

Good News

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Dan Finucane

Driving across the state where I live means seeing two things: corn and soybeans. Both are important to our diet and to the state's economy so I don't want to treat them lightly, but I do have to say that these fields start to look alike after a while. The ride through them isn't too exciting.

So it always gives me something more intriguing to think about when I pass a sign about two hours out that reads, "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself" (2 Corinthians 5:19).

Does the world look reconciled? Is the farmer's sign working? I wonder how other drivers, my fellow travelers, see it. Some are tailgaters, some are speeders, some look bored like me. Maybe they're looking at me, wondering how someone so distracted could be a safe driver. This road is full of trouble ... maybe we need a sign.

Luke 15 offers an amazing look at a father and his sons. The power in Jesus' story is seeing first the depth that the wayward son went to before he hit bottom. Jesus' kosher-keeping audience would have been disgusted by the image of tending pigs and being jealous of their food. And yet this is the son the father saw, the son who had him jumping out of his chair and running down to the road to embrace him before the kid could even apologize for wasting his life.

The other son didn't get it. This kid has wasted everything you gave him, and now you give him a party?

Did the father wake up? No. He wants the older brother at the party now too.

Is that it--to be reconciled we have to let up, pull over, and go into a party?

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Masses

Sun	7:30	Dorothea Gusmus
	9:00	Rosanna Baldi
	10:30	John Leary
	12:00	Parish
	6:00	Emmett O'Ryan
Mon	6:15	Frank Montesi
	8:15	Tina Barrasso
	12:00	50 th wedding anniversary/Paul & Agnes Hanson
Tue	6:15	Jimmy Farrell
	8:15	Special Intention
	12:00	Joan C. Shea
Wed	6:15	Ed Dorian
	8:15	Hardy Robinson
	12:00	Hardy Robinson
Thur	6:15	Special Intention/Carla Hille
	8:15	Special Intention/Dr. Margaret Pittman
	12:00	Special Intention
Fri	6:15	Dominic Cara
	8:15	Sheila Robinson
	12:00	Special Intention/Phyllis Schwarzmann & Joseph Chiozza, Sr.
Sat	6:15	Special Intention/Fr. Saji Ellickal
	8:15	Poor Souls in Purgatory
	4:30	Jeanne Williams

Prayers are requested for the sick of the parish: Mary Alice Quinn+Elizabeth & Bailee Penny+Lisa Temple+Mabel Schumacher+Laura Blalack+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 Thomas Dunne.

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.

March 14, 2010

4th 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.

SEDER SUPPER

Wednesday, March 31st, 6:30 pm there will be a Family Seder Supper in the school cafeteria. The lamb will be provided and we request that the families attending bring a salad, vegetable, casserole or dessert, with serving spoon.

The Passover is the oldest festival of the Jewish Liturgical calendar, having been observed for more than 3000 years. Its central theme is that of redemption. For the Jew, it meant not only a remembrance of the physical exodus from Egypt, but also a reaffirmation of God's continual intervention in history. If you are able to attend, please call the church office (682-6606) by Wednesday, March 24th to advise how many in your family will be present.

ST. LOUIS ALTAR GUILD

All women of the parish are invited to attend the Altar Guild meeting at noon on **Monday, March 15th** in the home of Barbara Evangelisti (5178 S. Angela Rd). Local author, Jennifer Chandler, will demonstrate recipes from her upcoming book, *Simply Suppers - Comfort Food You Can Get on the Table in No Time Flat*. We'll sample the recipes for lunch. Childcare will be provided in the church nursery; please bring a sack lunch for your child. If you need transportation, please call Tami Kendrick at 751-2933.

Co-hostesses include: Robin Norman, Genie McEvoy, Emily McEvoy, Kelly Wilson, Ann-Felice Thiel, Mary Frances Morgan, Leslie Ward and Margie Ryan.

Directions from St. Louis to 5178 S. Angela Rd.: Turn North or left out of the church parking lot onto White Station Rd. Turn left at the first street, S. Angela Rd. 5178 will be on your right.

VOLUNTEER ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Volunteer Altar Servers are needed for Easter Sunday Masses on **April 4th**. Sign-up sheets are located on the wall outside of the sacristy in the Clunan Center.

