

## Good News

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Fr. Mark Haydu, LC*

Hate is a passion that can take over a person's heart in a short amount of time. God knows this, and he challenges us to avoid hate and holding grudges. In the law that Jesus preached, we are not even allowed to hate our enemies or persecutors. That is radical!

It is easy to let injuries build up over time. Eventually we find ourselves far away from those we should be closest to or those we once loved. This separation starts in our thoughts and settles into our hearts and behavior. Hate grows, and if it isn't controlled and redeemed, it can pull us down.

We don't have to hate, be angry, or carry grudges if we don't want to. Our hearts and minds can be filled with God's grace. We can work on three levels to overcome hate and anger: visual, verbal, and physical. When angry thoughts invade your mind, look up (visual), speak the truth to yourself (verbal), and change your posture (physical). This helps alter self-destructive thought patterns and helps us refocus our heart and mind. Add these natural means to the supernatural means of calling on God's grace, of receiving the sacrament of penance, and of taking moments of prayer to see and speak his truth over a situation.

We are God's temple. His spirit of peace, mercy, and serenity needs to reign inside us. That means getting rid of negative, hateful, and hurtful thoughts toward ourselves and others. Don't let them pull you down!

For Reflection

Michelangelo paints three figures pulling the sinner down. Which three passions weigh down my heart? How can I use human and spiritual means to point my heart and mind in a healthier, God-focused direction?

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## Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Richard James McClelland
	9:00	Parish
	10:30	+Don Jordan
	12:00	+Donna & +Michael Schlemmer
	6:00	+Louise Grandi
Mon.	6:15	+Sissy & +Bill Trigg
	8:15	+Josephine Pante & Special Intention for Jane Antrobus
	12:00	+Sid Kraker
Tues.	6:15	+Joseph Walsh
	8:15	Special Intention for Janis Koenig
	12:00	+Sid Kraker
Wed.	6:15	+Joyce Wilhelm & Special Intention for Parker & Cathy Gorman
	8:15	Special Intention for Nancy Beggs
	12:00	+Patrick Crump & +Dr. John Nash
Thurs.	6:15	+Mary Ann Antrobus
	8:15	+Martha Garrone & +Catherine Joyce
	12:00	+Kent Garcie
Fri	6:15	+Phil Gagliano
	8:15	Special Intention for Barbara Wasilewska
	12:00	+Katherine Joyce
Sat.	6:15	Special Intention for Charles Borger
	8:15	+Emmett O'Ryan & +Raymundo Lopez
	4:30	+Bob McCormick & Special Intention for Mega Mulroy

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jean Garbarini+Archbishop Peter Sartain+Peggy Steffan+Dr. Tucker Larkin+Bob Mader+Sarah Ward+Chris Smith+Lisa Barzizza MacCormack+Geri Duff+Bernadette Pian+Wendy Ray+Billy Canale+Mary Ann Zeber.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Jim McWillie+Johnny Sanders+Louise Grandi+Bob McCustion+Flo Piano+Michael Frayser.

## 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.

## February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

I am very saddened to announce the retirement of Judi Herbers in the church office. Judi has done bookkeeping, tuition collecting, secretarial work, administrative duties for over 20 years. She has served both the church and the school.

Judi is a "do it all" kind of person who is so dedicated that many days she spent over 12 hours in loving service. All of the organizations knew Judi to be the go to girl for any event.

I shall miss not only her dependable work but most importantly seeing her every day. She brightens our lives with grace, wit and love.

Judi has decided to retire to be more attentive to her own family. We thank her and will miss her deeply. We planned to hold a farewell reception in Judi's honor, but she declined. Please take a moment to thank Judi when you see her or send a card or note to the church office.

As of now we are going to hopefully fill Judi's roles from within the present office staff. We are here to serve you.

In Christ,

Msgr. John B. McArthur

### ST. LOUIS PARISH 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SAVE THE DATES!



**Parish Mission—Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

**Family Dinner Celebration—Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>:** 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.

