



## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds."

Matthew 13:24-25

# St. Louis Catholic Church

Sunday, July 23, 2017



### Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Monday-Friday: 6:15 am, 8:15 am & 12:00 pm

Saturday: 6:15 am, 8:15 am

### Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm

Sunday: 30 minutes prior to Mass

1st Friday: after 6:15 am & 12:00 pm Masses

1st Saturday: after 6:15 am & 8:15 am Masses

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## Parish & School Staff

Rev. Jolly Sebastian, M.C.B.S., Parochial Administrator

Rev. William F. Burke, Associate Pastor

Rev. Herbert Ene, Associate Pastor

Rev. Ruben Rivera, Associate Pastor

Deacon Jeff Drzycimski

Deacon Mike D'Addabbo

Deacon Ralph W. Donati, Deacon Emeritus

Ronald Pierotti, Business Manager

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Ray Mullins, Choir Director

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Michael W. Bennett, Athletic Director

## Parish

### Mission Statement

We the people of St. Louis Parish, in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church, nurtured by the Eucharist, strive to be the body of Christ to all God's people. We are committed to a culture of life through worship, prayer, life-long evangelization and development of youth, and we desire to live out the Gospel mandate to love God and our neighbors as ourselves.

## Parish 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 12:00 pm Masses on Sunday.

# Good News

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Fr. Mark Haydu, LC*

One of the most important signs of true strength is the ability to show mercy. The Roman emperors understood this and were praised when they showed clemency toward a criminal. The one who has the power to condemn also has power to forgive.

The artist Ippolito Scarsella—in his painting *Virgin and Angels Imploring Christ Not to Punish Lust, Avarice and Pride*—depicts this mercy, as it applies to Jesus, in classic allegorical fashion. Mary and the angels are shown pleading with Jesus to hold back his wrath against lust, avarice, and pride. Jesus is rearing back to launch arrows upon them, yet Mary begs him to withhold his judgment.

The Book of Wisdom praises God, for “He is master of might, but governs with lenience.” The fact is, He would be fully justified to reprimand every vice of His creatures, yet He chooses mercy. What a wonderful lesson for all persons in authority!

It’s enough to just look at the Gospel. The weeds are not immediately torn out or burned out of consideration of the wheat. Both are allowed to grow and develop to maturity to insure the harvest. Permitting the good to struggle with evil allows the good to grow in perfection. It also gives the bad a chance to convert.

God gives every grace to those who love Him so that we may not succumb to the challenges around us. His mercy gives the sinner every possible chance to repent and be saved. This is the heart we must have for one another and why we should never gloat about our goodness or despair of our weaknesses. While there is life, there is hope.

*For Reflection*

Do I more readily imitate God’s judgment, justice, or mercy? How can I practice all three?

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# Mass Intentions

Sun.	7:30	+Kathy Staggs
	9:00	+Mary Borger
	10:30	+Casey Tidwell & +Dr. Charles Larkin
	12:00	+Grace Reinhardt
	6:00	Parish
Mon.	6:15	+Mary Borger
	8:15	+Patrick Holley
	12:00	Special Intention for Virginia Ann Bolton & +Michael Dorian
Tues.	6:15	+ Terry Condo & +Walter Joyce
	8:15	+Emmett O’Ryan
	12:00	+John Schaffler, Jr.
Wed.	6:15	A Special Intention
	8:15	+Shelby Simmons
	12:00	+Theresa S. Higgins
Thurs.	6:15	Special Intention for Jim & Mamie Carroll
	8:15	+Anita Robbins Kay
	12:00	+Casey Tidwell & +Guy Erb
Fri	6:15	+John Guesman
	8:15	+Anna McArthur
	12:00	+Steve Zeber & +Mary Catherine Gorman
Sat.	6:15	Special Intention for Jack & Bridget Costello & Eddie Sherlock
	8:15	Special Intention for Vince & Connie Smith
	4:30	+Hallie Walker & +Mary Catherine Gorman

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

Prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Robert Pidgeon and Leonard Gill, Jr.





## BULLETIN DEADLINE CHANGE

We are changing to a provider who will print our bulletin multi-color at no charge. 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 **Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>** bulletin is **Friday, July 28<sup>th</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.



## LEBONHEUR MINISTRY

Help is always needed in providing twice monthly lunches for families on the 5th floor. The lunch dates and menus are on the signup genius at: [tinyurl.com/stlouissignup](http://tinyurl.com/stlouissignup). Single-serve non-perishable food items for the pantry are needed as are small personal toiletry items. These may be dropped off in the church office.

## FLEUR DE LIS

The good old summertime is half over already! Fleur de Lis will meet on **Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm beginning with Mass with Fr. Jolly as our celebrant. Dinner will follow in the Clunan Center. Call Cathy or Fred at 685-1934 for information.

## 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.

## SECOND COLLECTION ALTAR MAINTENANCE

The Second Collection on **Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>** will be for the maintenance of our beautiful altar.

