



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

PASTOR NOTE

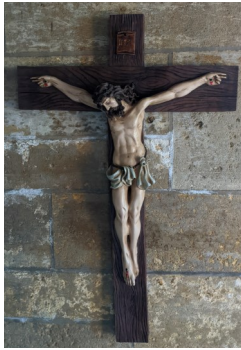
Leap Year: Thurs. Feb. 29th is a special day as we celebrate Leap Year. I hope that you do something special to celebrate this unusual day. As you may know, each solar year has an extra 6 hours, which we kind of ignore. So, every four years our extra day makes up for lost time. I've been thinking about how we ought to make up for lost time. What is your "lost time" that you need to make up?

First Friday: Fri. March 1st is the First Friday of March. The first Friday is devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This day takes on special meaning as the only First Friday in Lent. I encourage you to make a special effort to attend the 7am Mass or the 5pm Confessions.

First Saturday Devotions: Sat. March 2nd, 7am is the First Saturday of March. The first Saturday is devoted to our Blessed Mother Mary. This day takes on special meaning as the only First Saturday in Lent. We will enjoy the usual first Saturday devotions which includes Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Litany of Mary, Rosary and a brief moment of prayer. I encourage you to make a special effort to attend the First Saturday Devotions.

Magi Baby Chest Distribution: Sat. March 2nd, 9am to 12pm, the Magi Baby Chest will be open for distribution of baby supplies. Please, help spread the word this week. We want to help lots the children and families.

Trivia Night: Sat. March 2nd, 6:30pm, is our next Parish Trivia Night. Join your teams together or come alone and join a team. It is a fun time for all. There is a \$10 entry fee which supports the Magi Baby Chest and two prizes. Snacks and drinks provided.



A Powerful Prayer: Each of us, in different ways, carry heavy burdens. These burdens may take the form of a sinful habit, a painful memory, an unshakable worry, a constant fear, or any hardship. Many times, we pray and pray without a healing or a lightening of this burden. I want to share with you a simple, yet powerful prayer. When you feel tempted by the sinful habit or feeling the old pain, worry or heavy burden: think of the Cross and say this simple prayer: "Jesus, kill this on your Cross." When the bad thing comes up again: think of the Cross and say this simple prayer: "Jesus, kill this!" "Kill this on your Cross." The provocative and direct words demonstrate an act of humble surrender to Jesus, especially in our moment of need. It cuts to the chase. It acknowledges His power over all sin and its effects. Through this prayer we unite our temptation or burden to the Cross of Jesus. The power of His Cross comes upon the difficulty. According to His providence, He will heal the temptation and burden. Or, He will strengthen us to travel the difficult road of carrying our Cross, which is the only path to

Heaven. In the meanwhile, He will give us patience and comfort along the road. However, it has been my experience that this simple and powerful prayer, more often than not, brings a real healing to the temptation or burden. When the temptation arises, or pain is felt, or burden is hard to carry, say: "Jesus, kill this on your Cross." I encourage you to try this new prayer in the face old problems. Make this prayer a habit in your life. I am confident that change will come to your life.

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

Besides the oft-renewed offering of their actions to God, they must be advised to recite during the course of the day some quick prayers to do some devout reading suited to their state of soul on such fundamental truths as the end of man, sin, mortification, confession, and the examination of conscience, adding thereto the lives of Saints who were noted for the practice of the virtue of penance. Such reading will be a light to the mind, a stimulus to the will, and a great help to mental prayer. The recitation of some decades of the beads, with meditation upon the mysteries of the Rosary, will be productive of an increased devotion to the Blessed Virgin and will strengthen the habit of union with our Lord. A visit to the Blessed Sacrament, varying in duration according to their occupations, will reanimate within them the spirit of piety.

In the evening, a serious examination of conscience, followed by the particular examination, will help beginners to note their failings, to foresee the remedies and to muster the strength of the will needed to renew their purpose of amendment, thus preventing them from falling into indifference or lukewarmness. Here one must recall what we have said anent the examinations of conscience, and regarding confession, and remember that examination of beginners must bear chiefly upon deliberate venial sins. Such watchfulness is the best means of avoiding mortal sin and of repairing any grave sin committed in an unguarded moment.

