

## Good News

### Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Fr. Mark Haydu, LC*

There is no place children feel safer than in their mother's arms. Since she provides them with all they need, both physically and emotionally, their trust and confidence is total. God tells us not to worry and gives us the reason: I will never ever forget you. I know your needs and I will take care of them. Do you think a mother can forget her child? Even if she were to forget, I won't!

In the Gospel, Jesus doesn't just suggest not to worry, he commands it: "Do not worry," he says more than once. He knows what preoccupies us—food, clothing, work, and money. Why worry? What good will it do? Can you eat better, increase your wealth, or change your appearance by worrying? Can you add a day to your life fretting about your health?

Sure, we need to think about providing for our physical needs. We need to make good, informed, and healthy decisions. The key is to reflect and decide, not to worry and obsess. Keep it all in perspective. Life is much more than material goods and personal aspirations.

God loves us so much, like a mother loves her child. He provides for all his creatures, even for the lily that only blooms for a day. He knows everything you need and, like a good parent, desperately wants to give it to you!

#### *For Reflection*

What worries me most right now? Make a list and entrust it all to Jesus.

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## Masses

Sun.	7:30	Parish
	9:00	+Joyce Wilhelm & +Bill Schadrack
	10:30	+Robert Carswell
	12:00	+Mary Jane Miller & +Sam & +Mary Congemi
	6:00	+ Maria Guzman
Mon.	6:15	+Inez Sanchez
	8:15	+Walter Joyce & Special Intention for Billy Canale
	12:00	+Tom James
Tues.	6:15	Confraternity of the Suffering Souls
	8:15	Special Intention for Camille Thompson
	12:00	John Butts Sherlock family
Wed.	6:15	+Pixie Picchetti
	8:15	+Anna McArthur
	10:00	+Katherine Joyce
	12:00	+Thomas James
	5:00	+Kent Kimball
	7:00	Special Intention for Nancy Beggs
Thurs.	6:15	+Shirley Sappington
	8:15	Special Intention for Michel Allen
	12:00	+Sid Kraker
Fri	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	+Dorothy Nash Coleman & Special Intention for the Wilson Family
	12:00	+Sid Kraker & Special Intention for John Guesman
Sat.	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson & Special Intention for Mary Burke
	8:15	+Joyce Wilhelm
	4:30	+Secunda Mangialardi & 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+Lisa Barzizza MacCormack+Geri Duff+Wendy Ray+Billy Canale+Mary Ann Zeber.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Chris Smith+Terry Condo+Helen Hanson Mack.

## 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

As I bid farewell to my time working at St. Louis Church, I leave with many, many wonderful memories of the staff, parishioners, and especially the pastor, Msgr. John McArthur. You all were so kind and welcoming and there will be a void in my life not being able to interact with you on a daily basis. You will all be missed very much. With appreciation and gratitude, I say good bye and thank you!

Judi Herbers

### 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.

### RICE BOWL LENTEN PROGRAM



Rice Bowl is more than a cute cardboard box! CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program for families and faith

communities in the United States who want to put their faith into action. Participants journey through the 40 days of Lent with a collection of daily reflections and activities included in the CRS Rice Bowl calendar and on the mobile app. Look for Rice Bowls in the Narthex and find more information at <http://www.crsricebowl.org/>

### 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.

### ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

Ash Wednesday is **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. Mass will be celebrated at 6:15am, 8:15am, 12noon, 5pm, and 7pm. Ashes will be distributed during Mass.

### ASH WEDNESDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

A special collection will be taken up on **Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>** to support the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

### 2017 LENTEN SCHEDULE

Confessions will be heard on each Tuesday and Thursday from 5-6pm in addition to our regular confession schedule of Saturdays 3:30-4:30 and 20 minutes before each Sunday Mass.

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays at 5:30pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet following 8:15am Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays and at 2:30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

The Lenten regulations regarding fast and abstinence are as follows: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence only. Church law binds as follows:

- A. The Law of Abstinence (not eating meat) obliges those who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year.
- B. The Law of Fast (only one full meal each day, nothing between meals) obliges those who have completed their 18<sup>th</sup> year until the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> year.

### 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 by email at [jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org](mailto:jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org) or call 255-1954.

### A ROSARY INVITATION

Join us to pray a rosary for our priests/church, city, country and world in the Bread of Life Adoration Chapel at 7pm on **Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. For more information contact Susan Smith at 755-9447.

## 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?

## 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 every day 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 [Libbykpark@gmail.com](mailto:Libbykpark@gmail.com).



## 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 for all members of the Church during this season of Lent, that they be examples of faithful service.

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

	First Sunday of Lent
First Reading	Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Psalm	Psalm 51
Second Reading	Romans 5:12-19
Gospel	Matthew 4:1-11

## 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 19, 2017

Total Collection	\$35,897
Envelopes	\$29,014
Electronic	\$5,174
Loose	\$1,709
Budget requirements	\$40,385
Total registered families	1805
Donated by envelopes	486
Donated Electronically	87
Non-participants	1,231
27% of families participated..... <b>73% did not</b>	

## 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 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.

## ROSARY MAKERS GUILD

Members of the Rosary Makers Guild are reminded of the monthly meeting on **Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** 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.



## YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS



Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will meet on **Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** in the JPII 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 and on Instagram at st.louis\_youth\_ministry.

## YOUTH MINISTRY RETREAT

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

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

## 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.

## SBA TRIVIA NIGHT

Grab some friends and please join us for a fun night of Br. Ignatius's trivia challenge on **Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** at the SBA Dining Hall. Proceeds from the event benefit SBA Project Graduation—a celebration for the class of 2017. Doors open at 6:30; the trivia fun begins at 7:30pm. To register or for more information, email [amyiov6@gmail.com](mailto:amyiov6@gmail.com).



The Catholic Diocese of Memphis, 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 (652-4066). 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.

## ADOREMUS

Adoremus: An evening of music, reflection, prayer and confession for 20s/30s. *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest..."* Join young adults from all over to pray and worship together in the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus! Confession will be available. **Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm at St. Louis. Music led by Mary Katherine Wright. Reflection by Fr. Dexter Noblefranca. Keep up with the event on Facebook. Search for ADOREMUS MEMPHIS in Events.

## 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.

## ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Apply for enrollment by calling the school office at 255-1900 or apply 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.

## 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.

## 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.

