



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

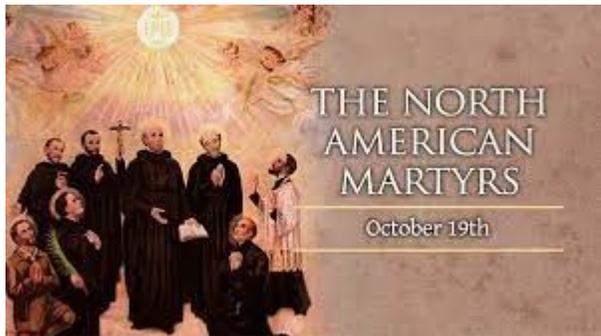


“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” - Lk 18:7-8

PASTOR NOTE

Later this week I will join Bishop Tylka and all the priests of the Diocese at our annual priest gathering. I will be at this gathering in Peoria during the daytime on Tuesday and Wednesday. We gather for prayer, fellowship, and continuing education. This year we will also discuss the on-going diocesan program Growing Disciples. Please offer a prayer for all us for the success of our annual priest gathering. I will pray for you.

Mark your calendars for our next Trivia Night on Saturday, October 29th, 6:30pm at Harkrader Hall. Entry fee will be \$10 per person with a portion going to support the Magi Baby Chest. Gather your friends for a team of no more than eight people. Or, come alone and we will assign you to a team. Adults and teens are welcome to attend. Free childcare will be provided. Since it is close to Halloween, the kids are welcome to come dressed in their costumes and enjoy a simple Halloween party. Adults can also come in costume if they choose. Maybe we will have team costume competition!



On October 19th, the Church celebrates the feast of the North American Martyrs. The Church remembers the martyrdom of eight French Jesuits. In the mid-1600's, one priest, St. Isaac Jogues and two lay brothers were martyred. Isaac was axed to death. St. John de Lalande was martyred in 1646. St. Rene Goupil, aged 35, cried out as he was being killed: "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!" St. Anthony Daniel, St. Charles Garnier, St. Noel Chabanel and St. Gabriel Lalemant were martyred in Canada. St. John de Brebeuf was also killed in Canada. Right before his death, he said: "I have a strong desire to suffer Jesus Christ." He was killed when a burning torch was placed down

his throat. They were canonized in 1930. There is a beautiful shrine in Auriesville, New York. These martyrs planted the seeds of faith in North America. We owe a debt of gratitude to these men who offered their lives as they brought the faith to our continent. May these martyrs increase our faith.

NOURISHED IN SPIRIT

I have been offering a continual series on the mystery of marriage. I hope that you have found it helpful, especially in these days when marriage is being attacked and confused by secular principles. I also hope that it has assisted your own marriage as you rediscover the basic roots of marital goodness. There are only a few final points I wish to make. We will wrap our marriage series with our next newsletter.

First, it is always good to review. Remember that marriage was created by God and therefore transcends human law and cultural fad. There are aspects of marriage that are totally unchangeable. God has created marriage to exist within three general areas of goodness: the bond, the partnership and the openness to children. These are the three fundamental reasons God created marriage. Our recent newsletters explained these areas of marital goodness. Each compliment the other and they reflect the mystery of God. God is a Triune divine union [the Bond] of loving personal friendship [the Partnership] that extends out of Himself into creation [openness to children]. This threefold goodness begins when the couple exchanges their vows and extends throughout life, until death do they part.

The exchange of vows begins the marriage. God has created the wedding day to be a time of great joy and holiness. However, many times it is shrouded in some secular ideas. Many precede their wedding with a sinful bachelor (ette) party. Well-meaning friends desire to give the couple a "final taste of freedom" before they get hitched. Sometimes we speak of marriage as tying the knot, getting hitched or taking up the ol' ball and chain. More than a few see marriage as the end of freedom.

