

Good News

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

We began the Church year with the foundations of our Christian life. We focused on our baptismal call to preach the word of God. Now we focus on the call of the first apostles.

Today's painting is again from the Sistine Chapel, where Ghirlandaio based this scene on today's Gospel. The Sea of Galilee spreads out behind Jesus, who is once again front and center. Several towns line the shore and remind us of Capernaum, where Jesus lived and near where he called his first followers.

Two apostles kneel in front of Jesus; another pair stand behind him. Their gestures and postures reveal their interior attitudes. One apostle crosses his arms in acceptance while another prayerfully looks up at Jesus. The third apostle, behind Jesus, has his hand at his chest as if to say, "Are you sure you want me?" The fourth seems to look away. Many others surround Jesus, but not all of them are called to be apostles.

The call of Jesus is real. He may not ask us to leave behind our business or family, but he does ask for the same totality of trust and following. The result of fully saying "yes" to this call is what the first reading proclaims: "You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing; They rejoice before you as people rejoice at harvest..." (Isaiah 9:2). The "joy of the gospel" that Pope Francis proclaimed in his 2013 apostolic exhortation is exactly this: that joy that comes from a sincere and generous "yes" to Jesus' call to be a disciple.

For Reflection

Jesus asks us to leave all and put him first. How can I do that better this week?

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Walter Joyce
	9:00	+Clayton Poole
	10:30	+Sid Kraker & +Alex Migliara
	12:00	+Alicia Maria Moreno
	6:00	Parish
Mon.	6:15	Special Intention for Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Collett
	8:15	+Jimmy Beines
	12:00	+Lewis Proctor
Tues.	6:15	+Hugh Walsh
	8:15	+Joyce Wilhelm & Special Intention for Catherine Riley
	12:00	+Sid Kraker
Wed.	6:15	+Special Intention for Mary Riley
	8:15	+Tommy Joe Costello
	12:00	Special Intention for Pepper & Marilyn Allen
Thurs.	6:15	+Louise Luttrell
	8:15	Special Intention for Dr. Vincent Smith
	12:00	+Amelia Robinson & Special Intention for Dr. Charles Larkin
Fri	6:15	Special Intention for the Gilliland Family
	8:15	+Emilia Lopez and +Montello Gorman
	12:00	+Jean Donati & Tommy Taylor
Sat.	6:15	+Leonora Buchignani
	8:15	+Clayton Poole
	4:30	Special Intention for John and Kathleen Pender

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jean Garbarini+Archbishop Peter Sartain+Peggy Steffan+Dr. Tucker Larkin+Bob Mader+Sarah Ward+Ann Berry+Joyce West+Annelle Saig+Terry Williams+Chris Smith+Juanita Moore+Tress Nellis+Carolyn Read+Chali Jenning+Frank Cortese+John Daniel Goodspeed+Charlotte O'Shaughnessy.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Sarah Spiotta Peppel and Jeanette Platt.

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.

January 22, 2017—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. LOUIS PARISH 60th ANNIVERSARY

SAVE THE DATES!



Sunday, March 12th-Wednesday,

March 15th: We will have a parish mission. Msgr. Al Kirk will speak at some weekend Masses. We will have 2 sessions daily Monday-Wednesday

10am and 6:30pm. The mornings will be for those who can't get out at night. Let's make this Lent the best ever.

Saturday, April 22nd:

Party to celebrate 60 years. We will have 4:30 pm Mass and then a huge reception—drinks, hors d'oeuvres. Let's plan on coming and giving thanks and celebrating.

MARDI GRAS DINNER & PARADE

FLOATS PROVIDED--ALL YOU NEED IS RIDERS!

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".

It is now so easy to ride in the 10th Annual St. Louis Mardi Gras Parade! We will have 2 ready-made trailer floats with a vehicle and driver. The trailer will be outfitted with railings for safety for your riders. All you have to do is decorate. And remember--the Men's Club supplies all the beads and throws! Please contact Greg Crone 359-2893 or croneg@bellsouth.net if you are interested.



FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING



A mandatory meeting for parents of children making their First Communion 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.

SCOUT SUNDAY

Scout Sunday Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, February 5th** at 9am followed by awards and reception in the Clunan Center.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

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

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 SPECIAL GUEST 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. Please call Cathy or Fred at 685-1934 to make a reservation by **Monday, January 23rd**.

LIFE BLOOD

LifeBlood will be at St. Louis on **Sunday, January 29th** 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. It is not required to sign up in advance. It is wise to eat prior to donation.

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.

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) 3pm 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.



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.

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.

Youth Retreats

YOUTH MINISTRY RETREATS

The annual QUEST retreat will be held **Friday, January 27th-Sunday, January 29th** for students in 9th and 10th grades. Cost is \$50.

The third SEARCH retreat of the year will be held **Friday, February 24th-Sunday, February 26th** for students in 11th and 12th grades. Cost is \$60.

