

Good News

Third Sunday of Lent

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

There is a detail in today's first reading that you shouldn't miss. After hearing Moses and his people complain, God stands in front of Moses on the rock and asks Moses to strike toward him. God knows the Israelites' anger directed at Moses is really meant for God himself. God takes the blow and responds with flowing water. He accepts violent rejection and grants us life in return. He exchanges evil for good.

God had already guaranteed the Promised Land, but the Israelites feared to enter it. God had done many miracles for them already, yet they still didn't trust him. In spite of it all, God understands they strike out of their own dissatisfaction, fear, and interior slavery. In the same way, Jesus knows we will strike out at him, yet he responds with love. Nowhere is this truer than on the cross. Christ allows the soldiers to strike, crown, and kill him, saying, "Father, forgive them..." He is whipped and made to carry a cross, yet he consoles the women of Jerusalem. When his side is pierced, living water flows.

When we complain against God, he offers us mercy and salvation. Rather than blame, assault, or reject, let us do as the penitential act calls—strike our own breast and cry, "I have greatly sinned...Have mercy..." God will respond as he always does, by pouring forth the water of his Spirit which never runs dry into our hearts.

For Reflection

What are my usual complaints against God? What responses of mercy does God show me?

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Ray Ricossa
	9:00	+Sid Kraker
	10:30	Parish
	12:00	For the Poor Souls in honor of St. Joseph
	6:00	+Jimmy Parker Gorman & +Mary Ann Antrobus
Mon.	6:15	+Jeanne Fisher
	8:15	+Thomas Keogh & Special Intention for Dena Marie McDonald
	12:00	+John Fox, Sr.
Tues.	6:15	+Anna Dolores McArthur
	8:15	+Anna Dolores McArthur & +Eddie McDonald
	12:00	+Joyce Wilhelm
Wed.	6:15	+Joyce Cremerius
	8:15	+Maurice Palmieri
	12:00	+Cliff Davis & Special Intention for Debbie & Mike Rose
Thurs.	6:15	+Sid Kraker
	8:15	+Pepin Guma & +Walter Joyce
	12:00	Special Intention for Judi Herbers.
Fri	6:15	+Mary Jane Miller
	8:15	+Jim McWillie
	12:00	Special Intention for Elena Lunt & for Mary Teresa & Barney Gorman
Sat.	6:15	+Joyce Wilhelm
	8:15	+Raymundo Lopez
	4:30	+Jim Bedwell & Special Intention for John & Kathleen Pender

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+Teresa Teribery+Donald Weis+Terry Williams+Barbara Prest+Patricia Schoembs.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Shelby Simmons+Della Lambert+Patty Orsak+Timothy Merritt+Col. Bill Jenrette.

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



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 **Handywork at Missionaries of Charity Shelter**

Saturday, March 18, 10am-2pm
need 2 more volunteers!

Room In the Inn

Thursday, March 23

This is the last night for RITI this season

Villa Vianney Landscaping

Saturday, March 25, 8 am

St. Mary's Soup Kitchen

Saturday March 25, 7-10 am

need 10 more volunteers!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

CALL TO SERVE
UNITED BY FAITH

This weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Our parish goal is \$458,000. Please complete your pledge card, indicating your gift or pledge to our diocesan church. If you do not have a card, please fill out a commitment card located in the narthex. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our diocesan church.

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.



Dear Parishioners,

I am announcing it with an overwhelming heart that I will be moved from St. Louis Church after being privileged to be with the greatest people for 10 years, to the Diocese of Venice in Florida, a decision taken by my Religious Order. I knew it would happen since I have been here 10 years and that is the longest I have ever been in one place, which of course was my greatest blessing as a priest, because I was able to minister with the greatest Pastor and some great and good friends, the other associates and the parish staff. The love, concern, friendship and fellowship that I have experienced made me make my home here and it is very difficult to give up this wonderful part of my life, but the decisions of the Superiors are to be obeyed. Every member of this parish has influenced me in one way or other and I would like to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for the way you treated me, as a member of your own family. What a great blessing, that only a priest can experience!!! I sure will miss you but will always be in my heart and prayers!!!

Fr. Saji Ellickal

Save the date: A Reception honoring Fr. Saji will be held in the Clunan Center on **Tuesday, April 25th**. Please join us to thank Fr. Saji for his years of devoted service!

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

A second collection will be taken up on **Saturday, March 25th** and **Sunday, March 26th** for Catholic Relief Services.

LEBONHEUR MINISTRY

Thank you to all who have contributed items for our lunches. The next one is **Saturday, March 25th**. Check the sign up at www.tinyurl.com/stlouissignup to volunteer for this and/or one of the upcoming lunches. Also, please remember that we collect items for the pantry on the 5th floor. These are all single serve items that do not require a can opener. There is a list on the bulletin boards in the hallways of the Clunan Center. For information, please call Cathy Freres at 685-1934.

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. Look for Rice Bowls in the Narthex and find more information at <http://www.crsricebowl.org/>

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.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Registration is open for Grades 1-4 Baseball/Softball. There is a \$50 registration fee. Deadline to sign up is **Wednesday, March 29th**. Forms may be downloaded from www.stlouismemphis.org. Contact Michael Bennett at 255-1966 for information.

FLEUR DE LIS

Our next dinner is **Thursday, March 23rd**. Hors d'oeuvres at 6pm and dinner at 6:30pm. We will be eating in the Dining Hall this time as Carla will be preparing a spaghetti dinner for us. Susan Zoccola will give a short presentation about our National Parks and her years as a park ranger. Cost is \$10 per person. Please make your reservation by **Monday, March 20th**.

