

# St. Louis Catholic Church



## Sunday, November 26, 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**

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The Gospel today encourages good investments! Jesus heaps praise on the good servants who were faithful in small matters and rewarded with the joy of the master. The servant who gets called wicked and lazy is punished, not because he miscalculated a risk but because he feared his master and took no risk at all. He was frozen by the thought that he could lose everything, so he buries the talent and anxiously awaits the master's return. He is wicked not for investing poorly but for not investing at all.

God has given us all so many talents, and he does so for us to enjoy a grand return on investment (ROI). He wants us to use our talents, work them, develop them, and—at the end of our lives—enjoy showing him the way they have multiplied. Like a loving parent, he knows that much of our

happiness is in developing and growing those talents with his grace. Those talents are a sign of his call and an invitation to step out in faith.

Parents, your job is to help your children develop their talents and dreams. A confident, enthusiastic, and risk-taking child is a sign of parents who know the balance of loving discipline, positive motivation, and a healthy distance. Children who feel secure in the love of their parents are willing to venture out and invest their talents, for they know someone will always be there to accompany them and catch them if they fall.

Our loving God is the first to know this and so invites us with this parable to trust, invest, and enjoy the returns.

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#### Parish & School Staff

Rev. Jolly Sebastian, M.C.B.S., Pastor
Rev. William F. Burke, Associate Pastor
Rev. Ruben Rivera, Associate Pastor
Deacon Jeff Drzycimski
Deacon Mike D'Addabbo
Deacon Ralph W. Donati, Deacon Emeritus
Sr. Ancilia Indrati, C.B., Director of Religious Education
Ronald Pierotti, Business Manager
Jan O'Donnell, Administrative Assistant to Fr. Jolly Sebastian
Anna Shelton, Accounts Receivable & Tuition Administrator
Albert A. Burk, Jr., Choir Director
Ray Mullins, Choir Director

Libba Nance, Wedding Coordinator
Jana Soefker, Nursery Director
Paul Walker, Director of Youth Ministry
Hannah Hill, Associate Director of Youth Ministry
Pat Ellis, Receptionist
Andrew Clark, Receptionist
Jim Clark, Evening Receptionist
Teddi L. Niedzwiedz, School Principal
Vickie Shaw, School Assistant Principal
Kim Pesce, School Director of Admissions
Michael W. Bennett, Athletic Director

