

peace and joy to the world - Saint Teresa

Respect Life

Instead of death and sorrow, let us bring

St. Louis Catholic Church



Sunday, October 1, 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

Good News

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

We can really relate to God when he repeats the people's blame and accusations at him for not being fair. In moments of suffering or injustice, it's easy to pass judgment and blame it all on God. It's especially difficult when innocent and good people (ourselves included) suffer. We're tempted to ask, "Aren't you supposed to treat your friends better?"

We only need to look at Marco Palmezzano's painting Christ Bearing the Cross to reconsider our complaints. How have we treated God?

Jesus was and is the most innocent of souls; no other being was or is as good as Jesus. No one was asked to suffer like him, and he suffered not to gain for himself but to pay our debt. Relating it to today's Gospel lesson, Jesus is the son who, when asked to work in his Father's vineyard, promptly

said "yes" and went. Always obedient, always docile, always loving.

Watching Jesus, we hear the echo of St. Paul's letter. Jesus humbly regarded his brothers and sisters as more than himself and was willing to go to the cross and win them back for the Father. Keep in mind, those siblings had destroyed family unity, squandered away their inheritance, sold their birthright, sold him into slavery with their sin, and very often refused his love. Yet "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

God knows his merciful justice well and can kindly and provokingly ask in Ezekiel 18:25, "Is it my way that is unfair? Are not your ways unfair?"

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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 deaconjeff@thecatholiccafe.com or 260-2888 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.

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.

Events This Week

Sunday	Parish Religious Education Class at 9 am in the school Coffee & Donuts in Clunan Center Hall following morning Masses Knitting Ministry in Meeting Room at 1 pm Life Chain at 2:00 pm in front of Walgreens (<i>meet at 1:30 pm in Clunan Center to pick up signs</i>) Junior High Youth Group Meeting in JPII at 4:30 pm Senior High Youth Group Meeting in JPII following 6 pm Mass Charismatic Group in Meeting Room at 7:30 pm
Monday	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting in Meeting Room at 6:00 pm
Tuesday	WOW--Women of the Word in Meeting Room at 11:30 am St. Leo's Lunch in Clunan Center at 11:30 am Scouts in Scout Room at 6 pm RCIA in Clunan Center at 7 pm
Wednesday	American Heritage Girls Meeting in JPII at 3:00 pm Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room at 7 pm
Thursday	Fishers of Men in Clunan Center at 6:45 am Ladies Bible Study in Meeting Room at 9:30 am Fatima Centennial Evening in Clunan Center at 6 pm (<i>Rosary for our World is combined with this event</i>) Living Peacefully in a Violent World Class in Meeting Room at 7 pm
Friday	St. Louis Catholic School Holiday Praise & Worship Group in Choir Room at 11 am
Saturday	Blood Pressure Screenings in Parish Social Ministry Office following 4:30 pm Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT
 Week of September 24, 2017
 Collection—\$34,993

Mass Intentions

Sat	6:15	+Jo Griffith
	8:15	Special Intention for Joe & Laura Chiozza
	4:30	+Jean Garbarini
Sun	7:30	+John Pinkston
	9:00	Special Intention for Basil Crone 90th Birthday
	10:30	+Rose Jacob
	12:00	+Jean Donati & +Rommy Hammond
	6:00	Parish
Mon	6:15	+Thomas O'Sullivan
	8:15	+Bernadette Pian
	12:00	+Michael Dorian & +Ed Dorian
Tue	6:15	+John Guesman
	8:15	+Bernadette Pian
	12:00	+Bernadette Pian
Wed	6:15	+Poor Souls in Thanksgiving to St. Jude
	8:15	+Pansy Day & Special Intention for Rick & Adrien Alsobrook
	12:00	+Gloria Montesi
Thur	6:15	+Bernadette Pian
	8:15	+Bernadette Pian
		+Leonard Wetzell
	12:00	+Tom Kavanaugh
Fri	6:15	+Kelly Lou Whittaker & Miracle for Claire Marie Wilson
	8:15	Special Intention for Wilson Family
	12:00	+Betty Hayes & +Will H. Higgins

