

Good News

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Saint Paul says he came to the Corinthians in weakness and that he didn't use eloquent or persuasive words; rather he evangelized them in humility and with signs of the power of God. He doesn't claim to be a powerful or influential preacher. He was a humble and convinced apostle; thus, it was the power of God at work in him.

This doesn't mean he didn't make the best case possible for the faith. On the contrary, we are all called to profess and witness to the truth and to develop and use all our gifts and talents. Paul is simply stating that what is most important is that we remain open to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within us and maintain our confidence in God and not in our own qualities or abilities.

If we are humble servants of the truth, then God's power will be shown. Isaiah prophesies that if we live charity in a real way—offering food to hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked—then our light will shine strongest. Not only that, but our own personal wounds, whatever they are, will be healed. Truly, loving others is the best way to heal our own soul.

Isaiah proclaims further that if we live this way, God will have our backs. In biblical terms, "the glory of the Lord shall be [our] rear guard." The Lord will be a soldier who walks behind us, covers our blind spots, curtails our weaknesses, and protects and defends us. If God is for us, who can be against us? Let your light shine!

For Reflection

How do I live out God's love at home? In my workplace? In public? How can my light shine even brighter this week?

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	Special Intention for Frances Brett
	9:00	+Myrtle Kelly & + Rita Bertasi
	10:30	+Sid Kraker & +Victor Buchholz, Sr.
	12:00	+David Nettleton
	6:00	Confraternity of Suffering Souls
Mon.	6:15	+Sid Kraker
	8:15	+Billy Sparrenberger
	12:00	+Don Jordan & Special Intention for Susan Mellen
Tues.	6:15	+Mary Borger
	8:15	+Thomas James
	12:00	+Mary Borger & Special Intention for Charles Borger
Wed.	6:15	+Lewis Proctor
	8:15	+Sissy & +Bill Trigg
	12:00	Special Intention for Tom Nix & Sam Barnett
Thurs.	6:15	+Special Intention for Zdzislaw Wasilewski
	8:15	+Sid Kraker & +Walter Joyce
	12:00	+Michael Dorian & +Clarence & +Estelle Johnson
Fri	6:15	+Kay Kraus
	8:15	Special Intention for Eric Coates
	12:00	+Sid Kraker & Special Intention for Dr. Tom Nash
Sat.	6:15	+Pete Lenti
	8:15	+Tommy Taylor
	4:30	+Jim Bedwell & +Betty & +John Meihofer

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jean Garbarini+Archbishop Peter Sartain+Peggy Steffan+Dr. Tucker Larkin+Bob Mader+Sarah Ward+Chris Smith+Juanita Moore+Tress Nellis+John Daniel Goodspeed+Michael Frayser+Fred Ernest+Katie Abart+LuAnn Bosi+Mary Jean Crenshaw+Lisa Barzizza MacCormack+Basil Crone+Gloria Dorian.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Joe Merrill.

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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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.

Wednesday, February 22nd-Saturday, April 22nd: Get ready for 60 days of service in honor of our 60 years. Details coming soon.

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.



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.

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 on **Sunday, February 19th** will feature 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.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

Attention ladies of the parish! The next guild meeting will take place on **Thursday, February 16th** at 6:30pm in the Clunan Center. Msgr. McArthur will speak to us about the upcoming 60th Anniversary Celebration and activities. We encourage all ladies to attend for food and fellowship.

ONLINE AUCTION



The "Cardinal Corral" SLS Online Auction is just around the corner, and you won't want to miss it. Our acquisitions team has been working hard to obtain items from our favorite Memphis businesses. The auction website is www.stlouisauktion.org. Sign on today to receive notification of our upcoming launch, **Thursday February 16th**. Auction boards will close **Thursday, February 23rd**. Please sign on, shop, bid high and bid often!! And don't forget to share the auction website with family, friends, and Facebook friends. To sponsor the online auction, contact Katie Abart at 229-1540 or klyons218@gmail.com. Checks made out to SLS Home and School can be dropped in the church office. The deadline for sponsorships is **Sunday, February 12th**. Your company or family name will be listed on the online auction as well as on the live event program. Please consider joining the list of families and businesses who have donated already. Your support will be appreciated!



RED CROSS BABYSITTER'S TRAINING COURSE

The Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course will be offered on **Saturday, March 4th** from 9am-4pm for ages 11-15 only. There will be 15 available spaces. Sign-Up sheets will be in the church office starting **Saturday, January 28th**. Registration will close **Friday, February 17th**. The cost is \$65. Bring a snack, sack lunch and a drink. Those children interested in working in the Church Nursery must have this training.

FLEUR DE LIS

Our next gathering will be a luncheon on **Thursday, February 23rd**. We will meet in the Clunan Center after the 12pm Mass for a Cajun menu. 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, February 20th**.