**Serve 60: 60 Service Opportunities in 60 days in honor of 60 Years—Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>-Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Get ready for 60 days of service in honor of our 60 years. Details coming soon.

### 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 MEETING SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER



The Men's Club Meeting on **Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** 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.

### ONLINE AUCTION

The "Cardinal Corral" SLS Online Auction is now open 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](http://www.stlouisauktion.org). Auction boards will close **Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please sign on, shop, bid high and bid often!! And don't forget to share the auction website with family, friends, and Facebook friends. Your support will be appreciated!



### FLEUR DE LIS

Our next gathering will be a luncheon on **Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We will meet in the Clunan Center after the 12pm Mass for a Cajun menu consisting of Gumbo, Red Beans and Rice, Shrimp, Sausage and Potatoes. 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 20<sup>th</sup>**.

### 20'S & 30'S GROUP

The 20's & 30's Group is growing fast at St. Louis and we want you to be a part of it! Join our group by texting 497-2237 with your name and email address or send us an email at [stlouis.youngadults@gmail.com](mailto:stlouis.youngadults@gmail.com). We would love to see you at our next event!

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SVDP city wide council recognized our St. Louis parishioner, **Rita Linder**, for her many years of service to SVDP. **Jack Borg** and **Jim Ryan** have also received this recognition in the past year! Congratulations to these very worthy parishioners!

SVDP appreciates all the food donations! Our clients also need toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning products and laundry detergent. These items would be helpful to be donated at any time. Our funds are low as we have been making lots of home visits so monetary donations are welcome as well! If you'd like to become involved in SVDP, call 755-8213.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life Memphis will start its 18<sup>th</sup> campaign on **Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>** and it will continue through **Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**. 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](http://40DaysforLife.com/Memphis) or contact Libby Parks at 355-8546 or [Libbykparks@gmail.com](mailto:Libbykparks@gmail.com).



## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Beginning Ash Wednesday thru the Friday after Easter **Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**, the recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet will be reinstated during the season of Lent. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday the chaplet will be prayed in the church at 2:30pm. We want to encourage all parents outside waiting to pick up their children to come and join us. We need to be examples to our children to ask for God's mercy and to be merciful to those we encounter. After the 8:15am Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays we will be praying the chaplet with the school children. This chaplet is a powerful prayer for our world today. Jesus wants to bestow so much mercy on his children, but we must ask Him for it. Won't you come and pray with us?

## A NOTE FROM DEACON MIKE

I would like to invite you to join me, fellow St. Louis parishioners and others from around the city in front of Planned Parenthood on **Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>** after the 8:15am and noon Masses. We will have silent prayer and offer a vocal Rosary for the unborn and as a show of support for the pro-life movement. We will leave here after the two masses to go to Planned Parenthood. We would love your company. It would also be a wonderful way to give an hour of time during this Lenten season standing for life in front of Planned Parenthood during the 40 days campaign.

The season of Lent is described in CCC 1438 "These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works)."

Yours In Christ,  
Deacon Mike D'Addabbo

## ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray that all baptized Christians faithfully proclaim the reign of God, and overcome every temptation.

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Isaiah 49:14-15
Psalm	Psalm 62
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Gospel	Matthew 6:24-34

## 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 February 12, 2017

Total collection	<b>\$39,181</b>
Envelopes	\$29,128
Electronic	\$7,939
Loose	\$2,114
Budget requirements	40,385
Total registered families	<b>1,805</b>
Donated by envelopes	425 families
Donated electronically	94 families
Non-participants	1,286 families
29% of families participated . . . <b>71% did not</b>	

## YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will meet on **Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** in the JP II building. Senior High meets from 7-9pm and Junior High meets from 4:30-5:45 pm.

For 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](https://twitter.com/St_Louis_Youth) and on Instagram at [st.louis\\_youth\\_ministry](https://www.instagram.com/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 3am slot on Saturdays, 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.