Beginners should see to it that they do not burden themselves with too many spiritual exercises that might hinder the fulfilment of their duties of state or be detrimental to true devotion. Less prayers and more attention is preferable. There are beginners who readily imagine that they grow in piety as they multiply their vocal prayers.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, February 26 Lenten Weekday

7:00am +Helen Rich

Tuesday, February 27 St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot
and Doctor of the Church

5:15pm +Edw. Carlson by Joanne Stocking

4:00-5:00 Holy Hour

Wednesday, February 28 Lenten Weekday

7:00am +John Thomson by Amie Neiman

Thursday, February 29 Lenten Weekday

5:15pm +Gary Coates by Jim Whitmore

4:00-5:00 Holy Hour

Friday, March 1 First Friday

7:00am +Nancy Bickett by Richard & Shirley Steele

Saturday, March 2 First Saturday Devotion:

Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent

7:00am +Alma Needham by Steve & Colleen Harmon

4:00pm +Ann Taylor by Madeleine Robinson

Sunday, March 3 Third Sunday of Lent

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am +Dorothy Puhr by Paul & Bridgette Castelein

10:30am +Corso & Robbins Family by Fran Robbins

THE LITURGICAL CORNER

The number “40” is a significant number in the Bible. We think of the 40 days and nights during the great Flood in the time of Noah. We think of the 40 years the Israelites wandered through the desert in search of the Promised Land. And in the Lenten season we think of the 40 days Jesus was in the desert fasting and praying and doing spiritual combat with Satan. This is why the Lenten season is a season of 40 days. But if you are very good with numbers, you might notice that from Ash Wednesday to The Easter Vigil, the number of days is actually 46. How is it that we say that Lent is 40 days long?

Presently, the season of Lent ends on the evening of Holy Thursday, when the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday - Good Friday - Easter Vigil) occurs. But in the very early days of the Church, before Holy Thursday and Good Friday developed as liturgical celebrations, Lent ended on Holy Saturday night. Now fasting was a very important part of the Lenten season, but Sundays were never considered a day to fast, because every Sunday, even during Lent, is a day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, and there can be no fasting on such a day. So, the 6 Sundays of the Lenten season did not count. Therefore, when one takes the 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Vigil, and subtracts the 6 Sundays of the Lenten season, we arrive at the number 40.

Shrines of Italy tour with Father Tim Hepner, September 24, 2024 - October 4, 2024. An optional 2-Night Venice & St. Anthony of Padua Post Tour extension is available. Informational meetings on the tour will be held on March 4, 2024 at 6:30pm, Mary Twomey Hall, 200 W Broadway, Monmouth, IL 61462 and March 11, 2024 at 6:30pm, Newman Shed, 2040 N 1100th Avenue, Lynn Center, IL 61262. Father Tim Hepner is Pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Monmouth, IL This tour will also be hosted by Bonnie Newman from Blue Horizon Travel and her husband Joel. Early booking discount available for reservations made by Mar 25, 2024! Kindly RSVP to Bonnie at 309-737-0059 or bonnie@bluehorizon.net

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, March 2nd

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence
EMHC: David Lawrence, Mandy Robinson
Lectors: Katie Lawrence
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, March 3rd

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*
EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey
Lectors: Mary Paula Schmitt
Sacristan: Lori Atilano
Ushers: Gary Blessman, Tom Murphy, Dennis Thompson

9:00 am: Sunday, March 3rd

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Sylvie Viger
EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Linda Carter
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Tim Kunkel
Sacristan: Quint Quiram
Ushers: Tom Giehl, Dave & Judy Moore

10:30 am: Sunday, March 3rd

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Luke Smith
EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Tim Smith
Lectors: Patty Daluga
Sacristan: Tim Smith
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC Homebound: Cindy Behrends 9/N
Linda Carter 9/S

EMHC for Nursing Homes: Pat Galassi-Carlson—
Hawthorne; Mary Beth Crowe—Liberty; Colleen
Harmon—Aperion; Paula Lough—Greenfield

The Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group will meet on Tuesday, March 5. All women of any age who have lost a child (children) are welcome to attend. We meet at 521 S. First St. from 1 - 3 pm. If your child died from an illness, accident, overdose, miscarriage, suicide, please come and join other women who understand your pain. The door is always open and you are always welcome. Questions? Call Jeanie Gelsomino at (815) 866-6571.

