

Good News

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Jesus promised he wouldn't leave us orphans. As a good shepherd, he was concerned that he would eventually have to leave his sheep. How would he care for them while he was away preparing a place for them? He promises to pray to the Father for an advocate who would be with us always. We are entrusted to an advocate who cares for us until Christ returns.

That advocate is Jesus' very Spirit, the Advocate, the Spirit of truth. The apostles understood this. That's why their first order of business after baptizing a new believer was to place hands on him or her and pray for the Holy Spirit to come down and confirm the new believer with his gifts. They knew this was essential since it was Jesus' way of staying close to his believers.

This Spirit, which we received at baptism and whose gifts we more actively embraced at confirmation, is a friendship we absolutely need to cultivate. Its inspirations are constantly present, and listening to them is key to maturing as disciples. Who wouldn't want to have direct access to the heart and power of Jesus? Who wouldn't want to have the zeal of the first apostles? Who wouldn't want to have the same spiritual gifts: wisdom, understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge, piety, and awe?

We can. We do. We have the Holy Spirit! If you don't notice his action in your soul the way you'd like to, simply ask the Spirit to help you hear and respond better. Then just stand back and watch him work.

For Reflection

What helps increase my awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence in me? Which one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit do I most need?

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Clarence & +Estelle Johnson
	9:00	+Myrtle Kelly
	10:30	Parish
	12:00	+Charlotte O'Shaunessy & +Robert Kopacz
	6:00	Special Intention for the Gavin Grandchildren
Mon.	6:15	Special Intention for John Guesman
	8:15	+Peter Biasella
	12:00	+Mary Jane Miller
Tues.	6:15	Special Intention for Terry Williams
	8:15	+Casey Tidwell
	12:00	+Charlotte O'Shaunessy
Wed.	6:15	+Bud Gaia & Katherine Joyce
	8:15	+Dr. Richard Towne
	12:00	Special Intention for Peter Ritten
Thurs.	6:15	Special Intention for Ally & Mary Riley
	8:15	+Sid Kraker
	12:00	+Dan Bailey
Fri	6:15	Special Intention for the Johnny Anthony Gorman family
	8:15	+Tom James
	12:00	+Teresa Lucchesi Bounds & +Chris Smith
Sat.	6:15	+Richard Horton
	8:15	+Sid Kraker
	4:30	Special Intention for Jim Clark

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+Kevin Kissell+Carolyn Denegri+Michael Houston+Carol Smith+John May, Sr.+Mary Grace Williams.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of John Schaffler, Jr.

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.

May 21st, 2017—Sixth Sunday of Easter

CONGRATULATIONS

MSGR. JOHN B. MCARTHUR

On **Thursday, May 25th**, Msgr. McArthur will celebrate the 43rd anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. We all congratulate him on this joyous occasion. Thank you for your seventeen years of service as Pastor of St. Louis Parish!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. St. Louis is 83% 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.

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!



ROSARY MAKERS GUILD

Members of the Rosary Makers Guild are reminded of the monthly meeting on **Tuesday, May 23rd** at 2pm in the Clunan Center Room A. 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SVDP was able to help 16 families in the month of April. 9 families were helped with utility bills, 5 with rent, 1 with gas, and twinning with another conference on rent. We also were able to provide fresh produce to some of the families. Monetary donations are always needed and appreciated. Our funds are low until the second collection for SVDP in June. Food items can be donated at the entrances of the church. Especially needed are canned meats or tuna, cleaning supplies, peanut butter, jelly, cereal pasta, and spaghetti sauce. Thank you for helping our families in need.



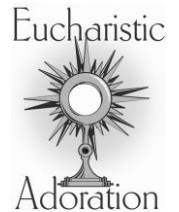
SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection next weekend is for the Catholic Communications Campaign.

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.



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.



A ROSARY INVITATION

Join us to pray a rosary for our priests/church, city, country and world in the Church at 7pm on **Thursday, June 1st**. For more information contact Susan Smith at 755-9447.

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. 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.



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Stay connected with your faith in college! Visit newmanconnection.com to let your college Catholic Campus Ministry know you're coming! It takes just a moment, but that moment can lead to a lifetime of spiritual growth and authentic friendship. Get connected today! For more information, contact Sam Mauck at samuel.mauck@ccm.cdom.org.



