

Good News

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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In his 2011 commencement address to Northwestern University, comedian and talk show host Stephen Colbert recalled what he learned from his experience as a member of an improvisation group. "One of the things I was taught early on," he said, "is that you are not the most important person in the scene." The best improvisation comes from a team that listens and responds to each other to "serve a common idea." When someone demands attention or tries to force a skit in a certain direction, the comedy falls apart. I never forgot his advice. It is appropriate in families, in workplaces, and among friends. And I confess I have had to apply it to myself on more than a few occasions.

Jesus' parable is a caution against presuming that we know best or that we—our goals and talents—are most important. He is not advocating false modesty or a refusal to use the gifts God gives us. Rather, Jesus asks that we start from a place of humility and service. He wants us to allow others to say what they need and how we can help before we presume to know the solution or how the situation should unfold. The figurative head of the table belongs to Christ first and foremost, and it is up to us to obediently go where he tells us. He will give us our place. It is worthy to note that at the table of the Lord, every place has the same significance and everyone is a welcome guest. The only important one is Christ himself. After that, we are all equals, regardless of who we think we are.

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	Parish
	9:00	+Jeanne Fisher & +Walter Joyce
	10:30	+Ed Bennett & +Mike Denegri
	12:00	+Jean Donati & +Tony Cortese
	6:00	Special Intention for Mary Casey
Mon.	6:15	+Steven Helveston
	8:15	+Tony Tavoleti
	12:00	+Chuck Gaia & +Mary Robinson
Tues.	6:15	Special Intention for Juanita Moore & Genevieve Costello
	8:15	+Lindsey Carter & +Jeanne Fisher
	12:00	Special Intention for Devanie Cooper
Wed.	6:15	+Blanche James Ellis
	8:15	+Nick Pinter & +Bridget Mulholland
	12:00	+Margie Ryan
Thurs.	6:15	+Katherine Joyce & Special Intention for Msgr. John O'Donnell
	8:15	+Jean Donati
	12:00	+Tom Riley & Special Intention for Wilson Nelson
Fri	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	Special Intention for the Wilson Family & Jim Clark
	12:00	+Dan Canale & Special Intention for Christian James Gorman
Sat.	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	Special Intention for Jean Bolton
	4:30	+Jean Donati +Jim Bedwell and Special Intention for Dot Craven's Birthday

Prayers are requested for the sick: Gloria Andereck+ Jean Garbarini+Sophie Wetick+Jim Clark+Archbishop Peter Sartain+Peggy Steffan+Reba David+Dr. Tucker Larkin+Frances Ricossa+Peter Schuster+Basil Crone+Hank Klosky+Elizabeth Mays+Barbara Burke+Deacon Ralph Donati+Don Jordan+Lise Barzizza McCormack+Charlotte O'Shaughnessy+Mary Harlow.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Hermie Duncan, Clayton Poole, Mary Armbrust and Angela Hall Wolf.

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 homebound.

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.

August 28th, 2016—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS SUNDAY!!!

COME CELEBRATE THE FEAST

Thursday, August 25th was the Feast Day of St. Louis. We will celebrate on **Sunday, August 28th** from 1-3pm. Let's fill the Church at 12pm Mass. Those who have been away—you are invited, welcome and wanted.



Main Mass will be 12:00 Noon. All priests will concelebrate. We will have a picnic, games, music, and fellowship on the grounds. BBQ chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Bring a dish of potato salad, beans or dessert. Please visit www.tinyurl.com/slcpicnic to volunteer.

Don't miss this whole day to celebrate the St. Louis family!

YOUNG MOMS BIBLE STUDY

The Young Moms Bible Study Group will begin meeting again on **Thursday, September 8th** from 10-11:15am. We will be reading and discussing the book *Rediscovering Catholicism* by Matthew Kelly. All young moms and/or mothers of young children are invited to attend. Free childcare will be provided by the nursery if a minimum of 5 children are signed up by noon on the previous Wednesday. To sign up for childcare, please use the following link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA4AB2EA57-childcare>.



