



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

PASTOR NOTE

Embraced by Hope Memorial Mass: On Monday Oct. 16th at 6:00 PM, Mass will be offered for our children who have gone before us in death, to pray with those families who have suffered the cross of infertility, to pray for those desiring to conceive or adopt, and to pray for those mothers/families who are pregnant and for their child whom they await. At this Mass all of the Roses with their remembrances and prayer requests will be placed near the sanctuary so that our children will be remembered, and prayers offered. At this Mass Msgr. Kruse will bless the Embraced by Hope Crosses. Msgr. Kruse will invite those who have suffered the loss of a child, those who have carried or are carrying the cross of infertility, those grandparents who have lost a grandchild, and those who are expecting a baby, to come forward at that time to receive an Embraced by Hope Cross. The crosses will be given out in silence and without expressing the exact reason for one receiving a cross. If preferring greater privacy, one may receive a cross by picking one up after Mass or requesting one from Msgr. Kruse or Susanna Prushinski. If you are unable to attend Mass on Monday Oct. 16th, but would like to receive your memorial cross, please contact us and we will make sure you receive one. We invite everyone to attend this Mass. May our prayers be joined together, placed in the hands of our Blessed Mother and then be offered to Jesus.

Growing Disciples Diocesan Program: Recently, Bishop Tylka announced the Second Round Parish Model involving St. Louis parish. This proposal is a merging of the following four parishes into one parish: St. Louis, Princeton, St. John, Walnut; Immaculate Conception, Ohio; and St. Mary, Tiskilwa. The proposal designates St. Louis church as the primary site of worship. St. John church will be a secondary site of worship. The churches of Immaculate Conception and St. Mary are proposed to be closed. At this time, we have the opportunity to submit feedback to the Bishop regarding this proposal. If you wish to offer feedback, please pick up a sheet near the hall. Or, visit the website: <https://www.growingdisciplescdop.org>. Find the upper right button "Submit feedback." Then complete the form. The period for offering Feedback will end on Nov. 23, 2023.

Priest Assembly Days: Each year at this time, the priests of the Diocese meet for a two-day workshop. We will meet on Tuesday and Wednesday. I have adjusted the Mass times in order to accommodate attending this workshop while also serving the parish. This year we will hear some presentations by a priest from out East who implemented a multi-parish merger. We will also continue discussions about Growing Disciples. I kindly ask for your prayers for the priests of the Diocese as we gather for our annual workshop.

A Prayer for Peace: I think all of us have been watching closely the devastating developments in the Holy Land. Without a doubt we are witnessing horrible atrocities. I encourage you to offer St. Francis' Prayer for Peace:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Spiritual Life: Excerpt from *The Spiritual Life* by Adolphe Tanquerey, Desclee and Co., Belgium, 1951.

Exterior Means of Perfection.

There are four principal exterior means of perfection. They include: spiritual direction, rule of life, spiritual reading and sanctification of our social relations.

Spiritual direction is the act of regularly engaging with another experienced person who assists us on our spiritual journey. We need a spiritual physician to make a sound diagnosis of our state of soul and to prescribe the most effective remedies. Perfection is achieved through the advice of a spiritual director.

A rule of life extends spiritual direction by imparting to the person principles and rules that will enable the person to sanctify all his acts through obedience and that will provide him a norm of conduct at once sound and safe. A rule of life makes good use of our time, super naturalizes our acts and follows a program of perfection.

Spiritual reading includes reading Scripture, writings of saints and other spiritual texts. Spiritual reading sustains in us the spirit of prayer. It extends our conversation with God.

Sanctifying of our social relationships primarily involves our relations with other people. Since the Fall of Man, our social relationships can be a cause of turning ourselves away from God. Relationships can be a cause of sin and prevent spiritual perfection. We must learn to use relationships as a means to reach God. Our relationships must be super naturalized – made holy.

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Please remember to pray for Vocations
to the Priesthood and Religious Life
especially from St. Louis Parish!

St. Therese, Patroness of Vocations, pray for us!

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 16 **St. Hedwig, Religious;**
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
7:00am +Gene Stocking by Joanne Stocking
6:00pm +Embraced by Hope Memorial Mass for children
who have died in miscarriage, stillbirth & infancy

Tuesday, October 17 **St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr**
***7:00am** +Restituto Ascano by Amie Neiman

Wednesday, October 18 **St. Luke, Evangelist**
7:00am +Josephine King by Annette Hulslander

Thursday, October 19 **Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues,**
Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
5:15pm +Gary Coates by Jim Whitmore
4-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, October 20 **St. Paul of the Cross, Priest**
7:00am +Connie Wilcox by Dan & Cynthia Tracy

Saturday, October 21 **Vigil of the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00pm +Karen O'Neill by Mandy Robinson

Sunday, October 22 **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am +John Michael Bystry & Jill Bystry Thompson
by Angelo Bystry
10:30am +Ray DeMarlie by Family

***Daily Mass for Tuesday, October 17th will be at 7am
and Adoration and Confession are cancelled.**

Readings for the week of October 15

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 192:3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: 2Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10(7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Everyday Stewardship

Art Buchwald, the longtime humorist for the Washington Post who died in 2007 is credited with saying, "The best things in life aren't things." As Christians, we know this statement to be true. Certainly the best things in our lives are not those items that money can buy or things we can create in the material world. Faith, hope, and love are more precious than anything we can see with our eyes. Yet, as humans we often find ourselves longing for the very things that we claim are not nearly as valuable. We lose sight of what is real and true.

Paul wrote in the fourth chapter of his Letter to the Philippians that he has experienced both living with abundance and then with very little. Regardless of what we have in terms of worldly goods, Paul reminds us that God provides for all our needs. God may not provide for our wants, but he does give us what we need.

