

## Good News

### The Ascension of the Lord

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In Luke's ascension account from Acts, Jesus admonishes his apostles to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Spirit because they are witnesses of his mission and message. When the time for his ascension comes, Jesus blesses them, then "was lifted up" (1:9). We don't hear the great commission to go out to, preach to, and baptize all nations as we do in Matthew's Gospel (28:19-20). Instead, Luke's account leaves us with an image of the apostles joyfully returning to Jerusalem: "They were continually in the temple praising God" (24:53).

Returning to Acts, I love that the early disciples' first order of business—even prior to Pentecost—was to gather to pray (1:14). Paul often admonished the early Christians to pray constantly. He knew that prayer grounds us in the Lord and strengthens us to lay down our lives and carry our crosses. Prayer focuses our attention on God's call and our response to it. The apostles' prayer opened them to receive the promised gift of the Spirit and strengthened them for their mission—to let the world know that Jesus is Lord, that the Kingdom of God has come, and that we have been restored through the death and resurrection of Christ.

Thus should our week begin: in praise and worship before God, in gathered prayer. Like the disciples in Jerusalem, the Lord will open our minds "to understand the scriptures" (Luke 24:45). We, too, will be filled with the Spirit and be sent out as joyful witnesses to God's presence and saving work.

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## Masses

Sun.	7:30	Parish
	9:00	+Mary Borger & +Adelle Crenshaw
	10:30	+Cliff Davis & Maria Meyers
	12:00	+Joe Calabretta
	6:00	+Helen Craft
Mon.	6:15	+Catherine Joyce
	8:15	Special Intention for Pat Sherlock & Tom Riley
	12:00	+Cathie Kirk
Tues.	6:15	+Cliff Davis
	8:15	+Joan Leathers
	12:00	+Arthur Johnson
Wed.	6:15	+Dan Thompson
	8:15	+Mel Vescovo & +Emmett O'Ryan
	12:00	+John & +Betty Butts
Thurs.	6:15	+Clarence & +Estelle Johnson
	8:15	+Walter Joyce
	12:00	Special Intention for Mary Catherine Link
Fri.	6:15	Special Intention for John P. Nelson
	8:15	Special Intention for John & Betty Sherlock
	12:00	+Michael Dorian
Sat.	6:15	+Clarence & +Estelle Johnson
	8:15	Special Intention for Catherine & Thomas Nelson
	4:30	+Jim Bedwell

Prayers are requested for the sick: Gloria Andereck+ Jean Garbarini+Alani Stocks+Catherine Wallace+Dan Canale+Ann Marie Canale+Michael G. Yarbrow+Nancy Robinson+Sophie Wetick+Emilie Wetick+Victor Robilio, Jr.+Mary Louise Gunnells+Carole Schnadelbach+Steve Peay+Ann Marie Coffey+Dinia Cruz.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Lindsey Carter+June Payne+Eugenia Gattas+Pete Sciara.

## 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.

## May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016—The Ascension of the Lord

### 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 85% 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](mailto:Sbsmith408@aol.com) or Libby Parks at [libbykparks@gmail.com](mailto:libbykparks@gmail.com).

### ST. LOUIS MEN'S CLUB

The St. Louis Men's Club will hold a business meeting and Hole in One Festival planning meeting on **Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7:15pm in the St. Louis cafeteria. At this meeting, the Men's Club will discuss planning for the Hole in One Festival, which begins **Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** and goes through **Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**. Dinner and drinks will be provided.

## Choir Reunion



**C**ome rejoin old friends and family for a reunion of all choir members! Whether you sang at St. Louis or another Parish, all are welcome to come sing with us!

**Rehearsals are on Wednesday, May 18th and Saturday May 21st.**

We'll sing for the **10:30 Mass on Sunday, May 22nd**, Feast of the Holy Trinity and **fellowship after at lunch!**

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

Visit [www.tinyurl.com/SLCCAdoration](http://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 3am slot on Monday, the 10am slot on Sundays and the 9pm slot on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays of each month.**

Contact Jan O'Donnell with questions by email at [jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org](mailto:jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org) or call 255-1954.

*Happy Mother's Day*

### SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection this weekend is for the Catholic Communications Campaign.



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### JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CONFESSIONS

Fr. Bill Burke will be available for Jubilee Year of Mercy Confessions on **Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm.**

### QUEEN OF PEACE

Rosary, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration begin at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** at St. Louis Church. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m. We will crown Mary during Mass.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

**Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in the Clunan Center Meeting Room, a Baptismal Preparation Class will be held. Parents planning to have a child baptized are expected to attend one of these sessions. Please contact the church office at 682-6606 to register.

