

Good News

Third Sunday of Easter

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Discouragement and exhaustion are familiar to many of us. When we are young, we are full of life, vigor, hopes, and dreams. But the challenges of life can lead us down rough and narrow streets with few exits. When a fresh hope—an opportunity or a new love—appears but doesn't pan out, we are even more discouraged than before.

The two disciples returning home were convinced Jesus was the Messiah, but it doesn't seem to be. Jesus isn't surprised by their dissolution. He catches up to them and takes an interest in their story. When he asks, "What things?" they unburden their hearts, and Jesus listens and cares.

With their eyes blinded, they do not recognize their companion. Their faith is dead, their hope is dimmed, their love is cold. The mystery of the cross makes no sense without an experience of the resurrection. They simply can't understand why it had to be this way.

Arriving in Emmaus, their newfound friend needs to go on. But they insist, as should we in our prayer, "Stay with us!" We need God's presence to enlighten our faith, rekindle our hope, and inflame our love. Jesus accepts; there is nothing he wants more. He has promised to be with us, and we need to be with him. Jesus offers us his presence not for a moment but for an eternity.

The tapestry of Pieter van Aelst depicts this scene at the precise moment of the disciples realizing who Jesus is. Meditate on what this moment says to you.

For Reflection

Am I discouraged with God in some area of my life? Talk through these areas in prayer. It was necessary that the Messiah suffer. Do I accept suffering? Am I willing to die with Christ to live with him?

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Linda Rodgers Wray & +Jim Crabtree
	9:00	+Samuel Pante
	10:30	+Sid Kraker
	12:00	Special Intention for Dr. Charles Larkin
	6:00	Parish
Mon.	6:15	+Denise Nellington & +Catherine Joyce
	8:15	+Special Intention for the Johnny McNally Family
	12:00	+Michael Frayser
Tues.	6:15	Special Intention for John Guesman
	8:15	Special Intention for our First Communion Class
	12:00	+Jimmy McWillie
Wed.	6:15	+Ed Werkhoven
	8:15	+Terry Condo
	12:00	Special Intention for Lisa Marie Sherlock & +Jim McWillie
Thurs.	6:15	Special Intention for Pat Schoembs
	8:15	+Pat Bramuchi
	12:00	+Brian Splan
Fri	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	Special Intention for the Wilson Family & +Genevieve Garrone
	12:00	+Shelby Simmons
Sat.	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	Special Intention for Jimmy Costello
	4:30	+June Green

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+John Schaffler, Jr.+Kevin Kissell+Carolyn Denegri+Steve Zeber+Michael Houston+Carol Smith.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Horace Ballard and David Schwab.

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 30th, 2017—Third Sunday of Easter

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. St. Louis is 79% 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.

FATIMA CENTENNIAL U.S. TOUR FOR PEACE

The world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue (IPVS) will visit St. Louis Parish on **Wednesday, May 3rd**.

Schedule:

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| 12pm | Mass followed by 10 minute talk by Custodian Patrick Sabat |
| 12:30pm | Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| 1pm | St. Louis School children arrive; Talk by Custodian Patrick Sabat, Rosary, Veneration |
| 2pm | Quiet Veneration and Prayer |
| 3pm | Divine Mercy Chaplet & Veneration |
| 3:30pm | Talk by Custodian Patrick Sabat about Fatima and Brown Scapular, Brown Scapular Enrollment to follow for new inductees |
| 4pm | Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle: Rosary, MMP Reading, Meditation, Consecration |
| 5pm | Quiet Veneration & Prayer |
| 5:30pm | Multi-lingual Rosary: English, Spanish, Tamil, Tagalog, Vietnamese & Accompanying Music |
| 6:15pm | Vietnamese Youth Dancers from Sacred Heart Church |
| 6:45pm | 15 minute talk by Custodian Patrick Sabat |
| 7pm | Veneration of International Pilgrim Virgin Statue and Farewell |

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent De Paul will have our monthly meeting this **Monday, May 1st** at 6pm in the Clunan Center. All parishioners are welcome to attend! The meeting only lasts one hour. Come hear about our worthwhile ministry to the needy and poor of our city.

Food donations are needed to allow us to take food boxes to our families. Please bring toilet paper, cleaning supplies, pasta sauce, peanut butter, canned fruit, soup and cereal. Monetary donations are also always needed to continue our ministry! Thanks for your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTION CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

The second collection on **Saturday, May 6th** and **Sunday, May 7th** will be for home mission dioceses in the United States and its territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help.

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!

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

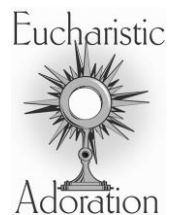
Senior High Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, May 7th** beginning at the pavilion near the gym building from 2-3:45pm. Junior High will meet from 4:30-5:45 pm. For information, visit www.stlouisyouth.org. You may also visit the Facebook page at St. Louis Catholic Church Youth Ministry and follow the Youth Group on Twitter at St_Louis_Youth and on Instagram at st.louis_youth_ministry.



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, 12pm slot on Wednesdays, 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.



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.

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.

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.



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.

QUEEN OF PEACE

Rosary, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration begin at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, May 8th** at St. Louis Church. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m.

Banns of Marriage

Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for **Anna Skeen** and **Justin Syputl** and for the first time for **Claire Pinkston** and **Austin Hudson**.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray that God will bless our children who will receive the Sacrament of First Communion next Saturday.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading	Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm	Psalm 23
Second Reading	1 Peter 2:20b-25
Gospel	John 10:1-10

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

Total Collection	\$45,054
Envelopes	\$34,313
Electronic	\$8,698
Loose	\$2,043
Budget requirements	\$40,385
Total registered families	1,805
Donated by envelopes	423
Donated Electronically	99
Non-participants	1283

29% of families participated...71% did not



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.

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. \$4,445 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.