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jackie Stark+Ted Hall+Kathy O'Connell+Rosann Donoghue+Will Stukenborg+Alison Courtenay+Carolyn Farrell+Renelino M. Dingle.+Deborah Saunders+Dan Jarrett+Rose Trouy

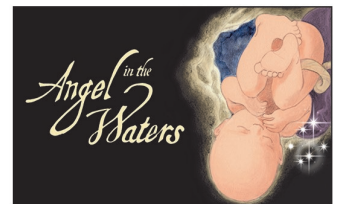
Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Perry Norman+Trish Gurney.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Angel in the Waters

Share the Wonder of Life with Your Children

Invite your children to celebrate their own journey from conception to birth during pro-life month! These beautiful illustrations and wise words tell the story of a baby growing, exploring, and speaking with its guardian angel in its mother's womb.



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—Irene K, Huron, OH

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FEED MY FLOCK

Feed My Flock is Saturday, **October 21st**. Join us as we reach toward a total of 1,000,000 meals packaged since we began! You definitely want to be a part of this annual food packaging event for everyone. Feed My Flock provides not only a way to serve others, but also fellowship time for our whole St. Louis family. For more information and to sign up, visit feedmyflock.net. Questions? Contact Mary Margaret Koch at 219-4617 or mmvkoch@gmail.com.

CARDINAL WUERL TALK AT ST. LOUIS

Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, will give a talk entitled "The Radical Call to Missionary Discipleship" in the Clunan Center on **Tuesday, October 17th** at 7pm. Please register at lumencivitatis.com so that we can accommodate seating.



THANK YOU

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FAITH WEST TENNESSEE

Faith West Tennessee is moving into its fourth year of publication. Subscriptions will continue to cost \$18 for 10 issues per year. Envelopes are provided in your parish envelopes.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Photography will resume for our Parish Pictorial Directory in November. Photos will be delivered before Christmas.

RELIGIOUS GOODS & ARTICLES

Many people drop off religious goods and articles in the church office which they no longer have need of. We do not have space for these items. Please find an alternate place which has a use for them. The only exception to this is rosaries—the Rosary Guild can use those.

St. Louis Catholic School

Junior High Coffee Chat

When: Tuesday, October 10 at 8:15AM

Where: Youth Ministry Center

What: Tour the Jr. High building, meet the Jr. High teachers, ask questions, and get answers.

Why: Find out how SLS prepares students for High School through faith formation and academic excellence utilizing progressive technology while enhancing students' emotional, physical, and spiritual well-being.

RSVP to Kim Pesce at 255-1900 or kpesce@stlouismemphis.org.



PRE CLASSES

It is **not** too late to register for Parish Religious Education classes for children in grades K-8 who do not attend Catholic schools. For registration information, contact Sr. Ancilia at 255-1959.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The 19th Memphis campaign of 40 Days for Life will be held from 6am-6pm through **Sunday, November 5th**. Please join us to pray for an end to this abortion. **All human life is to be protected and cherished.** We offer help, hope and love to all who enter Planned Parenthood at 2430 Poplar. We need many good souls to commit to pray where this evil takes place and many lives will be changed because of your efforts. Please go to 40daysforlife.com/memphis to sign up or call Libby Parks 901-355-8546. *"Be Not Afraid, I go before you"...Jesus.*

Our Lady of Fatima Centennial Anniversary Program



“Fatima: School of Holiness” is a talk which will be presented by **Sister Rita Marie** of the Sister Servants of the Eternal Word on **Thursday, October 5th**. Sister Rita Marie has given these talks at Marian Congresses in South Dakota and Kentucky, and at day retreats at parishes in Birmingham, Gadsden, Mobile, Memphis and rural Tennessee, and Indiana.

Her talk on Fatima includes: the historical context of the apparitions, which is key to understanding the relevance of the Fatima message in today’s world; the apparition of the angel as a way of recovering authentic catechesis on the Eucharist and Eucharistic worship; and an explanation of devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as a school of sanctity.

These talks are meant to inspire the faithful to respond to Our Lady’s requests with Her plan for world peace.