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 9am slot on Mondays, the 2am (shared time) and 5pm slots on Fridays, and the 9pm slot on the 1st and 2nd Saturdays of each month.**

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

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.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FEED MY FLOCK

Feed My Flock is a parish-wide one-day outreach event. A second collection for Feed My Flock will be held on **Saturday, August 27th** and **Sunday, August 28th**. Please give generously as our goal is to once again package 150,000 meals! Feed My Flock will be held **Saturday, October 15th**. Call Mary Margaret Koch at 219-4617 for more information.



MEN'S CLUB NEWS

MEN'S CLUB APPRECIATION DINNER

The Men's Club Appreciation Dinner will be held on **Saturday, September 10th** at 6:30pm in the Clunan Center. Free dinner and drinks will be served. Spouses and significant others are welcome. We will have televisions available to watch college football games. This is a great opportunity to meet other members of the Parish. Please RSVP to David Baker at dbaker04@att.net or 921-4023.

MEN'S CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

The St. Louis Men's Club Golf Tournament will be held on **Sunday, October 16th** at Galloway Golf Course. Lunch will be served at 11:30am with a shotgun start at 12:30pm. Cost is \$100 per player to be paid at the golf course on the day of the tournament and includes lunch, golf, beverages, and post-golf snacks. Cash and other prizes will be provided for flight winners, closest to the pin and longest drive. Please sign up prior to **Wednesday, October 12th** by emailing Stephen Gaia at sgaia@allcovered.com.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CONFESSIONS

Fr. Saji Ellickal will be available for Jubilee Year of Mercy Confessions on **Tuesday, August 30th** from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

VIRTUS TRAINING

Virtus (Protecting God's Children) Training will be held in the Clunan Center on **Wednesday, September 7th** at 9am and 6pm. Attendance at only one session is required. All who work with children (teachers, coaches, etc.) are required to complete this course. Register online at www.virtus.org or call 682-2150. Pre-registration is required.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Kathy Hackett will lead a Ladies Bible Study on Thursday mornings beginning **Thursday, September 8th** at 9:30am in the Meeting Room. The study will be on the Book of Isaiah written by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ and presented by Catholic Scripture Study International. Contact Kathy Hackett at kahackett@yahoo.com for more information.

WEDNESDAY EVENING FUN RUNS

We start our runs every Wednesday at 6:00 pm starting in September (7:00 pm from Memorial Day - Labor Day), rain or shine. We only cancel if there is lightning nearby. Walkers welcome! Meet us on the north side of the Clunan Center. For more info or to get on the weekly email list contact Ray Johnson at ray@johnson.org or text/call 704-281-4575.

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.

CRADLE ROLL

St. Louis Cradle Roll welcomes **Katherine Rose Fahrenkopf**, born July 28th, daughter of **Maria & Chad Fahrenkopf**, grandson of **Rosie Wedaman** and **David Wedaman**.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray that all who work for their living enjoy the abundant fruit of their labors.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Wisdom 9:13-18b
Psalm	Psalm 90
Second Reading	Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel	Luke 14:25-33

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, and Capt. Charlie Kennedy.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Week of August 21, 2016

Total collection	\$40,815
Envelopes	\$33,128
Electronic	\$6,246
Loose	\$1,441
Budget requirements	\$40,385
Total registered families	1,730
Donated by envelopes	423 families
Donated electronically	85 families
Non-participants	1,222 families
29% of families participated . . . 71% did not	

ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Apply for enrollment by calling the school office (901-255-1900) or apply online at www.stlouismemphis.org. Because of limited space in our Preschool, it is imperative that parents apply for admission 18 months prior to the start of your child's school career. We offer priority enrollment to siblings of current students and to contributing members of our parish. Please check our website for a more detailed explanation of our admissions process. Those interested in K-8th grade for the 2017-18 school year should call or apply online as soon as possible. Enrollment will take place in early 2017. Tours and shadow days can be scheduled with our Admissions Director, Kim Pesce.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Blood Pressure Screenings will be offered September 10th and 11th instead of Labor Day weekend.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF MEETINGS



The 2016-2017 Kick-Off meetings for Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will be **Sunday, September 11th** in the St. John Paul II Youth Ministry Center. Junior High meets from 4:30-5:45 p.m. and Senior High meets from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Visit their website at www.stlouisyouth.org, their 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. To be added to the email distribution list, email Hannah Zaleski at Hannah.zaleski@stlouis.cdom.org and include the grade of your child.

