

Good News

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Job speaks for all of us.

OK, well, most of us. Certainly anyone who's struggled with insomnia resonates with Job's being "filled with restlessness until the dawn." But most of us share with Job the experience of suffering. Some people have suffered beyond comprehension; others have known only "regular" suffering—illness, death, disability, tragedy—although it's never regular when it happens to us. We've all felt the frightening despair of which Job speaks.

Some fortunate souls haven't experienced such challenges. During a talk I gave several years ago, I asked the audience to recall their own suffering. An older couple admitted they hadn't experienced significant suffering. Their children were healthy, their parents died at a ripe old age, and life had been fairly easy for them.

This isn't the experience of most of us, however. Even if we've moved past such moments of pain and suffering, we can recall feeling as Job did—that life was misery, that hope was difficult to find.

There certainly are no easy solutions to the problem of suffering. But in the Gospel today we see Jesus in his healing ministry, reaching out to so many in need. Aren't we, in our times of suffering, among the crowds gathered at Jesus' door, begging for healing and mercy?

Jesus is persistent in his healing—he doesn't let exhaustion or weariness stop him. He reaches out, grasps hands, and is present to those who are hurting.

Jesus is this persistent presence of healing to us too.

He sees us in the crowd, he grasps our hand, and he promises to stay with us always.

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Masses

Sun.	7:30	Julianne Bedard
	9:00	Rita Maria Bertasi
	10:30	Parish
	12:00	Jack Curtis
	6:00	Rita Quinn
Mon.	6:15	Special Intention for Glenda Jordan
	8:15	Tom Pierotti
	12:00	Hal Handwerker
Tue.	6:15	Sissy & Bill Trigg
	8:15	Celeste Lenti & Special Intention for 2 nd Graders for First Holy Communion
	12:00	George Sneed, Jr.
Wed.	6:15	Frank Montes
	8:15	Jennie Radogna
	12:00	Elizabeth Ginn
Thurs.	6:15	50 th Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Tilly
	8:15	Clarence & Estelle Johnson
	12:00	Bill & Betty Thron
Fri.	6:15	Sissy & Bill Trigg
	8:15	Mike Finnell
	12:00	Ed Bennett
Sat.	6:15	Violet & Secunda Mangialardi
	8:15	Special Intention for the Irish Traveler Youth
	4:30	Betty Meihofer & Frank G. Soro

Prayers are requested for the sick: Pill Esterman+Ann Weldon+Jim Mathis+Jane Robilio+Harry Reed+Kay Hord+Palma Borgognoni+Joe Hudson+Wanda Sims.

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 souls of Bill Riggins+Iris Dichtel.

Information

Sacrament of Baptism—Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays following noon Mass. 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 Libby Pretti at 682-6606 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 home-bound.

Counseling Services—St. Louis Parish participates in the Parish Family Counseling Program of the Diocese of Memphis. Professional available; fees are based on one's ability to pay. Contact Anne McInnis at 722-4711.

Nursery—A nursery is provided in The Clunan Center each weekend at 4:30 pm, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, and noon Masses on Sunday.

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.

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CATHOLICISM CLASSES & DINNERS

On Thursday evenings, we are having catered dinners in the Clunan Center followed by a video presentation of Catholicism by Fr. Robert Barron. These videos will enhance and enlighten us on our rich Catholic tradition. A charge of \$5 per person for the meal is asked and large families can pay what they can or make a donation. Meals will begin at 6:30pm, the video at 7:15pm, discussion from 7:50-8:15pm followed by closing prayer in the Church until 8:30pm. *Please call 682-6606 or go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849A4A87-thursday> or to make a reservation and indicate if you need childcare each week.*

SCOUTING NEWS

Congratulations to the following who received awards at the Diocesan Celebration of Catholic Scouting: Bronze Pelican Adult Scouter Award: **Victor Buchholz**, Cub Master Pack 341, **Jackie Harrison**, Crew 341; St. George Adult Scouter Award: **Scott Harrison**, Scoutmaster Troop 341; National Catholic Quality Unit Award: **St. Louis Church Boy Scout Troop 341**.



WELLNESS MINISTRY

HEALTHY SUPER BOWL RECIPES



The St. Louis Health and Wellness Ministry has prepared a set of Healthy Holiday Recipes. The recipes may be accessed on our website at www.stlouischurchmphps.org or you may pick up a copy in the church office. Contact Kathy Cates at 219-6540 or kmcates@comcast.net if you are interested in this ministry.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

A meeting for parents and Confirmandi will be held on **Saturday, February 25th** at 10am in the cafeteria. Confirmation will be held on **Monday, April 16th** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.



