

## Good News

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Fr. Mark Haydu, LC*

The Book of Romans meditates on a truth we sometimes neglect, but that has inspired many artists. Creation longs to share in the freedom of God's kingdom. Sin has affected nature, so salvation will also set it free from corruption. What would a glorified planet look like? Charles Burchfield, a nature painter, tried to imagine just that.

He painted thousands of scenes from his bedroom in Salem, Ohio. He became obsessed with dramatizing landscapes and was known to sketch as he walked to and from school. His love and meditations didn't keep him from entering the army, but given his gifts, he was assigned to the camouflage unit, using his skills to paint tanks and drapery. Some of his designs are still used today.

What Burchfield discovered was that a pristine nature scene was a divine image. The forms, the colors, the patterns were all created by God and guided by his providence. By painting these scenes, one was truly touching the hand of God and entering into his mind. His painting Eye of God in the Woods illustrates the eye of God in a sun that pierces through the trees of a snowy forest with a rolling brook.

God speaks in nature motifs. Scripture is full of them. Jesus also used nature as a model for his teachings: seeds sown in different soils, clouds predicting rain, a sparrow, a catch of fish.

Nature is a glorious soil from which inspiration can sprout. This week, meditate and marvel at the beauty of creation and, like Jesus, take lessons from it for your spiritual life.

*For Reflection*

How often do I spend time outdoors enjoying nature? What messages from God can I find in the natural world today?

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## Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Dr. Richard Towne
	9:00	Parish
	10:30	+John Schaffler, Jr. & +Tucker Larkin
	12:00	+June Green & +Brad Hansom
	6:00	+Sid Kraker & +Mary Catherine Gorman
Mon.	6:15	+Luke Cremerius
	8:15	Special Intention for John Lunt & +Dr. Richard Towne
	12:00	+Luke Borger
Tues.	6:15	Special Intention for Jim Alley & Mary Riley & +Pat McGuan
	8:15	+Elizabeth Nussbaum & +Angelina Dominioni
	12:00	+James Nelson
Wed.	6:15	Poor Souls in honor of St Joseph
	8:15	Special Intention for the Costello family & for +Casey Tidwell
	12:00	+Louise B. Johnson
Thurs.	6:15	+Catherine Cremerius
	8:15	Special Intention for Devanie Cooper & for Joe & Ellen McNally
	12:00	+Jeanne Fisher
Fri	6:15	+Michael Snowden & +Catherine Joyce
	8:15	+Shelby Simmons
	12:00	+Paul Saxon
Sat.	6:15	+Kay Kraus
	8:15	+Joni Avery Lipsey
	4:30	+Jim Bedwell

Prayers are requested for the sick: Lou Ann Bosi+Adrien Alsobrook+Justin Von Stein+Kathy O'Connell+Bill Chandler+Grace R.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Jean Garbarini+Abigail Jimenez+Rommy Hammond.

## Information

**Sacrament of Baptism**—Baptisms are celebrated on Saturdays and Sundays. 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.

# July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017— Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## BULLETIN DEADLINE CHANGE

Beginning this week, the deadline to submit an item for the weekly bulletin will be **10am on Fridays** for the following week. For example, the deadline for the July 30<sup>th</sup> bulletin is **Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**.



## SUGGESTION BOX

Please provide your thoughtful suggestions for the growth of the parish in the Suggestion Box in the Narthex. Please remember when making your suggestion that it is not about you, **it is about God and the Church**. Your name and phone number *must* be included. Suggestions will *not* be considered without name and number. 500 people will have 500 different suggestions. We will try to accommodate all suggestions which we think will build our community.

## PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. JOLLY

Fr. Jolly Sebastian will lead a pilgrimage to Austria and Germany **April 16<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**. \$3,265 from Memphis includes Delta airfare, hotels, two meals a day and all admissions. We will visit a Eucharistic Miracle site and many beautiful Shrines, Cathedrals, and Castles. \$400 deposit will hold your place. Early deposits recommended as we expect this trip will be a sell-out. Many other extras included. Brochures are available in the office. For further information, email Jeannie Presley at [presleyjeannie@gmail.com](mailto:presleyjeannie@gmail.com) or call 335-4563.

## 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>.

## 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.

## CONGRATULATIONS FR. BURKE

Fr. Bill Burke will celebrate the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood with a reception hosted by the Altar Guild on **Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>** in the Clunan Center following 8:15am Mass. Please join us for this special occasion.

## POWER & PIETY: SPANISH COLONIAL ART

Power and Piety: Spanish Colonial Art is an exhibit filled with works of art created for many churches in Latin America. During the run of the exhibition, **July 16-September 24** at the Dixon Gallery and Gardens, parishioners and their families will be admitted *free of charge* to the exhibit, the permanent collection and the gardens by presenting their church bulletin.

## MINISTRY TO THE SICK TRAINING



Ministry to the Sick Training will be held **Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30am-1pm at the Catholic Center.

This training is designed to provide new ministers with the basic tools to bring compassion and communion and become a sacramental presence of Christ for those sick and homebound. Candidates are required to send completed registration form signed by the pastor by **Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**. Registration forms are available in the parish office or online at [www.cdom.org](http://www.cdom.org). For more information, call 373-1237 or email [alma.abuelouf@cc.cdom.org](mailto:alma.abuelouf@cc.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.

## 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](http://www.cdom.org)), weekly online news in the West Tennessee Catholic, the diocesan calendar and Facebook – always with free access for you.

## 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SEMINARIAN DINNER

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminarian Dinner in honor of Angelo Lucchesi will be held on **Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. \$50 per person, \$400 per table, \$500 bottomless wine table. All proceeds benefit our seminarians. To donate an auction item, contact Nancy Shellenberger at 662-893-7265. For tickets contact Devanie Cooper at 331-1734 or visit St. Paul Book and Gifts.

## POPE FRANCIS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOUNG PEOPLE

Are you a young person ages 16-29? Pope Francis wants to hear from you! Shape the worldwide conversation about the Church and Young Adults. Go to [cdom.org/youngpeoplesurvey](http://cdom.org/youngpeoplesurvey). Share it with a friend!



## 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.

## 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.stlouischurchmphs.org](http://www.stlouischurchmphs.org) and click on forms for requirement details and signature form.



## 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 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.

## ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray for our 52 youth and 11 chaperones from St. Louis Parish who are traveling to Chicago, Illinois to participate in Catholic HEART Workcamp this week.

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Psalm	Psalm 86
Second Reading	Romans 8:26-27
Gospel	Matthew 13:24-43

## OFFERTORY REPORT

Week of June 9, 2017  
Collection—\$40,490

## 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.

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



## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Enliven and find more joy in your marriage by participating in a "Worldwide Marriage Encounter" weekend on **October 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>** at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center. Visit [www.wwme-section10.org/memphis](http://www.wwme-section10.org/memphis) or contact us at 409-4570.

## 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.