

Good News

Easter Sunday

Mary Katharine Deeley

My daughter was about four when we went to the local department store to do some shopping. I was looking over some item when I turned and realized that she wasn't beside me. It was not like her to wander away, and I spent a frantic fifteen minutes before I located her sitting on the floor playing with a doll from a display. I was at once relieved and angry, but more scared than anything else. What if something had happened?

When Mary Magdalene went to the tomb that early Sunday morning, she expected to find Jesus' body and mourn the loss of this man whom they all loved. Not finding him where she expected was an utter shock. I can only imagine there was some fear and anger: "Who took him? Where did he go? How could someone do this?" Her words tumbled out to Peter and the disciple Jesus loved. They, too, were astounded to find his burial cloth and though they believed, they did not understand what the empty tomb signified.

I can also imagine what they felt when they finally saw Jesus—surely relief and wonder, but there may have been a little anger that he had left them and fear for all that meant. Maybe that's how God feels about us when we wander away. We were lost, and God sent the prophets first and then his only Son to find us and lead us home. Out of love, Jesus gave his life and conquered death itself. In this Easter season, let us take great care neither to wander away nor to lose sight of the Lord. He is the source of our life. We belong to him.

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Masses

Easter Sunday

Mon.	6:15	+Mary Englert
	8:15	+Catherine Joyce & +Emmett O'Ryan
	12:00	Special Intention for Anna Marie Gorman
Tues.	6:15	+Thelma Lynch
	8:15	+Sissy & +Bill Trigg
	12:00	+Elsa Heros
Wed.	6:15	+Joseph Sims
	8:15	+Jean Peabody & +Walter Joyce
	12:00	+Lorene Bass & Special Intention for Tanya Dumas
Thurs.	6:15	+Magdalene Harris
	8:15	Special Intention for the Eighth Grade Confirmandi
	12:00	+Jack Byrnes & +Edelmira Bassols
Fri.	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	Special Intention for the Wilson Family
	12:00	Special Intention for Kim Sevier
Sat.	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	+Ernie Trigg
	4:30	+Jim Bedwell & +David Sheahan

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jean Donati+Lewis Proctor+Gloria Andereck+Kathleen Bryant+Jean Garbarini+Alani Stocks+Teresa Bounds+Jeannia Lucchesi+David H. Klyce+Katherine Wallace

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Cliff Davis.

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 27th, 2016—Easter Sunday

*Wishing You & Your Family a
Happy & Holy Easter Season!*

Rev. Msgr. John B. McArthur

Rev. Saji Ellickal

Rev. Dexter Noblefranca

Rev. William F. Burke

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Last weekend was our Parish Commitment Weekend for the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet completed your card, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office. We would like 100% participation in our one faith, one family which is the Diocese of Memphis.

OFFICE CLOSED EASTER MONDAY

The St. Louis Church Office will be closed on **Monday, March 28th**.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

We will have a Divine Mercy Holy Hour celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on **Sunday, April 3rd** from 2-3pm in the Church. A first class relic of St. Faustina will be in the Church for veneration.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Visit www.tinyurl.com/SLCCAdoration to sign up to volunteer for one hour per week or as a substitute. **Adorers are needed at 7pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.** 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.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION EASTER SUNDAY

The Second Collection Easter weekend **March 26th** and **27th** is for the education of our seminarians. Each seminarian relies on the generosity of the faithful. Our seminarians are vital for the future of the Diocese of Memphis.

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.

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. Just eight simple sessions that will help you to experience God's hope, healing and loving mercy led by Msgr. John McArthur. We will use the Ekklesia Thursday format with \$5 dinners. Upcoming sessions are at 6pm on **Thursday, April 14th** and **Thursday, April 21st**. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/StLouisEkklesia> or call the church office at 682-6606.



YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Senior High Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, April 3rd** from 7-9pm. Junior High will meet from 4:30-5:45 pm on **Sunday, April 3rd**. 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](https://twitter.com/St_Louis_Youth) and on Instagram at [st.louis_youth_ministry](https://www.instagram.com/st.louis_youth_ministry).

CBHS 15TH ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT EVENT

Join CBHS & Bro. Ignatius Brown, **Saturday April 16th, at 6:00 p.m.** for an evening of fun, laughter & mental challenge! Proceeds benefit the tuition assistance program for aspiring Brothers Boys. Prizes will be awarded to winning teams in various categories. Contact Greg & Amy Crone at croneg@bellsouth.net or download the registration form on the home page at www.cbhs.org

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.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Registration is open for Grades 1-4 Baseball/Softball. There is a \$50 registration fee. Deadline to sign up is **Monday, March 28th**. Forms may be found at www.stlouismemphis.org. Contact Michael Bennett at 255-1966 for information.



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.

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. MICHAEL PANTHER INVITATIONAL BBQ CONTEST



BBQ contest will be held at St. Michael's on **Saturday, April 9th**. 100% of entry fee goes to St. Michael's church to assist in repairs of damage left behind by vandals. Food trucks, BBQ and crawfish, lots of activities for the kids. For information or to enter, contact Derrick Von Stein at 692-0432 or dkvonstein@att.net.