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.

2nd COLLECTIONS

The second collection this weekend is for the benefit of Catholic Relief Services. With all the recent natural disasters that have occurred, funds received will be put to good use helping those without food, water, clothing, housing, medical help and basic hygiene. Please be as generous as possible.

The second collection next weekend, **March 20th - 21st**, will be for the **St. Louis Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul**. This compassionate organization uses your donations to help those in desperate need of food, rent or mortgage payment, utilities payment, or medicine, to name a few. A representative of this organization makes a personal visit to each person who requests assistance to ascertain the validity of the need. Your funds are distributed very judiciously. Please be generous and help these volunteers carry on God's work in your name.

LENTEN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Here is a chance, as a family, to do a positive simple service for Lent. St. Louis has over 200 homebound and/or active older parishioners. They are a very important part of the parish and special to us. Each Easter and Christmas we like to deliver a flower to them from the church. It is, however, too much of a task for one organization to handle the deliveries. I am asking for families to volunteer to take just 1—yes, just one—flower to these families. Please come forward—families or individuals. You can't imagine how happy and grateful the people are in being remembered. God will bless your service and generosity. **Deliveries will be made March 24-31**. Flowers, recipients's name, and map to their home, are to be picked up in the church office. If you would like to volunteer, just come to the church office. Thank you,

Rev. Msgr. John B. McArthur

THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST

Sessions for The Teachings of Christ Bible Study by Fr. John Corapi, S.O.L.T. are meeting on **Mondays** at 7:00 pm and **Tuesdays** at 1:00 pm in the Clunan Center. Monday classes are led by Msgr. John McArthur and Ernie Lidge. Tuesday classes are led by Fr. Dennis Schenkel. All are invited to attend.

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).

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to donate towards the purchase of Easter Flowers to adorn the altar, you may make a contribution of \$40 in honor of, or in memory of, an individual you would like to acknowledge. This information will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Please contact Mrs. Patricia Schoembs (685-8604) by **Monday, March 29th**.

BUNNY BRUNCH

Sunday, March 21st after the 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses the Home and School Association will sponsor the annual Spring Pancake Breakfast in the school cafeteria. The cost is \$2 per child, \$3 per adult with a \$12 maximum per family. Mark your calendar so you do not miss this fun family event.

ST. LOUIS ROSARY GUILD SALE

The St. Louis Rosary Guild will be offering for sale their lovely handmade rosaries after all Masses next weekend, **March 20th - 21st**, in the narthex. This is a good opportunity for you to select a gift for someone special in your life, a member of the 2010 First Communion class or those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

The St. Louis chapter of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting non-perishable food items throughout Lent to benefit the needy in our city. Baskets will be placed in the narthex for your donations. Each month a different church in the Memphis area is chosen to receive the collected food items. If each family brings a food item, we will be able to make inroads into the hunger that plagues our poor.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration is in need of persons to volunteer to spend one hour in Eucharistic Adoration on **Mondays at 4:00 am; Tuesdays at 2:00 am and 3:00 am; Wednesdays at 1:00 am and 9:00am; Fridays at 3:00 am, 10:00 am and 3:00 pm; Saturdays at 12 noon, 1:00 pm and 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.

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!!

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The St. Louis Alzheimer's and Related Dementia Support Group will meet **Wednesday, March 17th** in The Clunan Center at 10:30 am.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

The St. Louis Senior High Youth Group will meet tonight **Sunday, March 14th** at 7:15 pm in Gym #1. All high school students are invited to attend.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Grandparents Day will be held **Thursday, March 18th** for students grades K-4. Mass is at 8:15 pm and a reception will follow in the gym.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

5th Sunday of Lent - March 21st

First Reading	Isaiah 43:16-21
Second Reading	Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel	John 8:1-11

Rosary Brigade Intention

Pray for neglected children, especially those who are lonely or homeless, that they find safety, comfort and renewed hope.

FLEUR DE LIS

Thursday, March 25th, will be our monthly meeting and catered dinner in the school cafeteria at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$8.00 per person. Reservations must be made by Monday, March 22nd. Make checks payable to Fleur-de-Lis and mail to Rita Linder (95 Laverne Ln, 38117) or call Pill Esterman (683-4886).

