

Good News

The Epiphany of the Lord

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An amazing thing happens in today's Gospel: Representatives from the farthest ends of the earth follow a heavenly light and end in the humble cave of Bethlehem. The Wise Men first consult with King Herod, Galilee's civil authority. He checks with the high priest and rabbis to determine when and where the Messiah is to be born. The Jewish leadership is able to read the Scriptures and give Herod and the Wise Men all the information they need. Yet only the Eastern travelers go to adore the Lord. The priest and lawyers lack faith to see in those Scriptures a fulfillment of their hopes, while King Herod is blinded to Christ's salvific mission and moved by a will to power, as the killing of the Innocents will make clear. They all have ears to hear and eyes to see but few pay heed to the signs of the times.

The Wise Men from the East, merely following their study of the stars and asking help from others, travel months in search of Jesus. Raphael shows the moment when they finally find what they have been looking for. The band of travelers—complete with horses, guards, and royalty—arrives at a broken-down stall. One of the Wise Men kneels, removes his crown, and offers Jesus his treasure. This small gesture shows an internal attitude that Herod and the chief priests were missing: the humility to lay aside power, wealth, and status to bend the knee before the king born in their midst.

For Reflection

Am I willing to humbly accept Jesus for who he is: the Son of God? From what must I detach myself in order to accept Jesus more fully?

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Sid Kraker
	9:00	+Tom Kavanagh
	10:30	+Anna Pechak
	12:00	Parish
	6:00	+Katherine Joyce
Mon.	6:15	+Catherine Joyce
	8:15	Members of the DeSouza Family
	12:00	+Louis Proctor
Tues.	6:15	+Doug Grokulsky
	8:15	+Walter Joyce
	12:00	+Anna Pechak
Wed.	6:15	+Katherine Joyce
	8:15	+Don Jordan
	12:00	+Ella Perkins Dudley
Thurs.	6:15	Special Intention for Charlie Bargiachi
	8:15	+Harry Gaffney
	12:00	+Ed Crenshaw
Fri	6:15	+Walter Joyce
	8:15	+Cathie Kirk
	12:00	+Michael Dorian
Sat.	6:15	Special Intention for Rita Linder
	8:15	+D.T. Capote
	4:30	Special Intention for John & Kathleen Pender & +Robert Reinoehl

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jean Garbarini+Archbishop Peter Sartain+Peggy Steffan+Dr. Tucker Larkin+Deacon Ralph Donati+Bob Mader+Sarah Ward+Ann Berry+Joyce West+ Forrest Jenkins+Annelle Saig+Terry Williams+Chris Smith+Juanita Moore.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Joyce Wilhelm+Tom James+David Nettleton+Anna McArthur+Victor Buchholz, Sr.+Linda Quarles.

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.

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CONGRATULATIONS FR. SAJI ELLICKAL

Fr. Saji Ellickal celebrated the 16th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on **Tuesday, December 27th**. A reception hosted by the Altar Guild will be held in his honor on **Wednesday, January 11th** following 8:15am Mass.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



Photography will resume in January on our Parish Family Album. **January dates are now available!** We are publishing a new pictorial directory through Lifetouch. Reserve your appointment time by clicking the link

on stlouischurchmphis.org or call 866-756-0281. Each family will receive a complimentary directory and 8x10 custom color portrait.

BONUS: Bring in a non-perishable food item for our St. Vincent de Paul Society and receive a \$5 coupon off of your Lifetouch portrait order.

ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Apply for enrollment by calling the school office at 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. Check our website for a 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.

MARDI GRAS DINNER & PARADE



The St. Louis Men's Club will sponsor the annual Mardi Gras Dinner and Parade on **Saturday, February 18th**. The theme will be "Presidents" and "We are Family". This is a fun family evening with great Louisiana-themed food prepared by the Men's Club.

Dinner is followed by a float parade around the parking lot. All groups of parish organizations, supper clubs, neighborhood friends and others are encouraged to decorate a trailer or truck bed and participate. Email Greg Crone for information at croneg@bellsouth.net.

MEN'S CLUB RETREAT

The Men's Club Retreat will be held on **February 10th-12th** in Cullman, AL. Speaker is Msgr. Val Handwerker. Visit www.tinyurl.com/SLCMC2017 to reserve your room.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING NEW DATE & SPEAKER!



The Men's Club Meeting originally scheduled for Sunday, January 8th has been rescheduled to **Sunday, February 19th**. Mike Norvell, Head Coach of the University of Memphis Tigers Football Team, will be our special guest speaker. The meeting will begin at 7pm in the Clunan Center. Dinner and beverages will be provided. All men of the parish are welcome.

FLEUR DE LIS

Happy New Year everyone! Our first gathering for 2017 will be a luncheon on **Thursday, January 26th**. We will meet in the Clunan Center after the 12pm Mass. Leonard's will cater a Pot Roast Dinner. No hors d'oeuvres. Our wonderful hostesses will be bringing dessert instead! We'll play bingo after we eat. We should be able to leave the parking lot before the school pick up line starts forming! Cost is \$10 per person.

LEBONHEUR MINISTRY

I hope that 2017 brings much happiness and many blessings to each of you this year! I have updated the sign up genius and added items for the next few lunches. Please take a minute to check the dates and menu items and volunteer. The web address is: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948afae2c7-parish>. Please call Cathy Freres at 685-1934 if you have any questions.

