

BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!  
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE  
TIME WILL COME. MARK 13:33



## *St. Louis Catholic Church*



**Sunday, December 3, 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

## First Sunday of Advent

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy! The sleepy apostles couldn't keep awake with Jesus and drifted off when he most needed them.

I have only fallen asleep at the wheel once. During college, I worked the morning shift starting at 6 am. After a late night with little sleep, I sluggishly got into my car. Comfortably driving down the highway at about 5:15 am, I dozed for a few seconds before awakening to the noise of my tires vibrating on the warning tracks—just in time to straighten the wheel and avoid the cement divider.

Advent is like those rumble strips. You don't always need them, they are annoying when you accidentally run over them, but they are very important!

We can get tired, trying to keep our hearts awake and attuned to Jesus. The rhythm of life, the background

music of the world, the distractions that fly by us—they all contribute to the danger of a passive heart. Running across Advent is like a wake-up call: "Stay awake! He is almost here."

As in driving, there are many distractions vying for your attention, but you learn to focus on what's important. You survey your surroundings, looking for hazards while keeping your eyes on the road. There are many signs to read, but only certain ones point you where you want to go.

Jesus says to be attentive to the signs; learn to interpret their meaning. Understand them, without being distracted by them. Be vigilant, pray for strength, and stay awake and alert. Thanks be to God for those rumble strips!

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## Parish & School Staff

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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](mailto: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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Parish Religious Education Class</b> at 9 am in the school <b>Coffee &amp; Donuts</b> in Clunan Center Hall following morning Masses <b>Senior High Youth Group</b> at 7 pm in JPII <b>Charismatic Group</b> in Meeting Room at 7:30 pm
<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Potluck</b> at 6 pm in the Clunan Center
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>WOW--Women of the Word</b> in Meeting Room <b>St. Leo's Lunch</b> at 11:30 in Clunan Center <b>Guild Christmas Potluck</b> at 6:30 pm in the Rectory <b>Scouts</b> in Scout Room at 6 pm <b>RCIA</b> in Clunan Center at 7 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Room in the Inn</b> <b>Angel of Hope Ceremony</b> at 7 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass</b> at 7 pm in the Church
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holyday of Obligation)</b> Masses at 6:15 am, 8:15 am, 12 pm and 6 pm <b>St. Louis Catholic School Holiday Praise &amp; Worship Group</b> in Choir Room at 11 am
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Blood Pressure Screenings</b> in the Parish Social Ministry Office following 4:30 pm Mass

### OFFERTORY REPORT

Week of November 19, 2017

Collection—\$37,571

Week of November 26, 2017

Collection—\$35,382

## Mass Intentions

Sat	6:15	Miracle for Claire Marie Wilson
	8:15	+Henry Barnes Cowles
	4:30	+Perry Norman
Sun	7:30	+Perry Norman
	9:00	+James & Myrtle Kelly
	10:30	+Teeny Posesta
	12:00	Healing Dolores Migliara
	6:00	+Gid Smith
Mon	6:15	+Sissy & Bill Trigg
	8:15	+Perry Norman
	12:00	Special intention for Charlene & Carter's 45th Wedding Anniversary
Tue	6:15	+Carolyn Dagastino
	8:15	+Perry Norman
	12:00	Special intention for Cathy Pinkston
Wed	6:15	+Billy Raymond Riley
	8:15	+Perry Norman
	12:00	Special intention for Cindy Gideon
Thur	6:15	+Frances King
	8:15	Special intention for Mary Catherine McNally
	12:00	+Michael Dorian
Fri	6:15	Special intention for John B Trouy
	8:15	Special intention for Mary Mack & +Ed Mattingly
	12:00	+Lewis Perkins & +Laura Marie Hayes
Sat	6:15	Special Mary Catherin McNally
	8:15	+Perry Norman
	4:30	+Betty Hayes

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+John B. Trouy+Ruby Peeler.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Tom O'Ryan+Bill Chandler.

## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

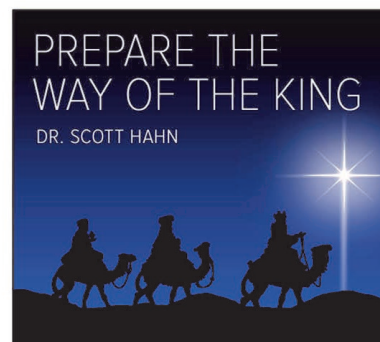
### Prepare the Way of the King

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](https://formed.org)



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Access Code:  
**PTQN96**



## 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.

## SECOND COLLECTION FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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

### *Christmas Mass Schedule*

#### **Sunday, December 24th**

Sunday Mass: 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am, 12 pm  
Christmas Eve Masses: 4:30 pm (Church & gym),  
6:30 pm & Midnight Mass

#### **Monday, December 25th**

Christmas Day Masses: 9 am, 10:30 am & 12 pm  
(No 6pm Mass Christmas night)

#### **Advent Confession Schedule**

Wednesday, December 6th—12:30-1:30 pm  
Thursday, December 7th—5-6 pm  
Wednesday, December 13th—12:30-1:30 pm  
Friday, December 15th—5-6 pm  
Wednesday, December 20th—12:30-1:30 pm  
Thursday, December 21st—5-6 pm  
Saturday, December 23rd—3-4:30 pm (2 priests)  
Sunday, December 24th—7-7:30 am, 8:30-9 am,  
10-10:30 am, 11:30-12 pm  
*No Confessions before Christmas Masses*

**Christmas  
POTLUCK**

*Altar Guild Christmas Potluck  
at the Rectory*

The St. Louis Altar Guild Christmas Meeting will be **Tuesday, December 5th** at 6:30 pm in the priest rectory. We will have a pot luck dinner so bring your favorite dish and WOW the priests and the ladies. Catholic Charities will also be there to speak about the *Christmas Giving Tree* that our parish sponsors every year. So come and see where our priests live and enjoy an evening of dinner and cocktails around the Christmas tree.

