

## Good News

### The Epiphany of the Lord

*Mary Katharine Deeley*

Several years ago, our family's longtime neighbor died. She had no children. My mom had helped her in her later years, so we weren't surprised when she received some money from the estate. What was shocking was that a check arrived at my house as well. I hadn't done anything to deserve this money; I had always been polite and kind to our neighbor and had visited her sometimes, but I was amazed at her generosity. Without knowing it, I had become an heir to this lovely woman.

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany, we celebrate our own unexpected inheritance—the quite undeserved gift of Jesus. Saint Paul writes that the Gentiles are “co-heirs” to this great gift, but what have we done to deserve such grace? Our culture tells us how much we “deserve” (clothes and so on).

But in the simplest of places—the tiniest of towns, this little hamlet of Bethlehem—comes a gift we could never do enough to deserve. The Magi recognized this—they prostrated themselves in homage and were changed by their encounter with Jesus. They “went home a different way”—not just physically but spiritually.

As the Christmas season winds down and the long-awaited gifts are unwrapped and put away, maybe we can look at the gift of Jesus with Epiphany eyes. May we welcome Jesus today like an unexpected inheritance check—with delighted hearts, humble spirits, and grateful souls.

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## Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Mimi Uhlmann
	9:00	+Luke Borger
	10:30	Parish
	12:00	+Sean Michael Bolton
	6:00	+Betty & +John Meihofer
Mon.	6:15	Special Intention for Lillian Cara
	8:15	+Virginia Lee Beggs
	12:00	+Ann Fountain
Tues.	6:15	+Luke Borger
	8:15	+Mona Meagher
	12:00	+Grace Catherine Goodwin
Wed.	6:15	+Gordon Wills, Sr.
	8:15	+Diane Brennan
	12:00	+Dick Lanigan
Thurs.	6:15	+Joan Pyzik
	8:15	Special Intention for Kathleen Bryant
	12:00	+Ed Crenshaw
Fri.	6:15	+Jane Wurster
	8:15	+Joseph Bauman
	12:00	+Mimi Uhlmann
Sat.	6:15	+Pam Yatsula
	8:15	+Frank Olita
	4:30	+Charlotte Halford

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jean Donati+Grady Hurley+Lewis Proctor+Paul Zoccola+Gloria Andereck+Trish Gurney+Walker Jackson Kiser+Kathleen Bryant.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Tara Snider+Wendell Seelig+Arthur Helmsdorfer+Carol Champion.

## 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 682-6606, 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 home-bound.

**Counseling Services**—St. Louis Parish participates in the Parish Family Counseling Program of the Diocese of Memphis. Professional available; fees are based on one's ability to pay. Contact Anne McInnis at 722-4711.

**Nursery**—a nursery is provided in the Clunan Center each weekend at 4:30 pm, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, and noon Masses on Sunday.

# January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016— The Epiphany of the Lord

## CONGRATULATIONS FR. SAJI ELLICKAL

Fr. Saji Ellickal celebrated the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood this **Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**. A reception hosted by the Altar Guild will be held in his honor on **Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>** following 8:15am Mass.

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has called for a special Jubilee Year of Mercy. St. Louis Parish will offer the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church at 2:30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and following the 8:15am Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Susan Smith at [Sbsmith408@aol.com](mailto:Sbsmith408@aol.com) or Libby Parks at [libbykarks@gmail.com](mailto:libbykarks@gmail.com).



## 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.

Contact Jan O'Donnell with questions by email at [jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org](mailto:jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org) or call 255-1954.

## ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** from 10:30-11:30am in the Clunan Center.

## YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will meet on **Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**. Junior High will meet from 4:30-5:45 pm and Senior High Youth Group will meet from 7-9pm. Both groups meet in the St. John Paul II Youth Ministry Center. For the calendar and other information, visit [www.stlouisyouth.org](http://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](https://twitter.com/St_Louis_Youth) and on Instagram at [st.louis\\_youth\\_ministry](https://www.instagram.com/st.louis_youth_ministry).



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

All members of the parish are invited to the St. Vincent de Paul meeting on **Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm in the Clunan Center.

