

Good News

Divine Mercy Sunday

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In our time, seven days have passed since we celebrated Christ's rising. But in the Church's reckoning, it is still Easter. We may have gotten on with our earthly lives, but our spiritual calendar (and reality) remains steeped in awe, wonder, and gratitude that God incarnate walked among us and gave his life for us. The readings of the Easter Octave offer a taste of what it is like to live in God's time—in his presence and kingdom—as he calms our fears, strengthens our faith, and fills us with the Spirit. Much happens after Mary Magdalene visits and leaves the tomb. Other women who come to anoint Jesus meet him, embrace him, and obey his command to spread the Good News. Mary herself obeyed and ran to tell the apostles—though she mistook the Lord for a gardener until he spoke her name. Two disciples on the road out of town listen to Jesus' teaching and finally know him in the breaking of bread. Jesus eats with others and assures them of the Father's promise. There is another miraculous catch of fish and a breakfast with the disciples on the Sea of Galilee.

Within the scriptural context of this weeklong feast, we realize that the risen Christ is everywhere, with all of us, and existing throughout and beyond time. He appears when we least expect him; he is our teacher and our master; he feeds us with heavenly food; and he is there when we break bread together. May this knowledge strengthen our faith that Christ lives and will in time carry us home.

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	Special Intention for Anita Vera
	9:00	+Harvey Maxwell & +Jeanne Fisher
	10:30	+Tim Corrigan
	12:00	Parish
	6:00	+Bill & +Marie Costello
Mon.	6:15	+Mary Englert
	8:15	+Albert Heros & Special Intention for Eddie Gorman
	12:00	+Helen Lenti & +Ed Bennett
Tues.	6:15	+Dan Thompson
	8:15	+Katherine Joyce & +Junior Quijada
	12:00	+Emmett O'Ryan
Wed.	6:15	+Marge Wright
	8:15	+Sissy & +Bill Trigg
	12:00	Special Intention for Tonya Dumas
Thurs.	6:15	+Joseph Garrone
	8:15	Special Intention for the Eighth Grade Confirmandi
	12:00	+Ed Crenshaw
Fri.	6:15	+Kay Kraus
	8:15	+Jeanne Peabody
	12:00	+Catherine Joyce
Sat.	6:15	Special Intention for Pete & Bridget Gorman & for Christine Wade
	8:15	Special Intention for Kathleen Cragg
	4:30	+Lewis Perkins

Prayers are requested for the sick: Gloria Andereck+Kathleen Bryant+Jean Garbarini+Alani Stocks+Teresa Bounds+Jeannia Lucchesi+David H. Klyce+Catherine Wallace+John Presley+Doug Gage+Jude Walsh+Dave Archer+Fay Harrison+Teddy Chandler.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of David 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.

April 3rd, 2016—Divine Mercy Sunday



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.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal. St. Louis Parish is 59% towards our goal of \$458,000. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the narthex. Please participate in the support of 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 libbykparks@gmail.com.

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).



FEED MY FLOCK SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection next weekend **Saturday, April 9th** and **Sunday, April 10th** for Feed My Flock. Feed My Flock will be held in October and is our parish-wide day of outreach. Last year we prepared 150,000 meals for the needy!

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

Thank you St. Louis Parishioners for your overwhelming support of Room in the Inn! Our inaugural season has been a tremendous success and we could not have done it without you. We served approximately 130 guests with 10 nights of hosting. We had over 100 volunteers serving in the capacity of bed makers, food prep, food serving, clothes closet, shower attendants, overnight shepherds, drivers, inn cleaners and laundry services. We also had a great outpouring of donations in the form of clothes, toiletries, cleaning supplies and money. Thank you for stepping up and out of your comfort zone. Thank you for saying YES! We will be holding a "thank you" pot luck in the near future for all of our volunteers. Look for details in the bulletin and in the form of an email. May God bless you for your kindness and service to those most in need. Sincerely, Pam and Keith Scarborough, Ann and Bill Drennan

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Dear St. Louis Parishioners, you are invited to our SVDP monthly meeting **Monday, April 4th** at 6pm in the Clunan Center. If you are interested in SVDP and cannot attend the meeting, please call 755-8213 for information. Our focus is to help the poor. SVDP always helps the poor in all ways! There are more poor than Vincentians, we need help! Our SVDP Ozanam soup kitchen feeds the poor every day of the year at 1306 Monroe. We also share when available personal hygiene toiletries and are in need of trial/hotel size toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, body lotion, shave cream, razors, shampoo, soap, ladies feminine, plus socks, underwear, and all good reading material. SVDP hopes you had a spiritual Easter and are able to share with others.

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.

TRIVIA NIGHT AT ST. LOUIS CHURCH

St. Paul Trivia Night with Brother Ignatius will be held **Saturday, April 23rd** in the old gym. All proceeds to support St. Paul Church Window and Renovation project. Doors open at 6 pm with Trivia starting at 7pm. Teams of 8 at \$20 a person (\$150 per team before April 15) with great prizes. Theme is "Memphis, My Home Town." Dessert and beverage bar available. Bring your competitive spirit and plan for a great evening of fun! Contact Steve Vescovo at vescovos@thomasonlaw.com or Nancy Glaser Shellenberger at shellfly10@icloud.com. Send completed registration forms (available at stpaulsmemphis.com) and fees to Sister Mary Martha at 1425 E. Shelby Drive, Memphis, TN 38116.

WEDNESDAY EVENING GLOW RUNS

We start our runs every Wednesday at 6pm sharp (7pm from Memorial Day-Labor Day), rain or shine. Walkers welcome! Meet us on the north side of the Clunan Center before we start to get the route. For more information or to get on the weekly email list, contact Ray Johnson at ray@johnson.org or text/call 704-281-4575.

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.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for **Sarah Faucheux** and **Alfred Cowles**.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray for our young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this week, that they give witness to Christ by lives built on faith and love.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
Psalm	Psalm 30
Second Reading	Revelation 5:11-14
Gospel	John 21:1-19

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 27, 2016

Total collection	\$57,785
Envelopes	48,536
Electronic	6,326
Loose	2,623
Budget requirements	40,385
Total registered families	1,730
Donated by envelopes	474 families
Donated electronically	76 families
Non-participants	1,180 families
32% of families participated . . . 68% did not	

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

SUBIACO ACADEMY

A Catholic, Benedictine boarding and day school for boys in grades 7-12 located just east of Fort Smith, Arkansas, Subiaco Academy is hosting a Shadow Day on **Friday, April 8th** for interested students and their parents. Spend a day on campus and explore the Academy's junior and senior high college preparatory program! Activities include campus tours, shadowing current students, and parent meetings with faculty/staff. The event is open to boys in grades 6-10. For more information, or to reserve a place for the April 8 Shadow Day, please contact the Subiaco Academy admissions office at 800-364-7824, 479-934-1034, or email admissions@subi.org. Learn more at our website www.SubiacoAcademy.us.

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.

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.

CBHS 15TH ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT EVENT

Join CBHS & Bro. Ignatius Brown, **Saturday April 16th** at 6pm 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

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.stlouischurchmphis.org and by clicking on this QR code with your smart phone.