New Orleans Trip: FDL is sponsoring a 3-day, 2-night trip to New Orleans Monday, June 12th-Wednesday, June 14th. Cost includes bus transportation, accommodations, 4 meals, riverboat cruise and admission to the World War II Museum. \$279 double, \$349 single. Contact Cathy Freres at 682-1934. \$75 deposit is due by **Friday, February 10th**.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS



Senior High Youth Group will meet from 7-9pm on **Sunday, February 12th**. Junior High will meet from 4:30-5:45 pm on **Sunday, February 12th**. 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 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.

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.

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Sirach 15:15-20
Psalm	Psalm 119
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Gospel	Matthew 5:17-37

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 29, 2017

Total collection	\$40,158
Envelopes	\$31,460
Electronic	\$7,219
Loose	\$1,479
Budget requirements	40,385
Total registered families	1,805
Donated by envelopes	413 families
Donated electronically	102 families
Non-participants	1,290 families
29% of families participated . . . 71% did not	

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. VINCENT DE PAUL

SVDP monthly meeting is **Monday, February 6th** at 6pm in the Clunan center. All parishioners are invited to attend. SVDP makes home visits to our clients in need before distributing any funds to their landlord or MLGW. We really need more parishioners to assist in home visits with us. We go in pairs. If you are interested in becoming active in our ministry, please call 755-8213. It is a very rewarding and humbling ministry.



QUEEN OF PEACE

Rosary, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration begin at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, February 13th** at St. Louis Church. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m.

ST. BENEDICT WINTER PREVIEW DAY

St. Benedict will hold a Winter Preview Day on **Friday, February 10th** from 8:15-11:30am for current 8th grade and transfer students/families who have not had the opportunity to attend an SBA Visit Day. Tour campus, learn about our Academic, Athletic & Fine Arts and meet SBA Faculty, staff & students. Register at sbaeagles.org/visitsba.



DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD RALLY

On **Saturday, February 11th** from 11am-12pm, pro-lifers across the country will hold rallies at Planned Parenthood facilities, calling for an immediate end to the organization's federal funding. Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion chain and receives over \$500 million from taxpayers every year. Come out to 2430 Poplar and raise your voice with tens of thousands of pro-lifers across the country in over 152 cities in 43 states, demanding that our government defund Planned Parenthood! For information, contact Libby Parks at 355-8546 or Libbykpark@gmail.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life Memphis will start its 18th campaign on **Ash Wednesday, March 1st** and it will continue through **Sunday, April 9th**. Come join us in this fight for the dignity of all human life. We stand in peaceful, prayerful vigil in front of the country's largest abortion mill, Planned Parenthood at 2430 Poplar everyday from 6am-6pm for 40 days. We stand as a physical witness to the fact that all life from conception to natural death is to be cherished and treasured. We offer help, hope and love to all entering Planned Parenthood's business. We need you to grab a friend, sign up and come pray. Sign up at 40DaysforLife.com/Memphis or contact Libby Parks at 355-8546 or Libbykpark@gmail.com.



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.

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. Reconciliation will be offered from 9-10:15am followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet at 10:30am and Liturgy celebrated by Bishop Martin Holley. Reception to 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 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.

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.



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.

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.

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 Victim Assistance Coordinator (901-652-4066); or Director of Child and Youth Protection (901-359-2027). 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.

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.



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.

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.

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.

BOWLING FUN NIGHT

St. Louis Fun Night at Billy Hardwick's All-Star Lanes each **Tuesday** from 6:30-8:30pm. Cost is \$5 and includes shoe rental. No registration required.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

You're invited to Theology on Tap, an exciting group for young people in their 20s and 30s! Our next event is **Monday, February 13th** at 6:30pm. Dr. Patrick Gray will be speaking on the topic, "The Life of Jesus : What Do We Know and How Do We Know It?" at Fox Ridge Pizza on Germantown Parkway in Cordova. For more information, visit totmemphis.org or email totmemphis@gmail.com.

MARDI GRAS TRIVIA NIGHT RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mardi Gras Trivia Night will be held at Resurrection Catholic Church on **Saturday, February 25th**. Doors open at 5pm with Silent Auction, Trivia Questions start at 7pm. Authentic New Orleans Cuisine and Beverages for Sale, Beer and Wine available. There will be a 50/50 drawing during the evening as well as a Live Auction during the Intermission. Cost is \$15 per person/8 people to a team. Register and pay for full team only online at www.resurrectionmemphis.com. Pre-Registration Deadline is Friday, February 17th. Fr. Ben's world class king cakes available \$30 ea. (Apple, Cherry, Nutella). Order online at www.resurrectionmemphis.com. Pre-Sales end February 17th. There will only be a Limited Number of King Cakes available for purchase at Trivia Night! For more information, contact Janie Cook at 268-6502.