



# SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023**

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

- Jn 11:25

## PASTOR NOTE

This weekend we heard the third of the premiere Lenten Gospels. This weekend was the incredible event where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. This was a pivotal event where hundreds, if not thousands, came to believe in Jesus as the Messiah. Once again, this weekend's Gospel is loaded with too much meaning for one homily. I share with you two additional items for your reflection.

First, at the end of the Gospel, Jesus tells them to untie Lazarus. It was customary to wrap a body in white linens before burial. This was a sign of respect, as well as helped with embalming. When Jesus raised Lazarus, he came out of the tomb with these cloths still wrapped around him. St. Augustine reflected on this minor detail and related it to the sacrament of confession. Jesus raised Lazarus to new life; but, He used other people to help completely set him free from the "wrappings" of death. In confession Jesus raises the sinner to new life. But, He uses His priests as an instrument to help bring healing from the death of sin. Additionally, the wrappings still clinging to Lazarus after he was raised up are a symbol of the temporary punishment connected to our sinful choices. In confession we are forgiven, but we are still "wrapped" in the temporary punishment of sin. This punishment must be removed even after a good confession. This temporary punishment is removed through our acts of penance.

Second, the raising of Lazarus helped prove that Jesus is the Son of God, and our Messiah. He is the Lord of life. This miracle brought many people to believe in Him. Jesus also raised to new life a dead young girl and a dead young man. He promised that His close followers will also be able to perform mighty deeds. These mighty deeds include raising the dead. In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter raised Tabitha from the dead. Throughout history, many saints, in the power of Christ, raised the dead to life. Recently, Fr. Alfred Hebert published a book called Saints who Raised the Dead (Tan Publications, 2004). In this book he presents over 400 documented cases where a saint raised a person from the dead. He offers detailed stories about these saints, all of whom raised the dead. To name a few: St. Francis of Paola, St. Bernardine of Siena, St. John Capistrano, St. Joseph of Cupertino, St. Dominic, St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Philip Neri, St. Paul of the Cross, St. John Bosco, St. Agnes of Montepulciano, St. Rose of Lima, St. Martin de Porres, St. Francis Solanus, St. Stanislaus of Cracow, St. Cyril of Constantinople, St. Peregrine, St. Philip Benizi, St. Gerard Majella, St. Charbel Makhlouf, St. Padre Pio, St. Margaret of Cortona, St. Rose of Viterbo, St. Hyacinth, St. Louis Bertrand, St. Francis Xavier, St. Andrew Bobola; and St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland. And of course, the Vatican recently approved the miracle of Peoria's own Venerable Fulton Sheen. In 2010, a boy was born without any sign of life. At the 61<sup>st</sup> minute after birth, by Sheen's intercession, the boy was raised to life without any defects. The miracle of Lazarus continues – even to our own day.

First Saturday Social Events: I have decided to change up our monthly first Saturday social events. Wine and Cheese, Bingo Night and Trivia Night have been a great success. We will rotate these events for the rest of the year. All of these events will start at 6:30pm. Please mark your calendar for these monthly events: April 1: NO event (Holy Week); May 6: Bingo; June 3: Wine and Cheese; July 1: Trivia; August 5: Wine and Cheese; September 2: Wine and Cheese; October 7: Trivia; November 4: Wine and Cheese; December 2: Bingo.

## The Spiritual Life

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

Reason Enlightened by Faith and Experience:

Human reason is a gift of God absolutely indispensable to man for the attainment of truth, whether natural or supernatural. It plays a very important role in the study of spirituality, just as it does in the study of other ecclesiastical sciences. When it is a question, however, of revealed truth, it needs to be guided and complemented by the light of faith; and in the application of general principles to souls, it must look for help to psychological experience.

Reason's first task is that of gathering, interpreting and setting in order the teachings of Scripture and Tradition. These are scattered through many books and need to be put together if they are to form one consistent whole. Besides, the sacred utterances were pronounced under diverse circumstances, elicited by particular questions, spoken to different hearers. In the same way, circumstances of time and place are often responsible for the texts of Tradition.

Therefore, in order to grasp their meaning, we must needs place them in their proper setting, harmonize them with analogous teachings, and lastly, arrange them and interpret them in the light of the sum-total of Christian truths.

Once this first work is done, we may draw conclusions from these principles, show their legitimacy and their manifold applications to the thousand and one details of human life in its most varied situations.