This could not be any farther than the truth. Marriage does not impede freedom. It is actually the most freeing thing a couple can do. At the heart of marriage is freedom. Freedom is absolutely necessary for living God's plan of marriage. In fact, freedom makes the marriage. The couple freely embraces each other through their vows. The couple freely give themselves as a self-gift to their beloved. Through their vows, they hold nothing back. They completely give themselves to each other in a total and free exchange of themselves. No one and no thing is making them do it. No one is forcing them to get married. They freely choose to embrace their spouse, their marriage and God's plan. Start to finish, marriage is couched in total human freedom. In marriage, there is no loss of freedom. There is only the heights of real freedom: freedom that is only found in fulfilling God's plan.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, October 17 **St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop
and Martyr**

7:00 am +Stevie Puhr

Tuesday, October 18 **St. Luke, Evangelist**

***7:00 am** +Edwin Dennis by Mary Dennis

Wednesday, October 19 **Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac
Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs**

7:00 am +Ron Hulslander by Annette Hulslander

Thursday, October 20 **St. Paul of the Cross, Priest**

5:15pm +Sherry Henkel by Janet & Bill Politsch

4-5:00 Holy Hour

Friday, October 21 **Weekday**

7:00 am +Lucille and Francis Farley by Judy Farley

Saturday, October 22 **Vigil of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm +Theo Piano, Jr. by Cathy Trowbridge

Sunday, October 23 **The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am + Andrew J. Wagner by Mary Archer

9:00 am + Kristina Giehl by Former St. Louis Staff

10:30am People of the Parish

***Mass time is changed to 7am and Holy Hour and
Confession are cancelled for Tuesday, October 18th .**

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Brendan wouldn't stop. He continued nagging his mom to let him have a little more time with his phone. He knew the rules but wanted to finish a game and text a few more friends. He begged, had a temper tantrum, pleaded, screamed, pouted, and used every means he could think of to get Mom to change her mind. Mom had a busy day and was tired. At first, she held her ground. Then, her son's persistence got the best of her, and she caved. "Brendan, you can have 30 more minutes and no more!" she retorted. Brendan's determination paid off. He won.

Is this how it works with God too? If we want something enough and feel it is our due, does our persistence allow us to eventually get our way? Judging God by human standards, it would seem so. But is this the way God works? It gets a bit confusing when Jesus tells his disciples to "pray always without becoming weary" and then further tells them how God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night." If we catch God at the right time, when he's having a weak moment, then our tenacity ought to pay off. What we want, we will get. Really? Sadly, the way many approach prayer suggests that this is precisely how it goes.

Good parents set boundaries and offer proper discipline. They learn the art of being steadfast when presented with determined minds and wills. They know what is best and, at times, have to say "no." God is always there with His full attention and unconditional love showering itself upon us. God also knows what is best. And, as with any good parent, the one constant that is always available and never withheld is love. We can be as persistent and determined as we want if what we are seeking is God's love. We are never a bother and requests for God's love are never denied. This is the prayer of the heart. Desiring God alone and not only what we want God to do for us places this love relationship foremost in our minds, hearts, and souls. God is never bothered by this prayer. As we breathe in and exhale out, the Divine Life freely flows. ©LPI

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, October 22nd

Altar Servers: Gabby & Gretchen Carden
 EMHC: David Lawrence, Mandy Robinson
 Lectors: Mary Paula Schmitt
 Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
 Ushers: John Brokaw

7:30 am: Sunday, October 23rd

Altar Servers: Brady Peach
 EMHC: Elizabeth Peddicord, Rita Tracey
 Lectors: Rita Pacunas
 Sacristan: Lori Atilano
 Ushers: Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey, Bill Uher

9:00 am: Sunday, October 23rd

Altar Servers: Patsy Bystry, Elizabeth Keutzer
 EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Chris Williams
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
 Lectors: Herb Rhees
 Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli
 Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, October 23rd

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Emily Jaeger
 EMHC: Linda McCabe, Tim Smith
 Lectors: Marcia Obenhaus
 Sacristan: Tim Smith
 Ushers: Michael Ellis, Bart & Anthony Maciczak

EMHC Homebound: Mary Beth Crowe - 9/N
 Chris Williams - 9/S

EMHC for Nursing Homes: Mandy Robinson - Hawthorne; Nancy Scoma - Greenfield; Rita Tracey - Liberty; Gerry Woodlief - Aperiaon



A Holy Hour for Life Benediction, Rosary, and other Prayers

All are welcome to gather in prayer on the fourth Sunday of each month from 6-7 pm in the Church for the intention of respect for the sacredness of all human life.