## REVISED CONFESSION TIMES

Confession will be offered 30 minutes before each Sunday Mass, after 6:15 am and 12:00 pm Masses on First Friday and after 6:15 am and 8:15 am Masses on First Saturday. Confession will continue to be offered from 3:30-4:30pm each Saturday.

## 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 information, email Jeannie Presley at [presleyjeannie@gmail.com](mailto:presleyjeannie@gmail.com) or call 335-4563.



**ST. LOUIS**  
— CATHOLIC SCHOOL —

## ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

A Meeting for New Families in Grades 1-8 will be held at 6pm on **Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>** in the St. John Paul II Youth Ministry Center.

Preschool, Junior Kindergarten, and Kindergarten Back to School Meeting will be held at 1:30pm on **Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>** in the Dining Hall.

Back to School Meeting for Grades 1-6 will be **Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>** at 2:30pm in the Dining Hall.

A Used Uniform Sale will be held during Back to School Meetings. Please bring donations of gently used uniforms to the school and church offices.

First Day of School is **Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**; dismissal will be at 11:30am.

Thank YOU to ALL Home and School Volunteers who worked so hard during the 2016-2017 school year.

## MINISTRY TO THE SICK COORDINATOR

Deacon Mike D'Addabbo will be the new parish Ministry to the Sick Coordinator. If a parishioner is homebound and needs a home visit from a Minister to the Sick, please contact Deacon Mike by email at [mike.daddabbo@stlouis.cdom.org](mailto:mike.daddabbo@stlouis.cdom.org) or call him at 757-4047. Please see his letter below for important information regarding Ministry to the Sick training.

## ***St. Louis is looking for More Than a Few Good Men and Women***

This week's bulletin has an announcement concerning a training session for new Ministers to the Sick. We encourage all of you to prayerfully give this ministry your consideration as we reach out to all parishioners—homebound or in the hospital—to bring them the Body of Christ during the times they are sick and unable to come to Mass. Specifically this will involve:

- A minister and homebound person, or two, in a one-on-one relationship for spiritual needs
- A minister to visit a hospitalized parishioner
- The visits should not be burdensome on either party. It should not take more than one hour per week including travel time. We anticipate only once a week visits.
- The minister to regularly liaise with the parish Deacon/Priest/lay minister in charge of the ministry updating the status of the parishioner.
- We are updating the list of ministers. Each minister will be given a list of other ministers in order to be able to find a substitute during a week they may not be available.

For current ministers we will have a mandatory refresher course here at St. Louis. We will schedule an evening session, as well as a weekend morning session, for your convenience. These will be in August.

Many of us do not like hospitals. There are sick people there. This ministry is both a corporal and spiritual work of mercy. The compassion to do it is a true gift from God. One of its great joys is seeing a patient's eyes shine when a minister comes in to their room, prays with them and offers them the Body of Christ. Please pray over this and contact me if any questions.

God bless you and your families,

Deacon Mike

[Mike.DAddabbo@stlouis.cdom.org](mailto:Mike.DAddabbo@stlouis.cdom.org)

## MINISTRY TO THE SICK TRAINING

Ministry to the Sick Training will be held **Saturday, August 5th** from 8:30am-1pm at the Catholic Center. Candidates are required to send completed registration form signed by the pastor by **Tuesday, August 1st**. Registration forms are available in the parish office or online at [www.cdom.org](http://www.cdom.org). For information, call 373-1237 or email [alma.abuelouf@cc.cdom.org](mailto:alma.abuelouf@cc.cdom.org)

## AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS CUPCAKE SOCIAL

Do you like to learn new things? Do you desire to serve God by serving in the community? Do you like to build friendships and make new friends? Then American Heritage Girls is for you! There will be a Cupcake Social on **Saturday, August 13th** at 2pm in the Dining Hall. Hear about the exciting year we have planned! For information, email Tracy Price at [tracyprice316@gmail.com](mailto:tracyprice316@gmail.com).

## OFFERTORY REPORT

Week of June 16, 2017

Collection—\$30,518

## 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.

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.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

SVDP helped 17 families in the month of June; 11 with utilities, and 6 with rent. Food donations are always needed.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**FEAST OF ST. LOUIS PARISH PICNIC**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH**



# Farewell Msgr. John McArthur

Visit the Parish website at [www.stlouischurchmphs.org](http://www.stlouischurchmphs.org) and click on “Calendar, Links & Information” and then click on “Photo Albums” to view more pictures from Msgr. McArthur’s retirement party.



## Junior High Youth Ministry Mission Trip

52 youth and 11 chaperones from St. Louis Parish traveled to Chicago, Illinois to participate in Catholic HEART Workcamp this week. They were the hands and feet of Christ to the less fortunate by performing home repairs, cleaning and painting as well as worked in social centers and childcare facilities. They participated in retreat activities each morning and evening and attended Mass daily.