Lastly, these principles and conclusions will be coordinated into one vast synthesis and thus will constitute a real science. It is likewise the work of reason to defend ascetical doctrine against its detractors. Many attack it in the name of reason and science, seeing nothing but illusion in what embodies sublime reality. It is in the province of reason to make answer to such criticisms with the aid of philosophy and science.



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### **Belonging Baptism Preparation**

Please contact Rebekah Mead to schedule baptismal  
prep classes and the ceremony.  
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### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, March 27 **Monday of the 5th Week in Lent**

7:00 am +Pat Zurliene by Amie Neiman

Tuesday, March 28 **Tuesday of the 5th Week in Lent**

5:15pm +Sally Quagliano by Joanne Stocking

4-5:00 Holy Hour

Wednesday, March 29 **Wednesday of the 5th Week in Lent**

7:00am +Liz Dahlen by Tom & Colleen Yucas

Thursday, March 30 **Thursday of the 5th Week in Lent**

5:15pm +Mary Jo & Ed Sims by Chuck & Pam Hanson

4-5:00 Holy Hour

Friday, March 31 **Friday of the 5th Week in Lent**

7:00 am +Christine Jordan Kalil by Tim and Julie Puhr

Saturday, April 1 **First Saturday Devotion;**

**Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord**

7:00am +Michael Bickett by Nancy Bickett

4:00 pm + Stephanie Colby-Aburto  
by Paul & Bridgette Castelein

Sunday, April 2 **Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord**

7:30 am +Beth Uher by Tom & Mary Murphy

9:00 am +Cory Stocking by Joanne Stocking

10:30am People of the Parish



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!***

### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Committed

I remember Jim Valvano, Jimmy V to many, saying the iconic words, “Don’t give up; you can never give up.” The former coach of the NC State men’s basketball team was dying of cancer, yet he refused to throw in the towel and give in to his disease. His words exemplified the best of the human spirit we all share. Sometimes, living out those words seem much more difficult than saying them.

These words are also important for our faith life. The life Jesus calls us to is not easy. When working toward a life of greater generosity and surrender of all to God, we are prone to fall flat on our face many times. We are not called to this life only when we are strong. It is how we respond when times are the most difficult that truly defines us as disciples and stewards. The world may think we are down for the count, but rising again gives testimony that in Christ we are stronger.

Commitment takes a willingness to do the things needed to get stronger and build our spiritual muscles. We cannot expect to find success in the spiritual life unless we continue to work on our resolve and grow in our knowledge of the faith. A marathon runner would never be able to make it to the finish line unless they have trained and prepared in advance. We must work hard to stay the course and prepare for the race at hand. No matter what this life may have in store for us, we are called to not give up. God will never give up on us. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS©LPi

## Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

### 4:00 pm: Saturday, April 1st

Altar Servers: Chris Harmon, Anaisabela Ramirez-Tz  
 EMHC: Dave Boylan, Lynn Delaney, David Lawrence  
 Lectors: Passion Narrator: Katie Lawrence  
 Reader: Gene Menard  
 Sacristan: Julie Hassler  
 Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy, Colleen Sissel

### 7:30 am: Sunday, April 2nd

Altar Servers: Brady Peach  
 EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Tom Jagers, Rita Tracey  
 Lectors: Passion Narrator: Margaret Martinkus  
 Reader: Mary Murphy  
 Sacristan: Lori Atilano  
 Ushers: Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey, Bill Uher

### 9:00 am: Sunday, April 2nd

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Luke Smith  
 EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Pat Galassi-Carlson, Gene Menard  
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky  
 Lectors: Passion Narrator: Steve Harmon  
 Reader: Mario Carlone  
 Sacristan: Quint Quiram  
 Ushers: Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker, Dan Legner

### 10:30 am: Sunday, April 2nd

Altar Servers: Emily Jaegers, Elizabeth Keutzer  
 EMHC: Linda Carter, Paula Lough, Tim Taylor  
 Lectors: Passion Narrator: Patty Daluga  
 Reader: David Roden  
 Sacristan: Linda Carter  
 Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

**EMHC Homebound:** Pat Galassi-Carlson—9S  
 Gene Menard—9N

**EMHC for Nursing Homes:** Cindy Behrends—  
 Greenfield; Mary Beth Crowe—Liberty; Colleen  
 Harmon—Hawthorne; Tim Smith—Aperion

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The monthly Knights of Columbus meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 3rd** with dinner at 6:30, meeting to begin at 7:00. Current members please join us in Harkrader Hall for food and fellowship. If you are a Catholic man age 18 or older and are interested in joining the Knights, or just want more information, feel free to join us for dinner this Monday, call the contact name below, or scan the QR code to the right of this announcement and follow the instructions below.

