

FEAST OF THE *Holy Family*

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40



St. Louis Catholic Church



Sunday, December 31, 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

The Holy Family

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Federico Barocci captured the Holy Family escaping to Egypt. Although they are refugees in a dramatic, stressful situation, he chooses to show the delightful communion among them. Mary sits comfortably in the center of the family, busily collecting water. Perhaps she will wash the cherries or the toddler's dirty hands. Her face, full of serenity and joy, is lost in thoughts that go beyond the work of the present. She is the model of so many mothers who, in spite of challenging circumstances, focus their energy on loving their children and creating an oasis of peace.

Saint Joseph stands behind the Madonna and reaches up into the tree to pull off a branch for the child Jesus. His strong arm and hand extend straight down toward the child as they both grasp

the wood from opposite ends—one giving and the other receiving. This simple domestic gesture of providing for the son is strongly symbolic of what so many husbands and fathers do on a daily basis. Alongside their wives, they care for their families with hard work.

Jesus is next to Mary, and reaches out to Joseph. He receives love from both parents while returning that love with joy and gratitude.

The Holy Family reflects the divine family. One day the heavenly Father will also extend a piece of fruit—this time the bitter passion and the wood of the cross. Although it costs his human nature, Jesus accepts it, thanks in part to the strength he finds in Mary.

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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 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 canceled Coffee & Donuts in Clunan Center Hall following morning Masses
Monday	Fr. Jolly Sebastian Ordination Anniversary Reception in Clunan Center following 12 pm Mass
Tuesday	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting at 6 pm in the Meeting Room RCIA at 7 pm in Clunan Center
Wednesday	Room In the Inn American Heritage Girls Meeting at 3 pm in JPPII Choir Rehearsal at 7 pm in Choir Room
Thursday	Fishers of Men in Clunan Center following 6:15 am Mass St. Louis Catholic School classes resume
Friday	First Friday Adoration for Children at 3:30 pm in Church
Saturday	First Saturday Devotion following 8:15 am Mass in Church American Heritage Girls Snowflake Ball in Clunan Center

Mass Intentions

Sat	6:15	Special Intention of Thanksgiving
	8:15	Special Intention for Don Nobert
	4:30	+Emmett O’Ryan
Sun	7:30	+Emmett O’Ryan
	9:00	+Kathleen Bryant
	10:30	+Emmett O’Ryan
	12:00	+Chris Mosby
	6:00	Parish
Mon	6:15	+Eileen Mary Farrell
	8:15	+Emmett O’Ryan
	12:00	+Bill & +Betty Thron
Tue	6:15	Special Intention for Alysson Reese
	8:15	Special Intention for Fr. Jolly Sebastian
	12:00	+LouAnn Bosi
Wed	6:15	Special Intention for Spencer Reese
	8:15	+Madeline McCormick
	12:00	Special Intention for Johnny Jude & Scarlett Nelson & for +Mary & +Luke Borger
Thur	6:15	Special Intention for Lillian Cara
	8:15	+Pete Sciara
	12:00	+Melissa Meihofer Fruend
Fri	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	Special Intention for the Wilson Family
	12:00	+Teeny Podesta & the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Prayers are requested for the sick: Teasie Wunderlich+Luke Drewry+Debbie Orians+Mary Houston Lorino+Joy Wills+Don Crone+Dolores Migliara+Joachim Machado+Michael Gallagher

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

The True Meaning of Christmas

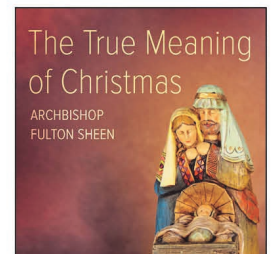
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For decades, Archbishop Fulton Sheen has captivated Americans with his wit, insight, and deep faith. Beautifully remastered and mixed with beautiful seasonal music, reflect in this talk with Archbishop Sheen on the true meaning of the Incarnation of Jesus.

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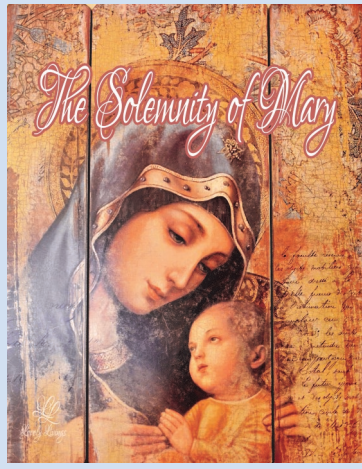
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—Phyllis, Bangor, ME

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY

The Solemnity of Mary on **Monday, January 1st** is a not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. There will not be a Vigil Mass. Mass will be celebrated at 6:15 am, 8:15 am and 12 pm on **Monday, January 1st**.

