

## Good News

### Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Mary Katharine Deeley*

A preacher at a prayer service read the story of the Prodigal Son. The story was so familiar, I tuned out until he reached the part about the reaction of the elder son complaining about his brother's treatment. The preacher continued, "So the father responded, 'You are absolutely right: Let's send him away again.'" The congregation looked startled as this unfamiliar version rang in our ears. The preacher said, "That's the way I always thought the story should have gone." He continued to reflect on the passage and our all-too-human reaction to a father who seems to spoil his youngest kid rotten. The more he talked, the more I realized that there is a little of the eldest son in all of us. We want to be rewarded and we want those who are wrong to be punished.

I think today's Exodus account is written from that perspective. God, as we understand him, wants to strike down all those who made the golden calf—and rightfully so. But Moses reminds God of his promise to Abraham, a memory of love so powerful that God cannot destroy his children regardless of his anger. We don't see how the Prodigal's father responded when his younger son first left. Maybe he was angry or disappointed as we might have been. Rather, we do see that his love was so powerful, the son is welcomed back and falls to his knees in relief and contrition.

"It's pure grace that the father didn't react as we might have," said the preacher, "Thank God." And he read the rest of the passage as it had been written.

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## Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Eugenia Gattas
	9:00	+Jean Donati & +Jeanne Fisher
	10:30	Parish
	12:00	+Sissy & +Bill Trigg
	6:00	+Bud Hisky
Mon.	6:15	Special Intention for Deidre Dudley
	8:15	+Tony Tavoleti & Katherine Joyce
	12:00	+Eugenia Gattas
Tues.	6:15	Special Intention for Mary Ann Cremerius
	8:15	+Pete Costello & Jan Glazer
	12:00	+Iris Carmel da Lomba
Wed.	6:15	+Bud Hisky & Special Intention for the Toning Family
	8:15	+Mrs. Margaret Conway & +Walter Joyce
	12:00	+Teresa Lucchesi Bounds
Thurs.	6:15	+Margie Ryan
	8:15	+Eugenia Gattas
	12:00	+Ed Crenshaw & Special Intention for Devanie Cooper
Fri	6:15	+Bill Keefe
	8:15	+Jean Donati & Special Intention for Christian James
	12:00	+Cathie Kirk
Sat.	6:15	+Genevieve Riley & +Will Nelson
	8:15	+Margie Ryan & Special Intention for Connie & Vince Smith
	4:30	+Dan Canale

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jean Garbarini+Sophie Wetick+Jim Clark+Archbishop Peter Sartain+Peggy Steffan+Reba David+Dr. Tucker Larkin+Frances Ricossa+Deacon Ralph Donati+Mary Harlow+Frances Crenshaw+Michael Harig+Juanita Moore.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Lisa Mills+Josephine Hardebeck+Elizabeth Mays Haines+Rose Jacob+Clayton Poole.

## 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.

# September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016—Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

St. Louis Parish is planning to publish a new pictorial directory through Lifetouch. It has been 10 years since we last published a pictorial directory. Reserve your appointment time by clicking the link on [stlouischurchmphs.org](http://stlouischurchmphs.org) or call 866-756-0281. Each family that comes in for photography and portrait viewing at the church will receive a complimentary directory and 8x10 custom color portrait. You will be able to view and select your portraits electronically from a variety of poses. Additional Lifetouch portraits will be available for purchase. Your entire appointment will normally take less than one hour. This is an excellent opportunity for family portraits which will be ready before Christmas.

## HOME & SCHOOL/ALTAR GUILD SOCIAL

All ladies of the parish (school and church) are invited to a social evening at 6:30pm on **Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** in the Clunan Center. Come and enjoy a fun evening and learn about the Home and School Association which supports our school and the Altar Guild which supports our parish. Our goal is to facilitate a bond between the women of our parish as we join together in fellowship, prayer and service to our school and church community. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/SLCGuild> to sign up to bring an appetizer or beverage.



## FEED MY FLOCK SIGNUP ONLINE

Signup at [www.feedmyflock.net](http://www.feedmyflock.net). Feed My Flock is a parish-wide food packaging event and will be held on **Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. Over 700 volunteers come together to package meals for the hungry. Our goal is to package 150,000 meals! If you have questions, call Mary Margaret Koch at 219-4617.

## ST. ANGELA MINISTRY

Our first meeting of the year will be **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** from 4-5:30pm in the gym. Please RSVP by emailing [susanandchrisholliday@yahoo.com](mailto:susanandchrisholliday@yahoo.com) or calling 604-2214.

## QUEEN OF PEACE

Rosary, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration begin at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** at St. Louis Church. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m.

## SECOND COLLECTION FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

There will be a second collection for the St. Louis chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society on **Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you to all St. Louis Parishioners for your support of the Walk for the Poor on September 10. Although the Walk is over, we need your support year round as we try to help the less fortunate in our great city. Feel free to write us a check any time. You can write the check to St. Louis Church SVDP and receive credit in your yearly donations. We appreciate your weekly food donations that we pass out to the poor as we make home visits. Our food pantry can use protein items like tuna fish, canned chicken, and meat. God bless!