### FLEUR DE LIS

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms in our group! At our May meeting, we will be honoring Our Blessed Mother with a May Crowning and Mass. We'll gather in the Narthex and process into church together. So, bring a flower for the altar if you can. We will have some extra for those who cannot. Mass is at 6pm on **Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** and dinner will follow in the Clunan Center. Leonard's will be serving roast beef au jus with all the fixings! Our wonderful hostesses are bringing the desserts instead of hors d'oeuvres because dinner will be ready right after Mass. Please call Fred or Cathy by **Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** to make a reservation at 685-1934. This is our last meeting for the 2015/2016 year.

## LEBONHEUR

Thank you again and again! This is our fifth year to be taking meals to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor family room at the hospital. It is such a joy to help these families! Deacon Jack has asked us to help with the annual bereavement service again this year. The service is scheduled for **Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** at 11am in the lobby of the old hospital building. The menu has been added to our sign up genius. Please take a look at : <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948afae2c7-parish> We really need a lot of help with the food preparation, set up, serving and clean up. If you have any questions, please call Cathy Freres at 685-1934 or 496-2025. Le Bonheur is a huge blessing to all the families in Memphis, the Tri-State area, and beyond!

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Louis SVDP will host our Diocesan Council Dinner Meeting **Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**. All are invited to the dinner meeting in the Clunan Center at 6:45pm. Thanks for all you do for your less fortunate neighbors in our great city. God bless.



## IT PERSON NEEDED

IT Person needed for St. Louis Catholic Church and School to manage hardware, system administration for IT. Experience working with servers, firewalls, troubleshooting, and Help Desk for faculty and staff are a plus. For information, email Teddi Niedzwiedz, Principal, at [tniedzwiedz@stlouismemphis.org](mailto:tniedzwiedz@stlouismemphis.org).

## BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND RETREAT

This weekend retreat is designed to help men and women who are widowed, separated or divorced, work through the grief process associated with the end of marriage and move into the future with new hope. The retreat will be held **June 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>** at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center. For information, contact Alma Abuelouf at 373-1224 or [alma.abuelouf@cc.cdom.org](mailto:alma.abuelouf@cc.cdom.org).

## PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE

Pilgrimage from Memphis to France will be held **September 19<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>** including Lourdes, Paris, Lisieux, Chartres, Mont Saint Michel and the Normandy Beaches. B&D and Mass every day, plus 2 train rides and a Seine Evening River cruise. Reservations needed by **Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**. Call Jeannie Presley at 335-4563 or see details at [traveltyme.com](http://traveltyme.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.

## ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray for mothers, grandmothers and all who fill a motherly role, that they be surrounded and embraced by love.

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

	Pentecost Sunday
First Reading	Acts 2:1-11
Psalm	Psalm 104
Second Reading	Romans 8:8-17 or 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel	John 14:15-16, 23b-26 or John 20:19-23

## 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 May 1, 2016

Total collection	<b>\$50,642</b>
Envelopes	42,012
Electronic	7,319
Loose	1,311
Budget requirements	40,385
Total registered families	<b>1,730</b>
Donated by envelopes	437 families
Donated electronically	97 families
Non-participants	1,196 families
31% of families participated . . . 69% <b>did not</b>	

## ST. ANNE SCHOOL CLOSING MASS

St. Anne School will close at the end of the school year after 79 years of service to the community. Everyone is invited to "Come Together" at 4pm on **Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** with Mass honoring alumni and teachers, followed by a reception in Nenon Hall. The school will be open so you can visit the classrooms. We hope you can join us at this special celebration as we pay tribute to St. Anne School which has had an amazing influence on so many lives.

## 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.

## ALTAR GUILD MEETING

LAST meeting of the year will be a mass celebrated by Msgr. McArthur at the home of Stephenie and Anthony Ward at 12pm on **Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** at 710 Valleybrook. All ladies are welcome and invited to attend.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING 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](mailto:jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org).

## 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 forever and ever. Amen.

## DOES GOD CARE WHAT I WEAR TO CHURCH?

Summer activities and vacations can make getting to Mass each week seem like a juggling act. Harder still is finding the time to dress properly and prepare, as we would like. But approaching all aspects of the Eucharist carefully can deepen our Communion with Christ. What we wear can help.

Use this guideline. When deciding what to wear in Church, think about this: If it's something you would wear to a picnic, to play a sport, or to clean out the garage or the house, don't wear it to church—even during the summer!

## ST. MICHAEL ALTAR SOCIETY



We are sponsoring a Rummage Sale at St. Michael School on **Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** from 7am-12pm in the school gym. All donations are welcome. Collections will be in the school gym. Drop-off times are: **Tuesday, May 31 and Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** from 6-8pm and **Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 7:30-10am. Space for 20 vendor tables at \$25 are available. Please contact Amanda Young at 736-7971 or Carol Yarbrough at 598-4994 to secure a table.

## KNITTING & CROCHETING MINISTRY

The St. Louis Knitting Ministry meets on Sundays from 1-3pm. People who crochet 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.

## 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](mailto:jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org) if you would like your email address to be included or updated.