### *"Join the Knights of Columbus Online"*

1. **Enter your home Parish Name**
2. **Enter Parish Knights Council #5591**
3. **Enter Promo Code: BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**  
**FOR FREE MEMBERSHIP**



Contact Bob Schabow for more information 815-303-8701

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

## STEWARDSHIP

### Church Monetary Support Through March 19, 2023

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	\$ 6,204.00
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 296.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Amount needed to date:	\$247,000.00
Amount Received to date:	\$256,917.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 9,917.00

### Readings for the week of March 26th

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 / Jn 8:1-11  
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9 / Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 / Jn 8:21-30  
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / Dn 35:2, 53, 54, 55, 56 / Jn 8:31-42  
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9 / Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Jn 8:51-59  
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13 / Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7 / Jn 10:31-42  
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28 / Jer 31:10, 11-12 / abcd 13 / Jn 11:45-56  
 Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 / Ls 50:4-7 / Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a) / Phil 2:6-11 / Mt 26:14—27:66

## BLOOD DRIVE

**BLOODCENTER.ORG**

### Princeton Knights of Columbus

Thursday, April 13  
 2:30pm – 6:00pm  
 St. Louis Catholic Church – Harkrader Hall  
 616 S. Gosse Blvd.

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL. APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.  
 To schedule, please scan the QR code below  
 or email Bob Schabow at  
 bschab57@gmail.com.



**SCAN ME!**

Please eat before donating and bring Photo ID.  
 Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 02/16/23  
 Group Sponsor Code: 4138



Nothing cooler than saving lives!  
 Give and get a 20-can cooler tote or a gift card.

**ImpactLife**



There will be a showing of the 2004 film *The Passion of the Christ* at 1PM in Harkrader Hall on Palm Sunday, April 2nd.

Please note that this film is rated R for graphic violence. **It is not suitable for children.** Childcare will be available in the gym during the movie, which runs about 2 hours.



*Thank you to all who donated to the Magi Baby Chest!* Over the weekend of March 11th/12th, we collected a total of \$2,909 plus various baby items! Without you, assisting these young families would not be possible.

Items still needed for April 1st are: baby laundry soap, diaper bags, diapers (sizes preemie, newborn, and 1), baby bottles, powdered baby formula, car booster seats, baby socks, and baby wash clothes. We are also in need of gently used boys and girls clothing sizes 2T-4T as well as gently used maternity clothes. Please make checks payable to St. Louis Church.

Save the Date! The next Mom's Night Out event will be held on Friday, March 31st from 6-9PM. Come and enjoy some adult drinks and shopping, plus free childcare!



### First Saturday Devotion

In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the salvation of souls and peace in the world  
**Saturday, April 1st 7am**



### CHANCE TO WIN!

The Altar & Rosary Society is selling 50/50 raffle tickets. You can contact members for tickets.

**\$10 per ticket—Drawing will be Sunday, May 7th**

**St. Louis Altar & Rosary Society Easter Memorial Flowers:** An order form for Easter Memorial Flowers is available on the information tables. Please complete the form and return it with your donation in the collection basket, or to the church office prior to Friday, March 31st. Please carefully print all names. If you have any questions, please call Ginger Murphy at 815-878-4731.



### Youth Group Night

This Sunday, March 26th  
**6-7:30 pm**

We will meet in the Youth Group Room for a short bible study, followed by games and prayer time.

**Schedule Change: The Holy Hour for Life this month is cancelled.**

# Holy Week Schedule

Monday, April 3rd: 7am Mass & 5pm Confessions  
Tuesday, April 4th: 7am Mass & 7:30am Confessions  
Wednesday, April 5th: 7am Mass & 5pm Confessions

**Holy Thursday, April 6th**  
4pm Confessions  
7pm Mass followed with procession and Adoration in Harkrader Hall

**Good Friday, April 7th**  
12 Noon Stations of the Cross  
12:30pm Confessions  
3pm Good Friday Service

**Holy Saturday, April 8th**  
3pm Confessions  
8pm Easter Vigil Mass; Reception follows

**Easter Sunday, April 9th**  
7:30am Mass (Incense Free)  
9:00am Mass  
10:30am Mass

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday at 5pm February 24th - March 31st  
Good Friday - 12pm

### SAVE THE DATE!

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PARISH CELEBRATION

**APRIL 16TH**

2:30pm Adoration  
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction

Family and kids' activities, adult social time, door prizes, and dinner from Los Ranchitos.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**