## 2016 CALENDARS

2016 Calendars are available in the Narthex. Please take one per family.

## Pope Francis' Prayer for Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

**Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. in the Clunan Center Meeting Room, there will be a Baptismal Preparation Class. Parents planning to have a child baptized are expected to attend one of these sessions. Contact the church office at 682-6606 to register.

## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

The Health and Wellness Ministry will be doing free Blood Pressure screenings following 4:30pm Mass on **Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>** and from 8:30am-12pm on **Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>** in the Clunan Center.



## MEN'S CLUB RETREAT

The Men's Club Retreat will be held on **February 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>** in Cullman, AL. Speaker is Fr. Mike Johnston, who is a friend of Msgr. McArthur's from Nashville. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/SLCMen> to sign up.



## CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to all who made donations for the beautiful flowers on the altars for Christmas Masses.

### Gifts

Barbara & Mike Daush      Helen Nettleton  
Penny & John Schaffler, III      Gail & Walter Soefker, III

### In Honor of

**Esther & Ted French** requested by Mr. & Mrs. William H. French

**Barbara & Bill Muir** requested by Mr. & Mrs. William H. French

### In Memory of

**Eugene Amagliani** requested by Dorothy Amagliani

**Betty Calandrucchio** requested by Jenny Lynn Ross

**Billy M. Cary** requested by Laura & Mark Cary

**James J. Cole** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Eustic Corrigan, Jr.

**J. Eustis Corrigan, Sr.** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Eustic Corrigan, Jr.

**Jim Craven** requested by Dorothy Craven Family

**Craven-Fallo Families** requested by Dorothy Craven Family

**Fidelina Duque** requested by Marisol & Alejandro Natera

**Polly S. Fontana** requested by Laura & Mark Cary

**Kathy Forsdick** requested by Emily & Lance Forsdick

**Margaret Reilly Frassinelli** requested by John Frassinelli

**Virginia Ann & Jack Guinee** requested by Jenny Lynn Ross

**June Hall** requested by Barbara & David Olson

**Betty Craven Hayes** requested by Dorothy Craven Family

**Theresa Higgins** requested by Jenny Lynn Ross

**Sister Claire Hogan** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Eustic Corrigan, Jr.

**Christophe Kesterson** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cook

**Colin Kilgore** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cook

**Robert & Edna Kirby** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Pohlman

**Chet & Grace Kowalski** requested by Patty Russell

**Ken Mathis** requested by Emily & Lance Forsdick

**Alex Migliara Family** requested by Mrs. Alex Migliara

**Hazel & Stan Olson** requested by Barbara & David Olson

**Maximino Perez** requested by Marisol & Alejandro Natera

**Dot & Ray Pohlman** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Pohlman

**Louella E. Ray** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Eustic Corrigan, Jr.

**Ben F. Ross, III** requested by Jenny Lynn Ross

**Buddy Russell** requested by Patty Russell

**Andrew Sansone Family** requested by Mrs. Alex Migliara

## Banns of Marriage

Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for **Julie Varnado** and **Scott Fleming**.

## ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray that all believers carry the light of faith in Jesus Christ to those in darkness.

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading      Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 or

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalm      Psalm 104

Second Reading      Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 or

Acts 10:34-38

Gospel      Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

## 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, and Philip Principi.

## A ROSARY FOR OUR WORLD

The monthly Rosary for our World will take place **Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm in the Church. All are welcome to join us. Contact Susan Smith at 755-9447.

## BASKETBALL REGISTRATION GRADES 1-4

Deadline to register is **Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**. Parish Basketball is open to students who are parishioners and attend St. Louis School or PRE. Visit [www.stlouismemphis.org](http://www.stlouismemphis.org) to download registration form or pick one up in the church office.

## ROOM IN THE INN

St. Louis Parish is participating in the Room in the Inn with Colonial Cumberland Presbyterian Church. We need drivers and shepherds to spend the night. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/SLCRITI>. For information call Pam Scarbrough at 763-0295 or Ann Drennan at 674-2117.

## MARDI GRAS DINNER & PARADE

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual St Louis Mardi Gras Dinner and Parade will be held **Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm. If you would like to enter a "float" in the parade, contact Greg Crone at [croneg@bellsouth.net](mailto:croneg@bellsouth.net) or 359-2893 for more information.

## QUEEN OF PEACE

Rosary, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration begin at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>** at St. Louis Church. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m.