The annual VOYAGE retreat will be held **Friday, March 3rd-Sunday, March 5th** for students in 7th and 8th grades. Cost is \$50.

Retreats will be held at Memphis Catholic High School. Registration is required and forms are available at www.stlouisyouth.org. Contact Dianne Dolan at 373-1292 or dianne.dolan@cc.cdom.org.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray for those who are cold, who are homeless or have no heat. Guide them to shelter, food, warmth, and to God's love.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13
Psalm	Psalm 146
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12a

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 15, 2017

Total collection	\$40,090
Envelopes	\$33,438
Electronic	\$4,679
Loose	\$1,973
Budget requirements	40,385
Total registered families	1,805
Donated by envelopes	427 families
Donated electronically	74 families
Non-participants	1,304 families
28% of families participated . . . 72% 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!

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

10th ANNUAL DIVINE MERCY HEALING MASS

Anointing of the Sick, blessings for all, veneration of our 1st Class Relic of St. Faustina and Icon of the Divine Mercy will be held on **Saturday, February 11th** at St. Ann Catholic Church in Bartlett TN. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from 9-10:15am followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet at 10:30am and Liturgy celebrated by Bishop Martin Holley. Reception will follow. Contact Jay Hastings at 438-7772.

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.



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.

CBHS YOUTH LACROSSE PROGRAM

Brothers Lacrosse Club spring season is open to all area boys grades 3-8 who intend to apply for enrollment at CBHS. Fast paced, physical and lots of fun! Limited practices fit into other spring sport schedules. Contact Ken Kimble at kkimble@cbhs.org for more information.

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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



SVDP is very low on our food supply. We take large boxes of food on all our home visits. We are in need of spaghetti sauce, pasta, soup, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna or chicken. Paper products are welcome as well! We already have plenty of canned vegetables. Thank you for your continued generosity!

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2nd and in parishes on the weekend of **Saturday, February 4th and Sunday, February 5th**. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

MARIAN CENACLE & MASS

A Marian Cenacle and Mass with Fr. Laurent Larroque will be held from 12-3pm on **Saturday, January 28th** at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception. Contact Fr. Richard Cortese at 731-668-2596 for information.

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.

INCOME TAX VOLUNTEERS



Catholic Charities of West Tennessee is seeking volunteers to help low income, seniors, veterans, immigrants and our neighbors prepare their 2016 tax returns. Greeters, Screeners and Tax Preparers are needed for 3-6 flexible hours per week mid-February to mid-April. Contact Chris Butson at 722-4730.

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.

STAND FOR LIFE RALLY

Parishioners are invited to attend the 41st Stand for Life Rally, **Sunday, January 22nd** at 1:30pm at Madonna Learning Center. Program includes keynote speaker Rev. Francis Chiawa, who will deliver an address from Bishop Martin David Holley, and more. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Shelby County Chapter, TN Right to Life. For more information, call 692-3424.



ROSARY MAKERS GUILD

Members of the Rosary Makers Guild are reminded of the monthly meeting on **Tuesday, January 24th** at 2pm in the Clunan Center Room A.

All parishioners are invited.

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

ST. PAUL GRADE SCHOOL OFFICE MANAGER



This position will provide clerical and administrative support to the school as directed by the school principal and will act as a liaison between the community, the school, and other internal and external stakeholders. Please send cover letter and resume to: Director of Human Resources, 5825 Shelby Oaks Drive, Memphis, TN 38134.

The Catholic Diocese of Memphis in Tennessee encourages all victims, or parents of minors who are victims, of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon or diocesan employee or agent, to report such abuse by phoning any of the following numbers: Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline (1-877-237-0004) or Shari Lee, Victim Assistance Coordinator (652-4066); or Jim Latta, Office of Professional Responsibility, Child and Youth Protection (359-2027). All reports will be treated in a confidential manner. The Diocese of Memphis offers a program of psychological and spiritual assistance to abused victims in need.

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please email Jan O'Donnell at jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org.



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.



ST. ANNE DINNER DANCE



Everyone is invited to the St. Anne Dinner Dance on **Saturday, January 28th** from 5-10:30pm at St. Anne Church on Highland. Tickets are \$15 per person and include dinner buffet, music and dancing. Bring your friends and join us for a fun evening of food and entertainment. We hope to see you there!

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. If you are interested in learning about the Catholic faith, please contact Deacon Jeff Drzycimski, at 682-6606 or deaconjeff@thecatholiccafe.com or Anna Shelton at anna.shelton@stlouis.cdom.org.



WOW—WOMEN OF THE WORD BIBLE STUDY



Please join us every Tuesday in the Clunan Center Meeting Room to discuss the Gospel of Matthew. We are using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible which can be purchased at St. Paul's Book Store. Meeting time is Tuesdays from 11:30am-12:30pm.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

January is Human Trafficking Awareness month. Learn about human trafficking in the United States and particularly in West Tennessee by visiting the website US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org).

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.