

Good News

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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For many Catholics, Vatican Council II was a watershed moment in Church history. I remember the nuns in our school turning on the radio to listen to reports. They shared what Pope St. John XXIII said at the start of the council. The media still follow large Church events, but it's easy to forget that Church leaders have been gathering to talk about the issues of the day since the first century.

In the first reading, we hear (in fairly abbreviated form) about the Council of Jerusalem. The apostles and other leaders of the Church came together to discuss whether Gentiles had to be circumcised (a tenet of Jewish Law) before they were baptized. There were legitimate claims on both sides. Remarkably, the leaders prayed, talked, and prayed some more. They spoke from their experience and their faith. They assumed that all the assembled were people of faith, and so they wrestled together to find the answer most in keeping with the commands of Jesus.

In the end, when they decided to admit Gentiles without circumcising them, the whole community recognized that the Holy Spirit was at work, and the letter sent to the various churches began, "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us..." The Council of Jerusalem gives us a model for resolving our differences: pray, dialogue, and pray some more. This week, read all of Acts 15 to see what happens when we trust the Spirit to guide us rightly: arguments fall silent, and we find delight, strength, and peace (see 15:12, 31-32; John 14:27).

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+John Graham
	9:00	+Jeanne Fisher
	10:30	+Margaret Dammon
	12:00	Parish
	6:00	+Cliff Davis
Mon.	6:15	+Kay Kraus
	8:15	+Kathleen Bryant & Special Intention for Bridget & Ed Mack
	12:00	+Bernadette Grantham & +Adolph Nelson
Tues.	6:15	+Mary & +Luke Borger & +Jean Peabody
	8:15	Special Intention for Marilyn Allen
	12:00	Special Intention for Susan Smith
Wed.	6:15	+Ed Workhoven
	8:15	+Katherine Joyce
	12:00	+Bob Moore & Special Intention for Louise McNally
Thurs.	6:15	+Emmett O'Ryan
	8:15	Special Intention for Brittney Tillman & Elizabeth Orians
	12:00	+Eugene J. Fox & +Genevieve Garrone
Fri.	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	Special Intention for the Wilson Family
	12:00	Special Intention for Tonya Dumas
Sat.	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	+Richard & +Marie Kilp
	4:30	+Violet Mangialardi

Prayers are requested for the sick: Gloria Andereck+ Jean Garbarini+Alani Stocks+Catherine Wallace+Dan Canale+Ann Marie Canale+Michael G. Yarbrow+Nancy Robinson+Sophie Wetick+Emilie Wetick+Victor Robilio, Jr.+Mary Louise Gunnells.

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.

May 1st, 2016—Sixth Sunday of Easter

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal. St. Louis Parish is 81% 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.

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 or Libby Parks at libbykarks@gmail.com.

DOORS OF MERCY:

EXPLORING GOD'S COVENANT WITH YOU

Join us! For only the fourth time in Church history, the Pope has declared an Extraordinary Jubilee Year. And the focus? Mercy. Learn to give and receive forgiveness, to forgive others, to forgive yourself. Just eight simple sessions that will help you to experience God's hope, healing and loving mercy led by Msgr. John McArthur. We will use the Ekklesia Thursday format with \$5 dinners. The final session for Spring will be held at 6pm on **Thursday, May 5th**. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/StLouisEkklesia> or call the church office at 682-6606.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Senior High Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, May 1st** from **1:15-3pm**. Junior High will meet from 4:30-5:45 pm on **Sunday, May 1st**. Both groups meet in the St. John Paul II Youth Ministry Center. *This Sunday's meetings are Water Games—wear clothing which can get wet and bring a towel.* For the calendar and other information, visit 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).



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY CONFESSIONS

Msgr. John McArthur will be available for Jubilee Year of Mercy Confessions on **Monday, May 2nd** from **11:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm**.

Choir Reunion



Come rejoin old friends and family for a reunion of all choir members! Whether you sang at St. Louis or another Parish, all are welcome to come sing with us!

Rehearsals are on Wednesday, May 18th and Saturday May 21st.

We'll sing for the **10:30 Mass on Sunday, May 22nd**, Feast of the Holy Trinity and **fellowship after at lunch!**

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL MAY PROCESSION



Our All School May Procession outside with our statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held on **Thursday May 5th** at 8:30am. The statue is located in the alcove of the Orians Center, facing the athletic fields. All students from grades Pre-K through 8th will process onto the fields and place a flower at the feet of Mary. The Blessed Mother will be crowned by eight-grade student **Maddie McGee**, who was chosen by the girls in her class. The attendant will be **Sarah Grace Price**. All are invited.

MOTHER'S DAY ALTAR FLOWERS

On Mother's Day, lovely flowers decorate the altars. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special, please use the envelope in your packet. Your donation will be recognized in the bulletin on Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 8th**. Deadline for donations is **Monday, May 2nd**.



PERPETUAL ADORATION

Eucharistic 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 3am slot on Monday, the 10am slot on Sundays and the 9pm slot on the 1st and 2nd Saturdays of each month.**

Contact Jan O'Donnell with questions by email at jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org or call 255-1954.



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Pre-K through 8th Grade

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING



St. Vincent de Paul will meet on

Monday, May 2nd at 6pm in the Clunan Center Meeting Room. The SVDP assists the poor and needy in times of

crisis. This "hands on" service depends on

volunteers who visit the poor and help assess, as well as meet, their needs. If you are interested in finding out more about this ministry, please join us!