Our outing to see "The Bridges of Madison County" at the Circuit Playhouse is scheduled for **Sunday, March 26th**. The matinee starts at 2pm. We need to get the tickets ordered asap. Cost is \$25 per ticket. If you would like to join us, please call Jerry Basler at 385-2014. We will carpool and leave from the church parking lot by 1:15pm—and maybe go out for dessert afterwards!

We are off to the ball game on **Monday, May 1st**. Game time is 11:05am that day and the cost is \$23 per ticket. We will be upstairs and in the shade again just like last year. Please let Jerry Basler know as soon as possible so that we can let them know. Jerry's number is 385-2014. The group ticket price includes a hot dog and last year we got ball caps.

Banns of Marriage

Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for **Allison Collis** and **Ryan Eldridge** and for **Caitlin Giovanetti** and **Zackary Ross** and for the first time for **Brooke Davis** and **Jeff Kissell**.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray that we understand that we touch many lives through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, and that the people whose lives we touch may know Christ's love.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading	1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Psalms	Psalms 23
Second Reading	Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel	John 9:1-41

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 March 12, 2017

Total Collection	\$46,956
Envelopes	\$38,040
Electronic	\$7,860
Loose	\$1,056
Budget requirements	\$40,385
Total registered families	1,805
Donated by envelopes	393
Donated Electronically	94
Non-participants	1,318
27% of families participated... 73% did not	

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.

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.



LENTEN FISH FRIES

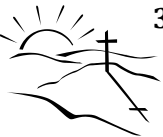
The St. Louis Men's Club will hold Lenten fish fries on **Friday, March 24th** and **Friday, March 31st** at 5:30pm in the Dining Hall. Fried catfish, hushpuppies, French fries, cole slaw, desserts and cold beverages will be served. Cheese pizza will be available for children. Adult catfish plate is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

MEN'S MORNING OF SPIRITUALITY

Freedom: Are you truly free? MMOS 2017 will be held on **Saturday, April 1st**, doors open at 7am, event begins at 8am at the Catholic Church of the Incarnation. Keynote speaker is Fr. Mike Schmitz. Register at www.mensmorning.com.

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.



32nd ANNUAL EASTER SUNRISE MASS

You are invited to celebrate Mass at Calvary Cemetery on **Easter Sunday, April 16th** at 6:45 a.m. Rev. Msgr. John McArthur will be the homilist; Rev. Msgr. Valentine Handwerker will be the celebrant.

ST. BENEDICT FASHION SHOW

St. Benedict presents Denim & Diamonds Fashion Show on **Saturday, March 25th** at 6:30pm in the SBA Dining Hall. Lots of goodies and fashions from Farmers Boutique, Kendra Scott and Lula Roe. \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. For information and tickets, contact Kathleen Muck at muckk@sbaeagles.org or 260-2892.

ST. BENEDICT THEATRE PRODUCTION

"Be careful what you wish for" seems to be the ongoing theme in the legendary Stephen Sondheim & James Lapine Brothers Grimm inspired musical, *Into the Woods*, one of the most acclaimed and beloved musicals. St. Benedict High School presents this favored musical, **Thursday, March 30th-Sunday, April 2nd** at the SBA Performing Arts Theatre. Reserved seat tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door (while available). Call 260-2840.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SVDP appreciates all food donations for our clients; especially helpful is peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, canned meat, and also toilet paper, paper towels and household cleaning products. We take food boxes on all home visits to our clients in need. We appreciate the monetary donations from the second collection last week! We were out of funds, so it was definitely needed! Thank you for your generosity!

ROSARY SALE & REPAIR

A rosary sale will be held in the church narthex **Saturday, March 25th** and **Sunday, March 26th**. On site repair of broken rosaries will be Saturday, March 25th from 2:30-4:30pm and rosaries no longer wanted will also be collected. Requests for wedding, anniversary and other special occasion rosaries will be taken both days.

ROOM IN THE INN

Thursday, March 23rd is our last night to host Room in the Inn this Spring. Volunteers are still needed. 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, March 19th** 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. 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).



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**.

ST. AGNES THEATRE PRODUCTION

The St. Agnes Academy Theatre Department presents Sister Act, the Musical **Thursday, March 30th** and **Friday, March 31st** at 7pm and **Saturday, April 1st** and **Sunday, April 2nd** at 2pm. Performances are in Hook Theatre on the St. Agnes-St. Dominic campus. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by contacting Ann Neal at 435-5837, aneal@saa-sds.org or Avis Roby at 435-5819. Don't miss this wonderful evening of musical theatre.

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 de Paul groups, Knights of Columbus, volunteers, etc.). RSVP Therese Gustaitis at 722-4794 or therese.gustaitis@acc.cdom.org.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY TRIVIA NIGHT

Parish Social Ministry will sponsor a Trivia Night with Br. Ignatius on **Saturday, April 8th** in the Clunan Center. Doors open at 5:30pm—questions start at 6:30pm. Hawaiian luau theme and prizes. Registration forms are available on the Parish Social Ministry page on the church website. Registration deadline is **Tuesday, April 4th**. On-site registration will not be available. The Trivia Night benefits PSM Outreach Programs and Feed My Flock.

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. 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

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.wwme-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.



EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS

At Easter Masses, lovely lillies decorate the altars. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special, please use the envelope in your packet. Your donation will be recognized in the bulletin Easter weekend. Deadline for donations to be recognized in the bulletin is **Monday, April 10th**.



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.

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.

