

Good News

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mary Katharine Deeley

I was fortunate to do my hospital chaplaincy rotation with a young seminarian who was ordained about three years after our summer experience. Tom and I became good friends. He came to my wedding and I went to his ordination. My children forever referred to him as young Fr. Tom. He has been a blessing to me and my family.

When he was ordained, I tried my hand at writing a song as a gift for him. He was so eager and willing to preach the Gospel wherever he was sent that I wanted to mark that in some way. One lyric I wrote went like this: "Finding our homes where we can share your word, only to leave again when it's been heard...to be your people." Fr. Tom serves in Africa now, training other seminarians, and I often think of him and of that song because I have come to realize that we are all called to share God's word whether we are in a comfortable place or a strange one. Perhaps part of our challenge is to leave the areas where we are comfortable and welcomed for those where the path is rougher and less clear, but the need for the Good News is all the greater.

Today our models are Paul and his companions, who travel from place to place to preach the Gospel and move on when they have done what they can. They follow Jesus' command to love and find the glory of the Lord in that work and in whom they serve. If we are to be God's people, we, too, must spread the hope of God's love to all we meet, even if we have to travel far to do so.

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Louise Hughes & +Sr. Florence Euphrasia
	9:00	+Joe Calabretta
	10:30	+Cliff Davis
	12:00	Special Intention for John & Jeanne Presley
	6:00	Parish
Mon.	6:15	+Marge Wright
	8:15	+Walter Joyce
	12:00	Special Intention for the Priests & Bishops
Tues.	6:15	+Joseph & +Marian Gatti
	8:15	+Hilda Martin
	12:00	Special Intention for Mary Carroll
Wed.	6:15	+Blanch James Ellis
	8:15	Special Intention for Gloria Andereck
	12:00	+Emmett O'Ryan
Thurs.	6:15	Special Intention for Beba & Ricardo Heros
	8:15	Special Intention for the St. Jude Patients
	12:00	Special Intention for Tonya Dumas
Fri.	6:15	+Edith Marino
	8:15	+Mel Vescovo
	12:00	+Emmett O'Ryan
Sat.	6:15	+Linda Rodgers Wray
	8:15	Special Intention for Mamie Marie
	4:30	+Samuel Pante

Prayers are requested for the sick: Gloria Andereck+ Jean Garbarini+Alani Stocks+ Catherine Wallace+John Presley+ Teddy Chandler+Mickey Forte+Dan Canale+Theresa Warriner+Jane Pinter+Michael G. Yarbrow+Nancy Robinson+William Turner+Lewis Proctor

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Bryant.

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 24th, 2016—Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 68% 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 libbykarks@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. The final session for Spring will be held at 6pm on **Thursday, May 5th**. 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 24th** from 7-9pm. Junior High will meet from 4:30-5:45 pm on **Sunday, May 1st**. 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).



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CONFESSIONS

Fr. Dexter Noblefranca will be available for Jubilee Year of Mercy Confessions on **Wednesday, April 27th from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm.**

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.

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. **Adorers are needed for the 2pm slot on Thursdays and the 10am slot on Sundays.**

Contact Jan O'Donnell with questions by email at jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org or call 255-1954.



SENIOR APPRECIATION MASS

All Seniors of the Class of 2016 and their families are invited to our Senior Appreciation Mass at 6pm on **Sunday, April 24th**. This Mass is for Seniors who are members of St. Louis Parish and our Youth Ministry. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/SLC16Mass> to let us know you are coming so that we may reserve seats for the Seniors.



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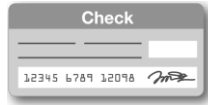
St. Louis, St. Vincent de Paul Association would like to thank Paul Walker and our Junior/Senior High CYO groups for their bountiful food collection. This large amount of food will help many people in our hometown. Thank you St. Louis youth for sharing with our less fortunate neighbors. God bless.

CONGRATULATIONS EAGLE SCOUT

Congratulations to Patrick Koch, the 108th Eagle Scout from Troop 341. Patrick is the son of Pam and Chris Koch. All are invited to his Eagle Scout presentation on Sunday, April 24th at 1:00PM in the Clunan Center.

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. Please write your account # on the check, if you do not know your account number, contact Anna Shelton at 255-1952 or anna.shelton@stlouis.cdom.org.



YOUNG MOMS BIBLE STUDY

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. Please contact Katie Abart at klyons218@gmail.com or 229-1540 or Jen McBride at jen.s.mcbride@gmail.com or 481-5902.



ROSARY MAKERS GUILD

Members of the Rosary Makers Guild are reminded of the monthly meeting on **Tuesday, April 26th** 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.

FISHERS OF MEN

The Fishers of Men of St Louis invite all men of the parish to 6:15am Mass on Thursdays and the Fishers of Men Gathering directly after. The FOM are starting the "Crossing the Goal" series with the dissection of the "Our Father" every Thursday morning in the Clunan Center following 6:15am Mass. If you are a man of the parish and want to deepen your Catholic faith with other men, please join us! For more information, call Jonathan Lyons at 481-2199.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

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

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Psalm	Psalm 67
Second Reading	Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
Gospel	John 14:23-29

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 April 17, 2016

Total collection	\$39,884
Envelopes	33,557
Electronic	4,900
Loose	1,427
Budget requirements	40,385
Total registered families	1,730
Donated by envelopes	417 families
Donated electronically	84 families
Non-participants	1,227 families
29% of families participated . . . 71% did not	

CBHS BROTHERS OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 4th annual Brothers' Open Golf Tournament, sponsored by First Tennessee, will be held on **Monday, April 25th** at 1pm at Spring Creek Ranch Golf Course. All proceeds from the tournament will be used for athletics at Christian Brothers High School. The tournament is open to all. Tickets are also available for a pre-tournament CBHS Athletics Dinner & Auction, **Sunday, April 24th** at 6pm at CBHS Heffernan Hall. For a registration form or more information, visit the CBHS website, www.cbhs.org or call the CBHS Office of Institutional Development at 261-4930.

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.

LEBONHEUR

Thank you so much to all who have dropped off items for the pantry, on the 5th floor, at LeBonheur! The families are so grateful to be able to grab a quick snack and return to their child's bedside. They love the meals we bring down too! - and the company we give when they need an ear to bend. Please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948afae2c7-parish if you can help with a meal. Call Cathy Freres at 685-1934 if you have any questions. Our May meals are on the 7th & 21st.

FLEUR DE LIS

The flowers have been so beautiful this spring. Our reward for all the rain! Brother Joel will lead us in song at our next meeting on **April 28th**. Hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30 in the school cafeteria. Carla is preparing meatloaf with mashed potatoes, pea & carrots, salad, and dessert. Please call Cathy or Fred at 685-1934 to make a reservation by Monday, April 25th.