

## Good News

### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Fr. Mark Haydu, LC*

A priest friend of mine visited a family with several sons thinking about the priestly vocation. During his visit he celebrated Mass for them at the local parish. The Gospel reading was the same as today: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me...." My friend thought twice before reading it, afraid that the father who wasn't open to his sons' vocations would think he picked this passage on purpose. He read it anyway and, yes, got the reaction he suspected he'd get.

Most words in the Gospels are challenging. Jesus calls us to love him above all things. This means he has to come first, and sometimes other loves, as good as they are, cannot be the ultimate criteria. He tells us to "lose our life" to find it, and sometimes that loss is real and painful.

He demands this because he himself experienced its truth. In his public ministry, he put his mission and love of souls ahead of spending more time with family and friends. When religious leaders, government officials, and others criticized and persecuted him, he didn't back down, even if it affected his loved ones. He was faithful in charity. He didn't look for problems, but he didn't run from them, either. He avoided unnecessary conflict when he could, but he completely obeyed God's will and embraced the hardships of loving until the end.

This kind of sacrifice brings great joy if endured with acceptance. As Romans tells us, "If, then, we have died with Christ, ...we shall also live with him."

For Reflection

How can I live my life as though nothing is more important than Jesus? Do I regularly witness to my love for Jesus, using words when necessary?

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## Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Auston Dolan
	9:00	+Charlotte Mancha
	10:30	+Brad Hansom
	12:00	+Jeanne Fisher
	6:00	+Mary Catherine Gorman
Mon.	6:15	Special Intention for Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Shola
	8:15	+Katie Riley
	12:00	Living and Deceased Members of FOSS
Tues.	6:15	+Paul Seabin
	8:15	Special Intention for John Lunt & for +Walter Joyce
	12:00	+Dr. Charles Larkin & +Mary Catherine Gorman
Wed.	6:15	Special Intention for Jude & Ann Webb & Reese Carroll
	8:15	+Dr. Charles Larkin
	12:00	+Sid Kraker
Thurs.	6:15	For the Suffering Souls
	8:15	+Sid Kraker
	12:00	+Ed Crenshaw
Fri	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	Special Intention for the Wilson Family
	12:00	+Shelby Simmons
Sat.	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	+Marianne Carr
	4:30	For the Poor Souls & for +Donald Hines

Prayers are requested for the sick: Bob & Katherine McArthur Sigafos+Rosann Donoghue+George Lonergan+Lou Ann Bosi+Margaret Kolasinski+Mary Hemphill+Jim McNulty+Geri Duff+Don Stark+Carol Smith+Adrien Alsobrook+Bernadette Pian+David Allen+Kathy Miller.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Renate Broeker+Michael Spellman+Gary Howerton.

## 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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## MESSAGE FROM MSGR. JOHN MCARTHUR

I am appreciative of all the gifts and good wishes. I will be personally communicating with all who have been so kind and generous. 17 years have been a joy and so fulfilling. My new address is 5400 Collingwood Cove, Memphis, TN 38120-2214.

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. St. Louis is 94% 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.

## 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 1am slot on Tuesdays, 12pm slot on Wednesdays, the 4am slot on Thursdays, 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.



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul will meet at 6pm on **Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>** in the Clunan Center. All are invited to join us and learn about this important ministry which helps the less fortunate in our community.

## RED CROSS BABYSITTER'S TRAINING COURSE

The Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course will be offered on **Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>** from 9am-4pm for ages 11-15 only. There will be 15 available spaces. Sign-up sheets are in the church office. You must sign up by **Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**. The cost is \$69. Bring a snack, sack lunch and drink.



Students ages 11 and older are invited to work in the Nursery during Sunday Masses in order to receive service hours or an hourly pay. Sign up using the following links: <http://tinyurl.com/SLCNursery9am>, <http://tinyurl.com/SLCNursery10-30am>, <http://tinyurl.com/SLCNursery12pm>.



## FOURTH OF JULY SCHEDULE

Tuesday is **July 4<sup>th</sup>**, Independence Day. There will be a change in Mass Schedule for this holiday. Our schedule will be 6:15am and 10am. There will not be an 8:15am Mass nor a 12pm Mass. Happy Birthday America!!!

## 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.

## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

The Health and Wellness Ministry will be doing Blood Pressure screenings on the first Saturday of each month following 4:30pm Mass and the first Sunday of each month from 8:30am-12pm in the Parish Social Ministry Office. Due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, we will hold the screenings this month on **Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**.



## 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.



## 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](mailto:jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org).

## A ROSARY INVITATION

Join us to pray a rosary for our priests/church, city, country and world in the Church at 7pm on **Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**. We will especially be praying for all of our priests and their new assignments. For more information contact Susan Smith at 755-9447.



## FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the altar are in memory of **Dr. and Mrs. William Ries, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harder, Ms. Maureen Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Haynes and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Devereaux** from the wedding of **Karen Elizabeth Harder and Brian Lee Haynes**.

## ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray that the spirits of the violent learn peace and the souls of the greedy learn generosity.

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

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First Reading	Zechariah 9:9-10
Psalm	Psalm 145
Second Reading	Romans 8:9, 11-13
Gospel	Matthew 11:25-30

## 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.

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.stlouischurchmphis.org](http://www.stlouischurchmphis.org) and by clicking on this QR code with your smart phone.



## PARISH CENSUS INFORMATION

In order to keep our parish rolls accurate, please notify Anna Shelton at [anna.shelton@stlouis.cdom.org](mailto:anna.shelton@stlouis.cdom.org) of any change of name, address, telephone number, or added family members. If you are not receiving your church envelopes or Faith magazine, let Anna know.

## 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. WOW will not meet on **Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**.

## SERRA CLUB HOLY HOUR

The Serra Club of Memphis will hold its monthly Holy Hour on **Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm at St. Louis Church. The Holy Hour is dedicated to praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. All are welcome to attend.



## GRIEF MINISTRY

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

## STUDENT SERVICE HOUR REQUIREMENTS

**Start earning your service hours this Summer!** Students who attend St. Louis Catholic School in grades 5 through 8 and students who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation through St. Louis Catholic Church are required to earn service hours each year. Visit [www.stlouischurchmphis.org](http://www.stlouischurchmphis.org) and click on forms for requirement details and signature form.



## 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!