## 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 2am (shared time) and 5pm slots on Fridays, 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.

## 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.

## THURSDAY ALTAR WORKERS

Could you spare an hour every once in a while to help clean the Lord's house? We would love for you to help in assisting with light cleaning of the altar on Thursdays after 8:15am Mass. Meet other ladies and work for about an hour. During the school year this usually begins at 9am. Contact Elizabeth Orians at 413-2718 or email her at [ejorians@gmail.com](mailto:ejorians@gmail.com). You can visit <http://tinyurl.com/SLCAltar> to sign up online.

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CONFESSIONS

Fr. Elias Bisong will be available for Jubilee Year of Mercy Confessions on **Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** from 11am-12pm. Stop by on your way to lunch.

### 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](mailto:ray@johnson.org) or text/call 704-281-4575.

### MEN'S CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

The St. Louis Men's Club Golf Tournament will be held on **Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** 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 12<sup>th</sup>** by emailing Stephen Gaia at [sgaia@allcovered.com](mailto:sgaia@allcovered.com).



### Banns of Marriage

Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for **Erica Smith** and **Bob Smith** and for **Leni Signey** and **Michael Pagara**.

### ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray for the generous volunteers of the St. Vincent de Paul Society who strive to help the poor.

### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Amos 8:4-7
Psalm	Psalm 113
Second Reading	1 Timothy 2:1-8
Gospel	Luke 16:1-13

### 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.

### 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.

### OFFERTORY REPORT

Week of September 4, 2016

Total collection	<b>\$34,407</b>
Envelopes	\$27,239
Electronic	\$6,057
Loose	\$1,111
Budget requirements	\$40,385
Total registered families	<b>1,730</b>
Donated by envelopes	352 families
Donated electronically	80 families
Non-participants	1,298 families
25% of families participated . . . 75% <b>did not</b>	

### FAITH MAGAZINE

In the diocese's print publication, Faith West Tennessee, you will read about local Catholics who put their faith in action. For \$18 a year (\$1.50 per month) the magazine will help you to explore your faith and to evangelize. Donations over \$18 help to cover working costs of the Memphis Diocese's website ([www.cdom.org](http://www.cdom.org)), weekly online news in the West Tennessee Catholic, the diocesan calendar and Facebook – always with free access for you.

### LOUISIANA FLOODING HELP

People in the Baton Rouge and Lafayette dioceses have been badly hurt by flood waters in recent weeks. St. Louis Parish will have a second collection **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**. 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/>.

## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS



The Health and Wellness Ministry will be doing free Blood Pressure screenings following 4:30pm Mass on **Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** and from 8:30am-12pm on **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish Social Ministry Office.



## ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Apply for enrollment by calling the school office at 255-1900 or apply online at [www.stlouismemphis.org](http://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-8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## NEW ST. LOUIS YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Megan Buscher will be available after all Masses **Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** to provide information about the new Young Adults Group being formed. If you are between the ages of 18-35 and want to be more involved with church activities but don't know where start, look no further! This group will be tailored to the hot topics that surround us daily, look forward to diverse conversations and new insights on church teachings. Sign up now to be a part of the Leadership team or to be a part of the group. Please feel free to contact Megan at [meganbuscher@ymail.com](mailto:meganbuscher@ymail.com) or at 497-2237.

## BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING

Are you being called to help others who have lost a loved one? Has someone been there for you when you went through the grieving and mourning process? St. Louis Parish is seeking a volunteer coordinator to lead our Bereavement Ministry to provide comfort to those experiencing loss. Training will be held on **Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 8:30am-4:45pm at St. Louis. All candidates must have pastor approval. Deadline for registration is **Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**.

## MINISTRY TO THE SICK

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).

# YOUTH NEWS

## YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF MEETINGS



The 2016-2017 Kick-Off meetings for Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will be **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** 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 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). To be added to the email distribution list, email Hannah Zaleski at [Hannah.zaleski@stlouis.cdom.org](mailto: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 interested in helping with youth group, email Hannah Zaleski at [Hannah.zaleski@stlouis.cdom.org](mailto:Hannah.zaleski@stlouis.cdom.org). It is an amazing opportunity to share and practice your faith.

## ST. LOUIS YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER 2017 MISSION TRIPS

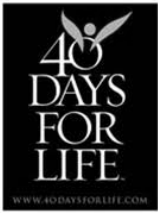
*Save the Dates:* It's time to announce our eleventh annual Catholic HEART Workcamp mission trip dates and *tentative* locations:

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

Deposits are now being accepted—the deadline is **Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**. If you are not on the Youth Ministry distribution list, send your email address to [jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org](mailto:jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org). More information may be found at [www.heartworkcamp.com](http://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.