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND RETREAT

This weekend retreat is designed to help men and women who are widowed, separated or divorced, work through the grief process associated with the end of marriage and move into the future with new hope. The retreat will be held **June 10th-12th** at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center. For information, contact Alma Abuelouf at 373-1224 or alma.abuelouf@cc.cdom.org.

ST. ANNE SCHOOL CLOSING MASS

St. Anne School will close at the end of the school year after 79 years of service to the community. Everyone is invited to "Come Together" at 4pm on **Saturday, May 21st** with Mass honoring alumni and teachers, followed by a reception in Nenon Hall. The school will be open so you can visit the classrooms. We hope you can join us at this special celebration as we pay tribute to St. Anne School which has had an amazing influence on so many lives.

IT PERSON NEEDED



IT Person needed for St. Louis Catholic Church and School to manage hardware, system administration for IT. Experience working with servers, firewalls, troubleshooting, and help desk for faculty and staff are a plus. For information, email Teddi Niedzwiedz, Principal, at tniedzwiedz@stlouismemphis.org.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Clunan Center Meeting Room, a Baptismal Preparation Class will be held. Parents planning to have a child baptized are expected to attend one of these sessions. Please contact the church office at 682-6606 to register.

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray that God will bless our children who will receive the Sacrament of First Communion next Saturday.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 7:55-60
Psalm Psalm 97
Second Reading Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
Gospel John 17:20-26

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, Philip Principi and Bryan Haneghan.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Week of April 24, 2016

Total collection	\$34,191
Envelopes	26,779
Electronic	6,215
Loose	1,197
Budget requirements	40,385
Total registered families	1,730
Donated by envelopes	407 families
Donated electronically	85 families
Non-participants	1,238 families
29% of families participated . . . 71% did not	

OFFERTORY CHECKS

Many parishioners make their weekly offertory contribution by check and do not use their envelope. This requires the office staff to look up the account number. Please write your account # on the check, if you do not know your account number, contact Anna Shelton at 255-1952 or anna.shelton@stlouis.cdom.org.

FISHERS OF MEN

The Fishers of Men of St Louis invite all men of the parish to 6:15am Mass on Thursdays and the Fishers of Men Gathering directly after. The FOM are starting the "Crossing the Goal" series with the dissection of the "Our Father" every Thursday morning in the Clunan Center following 6:15am Mass. If you are a man of the parish and want to deepen your Catholic faith with other men, please join us! For more information, call Jonathan Lyons at 481-2199.

Reminder: Federal regulations prevent hospitals from divulging patient information. If you would like a visit from a priest; contact the church office at 682-6606 or jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org.

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 forever and ever. Amen.

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.



SUMMER AT SBA

St. Benedict Summer Camps for all ages include Basketball, Dance/Pom, Lacrosse, Soccer, Spanish, Tennis, Theater and Volleyball. Visit sbaeagles.org/summercamps.

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT SAA-SDS

Join us and have a Blockbuster Summer at St. Agnes Academy-St. Dominic School! Programs are available for rising PK-8th grade students. We have a full-day Jr Day Camp/Day Camp and more than 50 specialty programs. Visit <http://saasdssummerprograms.com> or email eda-summercamp@saa-sds.org for more information.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

LAST meeting of the year will be a mass celebrated by Msgr. McArthur at the home of Stephenie and Anthony Ward at 12pm on **Monday, May 9th** at 710 Valleybrook. All ladies are welcome and invited to attend.

A ROSARY FOR OUR WORLD

The monthly Rosary for our World will take place **Thursday, May 5th** at 7pm in the Church. All are welcome to join us. Contact Susan Smith at 755-9447.

CBHS SUMMER CAMPS

Christian Brothers High School is now accepting registration for its 2016 Summer Camps. This year's camps, which begin the week of **May 30th** and run throughout the summer, include Sport Camps—All-Sports, Baseball, Basketball (boys and girls), Football, Lacrosse, Soccer (boys and girls), Track & Field (boys and girls), and Wrestling, as well as Band Camp (boys and girls). To register, go to the CBHS website, www.cbhs.org (Click on Summer Camps). For more information, call 261-4900.

CAMP SUBIACO IN ARKANSAS

Summer Camp at Subiaco Abbey. Sign-up now! Camp Subiaco, for boys ages 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 monks of Subiaco Abbey. Camp is June 19th-25th and June 26th- July 2nd. Google us on YouTube! You may sign up at www.campsubiaco.org or call 479-934-1001 for more info. Come join us! It's a blast!

WEDNESDAY EVENING RUNS

We start our runs every Wednesday at 6pm sharp (7pm from Memorial Day-Labor Day), rain or shine. Walkers welcome! Meet us on the north side of the Clunan Center before we start to get the route. For more information or to get on the weekly email list, contact Ray Johnson at ray@johnson.org or text/call 704-281-4575.

QUEEN OF PEACE

Rosary, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration begin at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, May 9th** at St. Louis Church. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m.

CBHS FOOTBALL CAMP

Christian Brothers High School will host a youth football camp **June 6th-10th** from 9am-12pm. To register visit cbhs.org or contact Dale Dunlap ddunlap@cbhs.org.