



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God is at hand for you.’” - Lk 10:8-9

PASTOR NOTE

As we celebrate our nation's Independence, we continue examining our nation's saints. I encourage you to read about these American Blesseds and Saints. Even more, may we regularly pray to them asking for their intercession and blessing upon our nation.

Blesseds of the United States:

After a person is declared a Venerable, a person who lived heroic virtue, the Church examines miracles attributed to the intercession of the Venerable. If the Vatican authenticates one miracle, the Venerable is declared Blessed. As a Blessed, the local diocese or religious community may publically venerate the Blessed through Masses and other celebrations. Here are the Blesseds of the United States according to the date of their birth:

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R. (1819-1867)
Bl. Father Michael McGivney (1852-1890)
Bl. Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M., Cap. (1870-1957)
Bl. Sister Miriam Teresa, S.C. (1901-1927)
Bl. Father Stanley Rother (1935-1981)
Bl. James Alfred Miller (1944-1982)

Saints of the United States:

After a person is declared Blessed, the Church examines additional miracles attributed to the intercession of the Blessed. This additional miracle must occur after the person is declared Blessed. If the Vatican authenticates a second miracle, the Blessed is declared a canonized Saint. As a Saint, the Church throughout the entire world may offer public devotions through Masses, pilgrimages, intercessions, imitation, and other pious devotions. Here are the Saints of the United States according to the date of their birth:

St. Isaac Jogues, S.J. (1607-1646)	St. Mother Theodore Guerin, S.P. (1798-1856)
St. Rene Goupil S.J. (1608-1642)	St. John Neuman, C.Ss.R. (1811-1860)
St. Jean de Lalande (d. 1646)	St. Marianne Cope, O.S.F. (1838-1918)
St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680)	St. Damien de Veuster of Molokai, SS.CC. (1840-1889)
St. Junipero Serra, O.F.M. (1713-1784)	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, M.S.C. (1850-1917)
St. Rose Philippine Duchensne, R.S.C.J. (1769-1852)	St. Katherine Drexel, S.B.S. (1858-1955)
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, S.C. (1774-1821)	

NOURISHED IN SPIRIT BY MSGR. KRUSE

Christ's words are not simply a sign of his emotional pain. They are not simply a sign of his companionship with our emotional suffering. They are something much deeper. For our physical and emotional pain are simply symptoms of our deeper pain. The pain of sin. Our physical and emotional pain are a reflection of the pain that our soul endures through our sinful choices. Our sinful human condition separates us from God. Sin distorts and wounds our relationship with the rest of humanity, ourselves and God. In our sin we stand alone. Immediately after Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, they hid themselves demonstrating their wounded relationship with God. Each of us have felt this. All of us know the loneliness and isolation that sin inflicts upon us. We are cut off and in the distortion of sin, we think that God has abandoned us.

As Jesus cries out, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me," he is uniting himself to every sinner. As Paul says, "Christ who did not know sin, became sin." In our sinfulness, all of us are crying out through Jesus. His words are our words. His feeling of abandonment is really our wounded soul crying out God. From his cross, Christ identifies and unities himself to all sinners who have cut themselves off from God and feel that separation. These words of Jesus show his solidarity with all sinners. He stands with them. In his humanity he feels the agony of their sinful separation. See again, how these words are a great comfort to sinful humanity. We are not alone in our sinfulness. We have not been abandoned. Christ stands with us. Christ has freely chosen to enter into the loneliness and isolation of sin.

Through his human flesh dying on the cross, he enters our sinful condition. But, he also enters as the eternal Son of God. God pierces the isolation of sin. On the cross, God does the impossible: He embraces sin and each sinner. God reaches into our isolation and fills it with his divine presence. Here is the moment of healing. The sinner is no longer isolated and separated. God has come to him like a shepherd seeking out the lost sheep, like a merchant in search of fine pearls, and like the father embracing his prodigal son. God has not abandoned us. We are not alone. He has not forgotten us, but he has forgiven us, healed us, and proven his love for us.

"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" He hasn't and never will. He comes to you in the sufferings of life and sin. He has entered the depths of human misery. He stands with you. He heals you. And, he knows how to lead you out of the depths of sin: for on the third day, the tomb was empty! Isolation has ended, holy communion has begun.

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**The parish office will be closed
on Monday, July 4th in observance of
Independence Day.**



"There are two kinds of freedom; one is freedom from something, the other is freedom for something. One is freedom of choice which enables us to choose between good and evil; the other is the higher freedom which rests in the attainment of truth and goodness." — Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

	<u>Mass Intentions</u>
Monday, July 4	<u>Independence Day</u> 7:00 am +Harvey P. & May E. Neiman by Amie Neiman
Tuesday, July 5	<u>St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;</u> <u>St. Elizabeth of Portugal</u> 5:15pm +Jean Kelly by Fran Robbins 4-5:00 Holy Hour
Wednesday, July 6	<u>St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr</u> 7:00 am +Betty Murphy by Tom & Mary Murphy
*Thursday, July 7	<u>Weekday</u> *7:00am +Joan Smith by James Miller
Friday, July 8	<u>Weekday</u> 7:00 am +Hank Skibinski by Bernie Skibinski
Sat, July 9	<u>Vigil of the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 4:00 pm +Allyson Murray by Tim & Julie Puhr
Sunday, July 10	<u>The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 7:30 am +Darlene Hartwig by Tom & Mary Murphy 9:00 am +Chris Wirth by Terry Hoelle 10:30 am People of the Parish
	*Mass time changed to 7am and Holy Hour and Confession are cancelled for Thursday, July 7th

