

Good News

Second Sunday of Lent

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If you were old enough in 2001 to understand the events of 9/11, you probably remember where you were when you heard about them. Some of us have a similar recollection of the Challenger explosion. And some of us remember President Kennedy's assassination.

News that huge--news that changes our world--cracks open our awareness and does something to our perceptions. We see more, and we see more clearly than usual. Life may seem bigger or seem to be in slow motion, but at the same time what we experience is very real.

It's not "beyond" our awareness. It's *deeper* awareness--something that puts our existence in a certain place at a certain time under a magnifying glass.

Consider what happened to the disciples of Jesus when He was transfigured before their eyes.

He picked the friends he was closest to.

Something deep and intimate is at stake here for Peter, John, and James. Moses and Elijah, two of the greatest prophets and the foundations of Israel's faith and practice and its deepest hopes, were drawn into their vision.

God's own voice says to all of them, this is the Chosen One--my Son. Listen.

This is a pivotal point in the disciples' lives.

It draws everything together: their insights into Christ's teaching and their realization of Who Christ Is.

Later, Paul reminds the Philippians that Christ's disciples will be transformed too.

There's more to come from the Transfiguration.

The disciples don't *speak* about what they've seen until they experience something more--Christ's risen body and an empty tomb. On this strange day, God opens the disciples' eyes about Jesus Christ.

We get a first look---at God's answer to death.

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Masses

Sun	7:30	Dorothea Gusmus
	9:00	Bill Thron
	10:30	Beatrice & John Metz
	12:00	Charles E. Freudenberg
	6:00	Parish
Mon	6:15	Frank Montesi
	8:15	Gus & Mary Federico
	12:00	Virginia Ann Guinee
Tue	6:15	Louise & Phillip Pierini
	8:15	Ann Hill
	12:00	William Lockwood
Wed	6:15	Bob Moore
	8:15	Tina Barrasso
	12:00	Special Intention/Kay Crain
Thur	6:15	Poor souls in Purgatory
	8:15	Special Intention/Dr. Margaret Pittman
	12:00	Joan Shea
Fri	6:15	Miracle for Clare Wilson
	8:15	2 Special Intentions
	12:00	Cecilia Lucchesi & Richard McClelland
Sat	6:15	Miracle for Clare Wilson
	8:15	John & Teresa Barthol
	12:00	Special Intention/Virginia Meyer

Prayers are requested for the sick of the parish: Lisa Temple+Enzo & Jose Miquel+Billy Ross+Lee Whitman+Anne Groeschen+Chad Webster+Polly Fontana.

If you would like to be remembered in the prayers for the sick, please call the Parish Office, 682-6606.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Isidora Noriega.

MINISTRIES

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday following the noon Mass. Parents are asked to attend an instructional class (usually the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm) prior to the baptism. Please call the parish office if you would like to schedule a baptism.

Adults interested in the Catholic Faith

Are you or someone you know interested in the Catholic Faith? We invite you to learn more about our Church, whether you have no religious background, or whether you are already well-versed in another Christian tradition. "R.C.I.A." is an acronym for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. For more information, call Libby Pretti at 682-6606.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact one of the priests for an appointment at least 5 months in advance of the proposed wedding date. Diocesan policy requires that certain guidelines be met before a wedding may be scheduled.

Funerals

Please call the parish office to make funeral arrangements; one of the priests would be happy to assist you. A member of our Parish Bereavement Committee will also contact your family to ask how we can be of further help.

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 home-bound.

Counseling Services

St. Louis Parish participates in the Parish Family Counseling Program of the Diocese of Memphis. Professional counseling for individuals, couples, and families is available; fees are based on one's ability to pay. Contact Anne McInnis, 722-4711.

Nursery

A nursery is provided in The Clunan Center each weekend at all liturgies except the 7:30 am and 6:00 pm on Sunday. The nursery is also staffed during parish meetings and adult education programs as pre-arranged.

Newcomers

Welcome to St. Louis Parish! Please call or come by the parish office to register in the parish. We look forward to meeting you.

February 28, 2010

2nd Sunday of Lent

2010 LENTEN SCHEDULE

Confessions will be heard on each Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 - 6:00 pm during Lent in addition to our regular confession schedule of Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 and 20 minutes before each Sunday Mass.

Stations of the Cross are held each Friday at 5:30 pm.

ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

All Catholics are obliged to abstain from meat and meat products on the Fridays of Lent. The obligation of abstinence is binding on all Catholics 14 years of age and older. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Of course, illness releases one from this obligation.

LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION

Father Dennis Schenkel will be the guest speaker at the Lenten Evening of Reflection for members of St. Louis parish on **Tuesday, March 2**. He will be speaking about The Meaning of the Cross. (Why Jesus had to die and what that means to us). Mass will be celebrated at 6:00pm followed by a potluck dinner in the Clunan Center. You may deliver your dish to the Clunan Center kitchen before going into Mass. It will be kept warm/or cold. The St. Louis Altar Guild and the Men's Club sponsor this Lenten Night of Reflection. For information, call Lorelei Scatamacchia (626-1868).

ST. LOUIS MEN'S CLUB FISH FRY

Please join the St. Louis Men's Club for our Lenten Fish Fry **Friday, March 19th**. We will be serving our Famous Fried Fish as well as baked choices and kid's meals to meet all appetites. Please come and join friends and family for a great dinner in a wonderful social atmosphere.

PASSION OF THE CHRIST

Deacon Jack Conrad is currently presenting a Lenten Series—*The Passion of the Christ* on **Wednesday evenings 7:00 - 9:00 pm**. This will be a study of the four passions in the Gospels, a viewing of the movie "The Passion of the Christ," and a time for prayer and reflection. This is intended to be a lenten devotion on the suffering of Jesus. At 6:30 pm, if anyone would like, we will share bread and soup as a part of the Lenten sacrifice (please bring your own). There will be a collection for St. Vincent de Paul each evening. Thus, each evening will cover Alms, Prayer, and Fasting. See you there. Please contact the Parish Office to register (682-6606).

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration is in need of persons to volunteer to spend one hour in Eucharistic Adoration on **Wednesdays at 5:00 pm, Thursdays at 4:00 am, Fridays at 10:00 am, and Saturdays at 12 noon, 1:00 pm, & 2:00 pm**. To sign-up, please contact Kim Sevier (756-8453). All are encouraged to come to the Adoration Chapel at any time to pray.

THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST

Sessions for The Teachings of Christ Bible Study are meeting on **Mondays** at 7:00 pm and **Tuesdays** at 1:00 pm in the Clunan Center. It is not too late to begin attending these sessions by Fr. John Corapi, S.O.L.T. Monday classes are led by Msgr. John McArthur and Ernie Lidge. Tuesday classes are led by Fr. Dennis Schenkel

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Tuesday, March 9th, at 6:30 pm, in The Clunan Center Meeting Room, Deacon Ralph Donati will conduct a Baptismal Preparation Class. Parents planning to have a child baptized are expected to attend one of these monthly sessions before the Baptism. **Pre-registration is required.** Contact the church office to register 682-6606.

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL REGISTRATION

We are accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Please contact Melinda Bryant, Director of Admissions at melinda.bryant@stlouis.cdom.org or 682-9692.

ST. LOUIS EVENING GUILD

The St. Louis Evening Guild will meet **Thursday, March 11th** at 7:00 pm in the Clunan Center. Tom Dorian will be on hand to discuss Catholic Cafe.

PRESCHOOL WISH LIST

Our new preschool is in need of gently used toys and children's furniture. (puzzles, books, train tables, etc.) They would love to receive any large or small items that would be age appropriate for our 3K and 4K classes. Please contact Kendall Lucchesi at 757-4258 or 491-5151 with questions or donations. Thank you!!

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

The St. Louis Senior High Youth Group will meet tonight **Sunday, February 28st** at 7:15 pm in Gym #1. All high school student are invited to attend.

The Junior High Youth Group will meet again **Sunday, March 14th** at 4:30 pm in the Gym #1.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

St. Louis has the opportunity to unite with hundreds of other Christians around our country and the world for a massive **peaceful** Pro-Life mobilization, the **40 Days of Life** campaign. The Spring campaign began on **Ash Wednesday** and will run thru **Sunday, March 28th**. There will be a 24-hour vigil in front of Planned Parenthood throughout the 40 days. St. Louis has committed to cover **Wednesday, March 24th**. Please help answer the call by signing up for an hour or two on the board in the narthex or online at www.40daysforlife.com/memphis. Questions: Libby Parks (355-8546).

ST. VINCENT de PAUL MEETING

Members of the St. Louis Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul are reminded of the monthly meeting scheduled **Monday, March 1st** at 6:15 pm in The Clunan Center. All parishioners are invited to attend.

