

## Good News

### Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension of the Lord

*Fr. Mark Haydu, LC*

Pinturicchio's Ascension wall painting is found in the apartments of Pope Alexander VI Borgia and was painted around the same time as one of Columbus' voyages to America: 1492. When the pope died in 1503, these rooms were shut and not opened again until 1889. How could such artistic treasures have been locked up and forgotten for 400 years?

The same thing can happen with the feast of the Ascension. We don't always give it much thought. Its powerful beauty is locked away, collecting dust.

The great truth revealed today is that Jesus is in heaven, in bodily form, seated at the right hand of the Father and watching over us all. From there He intercedes for us; from there He sends us on mission.

What are we to do with this truth? Treat it like a myth or ancient story? Just stare at the sky and wonder like the apostles? No, we are to get busy building God's kingdom. His kingdom will not automatically happen. He calls us to be His witnesses until the end of the earth. We cannot sit by and let our politics, our schools, our churches, and our arts evolve unguided by the gospel. We are called to roll up our sleeves and get involved. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19). Remember the good administrator who was left some talents. His master went away only to eventually return asking for a rendering. Jesus has left only to return again. Until then, it's time to build His kingdom.

#### *For Reflection*

How do I accept the responsibility of actively building up God's kingdom? How can I showcase the truth of the ascension in my life?

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## Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Terry Condo
	9:00	+Tom Kavanagh
	10:30	Parish
	12:00	+Michael Armstrong
	6:00	+Cathie Kirk
Mon.	6:15	+Casey Tidwell
	8:15	+Jeanne fisher
	12:00	+Ed Crenshaw
Tues.	6:15	Friends of the Suffering Souls
	8:15	+John Garrone
	12:00	+Palmer James Texada
Wed.	6:15	+Louise Grande
	8:15	Special Intention for the Costello & Riley families
	12:00	Special Intention for Dolores Migliara
Thurs.	6:15	+Margaret Conway
	8:15	+Shelby Simmons
	12:00	+Betty & +John Meihofer
Fri	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	Special Intention for the Wilson family
	12:00	+Johnny Costello & the Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	+Richard Towne Sr. & +Catherine Joyce
	4:30	Special Intention for the Gavin Grandchildren

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+Angelo Gagliano+Mimi Griffin+Morgan Skorupa+Ben Kennedy+Norma Britt.

## 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017—Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension of the Lord

## ST. LOUIS MEN'S CLUB

The 60<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Louis Men's Club sponsored Hole in One Charity Festival will be held **June 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>** from 6-10pm each night. Sponsors and many volunteers are needed. Contact David Baker at [dbaker04@att.net](mailto: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](http://www.tinyurl.com/HIO17Adult). Youth please visit [www.tinyurl.com/HIO17Youth](http://www.tinyurl.com/HIO17Youth).

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>**. For more information contact Susan Smith at 755-9447.



## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. St. Louis is 91% 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

SVDP has been busy helping our many clients in need! We receive 10 calls or more per day for assistance! We do need volunteers to take the messages off our voice mail. If you'd like to commit to one or two days per month, please call Sue Ellen Haaga at 755-8213. Monetary donations are always needed and especially now since 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.



## 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.



## SECOND COLLECTION

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

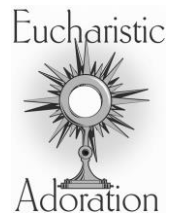
## CHURCH OFFICE MEMORIAL DAY HOURS

The Church Office will be open from 9am-1pm on **Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**.

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

Visit [www.tinyurl.com/SLCCAdoration](http://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) 12pm, 3pm and 5pm slots on Fridays, the 3am slot on Saturdays, the 9pm slot on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org) or call 255-1954.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Save the date! All Aboard the Queen of Heaven Express!! *Tracking Mary Mysteries and Messages* will be offered **Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>-Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:Stephanie@novarese.net) to volunteer or for more information.

## WEEKEND RETREATS FOR WOMEN

Do you need a weekend away – a weekend with no commitments? 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. 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](http://www.olqpretreats.com) or call 731-548-2500. Women of all parishes are welcome.

## PRIEST STUDY DAYS

Our priests will be joining other priest of the Diocese for Priest Study days **June 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>**. There will be no Masses at St. Louis Church during this time. Communion Services will be held at regular Mass times.



## 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.

## CONGRATULATIONS FR. FRANCISCO!

Our seminarian, Deacon Francisco Franquiz, will be ordained a priest at 11am on **Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Fr. Francisco will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving at 12pm on **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** at St. Louis Church. Mass will be followed by a reception in the Clunan Center sponsored by the St. Louis Altar Guild. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/FrFF0604> if you would like to help with the reception.



## ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Apply for enrollment by calling the school office at 255-1900 or apply at [www.stlouismemphis.org](http://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](mailto: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

Pentecost Sunday

First Reading	Acts 2:1-11
Psalm	Psalm 104
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel	John 20:19-23

## 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 5-21-17

Total Collection	\$39,252
Envelopes	\$31,409
Electronic	\$6,631
Loose	\$1,212
Budget requirements	\$40,385
Total registered families	1,805
Donated by envelopes	400
Donated Electronically	102
Non-participants	1,303

**28% of families participated...72% 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!