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.

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.



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. Tours can be scheduled with our Admissions Director, Kim Pesce.

CBHS BASKETBALL CAMP



Christian Brothers High School Basketball Camp this July for Boys grades 1-9. There are a limited number of spots - we hope to see your son there! Register: <http://www.cbhs.org/portals/0/UploadedContent/documents/SummerCamps/2017-BBALL-FUNDAMENTALS.pdf>. Or email Coach Bubba Luckett at bluckett@cbhs.org for more details.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are in memory of **Barbara Pinkston** and **Mary Ann Scheuer** from the wedding of **Claire and Austin Hudson**.

Banns of Marriage

Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for **Rachel Thillen and Wesley Ragsdale** and for **Colleen Cole and Patrick Cantu**.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray that the sick be restored to health and that the dying be welcomed into God's heavenly city.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Reading	Acts 1:12-14
Psalm	Psalm 27
Second Reading	1 Peter 4:13-16
Gospel	John 17:1-11a

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 Mehofer and Spc. Cooper Lawrence.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Offertory Report for week 5-14-17

Total Collection	\$36,608
Envelopes	\$29,373
Electronic	\$5,731
Loose	\$1,504
Budget requirements	\$40,385
Total registered families	1,805
Donated by envelopes	378
Donated Electronically	97
Non-participants	1,330

26% of families participated...74% did not

DOES GOD CARE WHAT I WEAR TO CHURCH?

Summer activities and vacations can make getting to Mass each week seem like a juggling act. Harder still is finding the time to dress properly and prepare, as we would like. But approaching all aspects of the Eucharist carefully can deepen our Communion with Christ. What we wear can help.

Use this guideline. When deciding what to wear in Church, think about this: If it's something you would wear to a picnic, to play a sport, or to clean out the garage or the house, don't wear it to church—even during the summer!

ST. LOUIS MEN'S CLUB

The 60th Annual St. Louis Men's Club sponsored Hole in One Charity Festival will be held **June 18th-24th** from 6-10pm each night. Sponsors and many volunteers are needed. Contact David Baker at dbaker04@att.net or 921-4023 for sponsorship information.

Service Hour Opportunity: Adult and Youth Volunteers are needed for the Hole-in-One Charity Festival. Adults please visit www.tinyurl.com/HIO17Adult. Youth please visit www.tinyurl.com/HIO17Youth.

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.

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.stlouischurchmphs.org and by clicking on this QR code with your smart phone.



GRIEF MINISTRY

The Journey to Hope Bereavement Group will meet for 4 consecutive sessions on Mondays at 6:30pm beginning July 10th. The meetings will be held at Trinity Hall at St. Ann Parish. If you have any questions, call Cindy at 373-6011, ext. 213.

WEEKEND RETREATS FOR WOMEN

Do you need a weekend away – a weekend with no commitments? Would you like a forty eight hour break in your life where the only expectation is to show up and let God do the rest?

Come to Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center for a women's silent weekend retreat **August 11-13** or a women's retreat *sponsored by St. Louis* **August 18-20**. The retreat theme is: Psalms: Life as Prayer - Conversation, Conversion and Compassion in the World. The Psalms speak to all of human experience. They are uncensored, sometimes raw, evocative, passionate and a very real expression of life experience. They express all of life, lived openly in relationship with the Eternal Father. The Psalms teach us how to pray.

Retreats begin Friday evening with dinner at 6:30pm and conclude with lunch on Sunday. Suggested offering: \$200 – per single occupancy or \$180 per double occupancy. Register online: www.olqpretreats.com or call 731-548-2500. Women of all parishes are welcome.

CAMP SUBIACO

Camp Subiaco for boys 9–13, is an active all boys camp with fishing, archery, riflery, go-carts, boating & tubing, climbing wall and much more. Camp Subiaco is operated by the Subiaco Alumni Association and the Benedictine Monks of Subiaco. Camp is **June 18-24** and **June 25-July 1**. Sign up at www.campsubiaco.org or call 479-934-1001 for info.

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.

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.