

## Good News

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

*Fr. Mark Haydu, LC*

Our Lenten practices are transforming our hearts to receive the love of Jesus in his passion, death, and resurrection. Today's Gospel revolves around this theme of learning to live by faith.

The apostles take for granted that the man's blindness is due to someone's sin. The Pharisees call the man a sinner, born in sin. In their self-righteousness they judge both the blind man and Jesus.

Jesus sees and judges differently. He asserts that the man's blindness was not due to a sin of his own or that of his parents and restores his sight. He challenges the wise, educated, and insightful Pharisees by saying, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains" (John 9:41).

While they can see physically, they cannot see the simple truth that Jesus is the Son of God and has the authority to heal, even on the Sabbath. They are so blinded by their "fidelity to God"—which is really fidelity to their distorted interpretation of the traditions and regulations God gave them—that they cannot see his spirit of mercy. They fail to see with eyes of faith.

Being merciful like Jesus doesn't mean merely condemning blind legalism, it means showing God's love to those in need. First we need to see as God sees. Then we need to love others and to enlighten them with the truth. Jesus heals one man's blindness in the hope of opening the minds and hearts of the Pharisees—and us today.

#### *For Reflection*

Are there people or groups I blindly judge? What is at the root of these judgments? To what truths am I blind? How can I work to open my heart to these truths this Lent?

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## Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Louise Grandi
	9:00	Parish
	10:30	+Gladys Guzman
	12:00	+Tom James & +Margie Ryan
	6:00	+Mary Jane Miller & +Ray Ricossa
Mon.	6:15	+Sid Kraker
	8:15	+Julia Ann Carter & +Katherine Joyce
	12:00	+Brooklyn Gorman & +Catherine Nelson
Tues.	6:15	+Mary Jane Miller
	8:15	Special Intention for Lisa Lichterman & +Hilda Martin
	12:00	Special Intention for Wilson & Winnie Nelson
Wed.	6:15	Special Intention for Pete Costello
	8:15	+Anna McArthur
	12:00	Special Intention for Debbi & Mike Rose & +Tom James
Thurs.	6:15	Special Intention for John Guesman
	8:15	+Sid Kraker
	12:00	+Lorene Bass
Fri	6:15	+Special Intention for Annie Carroll
	8:15	+Edith Marino
	12:00	+Michael Frayser & +Jack Byrnes
Sat.	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	+Estrella Lopez
	4:30	Special Intention for Mega Mulroy & +Sid Kraker

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+Mary Ann Zeber+Louis Distretti+Tan Wallace+Katherine McArthur Sigafos+Teresa Teribery+Donald Weis+Barbara Prest+Patricia Schoembs.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Adam Pitts.

## 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017—Fourth Sunday of Lent

## ST. LOUIS PARISH 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY



### Family Dinner Celebration—Saturday,

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>:** 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.

You will receive an invitation in the mail soon, but you may RSVP by visiting [www.tinyurl.com/SLCC60th](http://www.tinyurl.com/SLCC60th).

**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>:** For information and to volunteer, visit [www.tinyurl.com/serveatstlouis](http://www.tinyurl.com/serveatstlouis).

## SERVE60 SERVICE PROJECTS COMING UP

### *Fig Tree Food Pantry*

Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:45am-12pm

### *Diaper and Donation Sorting*

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 12:30-1:30pm

### *St. Mary's Soup Kitchen*

Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

### *SVdP Soup Kitchen*

Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:15-11:15am

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Last weekend was our Parish Commitment Weekend for the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not completed your card, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office. Our goal is to have 100% participation in our church family that is the Diocese of Memphis.

## LENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Here is a chance, as a family, to do a positive simple service for Lent. St. Louis has over 300 homebound and/or active older parishioners. They are a very important part of the parish. Each Easter we deliver a flower to them from the church. Msgr. McArthur is asking for families to volunteer to deliver just one—yes, just one flower to these families. God will bless your service and generosity. Flowers, recipient's name and address may be picked up in the church office beginning **Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**.

