



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIocese OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” - Jn 14:2

PASTOR NOTE

This last week we finished another year of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. It was another wonderful year filled with teaching the faith to our youth. I am grateful to all of the parents and their efforts to bring their children to the different Atriums. I am truly grateful to Rebekah Mead for her leadership of our program. She was assisted by many catechists and volunteers. I thank our volunteers for their dedicated service: Bethany Brigham, Grace Ernat, Jane Taylor, Pat Galassi-Carlson, Beth Peddicord, Sophia Oester, Donna Milliron, Rita Tracey.

Although classes have ended, our youth's participation in the faith has not ended. I encourage our families to participate at Mass during the summer. Also, soon you will have the opportunity to sign up for our annual Totus Tuus summer youth program. It will be held July 23rd to July 28th.

On Sunday, May 21, 2023, Deacon John Murphy celebrates the 35th Anniversary of his deacon ordination. This is truly a cause for celebration and an opportunity for our parish to express our gratitude for Deacon John's ministry and service. On the weekend of May 20/21, after each Mass, we will have a light reception to show our appreciation and thanks for Deacon John. I am truly grateful for his work in the parish.

Beginning the afternoon of Sunday, May 21st, I will be on vacation. I will return to the parish on Wednesday, May 31st. This will be my first vacation away from the parish. I am looking forward to a relaxing trip in the mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina. I have arranged for Fr. Schaab to cover the regular schedule of Masses while I am away. I am grateful for his help.

It is extremely difficult to find priests to cover Masses for a vacation. In fact, this is precisely why I have not been able to get away since my arrival at the parish in 2021. Finding priests to cover Masses is almost impossible. There are not many priests available to provide Mass coverage. Regretfully, after many attempts, I have not been able to find a priest to provide confession and Mass on Saturday, May 27th. No one is available. Therefore, I have decided to cancel the 3pm confessions and the 4pm Mass on Saturday, May 27th. Please attend one of the morning Masses on May 28th. Or, please attend one of the Saturday evening Masses in the area such as Spring Valley, 4:30pm; Walnut, 5:30pm; or, Tiskilwa, 6pm. I am sorry for any inconvenience. This inconvenience is a good motivation to pray for an increase in priestly vocations.

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

Summary:

Our recent excerpts bring out most strikingly the supreme worth of the supernatural life and the grandeur and weakness of man on whom it is bestowed.

This life is, indeed, excellent since it is born of a loving thought of God, who has loved us from all eternity and has willed to unite us to Himself the sweetest and closest intimacy: "I have loved the with an everlasting love, and therefore I have drawn thee to myself."

It is a real participation, even if finite, in the nature and in the life of God, enabling us to know to love God even as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit know and love one another: "partakers of the divine nature."

It has such worth in God's eyes that, to give it to us, the Father sacrifices His Only-Begotten Son, the Son makes a complete immolation of self, and the Holy Spirit come to impart this life to our souls.

Indeed, it is the pearl of great price: "By whom he hath given us most great and precious promises," which we must hold dearer than all else and keep cherish with jealous care: its worth is that of God Himself."

Still, we carry this treasure in earthen vessels. If our first parents, endowed with the gift of integrity and enriched with all sorts of privileges, had the misfortune of forfeiting it both for themselves and their posterity, should be entertain no fear? We, who in spite of our spiritual regeneration, carry within us the threefold concupiscence?

It shows us that we must be ever on our guard to repel at once and with all our might every attack that the enemy may make against us, be it from without or from within. We are nevertheless well protected and fully armed against his onslaughts as we will see in the future.