NEW DIRECTORY BEING PUBLISHED

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book and Directory for the Church. This book helps us all to know more about our Church. The who, what, where, when, why, and how of our Church. As last year, the book is being provided at no cost to our Church, including the mailing to each family, and is being subsidized by local businesses who advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and want to find out how to advertise in the book, please call the church office (682-6606 ext 231). Ninety-two percent of families surveyed stated that they would rather patronize our Guide Book advertisers over non-advertisers.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

God's Divine Design: Marriage & Natural Family Planning. Class series in the Billings Ovulation Method begins **Tuesday, March 9th** at The Catholic Center, 5825 Shelby Oaks Dr. \$60.00 per couple. Pre-registration is required. www.cdom.org (click on Departments, then Pastoral Services, then NFP) for brochure/registration form or call Diocese of Memphis NFP Center 373-1285.

Traveling Crucifix

This week the Traveling Crucifix will be presented to the **David Baker family**. If you are interested in participating, please call Mary Angela Werner (683-6776) or the church office (682-6606).

Year of the Priest

The Holy Father has designated this the Year of the Priest. Each priest of our diocese has been assigned a day for us to pray especially for them. We will publish a list in the bulletin each week of their special day.

Sun 2-28	Fr. William Parham
Mon 3-1	Fr. Mike Morgera & Bishop J. Peter Sartain
Tue. 3-2	Msgr. Albert Kirk
Wed 3-3	Fr. Matt Panackachira
Thurs 3-4	Fr. Robert Marshall
Fri 3-5	Fr. Eric Peterson
Sat 3-6	Msgr. Val Handwerker

Rosary Brigade Intention

Pray for people who are physically or spiritually blind, that they receive the clear sight that comes only from God.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

3rd Sunday of Lent - March 7th

First Reading	Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel	Luke 13:1-9

SCHOOL NEWS

Spring Break for St. Louis School students will be **March 8 through March 12th**.

FLEUR DE LIS

First **Friday, March 5th**, we will attend noon Mass and sit together up-front on the right side of the church. After Mass, we will go to lunch at Holiday Ham on Erin Dr.

Thursday and Friday, March 18-19 we take an overnight trip to the horse races in Hot Springs. The cost is \$120 per person for a double room and \$160 per person for a single room. Cost includes bus, hotel, and seating at the track. For reservations and information, please call Pill Esterman (683-4886) or Rita Linder (682-9734).

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The St. Louis Alzheimer's and Related Dementia Support Group meets the third **Wednesday of each month** in The Clunan Center at 10:30 am.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Cursillo Weekends will be held Women **March 11-14**. Contact Mark Underwood at mark@ies-midsouth.com or 901-277-4297 for more info. Applications are on our website: memphiscursillo.org

MINISTRY TO THE SICK TRAINING

Saturday, March 6th 8:30 am - 3 pm

St. Francis of Assisi, Parish Life Center Room 111
Registration forms are available at your parish office or Catholic Center. All registration forms must be signed by pastor. Last day to register March 3rd. For information call 373-1224.

Prayers for the Armed Forces

Please keep the men and women serving in Iraq, and other conflict areas around the world, in your prayers as well as their families. Pray especially for Ross Goodwin, David Lawrence, Ben Bowers, Ben Wilson, Jesse Hawk, COL Larry Baron, COL Jim Gray, Stephen Cardone, Brandon Mason & Alicia Mason, Andrew Darrohn, Sean Dodds, CPT Hubert Ritter Haaga, Seth Ammons, Timothy Paolantonio, Kimberly Paolantonio, Ens. Leon Faison, LT David Borden, James C. Hall, Jr., Steve Kaste, Matt Dean, John Scanlan, Jacob Thompson, CPT Jeremy Linney, CPO Robert Neal Teddy, Joseph Ward, Bernic Hasenbein, Patrick Owings, Donald Gygi, Blake Strauser, Lt. J. J. Morrison, Lewis Chaplin, Justin Miller, Mik Todd, Lt. Caleb Tallent, LT. Christopher Brantley, Robert Smith, CPT Adam J. Condo CPT Hugh Wingate, Joseph Ward, MAJ Phillip Principi, 1st LT John Schaffler, IV and Barclay Montgomery.

If you know of a serviceman or woman stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan or another area of conflict, contact the church office (682-6606) to add their name to this prayer request.

FISHERS OF MEN

Fishers of Men is a small prayer/fellowship group that seeks to strengthen men inwardly, so that they may become more faithful in their homes, parishes, workplaces and communities. We have two Fishers groups in our parish. One group meets each Thursday morning following the 6:15 am Mass. A second group meets each Tuesday at 8:00 pm in the Pastoral Building.