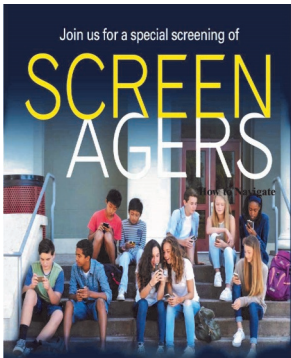
TRAVELING CRUCIFIX PROGRAM FOR VOCATIONS AT ST. LOUIS PARISH

If you would like to pray for vocations in our parish and diocese, consider taking home the traveling crucifix for a week. 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.



CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF MEMPHIS PRESENTS: "SCREENAGERS"

A Video Presentation & Discussion



How do boys and girls differ in their application uses?

- Are violent video games desensitizing?
- How does time on cell phones affect social development?
- What about brain research findings?
- What device guidelines should schools consider?
- What device guidelines should you consider at home?

Tuesday, January 9th at 7 pm in the Clunan Center. RSVP 609-4262 (text or call). Limited Seating for Adults, Young Adults, Teenagers.



CONGRATULATIONS FR. JOLLY

Fr. Jolly Sebastian is celebrating the Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on **Monday, January 1st**. A reception hosted by the Altar Guild will be held in his honor on Monday, January 1st in the Clunan Center following 12 pm Mass.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound and would like a visit from a priest or Minister of the Sick, contact the church office at 255-1950. Lay ministers are available to visit and bring Communion and prayer to individual homes, hospitals or nursing home facilities.

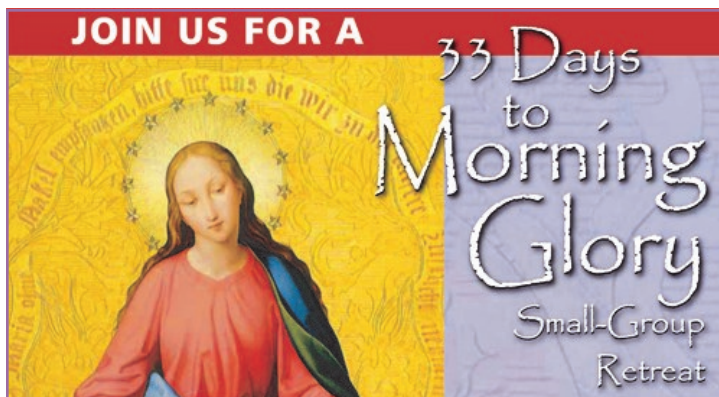
TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

According to IRS regulations, for the Church to post donations that qualify for your 2017 tax substantiation, your donation must be in the Church office or offertory basket by **Sunday, December 31, 2017**. Donations received after December 31st will be posted to 2018. Thank you.



PERPETUAL ADORATION

Calling all Catholics to love and adore our Lord: Adorers are needed for the Bread of Life Adoration Chapel. The following days and times have special need for you: Sunday 3-4pm and Saturday 3am-4am. 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 or 481-1274.



CONSECRATION TO MARY

Have you ever wondered how to become a saint? Many believe the quickest and easiest way to sainthood is by Consecration to Jesus by Mary, better known as Consecration to Mary. Please join us for a six week study of Fr. Michael Gaitley's book *Thirty Three Days to Morning Glory*. Each weekly session will be held on **Wednesdays, April 25th to May 30th**. You may enroll in either the morning or evening session which will be held at 10 am and 7 pm. The culmination of the study will result in your own personal Consecration to Mary as well as the Consecration of the parish and school to Mary. To enroll or ask questions, contact Joan Thomas at thomas.joan6@gmail.com or 481-1274. Fr. Jolly will be our Spiritual Director for this journey.

SAVE THE DATE!

MARDI GRAS DINNER & PARADE

The St. Louis Men's Club will sponsor the annual Mardi Gras Dinner and Parade on **Saturday, February 3rd**. It is now so easy to Ride in the 11th Annual St. Louis Mardi Gras Parade! We will have several ready-made trailer floats outfitted with railings for safety for your riders. All you have to do is decorate. And remember--the Men's Club supplies all the beads and throws! Please let me know if you are interested—Greg Crone at 359-2893 or croneg@bellsouth.net.

