

Good News

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Saint Maximilian Kolbe died in 1945 taking the place of another prisoner in Auschwitz, but his martyrdom started many years before. As a young boy, he was quite a handful—so much so that at one point his mother cried out, “What will become of you?” Shaken by his mother’s grief, Maximilian went to the town church to ask our Lady what would become of him. He wrote that the Virgin Mother appeared to him holding two crowns: one white and one red. The white crown meant he would remain pure, and the red meant he would be a martyr. Our Lady asked Maximilian which one he would like. He chose them both.

We are offered choices as well. Sirach says that whatever we choose will be given to us, but what Jesus offers is challenging. Jesus offers each of us a new heart, a new spirit, a new love, and a new trust. Jesus defines what it means to be his follower, and it is a challenging task. This standard is not lowered for Christians, nor is it defined by what is legal in a country or popular in a social group. In fact, we are not only asked to live this life but we are called to teach it to others.

The rewards, however, are equal to the challenge. What Christ promises to those who love and teach his gospel is a glory and reward greater than any we have ever seen, heard, or imagined. Maximilian Kolbe knew this, and he fought earnestly for the truth in Nazi Germany, even though it led to his arrest and death.

For Reflection

What choices did Jesus place before me this week?
How have I been an example of Christ to others this week?

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Dr. Lynn Conrad
	9:00	+Sid Kraker
	10:30	+Bud Hisky
	12:00	+Billy Bird
Mon.	6:00	Confraternity of Suffering Souls
	6:15	+Anna McArthur & Special Intention for Lise McCormack
	8:15	+Sid Kraker
	12:00	+Michael Heifet & Special Intention for Kim Sevier
Tues.	6:15	+Dr. Joe Hudson & Special Intention for Lise McCormack
	8:15	+Tom Kavanagh & +Violet & +Secunda Mangialardi
	12:00	+Jean Peabody
	6:15	+John Fox & Special Intention for Lise McCormack
Wed.	8:15	Confraternity of Suffering Souls & +Katherine Joyce
	12:00	Special Intention for Ann May
	6:15	+Mary Jane Miller & Special Intention for Lise McCormack
	8:15	+Sid Kraker & Special Intention for Tommy Gorman
Thurs.	12:00	+Ed Crenshaw
	6:15	+Tom James & Special Intention for Lise McCormack
	8:15	+Sid Kraker & +Jose Angels
	12:00	+Ed Dorian, Robert Hansom, Sr. & +Marie Reynolds
Fri.	6:15	+Elmira Bassols
	8:15	+Kathleen Bryant
	4:30	Special Intention for John & Kathleen Pender

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jean Garbarini+Archbishop Peter Sartain+Peggy Steffan+Dr. Tucker Larkin+Bob Mader+Sarah Ward+Chris Smith+Michael Frayser+Katie Abart+LuAnn Bosi+Mary Jean Crenshaw+Lisa Barzizza MacCormack+Basil Crone+Gloria Dorian+Geri Duff+Bernadette Pian+Wendy Ray.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Alice Canale+Jerry Hill.

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 homebound.

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.

February 12th, 2017—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. LOUIS PARISH 60th ANNIVERSARY

SAVE THE DATES!



Parish Mission—Sunday, March

12th-Wednesday, March 15th: We will have a parish mission. Msgr. Al Kirk will speak at some weekend Masses.

We will have 2 sessions daily Monday-Wednesday 10am and 6:30pm. The mornings will be for those who can't get out at night. Let's make this Lent the best ever.

Family Dinner Celebration—Saturday, April 22nd:

Party to celebrate 60 years. We will have 4:30 pm Mass and then a huge reception—drinks, hors d'oeuvres. Let's plan on coming and giving thanks and celebrating.

Serve 60: 60 Service Opportunities in 60 days in

honor of 60 Years—Wednesday, February 22nd.

Saturday, April 22nd: Get ready for 60 days of service in honor of our 60 years. Details coming soon.