## 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 at 7pm. It is not too late to join. If you are interested in learning about the Catholic faith or if you are interested in helping someone who is pursuing the faith, please contact Deacon Jeff Drzycimski at 682-6606 or [deaconjeff@thecatholiccafe.com](mailto:deaconjeff@thecatholiccafe.com) or Anna Shelton at [anna.shelton@stlouis.cdom.org](mailto:anna.shelton@stlouis.cdom.org).



## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Fall campaign for 40 Days for Life will begin **Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** and continue through **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**. This is an international prayer, fasting and peaceful prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood's facility at 2430

Poplar. This is the 17<sup>th</sup> campaign that Memphis has participated since the inception of this Life giving ministry. Come learn that YOU can make a difference by your presence and prayer. Our Lord only asks us to show up and be His voice and hands for those who CANNOT speak for themselves. Many Catholics and other dedicated Christians have seen the fruits of our efforts. Since 2007, 11,796 souls have been saved, 133 workers have left the industry of death, 74 abortion mills have closed forever. And 636 cities and 36 nations will participate this Fall. Won't you be a part of the largest pro-life event in history!? We must continue to witness to the community promoting the sanctity of human life. We need you! To sign up call 730-6279 or [www.40daysforlife.com/Memphis](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Memphis) or call St. Louis parishioner, Libby Parks at 355-8546. We will be praying from 6am until 6pm daily.

## ST. BENEDICT 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE VISIT DAY

Growing in Faith—Elevated by Excellence, Come see for yourself! St. Benedict High School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Visit Day for St. Louis School and Parish 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be held on **Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** starting at 9am. Reservations required at [sbaeagles.org/visitsba](http://sbaeagles.org/visitsba) or 260-2840.

## SAINT AGNES ACADEMY

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and parents interested in St. Agnes Academy for high school placement are welcome to Blue & White Spotlight Night on **Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** from 4pm to 7pm at St. Agnes Academy. Come to campus and receive a free guest pass to watch a home game of soccer or volleyball, watch our Drama Department perfecting "High School Musical", see an Art show and live AP Art class demonstration and take part in a STEM experiment. RSVP not required, but questions are welcome! Email [jmoore@saa-sds.org](mailto:jmoore@saa-sds.org). In addition, the annual 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Preview Morning for 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls is **Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** from 8:45am-12pm and consists of faculty and student presentations, guided tours and lunch. Parents are also welcome. An RSVP to the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Preview Morning is required (by October 19<sup>th</sup>): please email [jmoore@saa-sds.org](mailto:jmoore@saa-sds.org). Email [jmoore@saa-sds.org](mailto:jmoore@saa-sds.org) with any high school admission questions or visit [saa-sds.org](http://saa-sds.org), (select the tab "Admission", then "High School").

## PRE CLASSES

It is not too late to register for Parish Religious Education classes for children in grades K-8 who do not attend Catholic schools. The 1<sup>st</sup> day of PRE class is **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**. For registration information, contact Anna Shelton at 255-1952 or [anna.shelton@stlouis.cdom.org](mailto:anna.shelton@stlouis.cdom.org).

## GLORY CONFERENCE

### Memphis' Biggest 20s & 30s

### Event Yet is coming

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**! The Office of Catholic Campus & Young



CATHOLIC  
YOUNG ADULTS  
MEMPHIS

Adult Ministry is hosting the Glory Conference, **September 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>** at St. Louis Catholic Church. The glory of God is the human being fully alive. That is what this conference reminds us. Through prayerful liturgy, great music, great art, insightful talks, food and fellowship, we will celebrate what is true, beautiful and good! Friday Night Concert Performer: Alanna-Marie Boudreau. Praise and Worship Leader: PJ Anderson. Speaker: Joan Watson. Master of Ceremonies: Jimmy Mitchell. For tickets and more information, go to [www.gloryconferencememphis.com](http://www.gloryconferencememphis.com).

## PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. DEXTER

Anniversary Pilgrimage to Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Saragoza, and Lourdes, **April 18-28, 2017** with Fr. Dexter Noblefranca. \$3836 plus \$160 taxes include air, lodging, and 2 meals a day with wine served at dinner, and all admission fees. Early reservations are needed, as seats are limited. Brochures are in the office or contact Jeannie Presley for more information at 335-4563.



## ST. THERESE RAVIOLI/SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Therese will hold a Ravioli/Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** from 11am-2pm at St. Therese Church. Ravioli plate is \$8, spaghetti plate is \$6, and combination plate is \$8. Free spaghetti for children under 5 years old.

## DENEUVILLE LEARNING CENTER

DeNeuville Learning Center will host its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Classic on **Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Links at Galloway.

Registration begins at 12pm with shotgun start at 1pm. For information, call 726-5902, ext. 221 or email [lbramlett@deneuvillecenter.org](mailto:lbramlett@deneuvillecenter.org).



## ROSARY MAKERS GUILD

The St. Louis Rosary Guild is happy to take special requests for custom rosaries. Call the church office at 682-6606 and the Rosary Guild will contact you.