



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

PASTOR NOTE

We have started the Holy Season of Lent. During these forty days the Church asks us to join together to re-evaluate our relationship with Jesus. It is a time for us go deeper in our friendship with Him. A time to embrace and live holiness of life more perfectly. This always includes doing penance and works of mortification. Doing penance and mortification is regularly talked about in terms of “What are you giving up for Lent.” This simple language captures deep concepts that I thought would be good to explain a bit.

We often use the terms of penance and mortification interchangeably. It is alright in normal conversation to speak of them as if they were the same thing. It is alright that we think of penance and mortification as simply “giving up stuff for Lent.” They are similar in practice, but different in their meaning and purpose.

Both penance and mortification are similar in practice and action. They include prayer, fasting, alms-giving, denying oneself something, doing acts of charity, biting our lips, correcting our thoughts, and so much more. All of these are the similar practices for doing penance and mortification.

They are also related and somewhat interchangeable because they are both connected to sin. Both penance and mortification detach us from acts of sin. But, they actually do it in critically different ways. Acts of penance atone for *past* sins. Mortification prevents us from *future* sins.

Penance are actions that make up for our past sins. Sin separates us from God and wounds our friendship with Him. Whenever we commit a sin, there is an accompanying temporal punishment for that sin. Acts of penance, as described in the list above, bring healing to the temporal punishment of sin. Confession forgives our sins. Penance serves the punishment. The hardship of doing penance helps us to not choose that sin again. Penance helps us to hate our past sins and atone for them. Through our penitential acts we join ourselves to Christ’s cross and show our willingness to suffer with Him because of our sin. Penance is an act of love of Christ.

Mortification are actions that help prevent future sins. Sin flows from our disordered bodily appetites, primarily the misuse of food, drink and sex. Sin also flows from our disordered faculties of our soul, namely our intellect and our will. Temptation leads us to over-indulge our bodily appetites and inflame our intellectual and willful pride. These disorders take many forms but result in sin. Through the acts of mortification, as described in the list above, we discipline our appetites and faculties. The acts help us to say no to ourselves and say yes to God. Mortification is an active way of preventing future sin. By denying ourselves a certain pleasure, we are well prepared to say no during a temptation towards sinful pleasures. Mortification is a proper function of self-love and self-preservation – avoiding the death of sin.

The final distinction between acts of penance and mortification lies in the area of intention. We can do one of the listed actions and intend it or apply it as a penance to make up for a past sin; or, we can intend it or apply it as a mortification to prevent a future sin. It is very important for us to get into the habit of making a proper intention. Prior to the action we should expressly state our intention to make up for past sins or prevent future sins. But, in reality, the act can have both effects. However, stating the intention can assist us in our spiritual growth. It is important to both atone for past sin and prevent future sin. Being purposeful and intentional helps empower the purpose of the act of penance and mortification.

This
Sunday
February 26th
1pm to 6pm

Join us for all
or part of it



Parish
Lenten Retreat

CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A

Please join us for the next Catholic Forum on Sunday, March 5th 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.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

Holy Hour for Life

Due to the Lenten Retreat, this month's Holy Hour for Life is cancelled.

Our next date will be Sunday, March 26th 6-7pm

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stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 27	<u>St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</u> 7:00 am +Buck Donnelly by Nancy Dailey Family
Tuesday, February 28	<u>Tuesday of the First Week of Lent</u> 5:15pm +Gary Coates by Jim Whitmore 4-5:00 Holy Hour
Wednesday, March 1	<u>Wednesday of the First Week in Lent</u> 7:00am +Stephanie Colby-Aburto by Amie Neiman
Thursday, March 2	<u>Thursday of the First Week in Lent</u> 5:15pm +Sally Quagliano by Annette Hulslander 4-5:00 Holy Hour
Friday, March 3	<u>First Friday; St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin</u> 7:00 am +Dioscoro C. Soco by Mandy Robinson
Saturday, March 4	<u>First Saturday Devotion; Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Lent</u> 7:00am +Barb Heuer by Deanna Foran 4:00 pm + Grace Miller by Gene & Rnae Chamberlain
Sunday, March 5	<u>2nd Sunday of Lent</u> 7:30 am People of the Parish 9:00 am + Thomas Delaney by Lynn Delaney 10:30am + Corso & Robbins Family by Fran Robbins