ROOM IN THE INN



St. Louis Parish is participating in Room in the Inn Memphis. In partnership with Colonial Cumberland Presbyterian Church (1500 S. Perkins Rd.) we will feed, shelter and provide fellowship to 12-14 homeless men and women on our scheduled nights. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/SLCRITI> to volunteer. We also welcome financial donations, as well as new underwear for men and women. Call Pam Scarbrough at 763-0295 or Ann Drennan at 674-2117.

SERRA CLUB HOLY HOUR

The Serra Club of Memphis will hold its monthly Holy Hour on **Thursday, January 12th** at 7pm at St. Louis Church. Deacon Bill Davis will be the president and will speak on the Parable of the Pencil. *Don't miss it!* The Holy Hour is dedicated to praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Clunan Center Meeting Room, there will be a Baptismal Preparation Class. Parents planning to have a child baptized are expected to attend one of these sessions. Contact the church office at 682-6606 to register.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will meet on **Sunday, January 22nd**. Junior High will meet from 4:30-5:45 pm and Senior High Youth Group will meet from 7-9pm. 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 and on Instagram at st.louis_youth_ministry.



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Even though the Year of Mercy has ended, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will continue every Friday at 2:30pm in the Church. All are welcome.

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 4am slot on Mondays, 1am slot on Tuesdays, the 2am (shared time) and 5pm slots on Fridays, the 9pm slot on the 1st and 2nd Saturdays of each month and the 10am, 4pm and 10pm slots on Sundays.**

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

SAVE THE DATE: WMOS

Women's Morning of Spirituality will be held on **Saturday February 25th** at the Church of the Incarnation from 8:15am-1:30pm with a Continental Breakfast beginning at 7:15am. Keynote Speaker is Reneé Hendrix. Witness Speaker is Kelli Williams. Music with Bethany and Kevin Paige. Register at www.womensmorning.com.

Banns of Marriage

Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for **Dory Sellers** and **Greg Gaston**.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray for everyone who is cold, homeless or has no heat. Guide them to shelter, food and the warmth of God's love.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Psalm	Psalm 40
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel	John 1:29-34

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 and Capt. Jay Schaffler.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Week of December 25, 2016

Total collection	\$121,442
Envelopes	109,640
Electronic	5,249
Loose	6,553
Budget requirements	40,385
Total registered families	1,805
Donated by envelopes	485 families
Donated electronically	79 families
Non-participants	1,241 families
32% of families participated . . . 68% did not	

CBHS 16th ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT EVENT

Please join CBHS and Br. Ignatius Brown, **Saturday, February 4th** at 6pm, for an evening of fun, laughter, and mental challenge! Proceeds benefit the tuition assistance program. Door prizes will be given throughout the evening and prizes will be awarded to winning teams. Contact Gina and Stuart McCown at stuartgina@comcast.net or you can download the registration form at www.cbhs.org under the "SUPPORTCBHS" tab. You'll find all the details on the registration form. Everyone has a great time at Trivia Night...don't miss it!



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

The Health and Wellness Ministry will be doing free Blood Pressure screenings following 4:30pm Mass on **Saturday, January 7th** and from 8:30am-12pm on **Sunday, January 8th** in the Parish Social Ministry Office.



CONFIRMATION PARENTS MEETING

A mandatory meeting for parents of children being confirmed will be held in the Church on **Saturday, January 28th** at 10am. It is most important that one parent from each family is in attendance.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PRE and Sunday School will not meet on **Sunday, January 15th** due to Martin Luther, King, Jr. Holiday.

THE DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Married couples throughout the Diocese celebrating 25, 50 and 50 plus years of marriage in 2017 and their guests are invited to attend the Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries on **Saturday, February 4th** at 10am at St. Louis Church. Celebrant will be His Excellency, Most Reverend Martin D. Holley, D.D. Reception to follow at the Clunan Center. For more information, contact the Office of Pastoral Life at 373-1237 or register online under events.

ITALIAN WINTERFEST

Tickets are now on sale for the 7th Annual Italian Winterfest to be held **Sunday, January 15th** at the Racquet Club of Memphis at 5pm. Cuisine from 15 restaurants. Wine and soft drinks. Italian tableside music and dancing to all the greats! Bishop Emeritus Terry Steib and Mayor Jim Strickland will be honored. Tickets are \$50 per person and \$500 per table for 10. To reserve, contact Lisa Bell at 405-3791 or Janet Donato at 373-1221.



MINISTRY TO THE SICK NEW MINISTER TRAINING

Ministry to the Sick Training will be held on **Saturday, January 21st** from 8:30am-1pm at the Catholic Center. This training is designed to provide new ministers with the basic tools that will be helpful in their ministry. Candidates are required to send a completed registration form signed by the pastor or representative by **Wednesday, January 18th**. Registration forms are available in the parish office or at www.cdom.org. For more information call the Office of Pastoral Life Ministries at 373-1237 or email alma.abuelouf@cc.cdom.org.

PARISH CENSUS INFORMATION

In order to keep our parish rolls accurate, please notify Anna Shelton at anna.shelton@stlouis.cdom.org of any change of name, address, telephone number, or added family members. If you are not receiving your church envelopes or Faith magazine, let Anna know.

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 (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.

JOIN THE CHOIR!

Contact Ray Mullins at

rmullins@stlouismemphis.org



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.

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 help to cover working costs of the Memphis Diocese's website (www.cdom.org), weekly online news in the West Tennessee Catholic, the diocesan calendar and Facebook – always with free access for you.

NURSERY & CRY ROOM

Children are always welcome at St. Louis Catholic Church. 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. Teenagers who have completed the Red Cross Babysitting Certification Course assist staff members.