

Good News

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The memory and marks of our sufferings can lead us to lose our peace. For Christ, this is not so. He shows the disciples his wounds and says, "Peace be with you." It may seem contradictory, but it isn't. To touch Christ's wounded side is to touch his mercy, to touch a love that overcomes everything. In spite of my sins wounding him, he comes to me in loving mercy. Jesus' wounds bring peace.

When the apostles see his hands and side, they rejoice. His wounds are a sign that it is really him. No one else has those marks. His wounds are his identification! His wounds bring joy.

Thomas misses Jesus' first apparition, returning and demanding proof before he will believe. Rather than becoming angry, Jesus shows him his wounds. He invites Thomas to touch the signs of his suffering, and Thomas believes. Jesus' wounds bring faith.

We, too, need to insert our hands and hearts into Christ's side, to come into contact with his love and mercy. Only then can we be healed. Only then can we experience real peace, joy, and faith.

That's why Jesus breathes on his disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:22-23). He wants to heal their wounds and see them produce joy and peace in others. God's grace is to reach all generations through the power of forgiveness he entrusts to his Church. The sacrament of penance is exactly that. We acknowledge our sins and Jesus responds with understanding, forgiveness, and counsel.

For Reflection

How often and how sincerely do you receive mercy through reconciliation? How often do you show and share the forgiveness and mercy you have been blessed with?

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Harry & +Frances Costello
	9:00	+Adele Crenshaw
	10:30	+Marilyn Bertram & +Bill & +Marie Crenshaw
	12:00	+Betty & +John & +Bryan Gorman
	6:00	+June Green & + Sid Kraker
Mon.	6:15	+Joseph Wimsatt
	8:15	+Special Intention for Patricia Schoembs
	12:00	+Raymundo Lopez & Special Intention for Jeni McBride
Tues.	6:15	+Kay Kraus
	8:15	+Billy Anthony Riley & +Mary Garland Geiger
	12:00	+Anna McArthur & +Martha Burke
Wed.	6:15	+Casey Osowski
	8:15	+Johnny Costello & +Shelby Simmons
	12:00	+Joseph & +Marian Gatti
Thurs.	6:15	+Margie Ryan
	8:15	+Sid Kraker & +Shelby Simmons
	12:00	+Blanch James Ellis
Fri	6:15	+John & +Betty Sherlock
	8:15	Special Intention for Chris Gano
	12:00	Special Intention for Tucker Larkin
Sat.	6:15	+Joe Pearson
	8:15	+Cleophes Owens, Jr.
	4:30	Special Intention for Pete Joseph Costello Family & +Jim Bedwell

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.+Kevin Kissell+Alex Beard+Carolyn Denegri+Steve Zeber.

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.

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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!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. St. Louis is 68% 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.

MOTHER'S DAY ALTAR FLOWERS

On Mother's Day, lovely flowers 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 on Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 14th**. Deadline for donations is **Monday, May 8th**.



20s & 30s GROUP

The 20s and 30s Group is growing fast and we want you to join! We have a few events coming up and the best way to keep up with us is through social media! Go follow us on Facebook @ St. Louis 20s and 30s & on Instagram @ stlouis20sand30s. Keep your calendar open on **Saturday, May 13th** for our projected BBQ day!

LEBONHEUR

Thank you to all who have generously donated their time and made food items for the March dinners. Our next lunch is **Saturday, April 29th**. A fried chicken dinner is planned. Please check the sign up genius to see if you can volunteer for this and other lunches at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948afae2c7-parish>. Also, remember that pantry items are always needed! Single serve items that do not require refrigeration. There is a list on the bulletin boards at church. Thank you everyone!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SVdP is a very rewarding ministry! Would you like to ride along on a home visit to one of our families? If interested in helping the poor, please call 755-8213. Donations gratefully accepted at any time!

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Senior High Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, April 23rd** in the JPII 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 and on Instagram at st.louis_youth_ministry.



A ROSARY FOR OUR WORLD

The monthly Rosary for our World will take place **Thursday, May 4th** at 7pm in the Church. All are welcome to join us. Contact Susan Smith at 755-9447.



ROSARY MAKERS GUILD

Members of the Rosary Makers Guild are reminded of the monthly meeting on **Tuesday, April 25th** at 2pm in the Clunan Center. All parishioners are invited.

The St. Louis Rosary Guild is happy to take special requests for custom rosaries. Call the office at 682-6606 and the Rosary Guild will contact you.

FR. JAMES PUGH 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Fr. James Pugh will celebrate his 50th anniversary of his ordination on **Friday, April 30th** at 4:30pm Mass at Immaculate Conception Cathedral. Please come and join the choir to sing praises for the blessings of his priesthood. Contact Jackie White at 268-8144 (call or text) for more information.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Clunan Center Meeting Room, a Baptismal Preparation Class will be held. Parents planning to have a child baptized are expected to attend one of these sessions. Please contact the church office at 682-6606 to register.

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.

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.

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.



Banns of Marriage

Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for **Kelsey Goodman** and **Stephen Hoffman** and for the second time for **Anna Skeen** and **Justin Supult**.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray for our young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this week, that they give witness to Christ by lives built on faith and love.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading	Acts 2:14, 22-33
Psalm	Psalm 16
Second Reading	1 Peter 1:17-21
Gospel	Luke 24:13-35

WOW—WOMEN OF THE WORD BIBLE STUDY



Please join us every Tuesday in the Clunan Center Meeting Room. 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.

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.



LIVING IN THE SPIRIT: THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT Led By Msgr. Al Kirk

This classes will explore Jesus' promise to send another Advocate. The Holy Spirit was His first gift after the Ascension. St. Paul uses the phrase "Living in the spirit" as an apt summary of the Christian life. Yet we largely ignore the presence and power of the Spirit of God. This course will seek to lead its participants through the rich portrayal of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament, with a view toward enriching the presence and maximizing the power of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. Class Schedule: **Saturday, April 29th** and **Saturday, May 6th** from 9:30am-2:30pm at Holy Spirit Church. Material: Bring bible and sack lunch.

MEMORIAL REUNION

A memorial reunion will be held in memory of Ben Cotton CBHS '59 who recently passed away. The memorial will be held at Silky O'Sullivan's, 183 Beale Street, on **Sunday, April 30th** at 2pm. For more information, please contact Frank Sampietro Jr. '57 at 757-8029, 606-2290, or sampietrofjr@gmail.com.

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, Jeff Sexton, Cpl. Graham Meihofer and Spc. Cooper Lawrence.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Offertory Report for week 4-16-17

Total Collection	\$46,954
Envelopes	\$30,892
Electronic	\$6,097
Loose	\$3,965
Budget requirements	\$40,385
Total registered families	1,805
Donated by envelopes	451
Donated Electronically	101
Non-participants	1,253

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

PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. FRANCIS

"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

Enliven and find more joy in your marriage by participating in a "Worldwide Marriage Encounter" weekend on October 27th-29th at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center. Visit www.wwme-section10.org/memphis or contact us at 409-4570.