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Volunteers to man a one hour shift of the 24-hour vigil in front of Planned Parenthood on **Wednesday, March 24th**, the date St. Louis has committed to cover, are needed. 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.

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.

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.

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 3-14	Fr. Tony Clark, SVD.
Mon 3-15	Fr. Carlos Paniagua-Monroy & Fr. Herbert Ene
Tue.3-16	Fr. Jolly Sebastian
Wed 3-17	Fr. Kaz Abrahamczyk
Thurs 3-18	Fr. John Geaney CSP
Fri 3-19	Fr. Joseph Dao Vu SVD
Sat 3-20	Fr. Michael Joyce CM

PARENTS ROSARY

Please join us in praying the Rosary for our children and our school. We meet **Mondays at 7:55** am in the church before the 8:15 Mass. Call or email Ashley Kaiser with questions or special intentions (683-8279); kaiser_e@bellsouth.net. We will only meet when school is in session.

CURSILLO

Cursillo Ultreya will be **Tuesday, March 16th** at 7pm at Holy Rosary Church in the Family Room with a witness talk by Rick and Adrien Alsobrook.

CEMETERY EASTER FLOWERS

The Catholic Cemeteries are pleased to offer this Easter season a selection of life like, fine quality Easter lily and white rose floral arrangements to be placed on the graves, crypts or niches of loved ones or friends at Calvary and All Saints Cemetery. Prices range from \$15 to \$30. For more information or to order, call (948-1529) or visit www.cdom.org.

IRISH FEST & STEW COOKOFF

St. Therese/Little Flower will hold their 18th annual Irish Fest on **Saturday, March 20th** - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Join us for food, fun and games for the whole family. The Irish Stew Contest is offered to teams for a \$25 entry fee. Call (276-1264) for more information and entry form. The Contest is judged by local courthouse judges. There will also be a yard sale held on the grounds.

THE LADIES OF CHARITY

Sunday, March 14th, THE LADIES OF CHARITY TEA AND FASHION SHOW will be at the Memphis Botanic Gardens from 2-4 p.m. Featured will be music by Mr. Earl Randall, fashions from Coldwater Creek, Wolfchase, food, beverages, door prizes and silent auction. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door or by calling Rose LaVoice at 854-5894.

Wednesday, March 17th, will be the Ladies of Charity: monthly Mass, meeting and luncheon. Rosary begins at 9:45 a.m., Mass at 10 a.m.; Church of the Holy Spirit, 2300 Hickory Crest Drive.

MEN'S MORNING OF SPIRITUALITY

All men of the diocese are invited to attend the 5th annual Men's Morning of Spirituality that will be held on **Saturday March 20th** at St. Ann Church (6529 Stage Road, Bartlett). Come join hundreds of Catholic men for a morning of prayer, reflection, reconciliation, fellowship and Mass with Bishop Steib. Coffee and donuts will be served at 7:30 am and the program will run from 8:30 to 12:30 followed by lunch. This years speaker, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, is the founder and director of Aurem Cordis. This free event is sponsored by the Fishers of Men and Bishop Steib and will conclude with a vendor fair where local merchants will offer an opportunity to purchase spiritual and inspirational merchandise. To ensure we are properly prepared, please pre-register today at www.mensmorning.com.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAMS

2010 Mother/Daughter Programs to learn about God's plan for growing up, becoming a woman and His gifts of sexuality, fertility and chastity will be on **Sunday, March 28** for 10 - 12 year old girls and on **Sunday, March 21** for 13 - 16 year old girls and their mothers. All programs begin at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Francis Hospital, 5959 Park Ave. \$25.00 per family. Reservations required. Print reservation form at: www.cdom.org or call Diocese of Memphis NFP Center at (901) 373-1285.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

In harmony with God's Design - Natural Family Planning. Class series in the Billings Ovulation Method begins **Wednesday, April 7**, at 7:00pm 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 (901) 373-1285.

SAVE THE DATE !!!!

