

Good News

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Mary Katharine Deeley

At the climax of *The Miracle Worker*, the play about deaf and blind Helen Keller and her teacher, Annie Sullivan, Annie spells water into Helen's hand while water pours over Helen's other hand. Helen's face changes as she suddenly makes the connection between the signs Annie is making and the reality of the water. Helen starts touching things wildly while Annie signs the letters in her hand at an ever faster rate. Finally, Helen points to Annie, who spells T-E-A-C-H-E-R in her hand. The best teacher is not the one who can speak the loudest or the most, but the one who patiently does the same thing over and over until the student makes the connection and finally learns.

Jesus is our teacher, and in the Gospel story today he demonstrates it not with a wordy lecture but by drawing in the dust and inviting his reluctant students to think about what they are doing. We don't know what he wrote, and it isn't important. He neither engaged in the debate nor shamed the woman brought before him. He made the scribes and Pharisees look and wait. Then he asked them to judge themselves first. It's a good lesson for us all. Before we condemn anyone else, we should look at the ways in which we have sinned. The lesson continues for the woman as she is told to go and sin no more.

As Helen was attentive to Annie, let us be attentive to what Jesus spells out for us. His lessons lead us to new life and the knowledge of God.

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	Parish
	9:00	+Maria Meyers
	10:30	+Tim Corrigan
	12:00	+Michael Connor
	6:00	+Magdalene Harris
Mon.	6:15	Special Intention for Mike & Mary Chantal
	8:15	+Mary Sullivan
	12:00	+Patrick Crump
Tues.	6:15	+Joseph Sims
	8:15	Special Intention for Toni & Becki McGehee
	12:00	+Ann Butterworth & +Bertha Fuste
Wed.	6:15	+Paula Chapman & +Walter Joyce
	8:15	Special Intention for Jane Antrobus
	12:00	+Bob Sullivan
Thurs.	6:15	+Mary Elizabeth Carroll
	8:15	+Ed & +Michael Dorian & Special Intention for Catherine David
	12:00	+Tim Corrigan & +Judy Middleton
Fri.	6:15	+Msgr. Joseph Leppert
	8:15	Special Intention for Mary Jane Miller
	12:00	Special Intention for Susan Sullivan
Sat.	6:15	Special Intention for Winnie & Wilson Nelson
	8:15	+Ann Teasley Bomar
	4:30	+Violet & +Secunda Mangialardi

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jean Donati+Lewis Proctor+Gloria Andreck+Kathleen Bryant+Cliff Davis+Jean Garbarini+Alani Stocks+Sally Thomason+Teresa Bounds+Jeannia Lucchesi+David H. Klyce

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.

March 13th, 2016—Fifth Sunday of Lent

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Our parish goal is \$458,000. Please complete your pledge card, indicating your gift or pledge to our Diocesan Church. If you do not have a card, please fill out a commitment card located in the pews. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our Diocesan Church.



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 libbykarks@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.

LENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Here is a chance, as a family, to do a positive simple service for Lent. St. Louis has over 300 homebound and/or active older parishioners. They are a very important part of the parish. Each Easter we deliver a flower to them from the church. Msgr. McArthur is asking for families to volunteer to deliver just one—yes, just one flower to these families. God will bless your service and generosity. Flowers, recipient's name and address may be picked up in the church office beginning **Tuesday, March 15th**.

SEDER MEAL CANCELED

The annual Seder Meal will not be held this year due to scheduling conflicts.

GUILD MEETING

It's time again for food, fellowship, prayer and thanksgiving! The Altar Guild will meet **Monday, March 14th** at 6:30pm in the home of Nancy and Tony Lanigan, 203 Fleur de Lis Cove. Our very own Teri Trotter will talk about the Pink Wig Foundation. All ladies are invited and welcome. Hope to see you there!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

A second collection will be taken on **Sunday, March 13th** for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

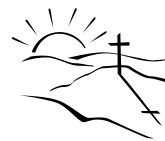
LENTEN SCHEDULE

Confessions will be heard on **Tuesday, March 15th** from 5-6pm and on **Thursday, March 17th** from 11am-12pm 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.

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS

At Easter Masses, lovely lillies decorate the altars. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special, please use the envelope in your packet. Your donation will be recognized in the bulletin Easter weekend. Deadline for donations to be recognized in the bulletin is **Monday, March 14th**.



31st ANNUAL EASTER SUNRISE MASS

You are invited to celebrate Mass at Calvary Cemetery on **Easter Sunday, March 27th** at 6:45 a.m. Rev. Msgr. John McArthur will be the celebrant; Rev. Msgr. Valentine Handwerker will be the homilist.

Le Bonheur

Our next lunch is **Saturday, March 12th**. This will be our only luncheon for March. The families appreciate these meals so much and really enjoy the snacks that we leave in the pantry. Check the sign up if you can help: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948afae2c7-parish>. Pantry items can be left in the church office at any time. Thank you and Happy Easter!



BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Registration is open for Grades 1-4 Baseball/Softball. There is a \$50 registration fee. Forms may be downloaded from www.stlouismemphis.org. Contact Michael Bennett at 255-1966 for 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.



YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Senior High Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, March 13th** from 7-9pm. Junior High will meet from 4:30-5:45 pm on **Sunday, March 13th**. 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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who donated to the Youth Ministry Rummage Sale! The funds raised will be a great help to the success of our Youth Ministry.

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. Upcoming sessions are at 6pm on **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.



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.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

If you have lost someone dear, please join us for eight week sessions on grief and loss. Deacon Jack and Linda Conrad will be conducting the class beginning at 5:30pm in the Clunan Center on **Monday, March 21st**. If you have questions, call 383-0093.

Banns of Marriage

Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for **Betsy Mays and Jasper Carlisle**.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray for the people of the earth, that they always cherish God's gift of peace.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

	Palm Sunday
First Reading	Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm	Psalm 22
Second Reading	Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel	Luke 22:14-23:56

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 March 6, 2016

Total collection	\$57,102
Envelopes	48,536
Electronic	7,626
Loose	940
Budget requirements	40,385
Total registered families	1,711
Donated by envelopes	472 families
Donated electronically	91 families
Non-participants	1,148 families
33% of families participated . . . 67% did not	

FLEUR DE LIS

Fred and I hope all of you have a Happy and Holy Easter! Our next gathering will be **Thursday, March 31st** at 6pm. We will meet in the cafeteria for a delicious oven fried chicken dinner prepared by Carla. Peach cobbler and strawberry cake for dessert. Master gardener, John Peterson, will join us. His presentation will be on herb gardening—something we should all be able to do on our patios! Please call us by **Monday, March 28th** to make a reservation at 685-1934.



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.

2016 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Vigil

Saturday, March 19th at 4:30pm

Palm Sunday, March 20th

Masses: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12noon & 6pm

10:30am Mass:

Blessing of Palms & Solemn Procession

Confessions

Monday, March 21st from 5-6pm

Holy Thursday, March 24th from 5-6:30pm

Good Friday, March 25th from 5-6:30pm

Holy Saturday, March 26th from 2:30-4:30pm

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at 3pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7pm

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil at 8pm

Easter Sunday, March 27th

Masses: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12noon

Nursery at 9am & 10:30am Masses only

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Catholic Diocese of Memphis—Administrative

Assistant—Dept. of Development This position provides administrative office support, performing comprehensive diversified clerical administrative duties.

Catholic Diocese of Memphis—Parish Business

Manager The Catholic Diocese of Memphis is accepting resumes for a Parish Business Manager position for a large parish in the Memphis Deanery. This position administers the business operations of a Catholic parish church with a school and other departments, including hands-on involvement with all accounting, payroll, budgeting, benefits, insurance, and other financial matters of the parish.

Visit www.cdom.org for qualifications and information.

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? 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.

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.

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.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SVDP is always in need of food and personal items for the poor. Specifically, we need canned meat, tuna, peanut butter and canned fruit. (We have plenty of vegetables right now.) Also, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, detergent, soap, small trial size shampoo and conditioners, etc. are needed. We plan to have an Easter basket food give away the week of Easter for those in need so all of these supplies would be helpful.

St. Louis SVDP helped those in need in February, as follows; 2 families with rent in amount of \$540, MLGW 10 families for \$3054. Food coupons \$625, Motels for clients \$681, MS Disaster relief, \$500. We bought Palazola Produce for \$676 to give to Holy Names soup kitchen on Wednesdays. Our Memphis City Council meeting will be March 14 at St. Anne on Highland. We car pool from St. Louis parking lot leaving at 6:15 and the dinner is at 6:45. All are welcome to attend.

If you would like to join SVDP and get involved with helping those in need, please call 755-8213. Thank you St. Louis parishioners for your continued generosity in helping the less fortunate in Memphis. We are truly blessed to have such a giving parish. God bless.

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

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.

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.

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.

IRISH FEST & IRISH STEW COOKOFF

The 24th Annual Irish Fest and Irish Stew Cookoff
will be held on **Saturday, March 19th** from 10am-4pm
at St. Therese/Little Flower Church. Cooking teams
are welcome. The entry fee is \$35. Contact 276-1412.

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT

A grief support group will be offered beginning on
Tuesday, March 15th from 6:30-8pm, at Methodist
Hospice and will continue to meet on Tuesdays for
eight weeks. Reba David, Minister of Consolation, will
lead the group. If you have experienced the death of a
loved one, you are welcome and invited to attend.
Contact Reba David at 754-7085.

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
online 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.

OFFERTORY CHECKS

Many parishioners make their weekly offertory
contribution by check and do not use their envelope.
This requires the office staff to look up the account
number. If you do not know your account number,
please contact Anna Shelton at 255-1952 or
anna.shelton@stlouis.cdom.org.