HOLY HOUR & ROSARY FOR OUR WORLD

Holy Hour and Rosary with Exposition and Benediction for Our World will begin at 7pm on **Thursday, January 4th** 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.



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION 2018

Many of us make New Year's Resolutions. In 2018, please consider giving Jesus an hour of your adoration each week in St. Louis' Bread of Life Chapel. We are delighted to have you join us any day, any hour. To sign-up for an adoration hour, contact Joan Thomas at Thomas.joan6@gmail.com or 481-1274.

MADONNA CIRCLE'S LADIES AFTERNOON TEA

All are invited to join in an afternoon of "FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and FASHION" on Sunday, **February 4th** from 2-4 pm at the Memphis Botanic Gardens. Early bird tickets are available at a discounted rate of \$45 until Thursday, **January 4th**. To purchase tickets, please visit <http://madonnacircle.org/support/ladies-tea-event>. For more information, please contact Katelin Walker at kmargaux@yahoo.com or Julie Wright at bijouxw@yahoo.com.

RESPECT LIFE BREAKFAST

You are invited to the 16th Annual Respect Life Breakfast on **Saturday, January 13th** at 9 am (immediately following 8:15 am Mass) at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Guest Speaker: Rev. Stephen Imbarrato, Priest Associate, Priests for Life, co-host of EWTN's "Defending Life." Contact 490-6435 for more information or email jcourtney777@gmail.com.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for **Maggie Pohlman and Colin Green**.



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.

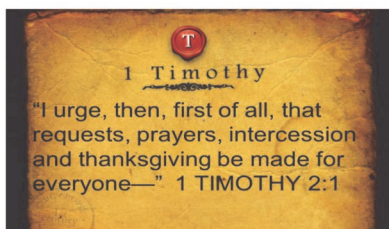
What is requested of prayer chain volunteers? To pray for the requests of St. Louis Church parishioners. Volunteers need to regularly monitor their personal email accounts for timely prayer requests. This information passed along must be kept private and absolutely confidential. Requests will be sent 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 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.



Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center Tranquility Weekend for Women January 5-7

After the activities of the holidays this will be a restful retreat to re-center in the source of all life. This retreat will provide a variety of opportunities to experience new tools for the spiritual journey that support physical wellness, mental and spiritual relaxation and an overall healthier lifestyle.

Suggested offering: \$210.00

Tending the Soul of Marriage January 12-14 A Retreat for Married Couples

What better way to begin the New Year than by setting aside a weekend to reflect on the gift of married love? Join Robin and Easton Hebert for a journey into a spirituality for married couples based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Included in the retreat will be pockets of silence and time for deep personal sharing within the context of prayer.

Suggested offering: \$330.00 per couple

Contact Debbie Voyles at 731-548-2500 or debbie.voyles@olph.cdom.org.

LIVING YOUR LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT



Empowering, inspirational talks on getting to know the Person of the Holy Spirit, who fills our minds with truth, makes us holy, and equips us to build up the church. Learn how to renew your life in the Holy Spirit, understand, and receive

spiritual gifts, and grow in peace, love, and joy.

Sponsored by Holy Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group at OLPH on **Saturday, January 20th** from 8 am to 5 pm in Fr. Gresham Hall on OLPH Church Campus. **FREE WILL OFFERING.** To register or for more information contact Bill Kilgore at wkilgore35@att.net or Suzanne Johnson at marysuzanne@att.net

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

MARRIED COUPLES LOOKING FOR A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION? Why not make a commitment to do something to improve your marriage - like making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is **June 1st-3rd** at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center in Stanton, TN. For more information or to apply, visit our website at wwme-section10.org/



ROOM IN THE INN

The next St. Louis Room in the Inn will be held on **Wednesday, January 3rd.**

Signup: tinyurl.com/slcruti17-18new

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

SAVE THE DATE! MEN'S CLUB RETREAT

The Men's Club Retreat will be held on **February 16th-18th** in Cullman, AL.

NEW SEATING ARRANGEMENT IN CHURCH

After careful study and evaluation with our Hospitality Ministers and to help with seating, we are implementing a new seating arrangement in the Church for all Masses except for 7:30 am.

- Hospitality Ministers will rope off pews in the back on the Mary side.
- These pews will be opened for seating when the Penitential Rite begins.
- The last pew on the Mary side will be reserved for parents with babies.

We realize this may be challenging and uncomfortable for some, but we ask that you keep an open mind as we try to improve participation in the Mass for all who are attending. It is disruptive for all when people are seated at the front of the church after Mass begins.

