

Good News

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The raising of Lazarus is a decisive miracle in Christ's public ministry. It leads to increased hostility and gives the Jewish leaders both an excuse and a motivation to actively seek the death of Jesus. This Gospel episode is so important that John dedicates an entire chapter to the story.

What is the most important message of this miracle? Without faith in Jesus, there is no resurrection. A fitting message for an artist painting in Europe right after World War II.

Looking at the painting of Annigoni, Mary is at the feet of Jesus while Martha is on her feet pouring out her heart. The artist evokes a landscape of death and destruction, one too often observed in postwar Europe. Colors of decay abound. Stones are piled up like rubble. The trees are burnt, scrawny, and twisted as if after an air raid. It is ugly, rugged, barren, and dry. A small group of people have gathered to weep at the tomb.

Jesus is the only source of color and life. After Martha affirms her faith in Jesus and the resurrection, he lifts up his hand and calls out. The onlookers peer inside, perhaps having heard the sounds of rustling coming from the cave. The message of this artwork is clear to anyone struggling with the bondage of a destructive past. Jesus wants to speak words of life and raise us from the grips of death, war, and despair.

Believe in Jesus and he will raise you up!

For Reflection

How is your Lenten journey bringing you deeper in faith and closer to new life in Jesus? Has Jesus raised you from destruction or despair? How?

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	Parish
	9:00	+Jeanne Fisher
	10:30	+Sid Kraker
	12:00	+Tom James
	6:00	+Terry Condo
Mon.	6:15	+Tom James
	8:15	Special Intention for Pat Schoembs & Thomas Nelson Family
	12:00	+David Nettleton
Tues.	6:15	Special Intention for Ally & Mary Riley & Parker & Cathy Gorman
	8:15	Special Intention for Lisa Lichterman
	12:00	+Ed Bennett, Sr.
Wed.	6:15	+Charlotte O'Shaunessy
	8:15	+Helen Lenti
	12:00	+Anna McArthur
Thurs.	6:15	+Joyce Cremerius & +Catherine Joyce
	8:15	Special Intention for the 8th Grade Confimandi & +Sid Kraker
	12:00	+Michael Dorian
Fri	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	Special Intention for the Wilson family & Joseph Garonne
	12:00	+Ed Crenshaw & +Terry Condo
Sat.	6:15	Special Intention for Mega Mulroy
	8:15	+Shavis Blackburn
	4:30	+Nancy Burns

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jean Garbarini+Archbishop Peter Sartain+Peggy Steffan+Dr. Tucker Larkin+Bob Mader+Sarah Ward+Lisa Barzizza MacCormack+Wendy Ray+Tan Wallace+Katherine McArthur Sigafos+Patricia Schoembs+John Heimbach+Rosann Donoghue+Katie McCustion+Babette Ehemann+John Schaffler, Jr.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Dr. Richard Towne.

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 255-1950, 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.

Nursery—a nursery is provided in the Clunan Center each weekend at 9:00 am, 10:30 am, and noon Masses on Sunday.

April 2nd, 2017—Fifth Sunday of Lent

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.

You will receive an invitation in the mail soon, but you may RSVP by visiting www.tinyurl.com/SLCC60th or by calling the church office at 255-1950.

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

SERVE60 SERVICE PROJECTS COMING UP

SVDp Soup Kitchen

Monday, April 3rd from 8:15-11:15am

Fig Tree Food Pantry

Tuesday, April 4th from 9am-12pm

Easter Flower Deliveries

Beginning Wednesday, April 5th (no signup needed)

Dorothy Day House

Monday, April 17th from 5:30-7pm

For information and to volunteer, visit

www.tinyurl.com/serveatstlouis.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. St. Louis is 46% towards our goal of \$458,000. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the Narthex. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.

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. Flowers, recipient's name and address may be picked up in the church office beginning **Wednesday, April 5th**.

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/>

FR. SAJI ELLICKAL

FAREWELL MASS & RECEPTION

Mass celebrated by Fr. Saji will be held at 5:30pm on **Tuesday, April 25th**. The Altar Guild will sponsor a reception in the Clunan Center following Mass. Please join us to thank Fr. Saji for his years of devoted service!



FEED MY FLOCK SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection next weekend **Saturday, April 8th** and **Sunday, April 9th** for Feed My Flock. Feed My Flock will be held in October and is our parish-wide day of outreach. Last year we prepared 150,000 meals for the needy!

NURSERY CLOSING

The 4:30pm Nursery will temporarily not be offered due to low attendance and the hospitalization of our Saturday teacher. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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 Libbykpark@gmail.com.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date! All Aboard the Queen of Heaven Express!! *Tracking Mary Mysteries and Messages* will be offered **Monday, June 26th-Friday, June 30th** from 9am-12:30pm. Contact Stephanie Novarese at Stephanie@novarese.net to volunteer or for more information.

ROSARY FOR OUR WORLD

A Rosary for our World will be **Thursday, April 6th** at 7pm in the church. All our welcome to come and pray for peace and healing in our city, country and world.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The monthly St. Vincent de Paul meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 4th** at 6pm in the Clunan Center. If you are interested in SVDP and cannot attend the meeting, please call 755-8213 for information. Our focus is to help the poor. SVDP always helps the poor in all ways! There are more poor than Vincentians, we need help! Our SVDP Ozanam soup kitchen feeds the poor every day of the year at 1306 Monroe.



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.

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.

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.

Banns of Marriage

Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for **Brooke Davis** and **Jeff Kissell**.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray for the success of our 60th Anniversary Family Dinner Celebration, that all will celebrate with gratitude the many blessings of our parish family, our faith and our future.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Gospel at the Procession Matthew 21:1-11
First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm Psalm 22
Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel Matthew 26:14-27:66

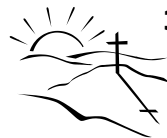
PRAYERS FOR THE ARMED FORCES

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 26, 2017

Total Collection	\$46,815
Envelopes	\$34,777
Electronic	\$9,394
Loose	\$2,644
Budget requirements	\$40,385
Total registered families	1,805
Donated by envelopes	542
Donated Electronically	109
Non-participants	1,154
36% of families participated... 64% did not	



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.

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS

At Easter Masses, lovely lilies 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**.



2017 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Confessions

Monday, April 10th from 5-6pm
Holy Thursday, April 13th from 5-6:30pm
Good Friday, April 14th from 5-6:30pm
Holy Saturday, April 15th 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 16th

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 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.

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 by **Monday April 10th**. Pictures should be in JPEG or TIFF formats.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Senior High Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, April 2nd** in the JP II building from 7-9pm. Junior High will meet 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).



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.

FLEUR DE LIS

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.



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.

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-Nov 4 with Fr Bill Parham. \$4445 includes 7 day cruise with a day in Athens before and after the cruise. For information, contact Jeannie Presley at 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.

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.

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.