MARDI GRAS DINNER & PARADE

FLOATS PROVIDED--ALL YOU NEED IS RIDERS!

The St. Louis Men's Club will sponsor the annual Mardi Gras Dinner and Parade on **Saturday, February 18th**. The theme will be "Presidents" and "We are Family". It is now so easy to ride in the 10th Annual St. Louis Mardi Gras Parade! We will have 2 ready-made trailer floats with a vehicle and driver. The trailer will be outfitted with railings for safety for your riders. All you have to do is decorate. And remember--the Men's Club supplies all the beads and throws! Please contact Greg Crone 359-2893 or croneg@bellsouth.net.



LEBONHEUR MINISTRY

The sign up genius is updated with added items for the next few lunches. Please check the dates and menu items and volunteer. The web address is:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948afae2c7-parish>. Please call Cathy Freres at 685-1934 if you have any questions.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER



The Men's Club Meeting on **Sunday, February 19th** will feature Mike Norvell, Head Coach of the University of Memphis Tigers Football Team, will be our special guest speaker. The meeting will begin at 7pm in the Clunan Center. Dinner and beverages will be provided. All men of the parish are welcome.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

Attention ladies of the parish! The next guild meeting will take place on **Thursday, February 16th** at 6:30pm in the Clunan Center. Msgr. McArthur will speak to us about the upcoming 60th Anniversary Celebration and activities. We encourage all ladies to attend for food and fellowship.

ONLINE AUCTION



The "Cardinal Corral" SLS Online Auction is just around the corner, and you won't want to miss it. Our acquisitions team has been working hard to obtain items from our favorite

Memphis businesses. The auction website is www.stlouisauktion.org. Sign on today to receive notification of our upcoming launch, **Thursday February 16th**. Auction boards will close **Thursday, February 23rd**. Please sign on, shop, bid high and bid often!! And don't forget to share the auction website with family, friends, and Facebook friends. To sponsor the online auction, contact Katie Abart at 229-1540 or klyons218@gmail.com. Checks made out to SLS Home and School can be dropped in the church office. The deadline for sponsorships is **Sunday, February 12th**. Your company or family name will be listed on the online auction as well as on the live event program. Please consider joining the list of families and businesses who have donated already. Your support will be appreciated!

RED CROSS BABYSITTER'S TRAINING COURSE



The Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course will be offered on **Saturday, March 4th** from 9am-4pm for ages 11-15 only. There will be 15 available spaces. Sign-Up sheets will be in the church office starting **Saturday, January 28th**. Registration will close **Friday, February 17th**. The cost is \$69. Bring a snack, sack lunch and a drink. Those children interested in working in the Church Nursery must have this training.

FLEUR DE LIS

Our next gathering will be a luncheon on **Thursday, February 23rd**. We will meet in the Clunan Center after the 12pm Mass for a Cajun menu. We should be able to leave the parking lot before the school pick up line starts forming! Cost is \$10 per person. Please call Cathy or Fred at 685-1934 to make a reservation by **Monday, February 20th**.



ST. LOUIS
— CATHOLIC SCHOOL —

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Last week, we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. To begin the week, we invited current and former SLS parents to speak after each Mass. We thank the Men's Club president, David Baker, Home & School president, Kristie Lyons, SLS alumni and lifelong parishioner, Nancy Davis, District Attorney General Amy Weirich, and Mayor Jim Strickland for accepting our invitation and for speaking so passionately about the importance of a Catholic education.

