

Good News

First Sunday of Lent

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

One thing today's readings—and really all of Scripture— make abundantly clear is that the devil exists. He is a liar and a deceiver, just as he was for our first parents and for Jesus as well. This is good to keep in mind at the beginning of Lent. We need a conversion of heart because the devil tempts us. We are sinners. Sin is real. The story of original sin illuminates the failure of Adam and Eve, and the reading from Romans explains that that sin has reached us. In this fresco, Michelangelo paints the devil as a serpent with a human upper body to accent that the devil is a person. All humanity is wounded and weakened by sin.

Yet even if sin and the devil are realities, the good news is that they are not the strongest realities. Jesus, as he shows us in the Gospel, is stronger than the enemy, and he shares that strength with us. We can be new creations through the salvation and forgiveness Jesus offers. His obedience can make us righteous.

During Lent, we try to purify our heart with God's grace so that we freely choose righteousness. Our actions reveal another reality of the good news: our choices make a difference. God trusts us so much that he gives us free will and allows us to play a part in our own salvation. Accepting his grace is the first step toward victory over sin. That is why your Lenten fasts and promises are such game changers— they strengthen your will, purify your heart, and make you more like Jesus.

For Reflection

Have I prayed about what God wants me to give up or take on in Lent? What resolutions will help me love God more while distancing me from obstacles to his love?

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Robert Dempsy & +Victor Buchholz. Sr.
	9:00	+Jean Fisher & +Katie Willis
	10:30	Parish
	12:00	+Tom James & +Elva Burks
	6:00	+ Ramon Callejas
Mon.	6:15	Special Intention for Susan Sullivan
	8:15	+Josefina Radelat
	12:00	+Beatrice & +John Metz
Tues.	6:15	Special Intention for Tish Montesi
	8:15	+Thomas Keogh & +Katherine Joyce
	12:00	+Marila Lopez
Wed.	6:15	+Anna McArthur
	8:15	Special Intention for Sally Thomason
	12:00	Special Intention for David & Andrea Slatinsky
Thurs.	6:15	+Paul Veesart
	8:15	+Lutgarda Lanchez
	12:00	+Ed Crenshaw & Special Intention for Dolores Migliara
Fri	6:15	+Kay Kraus
	8:15	Special Intention for Catherine Davis
	12:00	Special Intention for Alley & Mary Riley
Sat.	6:15	+Dan Thompson
	8:15	+Juana Hicks
	4:30	+Dorothy Pratt & Poor Souls in honor of St. Joseph

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+Christopher Gano+Louis Distretti+Tan Wallace+Katherine McArthur Sigafos+Brennon Picarella.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Levon Mathews & Larry Edwards.

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.

March 5th, 2017—First Sunday of Lent

ST. LOUIS PARISH 60th ANNIVERSARY



Parish Mission—Sunday, March 12th-

Wednesday, March 15th: We will have a parish mission. Msgr. Al Kirk will speak at 4:30pm, 9am, 10:30am and 12pm 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 22nd:

Party to celebrate 60 years. We will have 4:30pm Mass and then a huge family dinner celebration—buffet dinner, drinks, hors d'oeuvres. Bring the family and give thanks and celebrate.

Serve 60: 60 Service Opportunities in 60 days in honor of 60 Years—Wednesday, February 22nd-

Saturday, April 22nd: For information and to volunteer, visit www.tinyurl.com/serveatstlouis.

SERVE60 SERVICE PROJECTS COMING UP

Ave Maria visiting—Tuesday, March 7th at 1 pm.

Help Adult Day Care Seniors plant in pots.

Fig Tree Food Pantry—Monday, March 6th-
Tuesday, March 7th from 9am-12pm.

Give out canned food to those in need.

Room In The Inn—Thursday, March 9th—

In need of drivers, hosts and innkeepers.

Sign up at www.tinyurl.com/serveatstlouis.

Call Parish Social Ministry at 255-1954.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

A special collection will be taken up on **Saturday, March 4th** and **Sunday, March 5th** for Black and Indian Missions.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

A special collection will be taken up on **Saturday, March 11th** and **Sunday, March 12th** for the St. Louis Chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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, at 2:30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays and at 2:45pm on 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 14th year.
- B. The Law of Fast (only one full meal each day, nothing between meals) obliges those who have completed their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year.