SPRING FLING DANCE for all 6th, 7th and 8th graders of the diocese. **Friday, April 16th** at 7-10 pm. St. Francis Parish Life Center Gym. \$10 admission. Music, refreshments, fun! Don't miss it! Diocesan dress code. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary.

Traveling Crucifix

If you would like your family to participate in the Traveling Crucifix program, please call Mary Angela Werner (683-6776) or the church office (682-6606).

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Vigil, Saturday, March 27

Mass 4:30 pm

Palm Sunday, March 28

Masses: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
12 noon & 6:00 pm

(10:30 am Mass: Blessing of Palms
and Solemn Procession)

Confessions

Monday, March 29

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Seder Supper

Wednesday, March 31

6:30 pm - School Cafeteria

Holy Thursday, April 1

Confessions, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 2

Stations of the Cross, 3:00 pm

Confessions 5 - 6:30 pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 3

Confessions, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 4

Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
12 noon

(9:00 & 10:30 am Masses in Church & Clunan Center)

****There will be no 6:00 pm Mass**

Nursery: 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses only

CYO REUNION

Catholic Youth Organization Reunion Dance for 1960's and 1970's members will be held **Saturday, April 24th** at The Vine (1819 Madison Ave) - 7:00 pm to midnight. Casual attire, cash bar, and appetizers provided. The cost is \$15 per person. Entertainment provided by Back Stage Pass. Contact Janine (730-2264) or Peggy (833-7336) with questions.

DCCW MEETING

The members of Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invite all ladies to join them **March 27th** - 11:00 am at St. Augustine Church (1169 Kerr Ave) in the Savare Room for their quarterly meeting. There will be a guest speaker from Memphis Front Porch Discussion Child Sexual Abuse. Brunch will be served.

YARD SALE

St. Agnes/St. Donminic School Global Ambassadors are sponsoring a massive Yard Sale to benefit Saruwe Junior School in Zimbabwe, **Saturday, March 20th** - 7:00 am - noon at the corner of Walnut Grove and Mendenhall. Sale items include bedroom furniture, baby and household goods, clothing, ping pong table and more! Call Katie Bigus (754-6566) with questions.

CATHOLIC MOMS & TOTS

Catholic Moms & Tots is a group who, with our children, meets several times a month to support one another in the joys and hardships of raising our children. For more information, please contact Jeny Rendon (381-9673) or rendonfamily@bellsouth.net.

A TOAST TO ITALY

UNICO Memphis Wine and Cheese Festival and the Little Miss Italy Contest will be held **Sunday, April 18th** - 2:00 - 5:00 pm at Hilton Memphis (939 Ridge Lake Blvd). There will be wines from the regions of Italy to sample, as well as food and cheese samples from local vendors. The Little Miss Italy Contest is for ages 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 a the door. Children under 12 are free. For tickets, contact Michael Spano (372-8869) or Ron Giometti (861-2340). To enter Little Miss Italy Contest, call Roe Marie Cross(767-5817).

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

A special viewing of the *Shroud of Turin*- **May 21-31**, \$3565 plus taxes from Memphis on Continental Air, includes breakfast & dinner each day and all hotels and admissions. Other cities include Padua, Venice, LaVerna, Assisi, Orvieto and Rome. Limited space available. Call or email Jeannie Presley, 683-7807 or MANDEL1@aol.com.

CATHOLIC CAFE

The Catholic Cafe radio program can now be heard at 3:30 p.m. **Saturday afternoons** on WWGM 93.1 FM (Jackson) and WSIB 93.9 FM (Selmer) radio stations. The show is also carried in Union City by WYVY 104.9 FM at 8 a.m. Sunday morning. For anyone who has fallen away from the Church, or who wants to know more about the Faith, tune in or visit The Catholic Cafe on the web at www.thecatholiccafe.com to listen to all the shows, set up a podcast, or contact us with questions.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

The deadline for submitting articles to be published in the Sunday bulletin is 12 noon the Tuesday before. Please email your articles to judi.herbers@stlouis.cdom.org or fax them to Judi's attention at 680-0571. Thank you.

EMAILS

St. Louis Church sends out news about parish events and activities via email. Please contact us if you would like your email address to be included or updated. If you have any questions, you may email jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org or call Jan O'Donnell in the church office at 682-6606.