The flesh seeks what it wants, but the spirit seeks what it needs. In a stewardship way of life, we must always remind ourselves that true wealth never comes from material possessions and money. True wealth comes from the love we share, the faith we develop, and the hope we bring to others. The best things in life aren't free, though. They require work, commitment, and fortitude. We need to cultivate these things daily. If we are serious about living life in this way, we will find that when our days on this earth are through, we really had it all. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, October 21

Altar Servers: Gabby & Gretchen Carden
EMHC: Dave Boylan, Mandy Robinson
Lectors: Julie Hassler
Sacristan: Julie Hassler
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, October 22

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*
EMHC: Tom Jagers, Rita Tracey
Lectors: Mary Paula Schmitt
Sacristan: Joann Bowman
Ushers: Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey, Bill Uher

9:00 am: Sunday, October 22

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Luke Smith
EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Tim Taylor
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Tim Kunkel
Sacristan: Quint Quiram
Ushers: Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker, Dan Legner

10:30 am: Sunday, October 22

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Jackson Mason
EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Tim Smith
Lectors: Patty Daluga
Sacristan: Tim Smith
Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

EMHC Homebound Lynn Delaney 9/S
Tim Taylor 9/N

EMHC for Nursing Homes

Pat Galassi-Carlson—Aperion; Mary Beth Crowe—
Liberty Hawthorne; Paula Lough—Greenfield; Rita
Tracey—Liberty

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

First Saturday Devotion 7:00 AM

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

RECONCILIATION

*TUE, THR	4:00—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

PRIVATE PRAYER: The Chapel is open for Private
Prayer— Contact the Parish Office for access code.

***Tuesday, October 17th Mass will be at 7am and
Reconciliation and Holy Hour are cancelled.**

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through October 8, 2023

Amount Budgeted	\$	6,750.00
Amount Received	\$	6,954.00
Amount Over (Under)	\$	204.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$	101,250.00
Amount Received to date:	\$	102,524.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$	1,274.00

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there's gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life matters. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There is a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be?

— Father John Muir ©LPi

MAGI BABY CHEST



This month the MBC saw its second largest distribution ever! We served **128 families!** A mother of 3 children under 3 years old confided in us saying that she doesn't know what she would do without the MBC in her life. We are truly spreading the love of God

through this ministry. Thank you to all who support us! "God chose to enter human history through a family." - Saint John Paul II

Let us never forget the loving power of family. Melchior, Balthasar, and Caspar pray for us!

Items Needed for our November 4th opening: baby bottles, diapers (size 5, 6, and 7), winter coats (sizes 12 mo - 4T), baby laundry detergent, baby lotion/wash, infant medicine (tylenol, ibuprofen, orajel etc.), enfamil (purple can) formula, kids vitamins, sippy cups, dish soap, fall clothing sizes (6 mo - 4T), warm baby blankets, pacifiers, high chairs, baby gates, and toddler booster seats. We also need gently used clothing boys & girls (sizes 12 months - 4T).

Save the Date! Come celebrate our 1 year at Culver's! **Culver's is hosting a "Share Night" in honor of the Magi Baby Chest on Monday, November 13th from 5-8PM!** A percentage of the proceeds will be given back to the MBC. We hope to see you there!

The Living Scripture Retreat: A Spiritual Journey for Healing after Abortion. This is the new name of the long-standing diocesan retreat program formerly known as Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

The Living Scripture Retreat offers healing for those who struggle with the emotional and spiritual pain of a past abortion. This retreat is for singles or married couples; mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings, or anyone impacted by an abortion experience. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from a past abortion, this retreat is for you. Register for the October 27-29 2023 retreat by calling 309-264-1489 or e-mailing rvrpeoria@gmail.com. All communications are strictly confidential. For more information please visit www.cdop.org/living-scripture.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Louis Parish **ALL HOURS** during the weekend of October 27-29, beginning at 7p.m. on Friday and ending at 7a.m. on Sunday. This extended period of adoration will coincide with **The Living Scripture Retreat** for healing after abortion that will be taking place during the same hours, at a separate location.

Please consider spending an hour with our Lord in prayer asking for God's healing graces for the men and women attending this retreat. Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer of Harkrader Hall; please sign up early so that we can fill all the hours! You may also sign up electronically on our website: www.stlouisprinceton.org For more information call the parish office, or Colleen Harmon at 815-303-1184.



A Holy Hour for Life

Benediction, Rosary, and other Prayers

Sunday, October 22nd 6-7pm

All are welcome to gather in prayer in the Church for the intention of respect for the sacredness of all human life.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



KOC - BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, October 17th

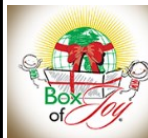
3:00—6:30PM



St. Louis Parish—Harkrader Hall
To schedule scan this QR Code
or email Bob Schabow at
bschab57@gmail.com

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Our next Altar & Rosary Society meeting is Tuesday, October 24th at 6pm. Our guest presenter will be Father Dominic from St. Bede. He will present a program on stain glass. All women of the parish are welcome! Bring a friend and join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship, dinner and a great presentation!



Reminder: If you haven't already done so, please return your Box of Joy by Monday, October 16th. Please make sure to include your \$9 donation for shipping. Checks should be made payable to St. Louis Altar & Rosary Society. Thank you to all who are donating to this wonderful ministry.

-Mandy Robinson, President Altar & Rosary Society



"Say
the Rosary
every day,
to bring peace
to the world
and the end
of the war."

Words spoken by our
Blessed Mother Mary at Fatima