The rest of the week was filled with activities planned by teachers and school administrators, all focused on celebrating our school. On Monday, students gathered in the gym to hear from SLS 4th grader, Ethan Spencer's grandmother and uncle. The Mitchells, spoke about how Catholic education has positively influenced their lives. Ms. Mitchell was the first African-American student to graduate from SLS, and Lawrence "Boo" Mitchell is a musician, songwriter, audio engineer, record producer and owner of Royal Studios in Memphis, Tennessee. He won a Grammy for his work with Bruno Mars on Uptown Funk, which the students got to see!! Monday afternoon, students enjoyed hosting priests, deacons, and religious sisters and brothers at our first ever "Priest Stop." Our cafeteria staff, Mrs. Carla and Mr. Maurice, cooked a delicious meal so that our guests could dine and visit with students in grades K-8. We are so grateful to all who stopped by to visit with the children and so proud of our students for welcoming our guests with cards, signs, and friendly smiles. On Tuesday, students brought canned goods and other food items to donate to St. Vincent de Paul and made valentines for various ministries to distribute. Wednesday students were given the opportunity to donate a dollar and dress for their future vocations. Over \$400 and 600 food items were donated to St. Vincent de Paul to help needy families.

As is the tradition every year, we ended Catholic Schools Week by inviting grandparents and special friends to Grandparents' Day. Fifth grade through junior high students celebrated Mass with their grandparents on Thursday followed by a reception in the Clunan Center, then showed their special guests around the school and visited the book fair. On Friday, Kindergarten through fourth grade students celebrated Mass with their grandparents. After Mass, Ray Mullins directed a fantastic Grandparents' Day program in the gym. He gave our special visitors a sneak peek into the K-4 music classes as he led students through games, dances, and songs. It was a delightful performance and a wonderful week!!

ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray for those who care patiently for elderly people with dignity and respect.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
Psalm	Psalm 103
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Gospel	Matthew 5:38-48

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 Capt. Jay Schaffler.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Week of February 5, 2017

Total collection	\$67,084
Envelopes	\$57,192
Electronic	\$7,964
Loose	\$1,928
Budget requirements	40,385
Total registered families	1,805
Donated by envelopes	442 families
Donated electronically	113 families
Non-participants	1,250 families
25% of families participated . . . 75% did not	

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS



Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will meet on **Sunday, February 12th** in the JPIL. Senior High meets from 7-9pm and Junior High meets from 4:30-5:45 pm. For

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 and on Instagram at st.louis_youth_ministry.

Youth Retreats

YOUTH MINISTRY RETREATS

The third SEARCH retreat of the year will be held **Friday, February 24th-Sunday, February 26th** for students in 11th and 12th grades. Cost is \$60.

The annual VOYAGE retreat will be held **Friday, March 3rd-Sunday, March 5th** for students in 7th and 8th grades. Cost is \$50.

Retreats will be held at Memphis Catholic High School. Registration is required and forms are available at www.stlouisyouth.org. Contact Dianne Dolan at 373-1292 or dianne.dolan@cc.cdom.org.

A NOTE FROM DEACON MIKE

I would first like to thank you for being so welcoming to Sarah and me since we were assigned here in July. It is truly an honor to be here to serve with all of you.

I would like to invite you to join me, fellow St. Louis parishioners and others from around the city in front of Planned Parenthood on **Ash Wednesday, March 1st** after the 8:15am and noon Masses. We will have silent prayer and offer a vocal Rosary for the unborn and as a show of support for the pro-life movement. We will leave here after the two masses to go to Planned Parenthood. We would love your company. It would also be a wonderful way to give an hour of time during this Lenten season standing for life in front of Planned Parenthood during the 40 days campaign.

We all know how vehement the pro-choice platform is. Recently, in the gospel of January 28, we heard Jesus tell the crowd "Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you." (MT 5:11-12).

The season of Lent is described in CCC 1438 "These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works)."

Let us speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Yours In Christ,
Deacon Mike D'Addabbo

PERPETUAL 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 4am slot on Mondays, 1am slot on Tuesdays, the 2am (shared time) 3pm and 5pm slots on Fridays, the 9pm slot on the 1st and 2nd Saturdays of each month and the 10am, 4pm and 10pm slots on Sundays.**

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

SAVE THE DATE: WMOS

Women's Morning of Spirituality will be held on **Saturday February 25th** at the Church of the Incarnation from 8:15am-1:30pm with a Continental Breakfast beginning at 7:15am. Keynote Speaker is Reneé Hendrix. Witness Speaker is Kelli Williams. Music with Bethany and Kevin Paige. Register at www.womensmorning.com.