## 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/>

## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

There will be a second collection on **Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** for Catholic Relief Services.

## FR. SAJI ELLICKAL FAREWELL RECEPTION

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

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life Memphis 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).



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SVDP was able to help 20 clients in the month of February. We helped 6 clients with rent, 10 clients with utilities, motel for 1 client, auto payment for 1, HVAC and water heater repair for 2 clients and fresh produce for the soup kitchen clients. We were able to get twinning help from 4 other SVDP conferences since our funds were low. Our food pantry is getting low again so please be generous with your food donations. We are in need of cereal, spaghetti sauce, cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper. Thank you so much for your generosity!



## LENTEN FISH FRY

The St. Louis Men's Club will hold their final Lenten fish fry on **Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** 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.



## ROSARY SALE & REPAIR

A rosary sale will be held in the church narthex **Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**. On site repair of broken rosaries will be Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



### IT PERSON NEEDED

IT Person needed for St. Louis Catholic Church and School to manage hardware, system administration for IT. Experience working with servers, firewalls, troubleshooting, and Help Desk for faculty and staff are a plus. For information, email Teddi Niedzwiedz, Principal, at [tniedzwiedz@stlouismemphis.org](mailto:tniedzwiedz@stlouismemphis.org).

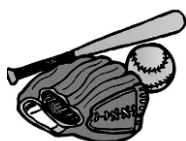
### 2017 LENTEN SCHEDULE

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.

### 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 29<sup>th</sup>**. Forms may be downloaded on the school website

from [www.stlouismemphis.org](http://www.stlouismemphis.org). Contact Michael Bennett at 255-1966 for information.

### FLEUR DE LIS

Our outing to see "The Bridges of Madison County" at the Circuit Playhouse is scheduled for **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**. 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 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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 third time for **Caitlin Giovanetti** and **Zackary Ross** and for the second time for **Brooke Davis** and **Jeff Kissell**.

### ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray for the people of the earth, that they always cherish God's gift of peace.

### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
First Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Psalm Psalm 130  
Second Reading Romans 8:8-11  
Gospel John 11:1-45

### 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 19, 2017

Total Collection	\$37,236
Envelopes	\$30,099
Electronic	\$6,044
Loose	\$1,093
Budget requirements	\$40,385
Total registered families	1,805
Donated by envelopes	516
Donated Electronically	105
Non-participants	1,184

**34% of families participated... 66% did not**

### 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.



### 32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL EASTER SUNRISE MASS

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

## 2017 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Palm Sunday Vigil

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm

### Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Masses: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12noon & 6pm

10:30am Mass:

Blessing of Palms & Solemn Procession

### Confessions

Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm

Holy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30pm

Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30pm

Holy Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30pm

### Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

### Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at 3pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7pm

### Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil at 8pm

### Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

Masses: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12noon

Nursery at 9am & 10:30am Masses only

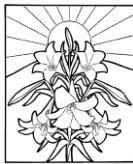
## LENTEN REGULATIONS

The Lenten regulations regarding fast and abstinence are as follows: Good Friday is a day 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.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup>**.



## MEN'S MORNING OF SPIRITUALITY

Freedom: Are you truly free? MMOS 2017 will be held on **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**, 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](http://www.mensmorning.com).

## PICTURES NEEDED

St. Louis Catholic Church is 60 years old! We are collecting photographs taken during parish events from the past 60 years to display during our 60th Anniversary Celebration. If you have pictures of St. Louis history that you would like displayed please email them to [Stlouis60years@gmail.com](mailto:Stlouis60years@gmail.com) by **Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>**. Pictures should be in JPEG or TIFF formats.

## 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 29<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto: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.

## YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Senior High Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** in the JPII building from 7-9pm. Junior High will meet on **Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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).



## 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 31<sup>st</sup>**.

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY TRIVIA NIGHT

Parish Social Ministry will sponsor a Trivia Night with Br. Ignatius on **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** 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 4<sup>th</sup>**. On-site registration will not be available. The Trivia Night benefits PSM Outreach Programs and Feed My Flock.