Deacon Jeff will explain the deep, spiritual meaning behind many of the symbols, images, furnishings and sacred decor of the Church. All children of the parish (PRE, St Louis School, St Agnes Academy, St Dominic School, and Public Schools) are invited to attend, as well as ANY interested adults! The tour will take about 90 minutes and will begin immediately following the 12pm Mass on **Sunday, March 6th**. There is no cost and no need to sign up...just be here after Mass!

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Confessions will be heard on **Wednesday, March 2nd** from 11am-12pm and on **Thursday, March 3rd** 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 a Lenten fish fry on **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.



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 28th**. 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.

MOTHER'S DAY OUT

Mother's Day Out is now signing up students for the fall of 2016. Classes are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9:30-2:30pm. Students may attend 1 or 2 days a week. Tuition for 1 day per week is \$90 and 2 days per week is \$180 per month. There is a \$50 registration fee. Contact Margaret Canale at 255-1963.



MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Medjugorje Pilgrimage **June 29-July 8**, with Fr Francis Chiawa as spiritual director. \$2990 from Memphis includes taxes and a hotel stopover one night in Frankfurt, Germany. Reservations must be made by March 14, or sooner as space permits. Both air and land can be charged on credit card. Breakfast and dinner are included each day. To view the flyer on line go to: www.medjugorje.org or email or call Jeannie Presley, group coordinator at presleyjeannie@gmail.com or 335-4563. This is a great opportunity to experience life in the village where Our Lady is reportedly appearing.

A ROSARY FOR OUR WORLD

The monthly Rosary for our World will take place **Thursday, March 3rd** at 7pm in the Church. All are welcome to join us. Contact Susan Smith at 755-9447.

ATTENTION 7TH GRADE BOYS AND GIRLS

On **Saturday, April 16th** Christian Brothers High School and St. Agnes Academy will be conducting a practice High School Placement Test for 7th grade students interested in potential high school placement for the 2017-18 school year. The test is open, but pre-registration is required through each school's website. This is an opportunity to experience how the test is administered and scores will be mailed to your home. Results of this test are not used for acceptance determination for high school. The fee is \$25 for test materials, Scholastic Testing scoring and postage. Space is limited. Spots are filling up—register now to hold your spot.

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.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray that nations throughout the earth renew their commitment to peace and justice.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading	Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Psalm	Psalm 34
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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 21, 2016

Total collection	\$37,893
Envelopes	31,193
Electronic	5,495
Loose	1,205
Budget requirements	40,385
Total registered families	1,711
Donated by envelopes	422 families
Donated electronically	91 families
Non-participants	1,197 families
30% of families participated . . . 70% did not	

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. Meeting time is Tuesdays from 11:30am-12:30pm.

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.

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

CHAPEL SAFETY

We have installed a security device in the Bread of Life Chapel. Primarily this is to be a safeguard if there is anyone alone in the chapel at night or if someone feels a sense of danger. If your email is registered in the Volunteer Scheduler system, you received an email with instructions this week. If you are not in the system and need instructions, contact Jan O'Donnell at jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org or 255-1954.

A COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. 1 Corinthians 13:12
Visit www.stlouischurchmphis.org to download and print a copy of the Pastoral Letter titled "A Compassionate Response" from Most Reverend J. Terry Steib, S.V.D. Copies are also available in the church office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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. Please come to a meeting or call 755-8213. God bless!

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! Contact Ray Johnson at ray@johnson.org or text/call 704-281-4575.



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.

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.

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.



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.

BOWLING FUN NIGHT

St. Louis Fun Night at Billy Hardwick's All-Star Lanes each **Tuesday** from 6:30-8:30pm. Cost is \$5 and includes shoe rental. No registration required.