ROOM IN THE INN

St. Louis Parish is participating in Room in the Inn Memphis. In partnership with Colonial Cumberland Presbyterian Church (1500 S. Perkins Rd.) we will feed, shelter and provide fellowship to 12-14 homeless men and women on our scheduled nights. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/SLCRITI> to volunteer. We also welcome financial donations, as well as new underwear for men and women. Call Pam Scarbrough at 763-0295 or Ann Drennan at 674-2117.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SVDP appreciates all the food donations the past two weeks! Our clients also need toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning products and laundry detergent. These items would be helpful to be donated at any time. Monetary donations are needed and helpful as well! Thank you also to Vickie Shaw for arranging a food drive for SVDP by students in the school! If you'd like to become involved in SVDP, call 755-8213.



QUEEN OF PEACE

Rosary, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration begin at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, February 13th** at St. Louis Church. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life Memphis will start its 18th campaign on **Ash Wednesday, March 1st** and it will continue through **Sunday, April 9th**. Come join us in this fight for the dignity of all human life. We stand in peaceful, prayerful vigil in front of the country's largest abortion mill, Planned Parenthood at 2430 Poplar everyday from 6am-6pm for 40 days. We stand as a physical witness to the fact that all life from conception to natural death is to be cherished and treasured. We offer help, hope and love to all entering Planned Parenthood's business. We need you to grab a friend, sign up and come pray. Sign up at 40DaysforLife.com/Memphis or contact Libby Parks at 355-8546 or Libbykpark@gmail.com.



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.

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please email Jan O'Donnell at jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org.

ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Apply for enrollment by calling the school office at 255-1900 or apply at 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. Those interested in K-8th grade for the 2017-18 school year should call or apply online as soon as possible. Enrollment will take place in early 2017. Tours and shadow days can be scheduled with our Admissions Director, Kim Pesce.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

You're invited to Theology on Tap, an exciting group for young people in their 20s and 30s! Our next event is **Monday, February 13th** at 6:30pm. Dr. Patrick Gray will be speaking on the topic, "The Life of Jesus : What Do We Know and How Do We Know It?" at Fox Ridge Pizza on Germantown Parkway in Cordova. For more information, visit totmemphis.org or email totmemphis@gmail.com.

PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. DEXTER

Anniversary Pilgrimage to Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Saragoza, and Lourdes, **April 18-28, 2017** with Fr. Dexter Noblefranca. \$3836 plus \$160 taxes include air, lodging, and 2 meals a day with wine served at dinner, and all admission fees. Early reservations are needed, as seats are limited. Brochures are in the office or contact Jeannie Presley for more information at 335-4563.

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), weekly online news in the West Tennessee Catholic, the diocesan calendar and Facebook – always with free access for you.

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.

WOW—WOMEN OF THE WORD BIBLE STUDY



Please join us every Tuesday in the Clunan Center Meeting Room to discuss the Gospel of Matthew. 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.

MARDI GRAS TRIVIA NIGHT RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mardi Gras Trivia Night will be held at Resurrection Catholic Church on **Saturday, February 25th**. Doors open at 5pm with Silent Auction, Trivia Questions start at 7pm. Authentic New Orleans Cuisine and Beverages for Sale, Beer and Wine available. There will be a 50/50 drawing during the evening as well as a Live Auction during the Intermission. Cost is \$15 per person/8 people to a team. Register and pay for full team only online at www.resurrectionmemphis.com. Pre-Registration Deadline is Friday, February 17th. Fr. Ben's world class king cakes available \$30 ea. (Apple, Cherry, Nutella). Order online at www.resurrectionmemphis.com. Pre-Sales end February 17th. There will only be a Limited Number of King Cakes available for purchase at Trivia Night! For more information, contact Janie Cook at 268-6502.

The Catholic Diocese of Memphis in 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 (901-652-4066); or Director of Child and Youth Protection (901-359-2027). 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.