QUEEN OF PEACE

Rosary, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration begin at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, February 13th** at St. Louis Church. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m.

FOOD FOR THE POOR

Food for the Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Fr. Thomas Bouterie on his recent visit to our parish. On behalf of our less fortunate brothers and sisters, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They, and you, are blessed by your generosity.

MARDI GRAS PARADE & DINNER

The 6th Annual St. Louis Mardi Gras Dinner and Parade will be held on **Saturday, February 11th** at 6pm. Please come out for a fun evening of authentic Louisiana-themed food and an exciting Mardi Gras Parade. If you would like to enter a float, please contact Greg Crone at croneg@bellsouth.net or 682-6249.



ST. LOUIS SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you have a child that will be Pre-School or Kindergarten age in the 2013-2014 school year, please contact Melinda Bryant, Director of Admissions at 682-9692. We look forward to hearing from you.

RED CROSS BABYSITTER'S TRAINING COURSE

The Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course will be offered on **Saturday, February 25th** from 8am-4pm for ages 11-15 only. There will be 15 available spaces. Sign-up sheets are available in the church office. You must sign up by February 15th. The cost is \$85. Bring a snack, sack lunch and drink.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Volunteers are needed for the following times:

Tuesdays at 9am
Thursdays at 3pm, 9pm
Fridays at 6pm
Saturdays at 2am, 1pm, 8pm

Please contact Kim Sevier at 569-3864 or kksevier@comcast.net to sign up or if you would like to be added to the sub list. All are invited to visit the Bread of Life Adoration Chapel at any time.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HEALING HEARTS WITH THE ARTS



Healing Hearts
with The Arts:
ending domestic violence

This weekend, an original work of art by Bishop J. Terry Steib will be on display in the Narthex. His painting along with original works of art by St. Louis Parish's own Amy Weirich and Bill Oldham will be available for auction at the Catholic Charities Healing Hearts with the Arts live and silent auction to be held on Thursday, February 9th at the offices of Nixon Askew Ferguson. Tickets are available by calling Alie at 722-4750 (\$30 advance/\$40 door).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



All members of the parish are invited to the St. Vincent de Paul meeting on **Monday, February 6th** at 6pm in the Clunan Center.

St. Vincent de Paul collects food for the poor year round. Collection baskets are at all entrances to our church.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Calling young adults in their 20s and 30s!!! St. Louis Parish invites you to participate in a meeting to set a vision for Young Adult Ministry in our parish. No long-term commitment is required. We're interested in thoughts and ideas for the Church and ministry from your perspective. We'll meet in the Clunan Center on **Wednesday, February 22nd** at 7pm. For more information, please contact Sam Mauck, Director of Campus and Young Adult Ministry, at samuel.mauck@ccm.cdom.org.

SERRA CLUB HOLY HOUR

All Catholics are invited by the Serra Club of Memphis to join the Serrans in celebrating the monthly Holy Hour at 7pm on **Thursday, February 9th** at St. Louis Church. Fr. Ernie DeBlasio will be the presider. The purpose of the Holy Hour is to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It is sponsored by the Serra Club of Memphis.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS



Tuesday, February 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Clunan Center Meeting Room, Deacon Bill Herbers will conduct 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.

St. Louis Cradle Roll

St. Louis Cradle Roll welcomes **Mary Frances Mabry**, born January 19th, daughter of **Claudia and William Mabry**, granddaughter of **Claudia and Gordon Wills**.



Banns of Marriage

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for **Dori Dearen** and **Dwayne Lofton** and for the first time for **Katie Santos** and **Philip Valle**.

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are in memory of **Rita María González Bertasi** requested by Anthony Bertasi and family.

Rosary Brigade Intention

Pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, that they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 12th

First Reading Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel Mark 1:40-45

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, LT David Borden, James C. Hall, Jr., Steve Kaste, Matt Dean, John Scanlan, Jacob Thompson, CPT Jeremy Linney, Bernic Hasenbein, Patrick Owings, Blake Strauser, Lewis Chaplin, Mike Todd, Lt. Caleb Tallent, LT. Christopher Brantley, CPT Hugh Wingate, Barclay Montgomery, Dennis Dean, Joey Scott. Army SGT Adrian Mosley, PFC Charles Ponton, Etta Abang, W. Blaine Groce, Sgt. Michael K. Morrison, Robert Bender, Nathan Bender, Sarah Abell Tura, 2nd Lt. Cameron Ridgway, Sgt. Courtney Pruitt, W01 Brent Bunch, Tommy Vester, William Newsham, Hunter Billings, Thomas Lanigan and Stewart Summers.