ST. LOUIS JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Louis Youth Ministry is in need of volunteers for our Junior High (grades 7-8) Youth Group. We are looking for young excited Catholics. If you are over 21 and are interested in helping with either youth group, please email Hannah Zaleski at Hannah.zaleski@stlouis.cdom.org. It is an amazing opportunity to share and practice your faith.

ST. LOUIS YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER 2017 MISSION TRIPS

Save the Dates: It's time to announce our eleventh annual Catholic HEART Workcamp mission trip dates and *tentative* locations:

<u>Senior High</u>	<u>Junior High</u>
June 11-18, 2017 Cincinnati, Ohio	July 16-22, 2017 Pensacola, Florida

Deposits are now being accepted—the deadline is **Tuesday, September 13th**. If you are not on the Youth Ministry distribution list, send your email address to jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org. More information may be found at www.heartworkcamp.com. Visit the Catholic HEART Workcamp Facebook page and look at the albums for Philadelphia 2016 and St. Louis 2016 to see pictures of this year's camps attended by St. Louis Youth Ministry.

ROSARY MAKERS GUILD

Members of the Rosary Makers Guild are reminded of the monthly meeting on **Tuesday, August 30th** at 2pm in the Clunan Center. All parishioners are invited.

A ROSARY FOR OUR WORLD

The monthly Rosary for our World will take place **Thursday, September 1st** at 7pm in the Church. All are welcome to join us. Contact Susan Smith at 755-9447.

R.C.I.A.

R.C.I.A. is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. This program is designed to help non-Catholics learn about the Catholic faith. Meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings. First class is **Tuesday, September 6th** at 7pm. There will be an inquiry session on **Tuesday, August 30th**. If you are interested in learning about the Catholic faith or if you are interested in helping someone who is pursuing the faith, contact Deacon Jeff Drzycimski at 682-6606 or deaconjeff@thecatholiccafe.com or Anna Shelton at anna.shelton@stlouis.cdom.org.

ST. LOUIS STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR DUKE TIP PROGRAM

The following 7th grade students have qualified to participate in the 2016-2017 Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP). These students scored at or above the 95th percentile in at least one of the subtests of the ITBS or the CogAT, which is administered each spring.

Congratulations to the following students:

Caroline Baker	William Polzin
William Brooks	John Michael Posey
Auden Brummer	Jameson Pugh
Fontana Cary	Michael Ross
Anthony Cestaro	Sophie Spencer
Hadley Donaldson	Madeline Tonole
Johnny Drouillard	Connor Whittington
Jane Fracchia	Jacob Wildman
Alex Grusin	Thomas Wilson
Jake Herbison	Maggie Wood
Michael Novarese	Cam Yergeau

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th, Friends of the Poor WALK/RUN. 9th Annual St. Vincent de Paul of Memphis at CBHS Tom Nix Stadium. Register at Friends of the Poor Walk. Every dollar raised provides two lunches.

SVDP welcomes all to our next meeting **Tuesday, September 6th** at 6pm in the Clunan Center Meeting Room. If you are unable to attend and want information on St. Louis SVDP, please call 755-8213.

LOUISIANA FLOODING HELP

People in the Baton Rouge and Lafayette dioceses have been badly hurt by flood waters in recent weeks. Many parishes, dioceses and Catholic agencies are responding and will continue to respond to the dire needs of flood victims, many of whom have lost everything. If you would like to help by donating directly through their dioceses, go to Baton Rouge's diocesan website at <http://www.diobr.org/> and Lafayette's diocesan website at <http://diolaf.org/>.