NOURISHED IN SPIRIT

Throughout the Gospels and in the writings of the saints, vengeance has always been prohibited. Jesus tells us to turn the other cheek, to show mercy and leave the weeds with the wheat. He will exact justice in His own terms. In a similar way, our Lord does not want us to keep the pain “bottled up.” He tells us if your brother wrongs you that you should seek him out. Of course, Jesus constantly speaks about forgiveness. In a special way, we see forgiveness shown to the woman caught in adultery. Notice that the accusing men dropped their stones as they turned away. They dropped their burden as they forgave the woman. They let it go.

Not only does He demand that we forgive; but also, Jesus regularly unites being forgiven by God with actively forgiving one’s neighbor. This unity has been forever sealed in the *Lord’s Prayer*: forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. In a spiritual way, I see this symbolized on our Lord’s cross. There on the cross, His stretched out arms represent our two personal pains. The first arm is the pain we inflict upon others by our sin. For this, we seek the mercy of Jesus. His second arm represents the pain that is inflicted upon us throughout our life. For this, we must offer forgiveness to others. See how Jesus unites our two pains within His own self-sacrifice on the cross. Jesus has taken all human pain and suffering upon Himself on the cross. Both the pain that we give and the pain we have received. We all know that the cross has brought healing to the world. Usually, we limit this healing to that “first arm”—our need to be forgiven of our personal sins.

But, His cross also offers the healing of His “second arm” – our need to forgive the sins inflicted upon us. The cross of Jesus offers total healing: our trespasses and those who trespass against us. In the one saving act of the cross, Jesus has healed our personal sin and has healed the sinful pain of others inflicted upon us. From the cross Jesus offers both healings.

But, these two healings demand our personal choice and response: repentance and forgiveness. Jesus demands that we repent of our personal sin. This is our personal cooperation with the healing salvation of the cross. And in a similar way, Jesus demands that we forgive others of their sins against us. This is our personal cooperation with the healing salvation of the cross. Through our repentance, we let go of our personal sin. In a similar way, through our forgiveness, we let go of the sin of other people. In both choices, we share in the healing and freedom of Christ’s cross.

On the cross, Jesus embraced all of our pain. He put it to death. He let it go. He buried it in the tomb. As we struggle to forgive other people. We must also put to death the injustices we suffer, the pains inflicted upon us and our wounds. Let it go. Let it die. Bury it with Christ. He choose to forgive. He let’s it go. So can we. We can forgive. We can be healed. We can have freedom from our pain. Here we can begin to see that forgiving others brings freedom, healing and helps us to become more like God.

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, March 4th

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence
EMHC: Dave Boylan, Mandy Robinson
Lectors: Julie Hassler
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy, Colleen Sissel

7:30 am: Sunday, March 5th

Altar Servers: Brady Peach
EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey
Lectors: Gene Menard
Sacristan: Lori Atilano
Ushers: Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson, Tom Murphy

9:00 am: Sunday, March 5th

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Sydney Scully
EMHC: Lynn Delaney & Mandy R., David Lawrence
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Diane Carlone
Sacristan: Quint Quiram
Ushers: Dave & Judy Moore, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Sunday, March 5th

Altar Servers: Brennan Roden, Dominic Vasquez
EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Tim Taylor
Lectors: Patty Daluga
Sacristan: Susanna Prushinski
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC Homebound: 9/N Lynn Delaney & Mandy R.
9/S David Lawrence

EMHC for Nursing Homes: Linda Carter—Hawthorne;
Mary Beth Crowe—Liberty; Colleen Harmon—
Aperion; Paula Lough—Greenfield

March Ultreya: Please join the Illinois Valley Cursillo Community for an evening of Mass, food and fellowship at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 820 Sanger St., Ottawa, IL, Saturday, March 11, 2023. Mass begins at 5 PM in the church followed by a potluck and speaker in the parish hall adjacent to the church.

