

## Good News

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Fr. Mark Haydu, LC*

This fresco by Perugino, Michelangelo's art teacher, is found on the wall of the Sistine Chapel. Like the other frescoes in this sacred space, this panel contains multiple scenes. The central scene is the baptism of Jesus. The viewer clearly sees Jesus standing in the water, with John the Baptist next to him, pouring water over his head.

God the Father is above, ready to declare that this is his beloved Son. The Holy Spirit comes down upon Jesus in the form of a dove. It was the Spirit who helped John know that this was the Messiah, the one sent by God to baptize with the Holy Spirit.

After his baptism, Jesus is sent out to preach and teach. The fresco reveals that Perugino has read his Bible: the scene to the right Jesus is shown preaching to the multitudes. John the Baptist's mission changes, too. He goes from preparing for the coming of the Messiah to following and testifying about him. This is what the baptized do: the new life we are given calls and strengthens us to offer that new life to others.

At our baptism, we were sanctified, forgiven our sins, incorporated into the body of Christ, and given a mission to share this baptism with others. In fact, the last words of Jesus before his ascension were, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20).

#### *For Reflection*

How willing am I to share about Jesus and what he means to me? Do I have family or friends in doubt about baptizing their child? How can I kindly encourage them?

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## Masses

Sun.	7:30	Parish
	9:00	+Myrtle Kelly
	10:30	+Sid Kraker
	12:00	+Clayton Poole
	6:00	+June Green
Mon.	6:15	+James & +Yanna Kimbrough
	8:15	+Janet Leach Richards
	12:00	+Lewis Proctor
Tues.	6:15	+Wick Andrews
	8:15	+Sid Kraker
	12:00	+Mary Lou Walpole & +Dr. John Nash
Wed.	6:15	+Eddie Mack Gorman
	8:15	+Jeri Buchanan
	12:00	+Walter Chiles
Thurs.	6:15	+Anna McArthur
	8:15	+Katherine Joyce & +Lucille Lane
	12:00	+Katie McDowell
Fri	6:15	Special Intention for the Mens' Cursillo Reunion
	8:15	+Anna Pechak
	12:00	+Lewis Proctor
Sat.	6:15	+Betty Krupicka
	8:15	+Raymundo Lopez
	4:30	+Jim Bedwell & Special Intention for Tony Maranise

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+Tress Nellis+Carolyn Read+Chali Jennings+Frank Cortese.

## 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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## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



Photography has resumed 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](http://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.

## MARDI GRAS DINNER & PARADE

The St. Louis Men's Club will sponsor the annual Mardi Gras Dinner and Parade on **Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:croneg@bellsouth.net).



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



Thanks to you, our generous parishioners, and your donations, SVDP was able to help in December—6 families with rent, 9 families with utilities, \$625 worth of grocery food coupons to assist families, and fresh produce we bought to distribute at the Holy Names soup kitchen. We spent \$5,873 this month. In addition, SVDP distributed food baskets with turkeys and chickens to around 20+ families at Christmas and Thanksgiving. St Louis School and parishioners provided a wonderful Christmas to 19 SVDP different families (with children) in need with gifts, food, etc and all were most appreciative of the generosity of our church! Please continue to donate to SVDP. We also take food boxes on all client home visits so food donations are always needed. We can especially use soup, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, peanut butter, cereal, tuna or any canned meat.

## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be held every Friday at 2:30pm in the Church. All are welcome.

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a second collection on **Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** and **Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** for the Church in Latin America.

## MEN'S CLUB RETREAT

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

## MEN'S CLUB MEETING SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

The Men's Club Meeting originally scheduled for Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled to **Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**. 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 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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. Please call Cathy or Fred at 685-1934 to make a reservation by **Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

## LEBONHEUR MINISTRY

The sign up genius is updated with added items for the next few lunches. Please 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.

## LIFE BLOOD

LifeBlood will be at St. Louis on **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** from 8am-2pm in the Clunan Center. Every 3 minutes someone needs a life-sustaining blood transfusion. Blood donors must meet state age-eligibility requirements, weigh at least 115 pounds, be generally healthy, and provide picture ID. Contact [kmcates@comcast.net](mailto:kmcates@comcast.net). It is not required to sign up in advance. It is wise to eat prior to donation.



### 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.

### 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. Check our website for a 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.



### YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS



Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will meet on **Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**. 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](http://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.

### 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 4am slot on Mondays, 1am slot on Tuesdays, the 2am (shared time) 3pm and 5pm slots on Fridays, the 9pm slot on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org) or call 255-1954.

### FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the altar are from the wedding of **Dory Sellers and Greg Gaston**.

### ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray for those who are facing illness and pain and for their caregivers that they will receive comfort and peace.

### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading      Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
Psalm                Psalm 27  
Second Reading    1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17  
Gospel                Matthew 4:12-23

### 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 and Capt. Jay Schaffler.

### OFFERTORY REPORT

Week of January 1, 2017

Total collection	<b>\$63,232</b>
Envelopes	\$47,502
Electronic	\$14,934
Loose	\$796
Budget requirements	40,385
Total registered families	<b>1,805</b>
Donated by envelopes	355 families
Donated electronically	125 families
Non-participants	1,325 families
27% of families participated . . . <b>73% did not</b>	

Week of January 8, 2017

Total collection	<b>\$40,615</b>
Envelopes	\$28,834
Electronic	\$10,042
Loose	\$1,739
Budget requirements	40,385
Total registered families	<b>1,805</b>
Donated by envelopes	415 families
Donated electronically	99 families
Non-participants	1,294 families
28% of families participated . . . <b>72% did not</b>	

### SAVE THE DATE: WMOS

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