## 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.

# SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

## SUMMER CAMPS AT ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### American Girl/Crafts Camp

Date and Time: **June 20-23**; 9am to 2pm, Ages: Rising 1st-5th grade girls, Cost: \$175, Place: St. Louis School, Taught by: Lauren Hayden and Susan Holliday (St. Louis School teachers). Pack your American Girl Doll and come to the fun filled American Girl Doll/Crafts Camp. Don't have an American Girl Doll? Don't worry any 18" doll will do. We will be exploring other cultures and learning history and geography through games, stories, cooking, and crafts. Each camper will come home at the end of the week with lots of handmade items for her doll. For information, contact Lauren Hayden at [lhayden@stlouismemphis.org](mailto:lhayden@stlouismemphis.org).

### Fancy Nancy Literacy and Etiquette Camp

Date and Time: **June 27-30**; 9am to 2pm, Ages: Rising 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade girls, Place: St. Louis School, Cost: \$175, Taught by: Lauren Hayden and Shannon McCrary (St. Louis teachers). All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade darlings are cordially invited to join our "Learning Soiree!" Each day will include reading and vocabulary enrichment, etiquette lessons, and crafts. For more information, contact Shannon McCrary at [smccrary@stlouismemphis.org](mailto:smccrary@stlouismemphis.org).

## SUMMER PROGRAMS AT SAA-SDS

Join us and have a Blockbuster Summer at St. Agnes Academy-St. Dominic School! Programs are available for rising PK-8th grade students. We have a full-day Jr Day Camp/Day Camp and more than 50 specialty programs. Visit <http://saasdsummerprograms.com> or email [eda-summercamp@saa-sds.org](mailto:eda-summercamp@saa-sds.org) for more information.

## CAMP SUBIACO IN ARKANSAS

Summer Camp at Subiaco Abbey. Sign-up now! Camp Subiaco, for boys ages 9-13, is an active all boys camp with fishing, archery, riflery, go-carts, boating & tubing, climbing wall and much more. Camp Subiaco is operated by the Subiaco Alumni Association and the monks of Subiaco Abbey. Camp is June 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup>- July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Google us on YouTube! You may sign up at [www.campsubiaco.org](http://www.campsubiaco.org) or call 479-934-1001 for more info. Come join us! It's a blast!

## CBHS FOOTBALL CAMP

Christian Brothers High School will host a youth football camp **June 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>** from 9am-12pm. To register visit [cbhs.org](http://cbhs.org) or contact Dale Dunlap [ddunlap@cbhs.org](mailto:ddunlap@cbhs.org).

## CBHS SOCCER CAMP

CBHS Summer Soccer Camp is designed for youth development on all aspects of the game and to improve every camper's personal ability. Ages 3 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 5 different weeks for your convenience: **May 30-July 1**. Visit [cbhs.org](http://cbhs.org) or email Coach Nick Glaser at [nglaser@cbhs.org](mailto:nglaser@cbhs.org) for more information and camp application.

## CBHS SUMMER CAMPS

Christian Brothers High School is now accepting registration for its 2016 Summer Camps. This year's camps, which begin the week of **May 30<sup>th</sup>** and run throughout the summer, include Sport Camps—All-Sports, Baseball, Basketball (boys and girls), Football, Lacrosse, Soccer (boys and girls), Track & Field (boys and girls), and Wrestling, as well as Band Camp (boys and girls). To register, go to the CBHS website, [www.cbhs.org](http://www.cbhs.org) (Click on Summer Camps). For more information, call 261-4900.

## SUMMER AT SBA

St. Benedict Summer Camps for all ages include Basketball, Dance/Pom, Lacrosse, Soccer, Spanish, Tennis, Theater and Volleyball. Visit [sbaeagles.org/summercamps](http://sbaeagles.org/summercamps).

## SUMMER CAMPS AT ST. ANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Camp Invention** - In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Saint Ann Catholic School is pleased to offer the nationally-acclaimed Camp Invention program to children entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Early registration discounts available. Every registration includes a complimentary Camp Invention t-shirt. Availability is limited, so visit [www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org) or call 800.968.4332 to secure your child's spot today! Our SAS contact is Ms. Ghio. [rie.ghio@stann.cdom.org](mailto:rie.ghio@stann.cdom.org).

**Build-A-Toy Workshop, Sr.** - For rising second and third graders. Monday, June 13 through Friday, June 17 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$100 per child. Supplies included. Campers will be introduced to the engineering process by designing fun and creative toys and games. For information about our STREAM Camps, email Ms. Ghio at [rie.ghio@stann.cdom.org](mailto:rie.ghio@stann.cdom.org).

**Build-A-Toy Workshop, Jr.** - for rising Kindergarten and first graders. Monday, June 6 through Friday, June 10 from 9 a.m. through noon. Cost: \$100 per child. Supplies included. For more information about our STREAM Camps, please email Ms. Ghio at [rie.ghio@stann.cdom.org](mailto:rie.ghio@stann.cdom.org).