LENTEN FISH FRIES

The St. Louis Men's Club will hold Lenten fish fries on **Friday, March 24th** and **Friday, March 31st** at 5:30pm in the Dining Hall. Fried catfish, hushpuppies, French fries, cole slaw, desserts and cold beverages will be served. Cheese pizza will be available for children. Adult catfish plate is \$10, child's catfish plate is \$5 and cheese pizza is \$5.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SVDP will meet this **Monday, March 6th** at 6pm in the Clunan Center. All parishioners are invited to attend and hear about our work for the less fortunate.

SVDP appreciates all good donations! Monetary donations are also always needed! Second collection next week for SVDP! Thank you for your generosity!

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 3am slot on Saturdays, 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 by email at jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org or call 255-1954.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life Memphis 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 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 or contact Libby Parks at 355-8546 or Libbykparks@gmail.com.



COLE HARRISON SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Louis Catholic Church Youth Ministry is proud to sponsor two Cole Harrison Smith Memorial Scholarships. Seniors in high school who are pursuing post-secondary education and who are *active* in parish youth ministry are eligible to apply for a \$1,500 scholarship and a \$500 scholarship to be awarded annually. The application may be picked up at the parish office or downloaded from our youth ministry website, <https://stlouisyouth.org/>. Deadline for return of applications to the youth ministry office is **Friday, March 31st**.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will meet on **Sunday, March 5th** 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. 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).



ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

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

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading	Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm	Psalm 33
Second Reading	2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9

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, Capt. Jay Schaffler and Jeff Sexton.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Week of February 26, 2017

Total Collection	\$43,663
Envelopes	\$33,048
Electronic	\$9,604
Loose	\$1,011
Budget requirements	\$40,385
Total registered families	1805
Donated by envelopes	406
Donated Electronically	125
Non-participants	1,274

29% of families participated.....71 % did not

20'S & 30'S GROUP

The 20's & 30's Group has some upcoming events we want you to be a part of! On **Wednesday, March 29th**, join us and other young adult groups for "Adoremus", an evening of music, prayer and confession. This event is sponsored by Catholic Young Adult Ministry and hosted by Sam Mauck. For information, email us at stlouis.youngadults@gmail.com. If you are not a part of our group and would like to be, send us an email or text 497-2237.

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 29th** 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.

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.

SOCIAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE & NETWORKING EVENT

Two Topics: An Overview of Current Poverty in Our Area and Best Practice "24 Hours For the Lord" with Mary Margaret Koch. **Saturday, March 25th** from 9-11am at St. Francis Church. Open to anyone in the care and concern ministries in our diocese (parish, school contacts, St. Vincent DePaul groups, Knights of Columbus, volunteers, etc.). RSVP Therese Gustaitis at 722-4794 or therese.gustaitis@acc.cdom.org.

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.

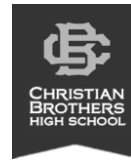
ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

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

PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. FRANCES

Medjugorje Pilgrimage Sept 13-22, with Fr Francis Chiawa. \$2,589 from Memphis includes everything but lunches and tips. In the Footsteps of St. Paul Pilgrimage Oct 25-Nov4 with Fr Bill Parham. \$4445 includes 7 day cruise with a day in Athens before and after the cruise. For information, contact Jeannie Presley are 683-7807, presleyjeannie@gmail.com

A TASTE OF CBHS



A Taste of CBHS will be held on **Sunday, March 5th** from 5-7:30pm at Christian Brothers High School. This year's event will feature "A Taste of the Arts"—great entertainment to go along with the great food and drinks from our fabulous CBHS restaurants and vendors. Tickets are \$75 per person and are available for purchase at the CBHS Development Office or on-line at the CBHS website, www.cbhs.org. For more information, call 261-4930.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Rise, and do not be afraid." Let us comfort our spouses and ourselves by celebrating the love of God in our marriages by experiencing a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on **April 28th-30th** at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center in Stanton, TN. For more information or to apply, visit our website at www.wmme-section10.org/memphis or contact us at 540-220-4170.

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.

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.

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.

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.



Anointing of the sick.