Illinois Valley Cursillo: Please join the Illinois Valley Cursillo Community for an evening of Mass, food and fellowship at our March Ultreya. Saturday, March 9, 2024 at Peterstown. The evening will begin at 6 PM in the gym with a potluck and program. MC and Speaker will be Deacon Dan O'Connor. Rector and Rector for the June weekends will be announced. Mass will follow in the church at 7:30 PM. Guests are welcome at all Ultreyas.

IV Cursillo 2024 June weekends at Peterstown. Men- June 6-9 and Women- June 20-23. For more information please contact Deacon Ray Fischer 815 993-5418, fischerrc@comcast.com.

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.

STEWARSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through February 18, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$	6,750.00
Amount Received	\$	4,422.00
Amount Over (Under)	(\$	2,328.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$	229,500.00
Amount Received to date:	\$	233,616.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$	4,116.00

End of Year Contribution Statements

BY REQUEST ONLY, 2023 contribution statements are now available. If you desire a statement to prepare your personal income tax return, please call or email the parish office, and one will be provided to you. Please indicate if you would like the statement mailed to your residence, or provided electronically via email. Note: contributions made to the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) will receive a separate statement directly from the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, in compliance with IRS requirements for charitable giving. The faithful sharing of your "treasure" is sincerely appreciated!

Readings for the week of February 25th

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Mass, Adoration and Rosary
Saturday, March 2nd 7am

In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the salvation of souls and peace in the world

MAGI BABY CHEST



Lent is here! Chelsea Sanchez aka "Chelsea Gives Back" on Facebook is hosting an online Facebook fundraising event for the Magi Baby Chest called "40 Days of Giving" for Lent. We are so grateful to her. Please join her group "40 Days of Giving for the Magi Baby Chest" on Facebook and share it with your friends. We'd

love to get the ball rolling for this wonderful event! Thank you Chelsea for supporting local families! It means so much.

Our next distribution is Saturday March 2nd, 9AM-12PM. We will have items to help families prepare to celebrate Easter on March 31st!

Save the Date: Mom's Night Out will be Friday March 1st in the church library from 6PM-8PM. ALL moms with little children from the parish are welcome to attend! We will have free childcare, drinks, appetizers, and of course shopping! A \$5.00 door donation is suggested. We hope to see you there!

High Need Items: unscented wipes, baby bottles, baby food, toddler socks, diapers (size newborn, 3, 5, 6, and 7), spring rain jackets/windbreakers (sizes 12mo-4T), spring clothing (sizes NB to 4T), baby wash/lotion, diaper cream, baby laundry soap, dish soap, pacifiers, sippy cups/bowls/baby utensils, crib sheets, high chairs, potty training seats, car seats/toddler booster seats.

Do you like to play cards? Looking for fun and fellowship this winter? Join us for some friendly rounds of Euchre every Wednesday! 1pm to 3pm, at Harkrader Hall.



ALL ARE WELCOME...

parishioners and non-parishioners, beginners and experts! Cost is \$1 per person and to add to the fun there will be a high/low payout

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FEBRUARY 16TH — MARCH 22ND
FRIDAYS 5PM



"We adore you O Christ and we praise you, Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world."



GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH
AT NOON

JOIN US

ST. LOUIS PARISH

TRIVIA

NIGHT

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND

HARKRADER HALL
6:30PM

\$10 PER PERSON - 10% GOES TO MAGI BABY CHEST!
THE TOP TEAM WILL RECEIVE 65% OF THE ENTRY FEES.
25% WILL GO TO THE SECOND PLACE TEAM.
COME WITH A TEAM OR WE CAN PLACE YOU ON ONE.
DRINKS AND SIMPLE SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED



\$15 per person
Kids 5 and under eat for free!

Dinner Includes:
Baked or Fried Fish
French Fries/Baked Potatoe
Coleslaw; Mac & Cheese;
Bread; Dessert & Drink

The perfect Lenten Friday Night Out! Pray the Stations of the Cross at 5pm followed by a delicious fish dinner at the St. Louis Fish Fry!

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