

Good News

First Sunday of Lent

Dan Finucane

One of the most important people in my life is a teacher. She's retired now. For several years I was her student. Later I was privileged to work with her as a colleague. She was a world traveler. Each summer her religious order would send her somewhere exotic-an international ecclesial meeting in Africa, a conference for women in the Church in Asia.

Each fall I would talk to her in the copying room: "Where have you been?" I wanted to live vicariously through her travels. I also wanted to know about whom she'd met, what she'd learned, what talks she'd given. She went to Hong Kong on one trip because she was already going to Korea. She was in the neighborhood, so why not? Sister D had a big neighborhood.

She introduced me to her kindred spirit, Egeria. You've heard of the Church Fathers, like Augustine, Ambrose, Gregory of Nyssa? She had us read all of them. She also had us read the Church Mother, Egeria. Probably from the late fourth century, her *Travels*, or at least big chunks of it, was lost for several centuries until it resurfaced in the late 1800s. Egeria came from the West and toured the Holy Land, writing about Christian customs, observing, interviewing, interacting, and pollinating the greater Church with tales from her journeys.

Egeria has vivid descriptions of different Lenten practices in Jerusalem. Some fasted for a day. Some took one meal. Some fasted the whole week, eating only on Sunday and Saturday. She has an interesting observation on the diverse practices: each person does what he or she can; no one is criticized or praised for his or her particulars (*Travels*, 28:1-3).

The communion of saints offers us a rich collection of fellow travelers becoming Christlike, and more than a few characters.

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Masses

Sun	7:30	Dorothea Gusmus
	9:00	Parish
	10:30	Robert Moore
	12:00	Bill Thron
	6:00	Charles E. Freudenberg
Mon	6:15	Tina Barrasso
	8:15	50 th anniversary/John & Jeannie Presley
	12:00	Sissy & Bill Trigg
Tue	6:15	Frank Montesi
	8:15	Charles E. Freudenberg
	12:00	William Lockwood
Wed	6:15	Special Intention/Barbara Coon
	8:15	Tony Evangelisti
	12:00	Michael Dorian
Thur	6:15	Poor Souls in Purgatory
	8:15	Special Intention/Adrien Alsobrook
	12:00	Bob McCormick
Fri	6:15	Charles E. Freudenberg
	8:15	Special Intention
	12:00	Betty Rutledge
Sat	6:15	John Tison
	8:15	Duwat family
	12:00	Carmelo A. Asuncion

Prayers are requested for the sick of the parish: Craig Melton+Sara Burke+Stoughton Outlan+John Wills, Jr.+ Lisa Temple+Carl Harris+Bill Arnold+James B. Lee+Anne Groeschen.

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 Shirley Edwards, Cheryl Ann Pittman and Melvyn Vescovo.

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 21, 2010

1st 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.

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).

PRO-LIFE ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

It has come to the attention of the Pro-life Committee that an excellent essay from our October, 2009 Pro-Life Essay Contest was overlooked. We would like to recognize the thoughtfulness and insight of this essay of Carter Lane's, 7A St. Louis School. We have awarded him with a monetary reward. Congratulations, Carter! (You may view Carter's essay on the parish website www.stlouischurchmphis.org)

ST. LOUIS MEN'S CLUB FISH FRY

Please join the St. Louis Men's Club for our Lenten Fish Fry **Friday, February 26th**. 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION NEWS

A meeting for the parents of students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time will be held on **Saturday, February 27th** at 10:00 am - 12 noon in the Clunan Center.

PASSION OF THE CHRIST

Starting **February 24th**, Deacon Jack Conrad will present a five week Lenten Series—*The Passion of the Christ*. 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. Each evening will run from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. 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). A collection will also be taken 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).

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend, **February 20-21**, is the national collection for Black & Indian Missions. Please be generous to this important collection.

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.

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.

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 their 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 21st** at 7:15 pm in Gym #1. All high school student are invited to attend.

The Junior High Youth Group will meet today, **February 21st** at 4:30 pm in the Gym #1.

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

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 3 days of vigil: **Saturday, February 20th, Wednesday, February 24th and 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).

ROSARY GUILD

The St. Louis Rosary Guild will meet on **Tuesday, February 23rd** at 7:00 pm in The Clunan Center. All are invited to join us. Call Joe Pike (684-6687) for information.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration is in need of persons to volunteer to spend one hour in Eucharistic Adoration on **Wednesdays at 12 noon, Saturdays at 12 noon, 1:00 pm, & 2:00 pm and Sundays at 7:00 pm.** To sign-up, please contact Kim Sevier (756-8453). All are encouraged to come to the Adoration Chapel at any time to pray.

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.

GUILD TRIVIA AFTERNOON

Come play with us!! **Sunday, February 21st** from 2:00 to 5:00 in the Clunan Center. Br. Ignatius Brown, the famous trivia emcee, will be posing the questions. Teams can be 6 to 8 members. Cost is \$10.00 per member. Forms are available in the church office. Please register by February 17th. If you have any questions, please call Cathy Freres (685-1934) or email at cfreres@yahoo.com or Kathy Mayhew (685-9490) or email at kathymayhew@hotmail.com.

CORRECTION!

In the donation envelope packet received for February and March, the St. Vincent de Paul envelope bears an incorrect date. The St. Vincent de Paul collection will be taken up on **March 21st** not March 14th as printed on the envelope. The March 14th second collection is for The Catholic Relief Services. Please make a note of this change. Thank you.

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.

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 2-21	Fr. Jacek Kowal
Mon 2-22	Fr. Adam Rust
Tue. 2-23	Fr. Krzysztof Rusin
Wed 2-24	Msgr. Edwin Creary
Thurs 2-25	Fr. James Martell
Fri 2-26	Fr. Gary Lamb
Sat 2-27	Fr. Ernie DeBlasio

St. Louis Cradle Roll welcomes *Mary Taylor Canale* born February 14th, daughter of Blair & Molly Canale, granddaughter of Billy & Margaret Canale.

Rosary Brigade Intention

Pray for our candidates and catechumens as they attend the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at the Cathedral today, and until they are received into the Church at Easter Vigil.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

2nd Sunday of Lent - February 28th

First Reading	Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Second Reading	Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel	Luke 9:28b-36

FLEUR DE LIS

Tuesday, February 23rd we will go to IMAX Theater Show "The Alps" at Pink Palace. The cost is \$7.25 per person. We will meet in the Clunan Center parking lot at 11:15 am and go to Dixie Café for lunch.

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).

MINISTRY TO THE SICK TRAINING

Saturday, March 6th 8:30 -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.

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

Supper with the Bishop "*brown bag discussion*" - open to all college students will be on **February 24th** at CBU. Please contact Brother Rob (321-3509).

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.