



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be
taken away from you and given to a people
that will produce its fruit.

Matthew 21:43

St. Louis Catholic Church



Sunday, October 8, 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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The Chosen People were often compared to a garden or vineyard that God had planted and cared for. First, he placed them in the Garden of Eden. Then he led them to flourish in Egypt before accommodating them in the Promised Land. After all his care and cultivation he expected to find a fruitful return. In the Song of Songs and then with Jesus himself, not only are the people of God compared to a vineyard, but each of our souls is compared to a vineyard where God plants seeds, waters, and expects to find new growth by thirty-, sixty-, or one hundredfold.

In the image of the Chosen People, the Church, or our souls, one thing is constant: God expects a return on his love. Not because he is selfish and in need of our response but because he knows our

happiness depends on receiving and showing him that love.

Jesus says the vineyard will be taken away from those who don't care for it and given to those who will produce its fruit. In the same way, grace will be directed away from some and toward those who accept it and produce faith and love.

This is not a threat or "Catholic guilt." This is a true Father letting his children know he loves them too much to not take them seriously. He gives and gives for our growth and maturing, but if that generosity isn't sincerely embraced and appreciated, he will eventually listen to us and move on. Now is the time to accept his love and enjoy the fruits.

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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 Charismatic Group in Meeting Room at 7:30 pm
Monday	St. Louis Catholic School Fall Break Holiday Queen of Peace at 6:00 pm in Church
Tuesday	St. Louis Catholic School Junior High Coffee Chat at 8:15 am in the JPII WOW--Women of the Word in Meeting Room at 11:30 am St. Leo's Lunch in Clunan Center at 11:30 am Communion Service (NO MASS) at 12 pm Scouts in Scout Room at 6 pm Baptism Class at 6:30 pm in Clunan Center RCIA in Clunan Center at 7 pm
Wednesday	Youth Mass Training at 6 pm in Clunan Center & Church 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 Serra Club Holy Hour at 7 pm in Church Living Peacefully in a Violent World Class in Meeting Room at 7 pm
Friday	Praise & Worship Group in Choir Room at 11 am
Saturday	Living Peacefully in a Violent World Class in Meeting Room at 10 am Blood Pressure Screenings in Parish Social Ministry Office following 4:30 pm Mass Rosary Repair in Narthex from 3-4 pm Rosary Sale in Narthex following all Masses

OFFERTORY REPORT
 Week of October 1, 2017
 Collection—\$39,460

Mass Intentions

Sat	6:15	Miracle for Claire Marie Wilson
	7:00	+Walter Joyce
	8:15	Special Intention & +Bernadette Pian
	4:30	+June Green
Sun	7:30	+Rommy Hammond
	9:00	+ Catherine Cremerius
	10:30	+Preston Daniel, Jr.
	12:00	Parish
	6:00	+Geri Duff
Mon	6:15	+Kay Kraus
	8:15	+Ronnie Grisanti
	12:00	+Carol Smith
Tue	6:15	+Thomas & William Harkins
	8:15	+Gloria Montesi
	12:00	+Chuck Gaia
Wed	6:15	Thanksgiving for the DeSouza family
	8:15	Special Intention for Tommy Mack
	12:00	+Charlie Gaia
Thur	6:15	Special Intention for Prayer Card Ministry
	8:15	+Jewel Birmingham Richardson
	12:00	+Perry Norman
Fri	6:15	+Jane Shealer
	8:15	Special Intention for Mary Catherine McNally
	12:00	+Gloria Montesi

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+Stella Grace Cook.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Jim McNulty+Teeney Podesta+Frankie Phelps.

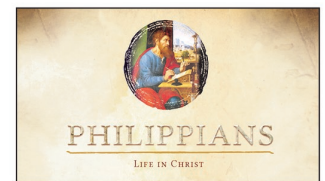
FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

LECTIO: Philippians

by Dr. Tim Gray

Make the Scriptures Come Alive with *Philippians: Life in Christ*

Towards the end of his life, under arrest and awaiting trial in Rome, Saint Paul writes a short but powerful letter to the Philippians. Tim Gray uses insight and practical guidance to explore the power of life in Christ.



St. Louis Parish Access
 Code: **PTQN96**

Watch on formed.org

"Dr. Tim Gray is a masterful teacher! This study is a gift for the Church."

—Austin, Kansas City, KS



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HOSPITALITY MINISTER TRAINING



Training for existing and new Hospitality Ministers will be offered by Fr. Jolly on **Wednesday, October 18th** and **Wednesday, October 25th** from 7-8pm and on **Saturday, November 4th** from 9-10am in the Clunan Center. Attendance at only 1 session is necessary. Those who are 16 and older and confirmed are eligible to participate in this important ministry.

MEN'S CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

The St. Louis Men's Club Golf Tournament will be held on **Sunday, October 15th** at Galloway Golf Course. Lunch will be served at 11:30am with a shotgun start at 12:30pm. Cost is \$100 per player to be paid at the golf course on the day of the tournament and includes lunch, golf, as many beverages as you can handle, and post-golf snacks. Cash and other prizes will be provided for flight winners, closest to the pin and longest drive. Please sign up prior to **Monday, October 9th** by emailing Jeff Wills at jwills@deloitte.com.



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 or click on the QR code. 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.

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.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

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

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.