June Cursillo weekends at Peterstown:

Men's weekend #1210, June 8-11, 2023 and Women's weekend #1211, June 22-25, 2023. For more information and for registration forms please visit our website at www.ivcursillo.com or contact Ray Aubry, rraubry@yahoo.com. For up to date information visit our Facebook page, Illinois Valley Cursillo in Christianity.

Readings for the week of February 26th

Sunday: Gn 27:9; 31-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5, 6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 50:7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 45, 78/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22(22)2 Trm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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 February 19, 2023

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>4,582.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 1,918.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Amount needed to date:	\$221,000.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$226,254.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 5,254.00

Join our faith community—and nearly 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. **Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the information tables located at the Church entrances.**

Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Louis Parish ALL HOURS during the weekend of March 24th—26th, beginning at 7p.m. on Friday and ending at 7a.m. on Sunday. This extended period of adoration will coincide with the **Rachel's Vineyard 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 and on FlockNote at stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com/signup/115030

Please sign up early so that we can fill all the hours! For more information, please call the parish office at 815-879-0181.

**ST. LOUIS PARISH
INDOOR DINING**



Friday March 10th 4:30-7:00pm
Dine-In is back, after a four-year hiatus!!
Carry out available on Anderson Street

\$15 for adults (12+)
\$10 kids
3 and under FREE
Buffet Menu:
Fried or baked fish, French fries/baked potato, Mac and cheese, coleslaw, bread, dessert, & drink.

Join us to pray the Stations of the Cross in the church at 5pm, and then head over and treat yourself to a tasty meal!

Volunteers are needed—please consider helping! Sign up sheet on information table outside Harkrader Hall.

**WINE AND CHEESE PARTY
HARKRADER HALL
SATURDAY
MARCH 4TH 7PM**
Appetizers, wine, beer and soda will be provided.
(must be 21 or older to attend)

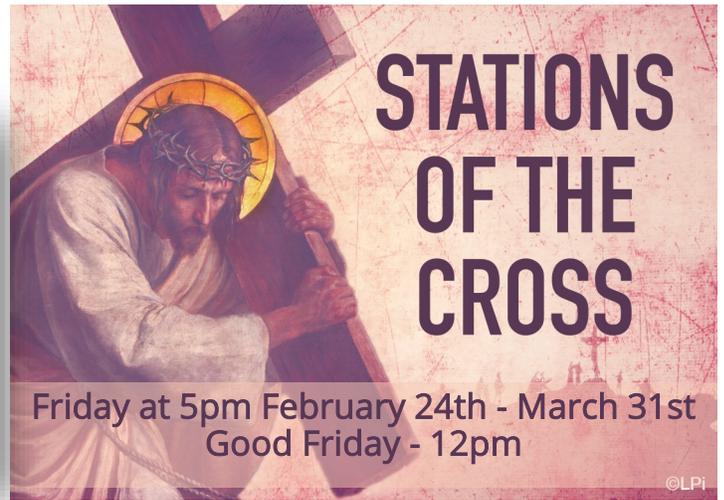


ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar & Rosary Society will meet this **Tuesday, February 28th at 6pm**. We will have a short meeting then watch the movie *Paul: Apostle of Christ* starring Jim Caviezel and enjoy delicious appetizers. All women of the Parish are invited to join us!
- Mandy Robinson, President

Coffee & Donut Sundays!

Join us for Coffee & Donuts on the First Sundays of the month after the 7:30am & 9am Masses sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society. **Our next one will be Sunday, March 5th.**



**STATIONS
OF THE
CROSS**

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

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First Saturday Devotion

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

Saturday, March 4th 7am

MAGI BABY CHEST

**Our next opening is Saturday,
March 4th 9-12pm**

Schedule Change: Mom's Night Out has been rescheduled for Friday March 3rd 6PM-9PM. \$5.00 door donation along with free childcare, adult drinks, and appetizers! Clothing sizes range from Newborn to 4T. This is only for mothers who are members at St., Louis Catholic Parish. Come and enjoy some shopping and girl time!



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Youth Group Night
This Sunday, February 26th
6-7:30 pm