

Good News

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Saint Peter, the first pope, zealously preached the word of God, challenging the Romans and the Jews to believe. Astoundingly, on various occasions their hearts were moved and they asked, "What are we to do?" The answer from the apostles was often twofold: Be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit. Both are necessary first steps.

The same is true today: We receive baptism and confirmation. We keep cultivating this gift of faith and life

in the Holy Spirit, listening to Jesus and the Spirit's promptings so they blossom and take over all of our life. The Good Shepherd verses found in John 10 reveal that there are many messengers who promise fulfillment and happiness. Jesus warns that these others try to slip in the back door of our souls and trick us into following them. Initially their message is only slightly different than Jesus' message, but once they lead us out of his fold, we can end up in very distant fields, and it is a long, hard path back home.

How do we distinguish Jesus' voice from the others? Compare their words with the words of Jesus and his Church. If they don't align, beware. Another criterion is to see if there is an element of the cross and true peace. Jesus reminds us that the shepherd lays down his life for his sheep and leads them to pasture and rest. The cross, although not everything, is always a part of the shepherd's path.

For Reflection

How often do I listen to the Good Shepherd over the other messages around me? How do I stay informed of what the pope and other shepherds of the Church are saying?

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Katherine Joyce
	9:00	+Jeanne Fisher
	10:30	+Sid Kraker
	12:00	+Shelby Simmons
	6:00	+Cristina Dieguez
Mon.	6:15	Special Intention for Carl Powers & Mark & Mary Chantel
	8:15	+Marguerite Gorman
	12:00	+Michael Dorian
Tues.	6:15	Special Intention for Pat Schoembs
	8:15	+Gene Albonetti
	12:00	+Chris Smith
Wed.	6:15	Special Intention for Carl Powers
	8:15	Special Intention for the Beatification of Elizabeth de France
	12:00	+Arthur M. Johnson
Thurs.	6:15	+Frank Brantley
	8:15	+Sid Kraker
	12:00	+Frank Brantley
Fri	6:15	+Kay Kraus
	8:15	+Johnny McNally 3rd
	12:00	+Clarence & +Estelle Johnson
Sat.	6:15	+John & +Ann Webb
	8:15	+Violet Mangialardi & +Theresa Ann Higgins
	4:30	+Adele Crenshaw & +Mary Borger

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 soul of Brad Hansom and Matthew Wilson.

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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BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. St. Louis is 80% 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent De Paul will have our Diocesan Council Dinner this **Monday, May 8th** 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!

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.



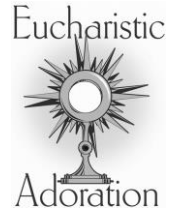
SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection next weekend is for the Basilica National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

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 3am, 4am, 10am, 4pm and 10pm slots on Sundays. Contact Jan O'Donnell by email at jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org or call 255-1954.



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.

ST. LOUIS MEN'S CLUB

The St. Louis Men's Club will hold a business meeting and Hole in One Festival planning meeting on **Sunday, May 7th** at 7:15pm in the St. Louis cafeteria. At this meeting, the Men's Club will discuss planning for the Hole in One Festival, which begins **Sunday, June 18th** and goes through **Saturday, June 24th**. Dinner and drinks will be provided.

FLEUR DE LIS

It is May, the month of Our Lady. Our annual May Procession will begin our May meeting at 6pm on **Thursday, May 25th**. Mass will follow and then dinner in the Clunan Center. Remember to bring a flower or two to carry up to the Mary's altar when we process into church that evening. Leonard's will be catering. Dinner is \$10 per person. Please make your reservation by **Monday, May 22nd** by calling Fred or Cathy at 685-1934. Looking forward to a wonderful evening together before our summer break!

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.

LEBONHEUR

Thank you to all who have volunteered to assist at the recent luncheons. The families send their thanks. They appreciate everything we do so-o much! Our next luncheon is **Saturday, May 13th**. Check sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948afae2c7-parish>. Summer and vacation time are fast approaching. Keep in mind when you're traveling that those toiletry items in your room are always needed - IF you don't use them yourself! We take them to the chaplain's office at the hospital, but St. Vincent de Paul Society and Room in the Inn ministries also use these items for their clients. Items for the pantry on the 5th floor can always be dropped off in the church office. A list of suggested single serve items is posted on the bulletin boards in the halls of the Clunan Center. The baskets for St. Vincent de Paul are in the halls of the church year round also. Our Parish Social Ministry group is always reminding us the "WE" are the "HANDS OF CHRIST" in this world.

WOW—WOMEN OF THE WORD BIBLE STUDY



from 11:30am-12:30pm.

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

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. Registration is now open! Visit <http://tinyurl.com/SLCVBS17> to register. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/SLCVBS17Vol> to volunteer. Contact Stephanie Novarese at Stephanie@novarese.net to volunteer or for more information.



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.

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.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are in memory of **Edward and Barbara Skeen, Morris Honea, Eugene and Cathryn Lyne, Paul Sypult and Pat McComas** from the wedding of **Anna and Justin Sypult**.

Banns of Marriage

Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for **Claire Pinkston and Austin Hudson**.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray for those who don't have anyone to pray for them.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading	Acts 6:1-7
Psalm	Psalm 33
Second Reading	1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel	John 14:1-12

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 4-30-17

Total Collection	\$40,901
Envelopes	\$28,660
Electronic	\$9,987
Loose	\$2,254
Budget requirements	\$40,385
Total registered families	1,805
Donated by envelopes	377
Donated Electronically	114
Non-participants	1,314

27% of families participated...73% did not

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.

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.