Please join us Sunday, October 23rd

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all of you who came to be powerful witnesses & to pray for the sanctity of human life at our National Prayer Chain on Respect Life Sunday. Thanks too to those who committed themselves to join us in prayer from home at that powerful Hour of Mercy. Prayer truly changes hearts. God Bless you. -Rita Tracey

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	4:30—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

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

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through October 9, 2022

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	<u>\$ 6,167.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 333.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Amount needed to date:	\$97,500.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$99,963.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 2,463.00



Readings for the week of October 16

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8
 Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: 2Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
 Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 122:3, 4bcd, 5, 6/Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4, 5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5, 6/Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9
 Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23/[7a]/2Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

ST. LOUIS PARISH



**Saturday, October 29th - 6:30pm
Harkrader Hall**

The cost is \$10 per participant. 10% of all entry fees will be donated to the **Magi Baby Chest**. The top team will receive 65% of the entry fees. 25% will go to the second place team. Drinks and simple snacks will be provided. Form a team of no more than 8 people. Or, you may come on your own and be assigned to a team. Childcare will be provided.

Come out for this fun evening to raise money for our new Magi Baby Chest and let's see who will be the trivia champs!



All High School students are invited to Youth Group Night

**Sunday, October 23rd
from 6-7:30 pm**

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



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!

MAGI BABY CHEST



After our successful opening, we need to replenish our chest! Please consider donating these high need items: Diapers sizes 2, 5, and 7, Enfamil Infant Formula (yellow can), Dreft laundry soap, humidifiers, and warm winter jumpers/coats for 0-9 month babies (boy and girl). Also a

friendly reminder, we cannot take used toys or used stuffed animals. Baby Blessings!



**ST. LOUIS PARISH
ADULT CHOIR**



All parishioners aged 18 and up are invited to join the Adults' Choir. Rehearsals will be every other Thursday from 6 to 7:30 PM, starting on October 20. Please come to the door at the bottom of the choir loft stairs (the southeast corner of the church). Contact Matthew Ernat at stl.matthewernat@gmail.com for more information.

CCW Pilgrimage to St Mary Cathedral & Sheen Museum in Peoria - November 15th

Opened to all parishioners! Includes Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral celebrated by Msgr. Kruse, a guided tour of the Cathedral, a visit to the Sheen Museum, a catered box lunch from Avanti's and a movie at the Spalding Pastoral Center. Plus everyone will receive a keepsake Pilgrim pack. Bus departs St. Louis Parish at 8:15am and returns by approximately 3:30pm. Cost is \$25 per person. Seating is limited so signup ASAP! **To sign up please visit our website or call the parish office.** Payment can be placed in the collection basket at Mass, mailed to the Church or dropped off at parish office. Please make checks payable to CCW and mark on the envelope it is for the Pilgrimage. Thank you!



**Your Box of Joy
may be the only
Christmas gift a
child receives!**

CCW is participating again in the Box of Joy ministry sponsored by Cross Catholic Outreach (CCO). The ministry sends Christmas gifts to children in developing countries. For many poor children, a Box of Joy - filled with toys, clothing, school supplies, a rosary and the Story of Jesus - was the first Christmas gift they ever received. For more information go to www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy

If you want to donate, please pick up your box at the table in front of Harkrader Hall. **To ensure your Box of Joy arrives in time for Christmas, please return it no later than November 4th.** Boxes can be dropped off by the doors of the Church or the parish office.