Readings for the week of July 3
 Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/
 Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
 Mon.: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
 Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps
 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9]/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
David Doty
 and for consolation for his family

*Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord, and
 let perpetual light shine upon his soul. May
 his soul, and the souls of all of the faithful
 departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.
 Amen*

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, July 9th

Altar Servers: Gretchen & Gabby Carden
EMHC: Gene Menard, Dave Boylan
Lectors: Sophia Oester
Sacristan: Julie Hassler
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, July 10th

Altar Servers: Brady Peach
EMHC: Rita Tracey, Beth Peddicord
Lectors: Luke Atilano
Sacristan: Joann Bowman
Ushers: Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson

9:00 am: Sunday, July 10th

Altar Servers: Patsy Bystry, Elizabeth Keutzer
EMHC: Gene Menard, Patty Daluga
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Herb Rhees
Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli
Ushers: Dave & Judy Moore, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Sunday, July 10th

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Brennan Roden
EMHC: Tim Smith, Cindy Behrends
Lectors: David Roden
Sacristan: Susanna Prushinski
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC Homebound: Gene Menard 9/N;
Patty Daluga 9/S
EMHC for Nursing Homes: Pat Galassi-Carlson -
Liberty; Dave Boylan - Hawthorne; Mary Beth Crowe
- Aperia; Linda Carter - Greenfield

**Thank you all for your willingness to serve
our Lord and parish family!**

ST. LOUIS PARISH SCHEDULE

MASS SCHEDULE

MON, WED, FRI	7:00 AM
TUE, THR	5:15 PM
SAT	4:00 PM
SUN	7:30, *9:00, 10:30 AM

*SUN 9:00AM Live-streamed on YouTube & FaceBook
(when a volunteer camera operator is available)

RECONCILIATION

TUE, THR	4:30—4:50 PM
SAT	3-3:45 PM

Or, by appointment. Call or email Msgr. Kruse to make
an appointment. In order to maintain privacy, he will be
in the confessional a few moments before the
arranged time. 309-634-5822 | jameskruse1996@gmail.com

HOLY HOUR

TUE, THR	4:00 PM
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PRIVATE PRAYER: The Chapel is open for Private
Prayer— if you need the access code please contact the
parish office.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through June 26th, 2022

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	\$ 5,744.00
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 726.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Amount needed to date:	\$338,000.00
Amount Received to date:	\$341,961.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 3,961.00

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, “the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited.” That same dictionary defines liberty as, “the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to.” Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

St. John Chrysostom directs that “the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ.” There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one’s soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one’s character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. “I am sending you like lambs among wolves,” Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That’s what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others. ©LPi

LAST CHANCE to register for Totus Tuus!!

This super fun summer program starts next weekend. Grades 7-12 meet Sunday-Thursday, 7-9 PM. Grades 1-6 meet Monday-Friday, 9 AM-2:30 PM. Totus Totus (3-5 years old) meets Monday-Friday 9-11 AM. *Only \$10 per family!* Register in the parish office or at stlouisprinceton.org. Contact Rebekah Mead (815-303-2330, stlrebekahmead@gmail.com) with any questions or to volunteer.



Trivia Night was a great success. About 60 people enjoyed a wonderful evening. Special thanks to all of those who made it a great success. The two prize winning tables donated their prizes to the food pantry. Thank you for your generosity. Overall, the Trivia Night gave a total of \$710 to the Bureau County Food Pantry.

Prayer for Our Nation

God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care.

You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, Grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A



Please join us for the next Catholic Forum on this Sunday, July 3rd at 6:30pm at Harkrader Hall. Everyone is invited to meet for a Question/Answer session about any faith topic. Individuals ask their questions and Msgr. Kruse attempts to provide an answer.

CCW News

A big thanks to all of our ladies that baked and donated pies for our pie sale. Every piece and pie was sold and enjoyed. God Bless you for your ever faithful support of St Louis CCW. - Rita Tracey



Congratulations

*to the following couple celebrating
their 25th Anniversary!*

Stephen & Constance Doran - July 5th

Congratulations

*to the following couples celebrating
their 50th Anniversary!*

Wayne & Faye Abarca - July 22nd

Alan & Bernetta Wood - July 29th

Congratulations

to the following couples celebrating 50 plus years!

Richard & Ruth Welte, July 4, 1959

John & Ginger Murphy, July 4, 1970

Don & Diane Evans, July 18, 1971

August & Laura Boelli, July 26, 1969

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Last weekend, the Knights of Columbus collected 135 nonperishable food items and \$1,437 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. A majority of the items were "high need." The Pantry staff was very pleased with all the breakfast cereal, peanut butter, mac & cheese and canned fruit. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 24,414 nonperishable food items and \$131,300 in monetary donations since we started collecting in August of 2012. The food insecure in our area say Thank You!