#### **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 and 10:30 am Masses on Sundays.

#### **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**—No

Class

Coffee & Donuts in Clunan Center Hall

following morning Masses

**Knitting Ministry** from 1-3pm in

**Meeting Room** 

**Junior High Youth Group** at 4:30 pm in

PII

**Charismatic Group** in Meeting Room at

7:30 pm

**Tuesday WOW--Women of the Word** in Meeting

Room

St. Leo's Lunch at 11:30 in Clunan

Center

**Scouts** in Scout Room at 6 pm

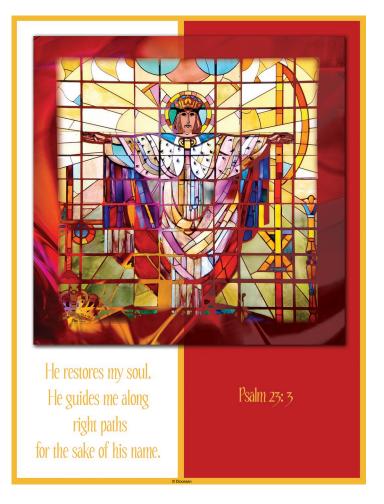
RCIA in Clunan Center at 7 pm

Friday All School Mass at 8:15 am

Praise & Worship Group in Choir Room

at 11 am

**Saturday** First Penance at 10 am



#### Mass Intentions

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Sat	6:15	+Mary Nelson and the members of FOSS
	8:15	+Perry Norman
	4:30	Special Intention for Ginger & Grady Hurley
Sun	7:30	+Perry Norman
	9:00	+James & +Myrtle Kelly
	10:30	+Gloria Barsotti
	12:00	Healing for Helen Marcantel
	6:00	Parish
Mon	6:15	+Ed Werkhoven
	8:15	+Sid Kraker
	12:00	Special intention for Pete Lefty Carroll
Tue	6:15	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
	8:15	+Anna McArthur
	12:00	Special intention for Jean Bolton
Wed	6:15	Special intention for Virginia Ann Bolton
	8:15	Special intention for Billy Anthony Riley
	12:00	+Theresa Sequine
Thur	6:15	Special intention for Wilson & Winnie Nelson
	8:15	Special intention for Billy Riley
	12:00	+Gabriel Penalosa
Fri	6:15	Miracle for Claire Marie Wilson
	8:15	Special intention for Wilson Family
	12:00	+Jim Craven

Prayers are requested for the sick: Jackie Stark+Kathy O'Connell+Deborah Saunders+Rose Trouy+Stella Grace Cook+Linda Liddell+Louise Fahrenkopf+Jim Causby+Tom Cooper+Maureen Martini+John B. Trouy+Tom O'Ryan+Ruby Peeler+Bill Chandler.

#### FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

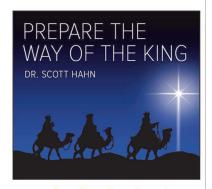
## Prepare the Way of the King

By Dr. Scott Hahn

# Make the Most of Advent

Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as Dr. Scott Hahn reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord with this captivating talk.

Listen on formed.org



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#### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend Saturday, **December 2nd** and **Sunday**, **December 3rd** will be for the St. Louis Chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

# FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on **Friday, December 8th**. Mass will be celebrated at 6pm on **Thursday, December 7th** and at 6:15 am, 8:15 am, 12 noon and 6 pm on Friday, **December 8th**. This is a Holyday of Obligation.

# HOLY HOUR & ROSARY FOR OUR WORLD

Holy Hour and Rosary with Exposition and Benediction for Our World will begin at 7pm on **Thursday, December 7th** in the Clunan Center. The Holy Hour will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. All are welcome.



The Church Nursery is in search of two qualified caregivers to work on Sundays with our babies during morning Masses. Caregivers must be able to lift 40 pounds, be Virtus trained, and skilled in all duties associated with caring for young children. All applicants will be subject to a background check. Hours for the Nursery are 8:45am-11:45 am. Resumes can be taken to the church office and placed in the Nursery box or emailed to Jana Soefker, Nursery Director, at jana.soefker@stlouis.cdom.org.

#### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be held on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30 pm and on Thursdays from 5-6 pm.

#### **ROOM IN THE INN**

The next St. Louis Room in the Inn will be held on **Wednesday, December 6th**.

Revised signup link: tinyurl.com/slcriti17-18new

For information, call Pam Scarbrough at 896-8278 or Ann Drennan at 674-2117.

#### PERPETUAL ADORATION

Calling all Catholics to love and adore our Lord: Adorers are needed for the Perpetual Adoration Chapel. The following days and times have special need for you: Sunday 2-3am; Sunday 3-4am; Sunday 2-3pm; Saturday 3am-4am; Saturday 9pm-10pm (second Saturday of month). If you would like to become an Adorer we would also be glad to have you other days and times. Please contact Joan Thomas at Thomas.joan6@gmaill.com or 481-1274 if you would like to become an Adorer.



#### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Please join us for Devotion to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart on **Saturday, December 2nd** for the 8:15 am Mass, Rosary, 15 minute Meditation and Confession. Be part of fulfilling Our Lady's peace plan for our world!



### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION FOR CHILDREN

First Friday Adoration for Children will be held on **Friday**, **December 1st** at 3:30 pm in the

Church. Children of all ages and their parents are invited!

## **SAA-SDS Gingerbread House**

St. Agnes Academy-St. Dominic School invites you to THE GINGERBREAD HOUSE - A Sweet Shopping Extravaganza **Friday, December 1st** from 6:30-9:30 pm and **Saturday, December 2nd** from 8 am-4 pm.

#### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for **Julie Perkins** and **Derrick McLure** and for the first time for **Mille Burke** and **Alex Beard**.



#### **Prayer Chain Ministry**

"...Ask, and it will be given unto you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened unto you." Luke 11:9

St. Louis Church Prayer Chain Ministry will begin in the New Year. Jesus asks us to love one another as he loves us. Praying for the requests of our parishioners gives us the opportunity to show love for one another and to glorify God's word. The St. Louis Church Prayer Chain will consist of a group of parishioners who, on request, will pray for any of our brothers and sisters who are in need. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please email prayerchain@stlouismemphis.org for more information. This ministry will work by email. The goal is for the prayer requests to be received starting in the New Year!

#### PRISON MINISTRY

Each Christmas, we supply 450 inmates of C.C.A. Prison in Mason, Tennessee, a Christmas package containing a white towel, large bar of soap, large toothpaste, pen, four Christmas cards along with a card from St. Louis Catholic Church. Cash or check donations are best as items may be purchased in bulk and must be all the same brand and size. Donations may be left in the church office.



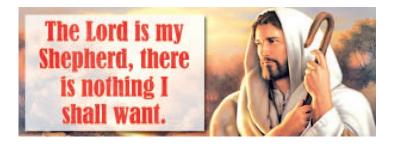
#### ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Calling all parishioners!!! Anyone who would like to adopt a family or share with other parishioners in adopting a family for Christmas this year, please call Haden Kane at 598-6900 or Sue Ellen Haaga at 755-8213. St. Vincent De Paul helps in identifying families in need for Christmas and Melyne Strickland along with Haden Kane coordinate the giving process with the parishioners. Last year St. Louis Catholic School and Church provided a wonderful Christmas to 18 families!



#### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

St. Louis Church and School will again sponsor a Giving Tree for Christmas. Tags stating items needed will be in baskets in the Narthex and in the hallways outside the church office. Please take a tag and return the unwrapped gift to the church office, with the tag attached, by **Sunday, December 10th**. All gifts will be distributed by Catholic Charities.





### SAVE THE DATE ADVENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

St. Louis has nearly 200 homebound and/or active older parishioners. Each Christmas we deliver a flower to them from the church. Fr. Jolly is asking for families to volunteer to deliver just one—yes, just one flower to these families. Deliveries will begin **Thursday, December 7th**.

#### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Let us appreciate our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekend is June 1-3 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center. For more information or to apply, visit our website at wwmesection 10.org/memphis or contact us at 409-4570.



## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY NEW FORMAT

Photography will resume for our Parish Pictorial Directory on **Friday**, **November 24th**. We are changing to a new format offered by Lifetouch called *Community Connect*. Using this format, each family who is photographed will receive:

- Free 8" x 10" portrait
- · Copy of the directory every year for 5 years
- Families who have already had their portrait taken are automatically enrolled in this program.
- 20% off portrait coupon available in the Narthex.

### Prefer to submit a photograph?

- Submit photograph in jpeg format to slccpictorial@gmail.com.
- Cost for this option is \$10 per family.
- Families who choose this option will receive a copy of the directory every year for 5 years

Dates are available over the Thanksgiving holiday in order to allow families with college students to participate. Visit the church website at stlouischurchmphs.org and click on the button on the home page to sign up. You may also call LifeTouch at 866-756-0281. *Photos will be delivered before Christmas*.



The St. Louis Chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is helping a family which is in financial crisis and assisting and training the family with the skills to become financially stable.

### #GivingTuesday, November 28, 2017

Advanced giving runs November 10 through 26.

Visit <u>iGiveCatholic.org</u>, select our diocese under "Browse Arch/Dioceses," search for: **St. Louis Church (Memphis, TN)** 

"You **give** a poor **man a fish** and you feed him for a day. You teach him to **fish** and you **give** him an occupation that will feed him for a lifetime." (Chinese proverb.)