ROSARY SALE & REPAIR



The St. Louis Church Rosary Makers Guild will be available to repair Rosaries on **Saturday, October 14th** from 3-4pm in the

Narthex. There will also be a sale of handmade and donated Rosaries before and after all Masses that weekend. There are a variety of price points for all budgets. You may drop off any Rosary for repair during the sale hours and a receipt will be provided for later pickup if the repair cannot be done on the spot. All proceeds benefit the purchase of materials to make Rosaries for the missions. Repairs are done on a free will offering of your choosing. You may also bring Rosaries that are no longer needed for donation.



DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

Fr. Jolly has purchased several copies of *Fearless*, a documentary on Catholic Evangelization. Veteran film maker Maura Smith, takes us on a compelling journey of discovery into the world of supernatural divine power. Copies are available for check out in the Church office.



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.*

ST. LOUIS CRADLE ROLL

St. Louis Cradle Roll welcomes **Caroline McClaine Gayden**, born September 18th, daughter of **Christina Ashley and Chip Gayden**, granddaughter of **Susie and Harry Gayden** and **Jackson Connor Hehn**, born September 22nd, son of **Laura and John Hehn**, grandson of **Grace Kreager and Rosemary and Jack Hehn.**

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

The Health and Wellness Ministry will be doing free Blood Pressure screenings following 4:30pm Mass on **Saturday, October 14th** and from 8:30am -12pm on **Sunday, October 15th** in the Parish Social Ministry Office.

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE ON TUESDAY

There will be **NO MASS** at 12pm on **Tuesday, October 10th.** Deacon Mike will hold a Communion Service in the Church at 12pm.

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, through October 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. Call Jerry or Judy Bettice at 327-8068 or email jbettice@earthlink.net to register.

TRAVELING CRUCIFIX PROGRAM FOR VOCATIONS AT ST. LOUIS PARISH

If you would like a way to take part in prayer for vocations in our diocese, please consider taking home the traveling crucifix for a week. Beginning in mid-October, one person or family can sign up to take home our traveling crucifix to have in their home as a reminder to pray for vocations. We are asking for an increase in those who are called, for those discerning, for those who have accepted the call, and for strengthening for those who have already entered priestly or religious life. If you have questions or would like to sign up, please contact Alex Gray at grayp1970@yahoo.com.



Pray
for Vocations

QUEEN OF PEACE

Rosary, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration begin at 6pm on **Monday, October 9th** at St. Louis Church. Mass begins at 7pm.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the altar are in memory of **lost loved ones of the Grant and Wolbrecht families** donated from the wedding of **Jordan Tedford and Jared Grant.**



PERPETUAL ADORATION

Calling all Catholics to love and adore our Lord: Adorers are needed for the Perpetual Adoration Chapel. What a wonderful way to grow closer to Jesus and serve Holy Mother Church. Please contact Joan Thomas at Thomas.joan6@gmail.com if you would like to become an Adorer. The following days and times have special need for you: Monday 12am-1am; Tuesday 5pm-6pm; Friday 12pm-1pm; Friday 6pm-7pm; Saturday 11am-12noon; Saturday 9pm-10pm (first Saturday of month); Saturday 9pm-10pm (second Saturday of month).

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Tuesday, October 11th 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. Please contact the church office at 682-6606 to register.

SERRA CLUB HOLY HOUR

The Serra Club of Memphis will hold its monthly Holy Hour on **Thursday, October 12th** at 7pm at St. Louis Church. The Holy Hour is dedicated to praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. All Catholics are welcome.

BIRTHRIGHT DONATIONS & CHRISTMAS SPONSORS

A second collection for Birthright will not be held. If you would like to make a donation to Birthright, please make your check payable to St. Louis Church with "Birthright" on the memo line. You may drop in the collection basket and we will forward the donation to Birthright.

Birthright 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@birthrightofmemphis.org.



ST. LOUIS
— CATHOLIC SCHOOL —

ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Parents, students, and prospective parents are invited to attend the St. Louis Catholic School Open House on **Sunday, October 29th** from 1-2pm in the school building. Teachers and students look forward to showing you their classrooms and their work. Contact Kim Pesce, Director of Admissions, at kpesce@stlouismemphis.org or 255-1900 for more information.

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.

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.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for **Jennifer DeClerk** and **Ron Carelle** and for the third time for **Reggie Raney** and **Adam Buczyna** and for the second time for **Maddie Scoggins** and **Zack Wade** and for the first time for **Melody Martin** and **Chase Bushnell**.



FATIMA CENTENNIAL PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

This is a NATIONWIDE DAY OF PRAYER in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima. Join us on **Saturday, October 14th** at 12pm to pray the rosary with other faithful for conversion, to reach fallen away Catholics, and pray for our country and the world. Two Rosary Rallies will be held, one at St. Louis Church and the other in front of Planned Parenthood at 2430 Poplar. Please contact Barbara Fitzgerald at 570-0571 or Tine Williams at 219-5191 for more information. Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer. Fellow parishioners let's answer Our Lady's request!

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE RETREAT CENTER

We have an 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.

GRAND ULTREYA

The Cursillo of Memphis invites all Cursillistas to attend our Grand Ultreya on **Tuesday, November 7th** at 6pm at St. Louis Church. Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev. Martin D. Holley and will be followed by dinner and a witness speaker. RSVP to Elizabeth Orians by **Friday, November 3rd** by ejorians@gmail.com or 413-2718.

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.

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.

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.