## 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 Church. The Holy Hour will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. All are welcome.

## LE BONHEUR MINISTRY

There are so many wonderful organizations that do a major part of their fund raising at Christmas. In the U. S. we are blessed and during the holidays we are all generous. That generosity is one of the greatest things about our country, our state, our county, our city, and our parish. January will start our 7th year of bringing meals and pantry items to the families on the fifth floor at Le Bonheur hospital. Reaching out to those in need is a blessing for the receivers and the givers, like no other. Please check the sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948afae2c7-parish>. Whenever you can help, please do! And remember that we also have ministers to the sick who take communion to the catholic patients and families. Let Cathy Freres know at 685-1934 if you'd like to help.



# Christmas Sing-Along

## FLEUR DE LIS

Fleur de Lis meets next on **Thursday, December 21st** in the Clunan Center. The St Louis Choir will be joining us for dinner and a Christmas sing-a-long. We begin at 6 pm with social time and hors d'oeuvres. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Leonard's will be catering a traditional ham dinner for us. All paid members eat free, as do our guests in the choir. We gathered some canned goods for Thanksgiving last month. Let's do it again for Christmas. So please bring some non perishable food items for our St Vincent de Paul.



## 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 [wwme-section10.org/memphis](http://wwme-section10.org/memphis) or contact us at 409-4570.



## 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.

## 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@gmail.com](mailto:Thomas.joan6@gmail.com) or 481-1274 if you would like to become an Adorer.

## PROVIDING HELP... BRINGING HOPE CAMPAIGN

Please support the work of Catholic Charities of West Tennessee during this season of Advent and their annual Providing Help....Bringing Hope campaign. Their Fig Tree program assists over 25,000 of our neighbors. Please donate at [ccwn.org](http://ccwn.org) or by returning the envelope found in the brochure mailed to your home.

## DOROTHY DAY HOUSE FUNDRAISER

After Masses this weekend, the Dorothy Day House will be distributing the Christmas wreaths and garlands that were pre-ordered through the fundraiser to support their ministry to homeless families.

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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





#### What is a prayer chain?

God hears and answers all prayers. A parish prayer chain is a group of parishioners who, on request, will pray for any of our brothers or sisters who are in need. The need could be illness, grieving due to the loss of loved ones, unemployment, addiction, etc.

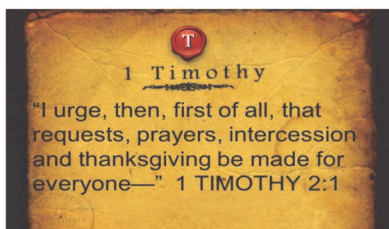
**What is requested of prayer chain volunteers?** To pray for the requests of St. Louis Church parishioners. Volunteers need to regularly monitor their personal email accounts for timely prayer requests. This information passed along must be kept private and absolutely confidential. Requests will be sent once a week in a group email unless the prayer request is for a timely or urgent matter.

**How will prayer requests be submitted?** Through the church website or church office.

**What is the time commitment?** Prayer chain members should be able to set aside time to pray daily for the prayer chain requests. Members pray individually for each prayer request. Other than the informational kickoff breakfast, there are no meetings to attend, which makes this a wonderful opportunity for those who otherwise would be unable to participate in a ministry.

**How do I volunteer to be a part of this prayer team?** Simply email [prayerchain@stlouismemphis.org](mailto:prayerchain@stlouismemphis.org) and provide your name and email address. You will then be contacted as to the date of the brief kick-off breakfast meeting in January.

It is a great blessing for those praying to have a daily time of communion with God. There is a transformative power for those who pray and for the people for whom we pray. It means so much to so many. Please consider joining this powerful ministry.



## SUNDAY HOMILIES

Sunday Homilies of Fr. Jolly and Fr. Ruben will be available on the church website at [stlouischurchmphis.org](http://stlouischurchmphis.org) beginning **Sunday, December 3rd**. If you are not able to download them from the website and would like to receive them via email, send an email Jan O'Donnell at [jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org](mailto:jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org) or call the church office at 255-1950. If you would prefer a paper copy, stop in the church office and the front desk staff will print out a copy for you.

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Fr. Jolly has purchased pendants for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to wear during their assigned Masses. If you are assigned to be a minister, please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass and retrieve your pendant from the Priest Sacristy. Sacristans will check 10 minutes prior to Mass to be sure that the proper number of pendants have been taken.

### Special Needs Christmas Party

~ Ornament Making ~ Pictures with Santa  
~ Cookie Decorating ~ Karaoke

Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
5:00-7:00 pm

Incarnation Catholic Church  
360 Bray Station  
Collierville, TN 38017

RSVP to Charlotte Slater @ (901) 457-7770 or Annette Knight @ (901) 870-8835



### ROOM IN THE INN

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

**Revised signup link:**

**[tinyurl.com/slcruti17-18new](http://tinyurl.com/slcruti17-18new)**

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

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



# LUMEN CIVITATIS

*Presents an Evening of  
Advent Hymns and Reflections with the*



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6:30PM on Saturday, Dec. 9 at



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