YOUNG MOMS BIBLE STUDY

Are you a young mother . . . or perhaps just the mother of young children, looking for a bible study? Join us! We meet on Thursdays from 10-11:30am in the Clunan Center. Childcare will be provided for children up to 5 years old in the nursery. The book is "Beloved and Blessed" by Kimberly Hahn. Contact Katie Abart at klyons218@gmail.com or 229-1540 or Jen McBride at jen.s.mcbride@gmail.com or 481-5902.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for **Betsy Mays** and **Jasper Carlisle** and for the first time for **Sarah Faucheux** and **Alfred Cowles**.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray we share the joy of Christ's resurrection with everyone during this Easter season.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Sunday of Divine Mercy

First Reading	Acts 5:12-16
Psalm	Psalm 118
Second Reading	Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
Gospel	John 20:19-31

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 20, 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	

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.

EMAIL UPDATES

St. Louis Church has an email database which is used to send out news about parish events and activities. Contact jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org if you would like your email address to be included or updated.

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.

KISS ME KATE AT ST. BENEDICT

St. Benedict presents Kiss Me, Kate, Cole Porter's classic jazzy musical based on Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew. Dates are **April 7th-9th** at 7pm and April 10th at 2:30pm matinee in SBA Performing Arts Theatre. Reserved seat tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door (while available). Information, call 260-2840 or visit sbaeagles.org.

SBA SPRING FLING

SBA Spring Fling—a campus-wide Showcase will be held on **Thursday, April 7th** at 4:30 pm. Showcase includes academics, arts, athletics and everything SBA has to offer. Free entry to a variety of sports action and discounted entry to the spring musical Kiss Me, Kate, along with tours and meet-and-greet. Open to all prospective students and their families. For information—call admissions at 260-2873 or visit sbaeagles.org/visitsba

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

FRIAR FEST

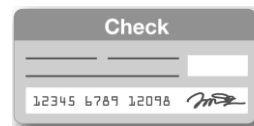
Friar Fest Calling all High School Students! Friar Fest is a weekend celebration of faith where high school youth are led by the Franciscan Friars of Renewal through prayer and instruction before the Blessed Sacrament, to have a personal encounter with Christ and grow in a deeper relationship of heart and mind with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Christ. It's FREE! Join us **April 1-3** at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. For more information, register with us at FriarFest.com.

LADIES OF CHARITY

Come ride the legendary MM Foley magical bus to Tunica the first Monday of every month! \$15 per person which includes free play and lunch!! Great fellowship, friends, and games galore! All proceeds go to Ladies of Charity of Memphis. Meet first Monday of every month at 8:30am in Target parking lot on Spottswood. Call Mary Margaret Foley at 767-6553 for reservations.

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, contact Anna Shelton at 255-1952 or anna.shelton@stlouis.cdom.org.



WOW—WOMEN OF THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

Please join us every Tuesday in the Clunan Center Meeting Room. We are using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible. Meeting time is Tuesdays from 11:30am-12:30pm.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Spring Sale: March 21 to June 18 for Catholic Cemeteries Memphis Diocese. In the Fall 2015, Calvary Catholic Cemetery opened a new Garden Mausoleum complete with a Columbarium. The space is holds an Open-air chapel and provides a good place to pray and remember loved ones who have passed away. Our cemeteries provide Mausoleums Crypts, Columbarium Niches, Family Estate Lots, and In-ground Burial. For more information call 901-948-1529 or go to www.cdom.org/cemeteries.

AVE MARIA SILENT AUCTION AND CONCERT

Ave Maria's 15th Annual Silent Auction and Concert starring Country Western artist Lee Greenwood will be **Saturday, April 16th** in the Sally Hook Performing Arts Center at St. Agnes Academy-St. Dominic School. The evening includes a Silent Auction, a Live Auction, hearty appetizers and beverages, and a concert by Lee Greenwood. Tickets are \$100/person. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Lisa Bell at 405-3791 or purchase tickets on-line at www.avemariahome.org. Proceeds will benefit Ave Maria residents.

INSTITUTE FOR LITURGY & SPIRITUALITY

St. Louis Parish sponsors any parishioner of St. Louis access at **no cost** to the courses offered by the Institute for Liturgy and Spirituality at the Diocese of Memphis. Please visit www.cdom.org for information about these courses.

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.

The Catholic Diocese of Memphis in Tennessee encourages all victims, or parents of minors who are victims, of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon or diocesan employee or agent, to report such abuse by phoning any of the following numbers: Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline (1-877-237-0004) or Shari Lee, Victim Assistance Coordinator (652-4066); or Jim Latta, Office of Professional Responsibility, Child and Youth Protection (359-2027). All reports will be treated in a confidential manner. The Diocese of Memphis offers a program of psychological and spiritual assistance to abused victims in need.

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.

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.



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.

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.

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.