

Good News

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Palm (or Passion) Sunday prepares us to leave behind Jesus' public ministry and to enter into his suffering and death. From miracles, crowds, and praise we move to pain, silence, and humility. Only the strong and true lovers of Jesus will make it to the foot of the cross.

The transfiguration of the Lord reminds us of the glory we are all called to even when that glory is hidden. When God called Abraham, it was to make of him a great nation and to give him glory. But Abraham had to leave what he had and enter into the unknown to receive what was promised. We, too, need to set out and leave our expectations if we ever hope to enter the mysteries of faith and discover the reward we are searching for. Setting out and leaving behind are like little "deaths" that prepare us for the glory of salvation.

The Father revealed Jesus' glory to his three closest apostles so their faith would survive the cross. God didn't want them to become disillusioned or frightened by his suffering and death. A voice came down from heaven and confirmed Jesus as the Son to assure the apostles that even if he didn't seem like the Messiah in his human nature, he most certainly was.

It was this image of the glorified Jesus that Raphael reflected on and labored over for years. He needed to see this transfiguration during his life and at the hour of his death to keep the faith. So do we.

For Reflection

How do I respond to Jesus' invitation to join him in his passion? How do my actions indicate where my heart really is? Would I be shrouded in shadow or surrounded by Jesus' glory?

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Thelma Signiago
	9:00	+Myrtle Kelly & +Tom James
	10:30	Parish
	12:00	+Chris Mosby
	6:00	+Lewis W. Perkins
Mon.	6:15	Special Intention for John Guesman & +Walter Joyce
	8:15	Special Intention for Pat Schoembs & Bill Seelos Nelson
	12:00	Special Intention for Dr. Charles Larkin
Tues.	6:15	+Robert Cosgrove North & +Donna L. Mulrooney
	8:15	+Gene Albonetti
	12:00	+Sid Kraker
Wed.	6:15	Special Intention for Mega Mulroy
	8:15	Special Intention for Friends of the Suffering Souls
	12:00	+Paul Saxon

Holy Thursday

Good Friday

Holy Saturday

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+Carlene Inzer+Katie McCustion+Babette Ehemann+John Schaffler, Jr.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Cecile Gurley+Mike Armstrong+Frank "Bud" Gaia+Casey Tidwell.

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 9th, 2017—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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.

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 10th

Dorothy Day House Dinner

Monday, April 17th

Canned Food Sorting

any Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday morning

Making Soup for Soup Kitchen

Thursday Altar Workers

need a few helpers in April

Rosary for The Children

Thursdays

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.

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 this 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!

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

The Collection on **Holy Thursday, April 13th** will be for parish charity.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The Collection on **Good Friday, April 14th** will be for the maintenance of the sacred edifices of the Holy Land.

SECOND COLLECTION EASTER SUNDAY

The Second Collection Easter weekend **April 15th** and **16th** is for the education of our seminarians.

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 Libbykparks@gmail.com.



CHRISM MASS

The Most Reverend Martin D. Holley, D.D. invites you to celebrate Chrism Mass 2017 on **Tuesday, April 11th** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Mass begins at 7pm.

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 255-1950 or jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org.

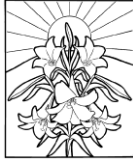


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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.

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**.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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



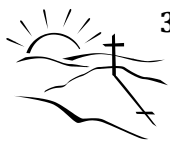
IT Person needed for St. Louis Catholic Church and School to manage hardware, system administration for IT. Experience

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 4am, 10am, 4pm and 10pm slots on Sundays. Contact Jan O'Donnell by email at jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org or call 255-1954.



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.

Banns of Marriage

Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for **Kelsey Goodman and Stephen Hoffman.**

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray for a deepening faith in those preparing to enter the Church and for renewed faith in their sponsors and teachers.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
First Reading Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm Psalm 118
Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel John 20:1-9

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 April 2, 2017

Total Collection	\$49,016
Envelopes	\$40,567
Electronic	\$7,564
Loose	\$885
Budget requirements	\$40,385
Total registered families	1,805
Donated by envelopes	449
Donated Electronically	110
Non-participants	1,246

31% of families participated... 69% did not

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-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

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

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Following 8:15am Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays,
at 2:30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays and at
2:45pm on Fridays.

BREAD OF LIFE ADORATION CHAPEL

The Bread of Life Adoration Chapel will close at
5pm on **Holy Thursday, April 13th** and will re-open
at 12pm on **Easter Sunday, April 16th**.

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.

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.

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 9th** 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).



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.



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.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT

Friar Fest Friar Fest is a weekend celebration of faith where high school youth are led by the Franciscan Friars of Renewal through prayer and instruction before the Blessed Sacrament, to have a personal encounter with Christ and grow in a deeper relationship of heart and mind with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Christ. The retreat will be held at Holy Rosary Church on April 21st-23rd. Open to High School students. For more information and to register, visit www.friarfest.com.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

In your 20s or 30s? Join us for Theology on Tap. Why Pray? If God knows the desires of our hearts, if He knows what we're about to say before we say it, if He is all-powerful, then why do we need to pray? Fr. Robbie Favazza will share with us the purpose of prayer and how to foster a life of fruitful prayer. For more information check out our website at www.totmemphis.org. TOT will be held at 6:30pm on **Monday, April 10th** at East Tapas & Drinks, 6069 Park Ave, Memphis, TN 38119.

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.

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.

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.

MSGR. PAUL W. CLUNAN ENDOWMENT FUND

The Clunan Fund is named after our long-time pastor, Msgr. Paul W. Clunan. The purpose of the Clunan Fund is to provide assistance to families who are unable to pay the full tuition fees and to aid in keeping pace with new developments in technology, curriculum and facilities. Online donation is available at www.stlouischurchmphis.org and by clicking on this QR code with your smart phone.



NURSERY & CRY ROOM

Children are always welcome at St. Louis Catholic Church. It is distracting to others if children play loudly and talk during Mass. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of our Nursery or Cry Room in order to allow all present to fully experience the celebration of Mass. Infants and children through 3 years old are welcome in our Nursery, which is well-staffed by professional childcare providers who are part of our Mother's Day Out Team. Teenagers who have completed the Red Cross Babysitting Certification Course assist staff members.



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.

PARISH CENSUS INFORMATION

In order to keep our parish rolls accurate, please notify Anna Shelton at anna.shelton@stlouis.cdom.org of any change of name, address, telephone number, or added family members. If you are not receiving your church envelopes or Faith magazine, let Anna know.

TASTE OF JUBILEE

The 13th Annual Taste of Jubilee will be held on **Friday, April 21st** at Minglewood Hall. At this year's event, guests will indulge in cuisine prepared by Memphis' finest restaurants. They will also enjoy live entertainment, wine and liquor pull, open bar and silent auction. Tickets are \$85 in advance and \$95 at the door. All proceeds benefit the Jubilee Catholic Schools. Order your tickets today. <http://bluestreakmemphis.net/events>



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Don't miss the Spring Free-For-All at St. Agnes Academy-St. Dominic School. Check out the fabulous free after school events offered for all kids in the community in grades 1-8. Choose from Athletics, Fine Arts, STEM and everything in between! Your child can take part in a theatre camp, improve his or her basketball, volleyball, soccer and lacrosse skills, create amazing artwork and much more. These after school activities are all free and open to any child in grades 1-8. Classes begin April 5th and run through early May and will be held on the St. Agnes-St. Dominic campus! For registration and more information visit the school's website www.saa-sds.org, or email Admissions@saa-sds.org.