Dinner will be catered by Lucchesi’s Ravioli and Pasta Co. in the Clunan Center beginning at 6:00 pm. Donations will be accepted. Dinner will be followed by the Rosary and Sister Rita Marie’s presentation. *We are combining the monthly Holy Hour and Rosary for Our World with this event.*

Please make a reservation by **Monday, October 2nd** online at tinyurl.com/SLCCOurLady or call the church office at 255-1950. For more information, contact Jeannie Presley at 335-4563 or presleyjeannie@gmail.com.

Don't miss this opportunity during the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima, Portugal, to reflect upon the heavenly visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Life Chain Sunday will be held **Sunday, October 1st**. We will meet at 1:30pm in the Clunan Center to pick up pro-life signs and we will process to our spot at Poplar and White Station. We will process with a picture of Divine Mercy and Our Lady of Guadalupe. You may also park in Walgreen's parking lot. Other Christian churches will be lining Poplar praying with us. We will pray in small groups quietly and prayerfully from 2-3pm. Plan to bring the family and stand with love in your heart.

LIVING PEACEFULLY IN A VIOLENT WORLD

This course will cover Scripture, Tradition, and recent Church documents, but will be centered on how we can practically live out the Lord's command to be peacemakers. Join us on 4 **Thursdays, October 5th through 26th** from 7-9pm in the Clunan Center Meeting Room or on 2 Saturdays, October 14th and October 28th from 10am-2pm. Presenters are Fr. Al Kirk, Judy and Jerry Bettice, and Paul Crum. Texts: Bible, (other handouts to be provided). Cost: \$20 suggested (fee waived or pay what you can.) Registration is not mandatory, but very helpful. Register by calling Jerry or Judy Bettice at 327-8068 or email jbettice@earthlink.net.

BULLETIN BOARDS

Posters and flyers may not be posted on the Bulletin Boards in the Clunan Center without pastor's approval. Posters and flyers may be dropped off at the front desk and staff will ask the pastor to approve.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

If you are homebound and sick and would like to be anointed or receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, call the parish office and we will arrange for a Priest to come and visit you. If you would like to receive Holy Communion, then we will arrange for a minister to the sick to visit you.

If you are going into the hospital for surgery or a planned procedure and would like to be anointed, please note that you do not have to wait until you are in the hospital for an anointing. If you are transported to the hospital in an emergency situation, please call the parish office and we will arrange for a priest to visit and anoint you.

If you are going into the hospital or assisted living facility and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the church office. Federal HIPPA laws do not permit hospitals or assisted living facilities to call us even if you identify yourself as a Catholic and parishioner at St. Louis. That call has to come from you or someone on your behalf or we will not know your situation.

BIRTHRIGHT CHRISTMAS SPONSORS

Birtheright is looking for Christmas sponsors for our moms and children. If you can help make a wish come true, call Carla at 327-8109 or email Carla@birtherightofmemphis.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Discover God's desire for your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus only on each other. You'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make! The next weekend is **October 27th-29th** at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center. For more information or to apply, visit our website at wwme-section10.org/memphis or call 409-4570.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the altar are in memory of **deceased members of the Valle, Fragale, Thomas and Gilpatrick families** donated from the wedding of **Anna Marie Fragale and Nick Gilpatrick**.



St. Louis Students Qualify for Duke T.I.P. 7th grade Talent Search!

The following 7th grade students have qualified to participate in the 2017-2018 Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) 7th Grade Talent Search. These students scored at or above the 95th percentile in at least one of the subtests on qualifying standardized tests. Congratulations to the following students:

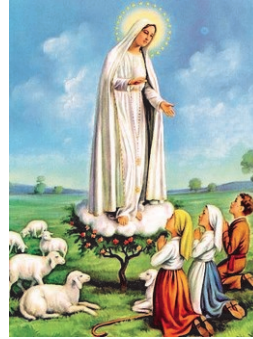
Will Brownlee
Nicolai Buchignani
Savannah Cook
Lindsey Crossnine
Zach Davenport
Jacob Goughnour
Anne Grimes
Alex Johnston
Abby Pyrdom
Hana Roberts
Ward Simmons
Constantine Skouteris
Kaitlin Smith
Mia Soefker
Walker Steinriede
Connor Stevens
Andre Valdes
Anna Kate Wade
Ava Wendt
Ava Witmer
Audrey Zweig

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for **Jordan Tedford** and **Jared Grant** and for the second time for **Jennifer DeClerk** and **Ron Carelle** and for the second time for **Reggie Raney** and **Adam Buczyna** and for the first time for **Maddie Scoggins** and **Zack Wade**.

NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALIST

Congratulations to St. Louis parishioner **Lily Gray**, who was recently named a National Merit Semifinalist.



HEAVEN'S PEACE PLAN

October is the month of Our Lady of the Rosary and that feast day is Saturday, October 7th. Friday, October 13th commemorates the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima Portugal and the Miracle of the Sun.

During those heavenly visits to 3 shepherd children Mary asked for recitation of the Rosary, sacrifice and penance for the conversion of Russia and sinners to return to God. She requested Devotion to Her Immaculate Heart on 5 Consecutive First Saturdays in 1925. This has not been fulfilled! Beginning on **Saturday, October 7th** this devotion will start with 8:15am Mass, followed by praying the Rosary, and 15 minutes of meditation on the Rosary decades, and confession will be available. Come learn what this devotion is all about and WHY it is so important during this time in the history of the world and the church. BE PART OF FULFILLING OUR LADY'S PEACE PLAN!



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE RETREAT CENTER

So much was going on in August that the Women's Retreat for St. Louis had to be cancelled because of low sign ups. We have another opportunity for a weekend away – a weekend with no commitments and fellowship with other women in our diocese. Come to Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center for a women's retreat sponsored by St. Louis, St. Mary-Jackson, and St. Paul the weekend of **October 20-22**. The retreat theme is: *Christ's Farewell Gift – the sustaining gift of peace.*

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 or call 731-548-2500. Women of all parishes are welcome.

MINISTERS OF THE SICK MORNING OF REFLECTION

A Morning of Reflection for all Ministers of the Sick will be held on **Saturday, October 28th** from 10am-12pm in the Clunan Center. Guest Speaker will be Rev. Jolly Sebastian. Fr. Jolly will speak on "Helping People to Transform their Sickness to Moments of Grace and Healing". RSVP by **Wednesday, October 25th** to Pam Ray at 373-1237 or pam.ray@cc.cdom.org.

MID-SOUTH AREA ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC NURSES

FALL EVENING OF REFLECTION

On the occasion of 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal and also for October the month of the Holy Rosary, we would like to focus this month's gathering to our Lady. The evening begins with a Pot luck Dinner on Wednesday, October 11th from 6-8pm at the Catholic Center. Guest Speaker, Fr. Rick Mickey will speak on: "*The Rosary: Solving the Mystery(ies)*". Please R.S.V.P. to: Lou Ellen McElmurry, MSAACN President at louellen3@bellsouth.net or 794-4555.

HAITI MEDICAL MISSIONS TOUR D'ESPRIT

Haiti Medical Missions will sponsor the 19th annual, 24 hour Tour d'Esprit on Friday, October 6th and Saturday, October 7th at Church of the Holy Spirit. Race begins at 3pm on Friday and ends at 3pm on Saturday. Pasta dinner and live auction Friday from 5:30-7:30pm, gourmet breakfast Saturday from 7-10am, post race party Saturday from 2-3:30pm.

NETWORKING EVENT

Meet Catholic Charities' new Executive Director, Dick Hackett. Two Networking Topics: An Overview of Current Poverty in Our Area and The Word Gap Project - A New Resource that gives children a learning boost before starting school. There will be time to share Best Practices. The event will be held on Saturday, October 14th from 9-11am at St. Francis Church, Room 113 and is open to anyone in the care and concern ministries in our diocese. Light breakfast served. No charge. RSVP's requested to Christine Hash at 722-4759 or Christine.Hash@acc.cdom.org.

SOCIAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE & THEOLOGY ON TAP

In your 20s or 30s? Join us for Theology on Tap. Beauty in Suffering – Michaela Dockery will share her testimony about her fight with chronic Illness, being a mom and a wife, while blogging about life and style. Her passion is "to inspire others to never, ever give up no matter what you're going through!" For information, check out www.totmemphis.org. Join us on Monday, **October 9th** at 6:30 pm at Trolley Stop Market, 704 Madison Ave.



FORGET ME NOT MASS

You are invited to attend a special Mass for those who have lost children, especially through miscarriage or stillbirth and those who struggle with infertility on Thursday, October 12th at 7pm at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Sponsored by Holy Rosary Church, Respect Life Committee. Everyone is welcome. Celebrants will be Fr. Richard Cortese, associate pastor, Holy Rosary Church and Fr. Francis Chiawa, pastor, St. Augustine Church. For more information, call 490-6435.

FATIMA CONCERT

Ave Maria: A concert to honor the centennial of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to be held on **Friday, October 13th** from 7-8pm at the Catholic Church of the Nativity. For information, contact Scott Elsholz at scott.elsholz@nativity.cdom.org or 382-2504. The musicians of the Church of the Nativity will join forces to present a concert of Marian music to honor the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. The program includes music spanning five centuries, and features a wide variety of ensembles, including SATB choir, chamber choir, bass solo, trumpet solo, and violin solo—and all groups combined! Admission is free and a reception will follow the concert.

Altar Guild News

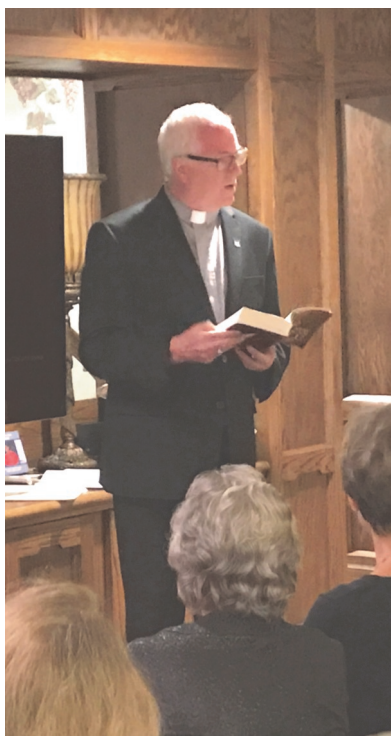
Ladies of the St. Louis Altar Guild met in the home of Becky Kraker on Thursday, September 21st. Fr. Jolly Sebastian welcomed the ladies, Fr. Ruben Rivera, Fr. Herbert Ene and Deacon Jeff Drzycimski.

Anna Shelton, co-president, presented thank you gifts to outgoing Head Sacristan Becky Kraker and outgoing co-president Jan O'Donnell. Outgoing Head Sacristan Nell Ann Fracchia and outgoing co-president Kim Pesce were unable to attend. The Altar Guild is grateful for the service of these ladies and all the ladies who participate in the care of our beautiful altar and sanctuary. Tine Williams and

Libby Parks spoke about upcoming Respect Life events and the Our Lady of Fatima Centennial Anniversary Program.

Following the business part of the meeting, Deacon Jeff spoke on the topic "Thank God for the Women". The talk was followed by a potluck dinner and fellowship.

The next Altar Guild meeting will be a joint meeting with the Home and School Association on Tuesday, October 24th in the St. John Paul II Youth Ministry Building. All ladies of the parish and school are encouraged to attend!



Feast of St. Louis Parish Picnic

The annual Feast of St. Louis Parish Picnic was held on the grounds on **Sunday, September 24th**. Parishioners enjoyed barbecued chicken prepared by the Men's Club and side dishes and desserts provided by parishioners. Ladies of the Altar Guild and Home and School Association set up tables and

organized the potluck dishes and cleanup.

Happy Times Farm brought a petting zoo and train rides for the children. The always popular Bingo game was held under a large tent. The balloon lady was present making balloon animals for the children. The cupcake walk was fun for all!





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