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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, May 8 Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter
7:00 am +Liz Dahlen by Leo & Susanna Prushinski

Tuesday, May 9 Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter
***7:00am** +Dennis O'Brien by Jim & Mary Spratt

Wednesday, May 10 St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
7:00am +Consuelo Idos by Amie Neiman

Thursday, May 11 Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter
5:15pm +Mathai Mathew by Anita Magsino
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Friday, May 12 Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
7:00am +Dioscoro C. Soco by Dan & Sue Legner

Saturday, May 13 Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter
4:00 pm +Claire Curry by Ann Fritz

Sunday, May 14 Sixth Sunday of Easter
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am +Dave Sawitoski by Barbara Sawitoski
10:30am +Sue Taylor by John, Micki, Sara

***Mass time for Tuesday, May 9th will be 7am and Confession and Holy Hour are cancelled.**

*Abandon yourself into the hands of Mary.
She will take care of you." -St. Padre Pio*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Witnesses for Jesus

This journey of faith is not always easy. Sometimes the greatest wounds are those we suffer when family members and friends wander away from God and leave us behind. The faith they had when they were younger is now strained, or they see the daily walking with Jesus to be too difficult. For them, Jesus becomes what Peter wrote about when he described Jesus as the stone that causes people to stumble and the rock that makes them fall. Our journey is hard enough, but watching a loved one stumble and fall is heart-breaking.

What are we to do in such a situation? Most importantly, we pray. We must realize that God is more powerful than us, and even if we can't make them see the truth, He can. Then we witness to the transformative power of Jesus by our own lives. We need to serve him in word and deed. We should let a joy of being a disciple enlighten our faces. Allow Jesus to work through us so that others may be drawn to him. Lastly, we must never lose hope. Many have walked long journeys alone only to find God far down the road. What will it take to bring someone to Christ? It might be an action, a word, or an emotion. We never know how certain people will be touched. That loved one is a gift from God in your life. Place them back in God's hands, and let Him pick them up if they have stumbled and fallen.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, May 13th

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

7:30 am: Sunday, May 14th

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

9:00 am: Sunday, May 14th

Altar Servers: Luke Smith, Sylvie Viger
EMHC: Pat Galassi-Carlson, Tim Taylor
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Steve Bouslog
Sacristan: Quint Quiram
Ushers: Dave & Judy Moore, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Easter Sunday, May 14th

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Brennan Roden
EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Paula Lough
Lectors: Marcia Obenhaus
Sacristan: Susanna Prushinski
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC Homebound: Pat Galassi-Carlson 9N
Tim Taylor 9S

EMHC for Nursing Homes: Mary Beth Crowe—
Liberty; Linda McCabe—Hawthorne; Mandy Robinson—
Aperion; Nancy Scoma—Greenfield

Readings for the week of May 7th

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 45, 18-19(22)/1 Pt 2:49/Jn 14:1-12
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 34, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd, 5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 45, 6-7, 16, 20(1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-2

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Ann Kerr

and for consolation for her family

*Eternal Rest grant unto her O Lord, and
let perpetual light shine upon her soul.
May her soul, and the souls of all of the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.
Amen*

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 April 30, 2023

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	\$ 6,583.00
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 83.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Amount needed to date:	\$286,000.00
Amount Received to date:	\$294,949.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 8,949.00

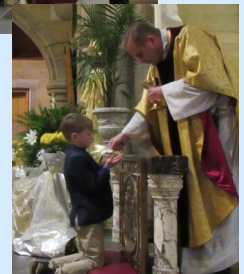
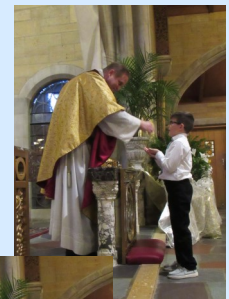
FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Last weekend the
Knights of Columbus collected 131 nonperishable food
items and \$1,452 in monetary donations for the Bureau
County Food Pantry. Thanks to all for your continuing
generosity. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed
26,472 nonperishable food items and \$146,771 in mon-
etary donations since we started collecting for the Food
Pantry in August of 2012. The food insecure in our area
are most appreciative.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

CONGRATULATIONS

*to the following couple celebrating their
50th Plus Wedding Anniversary in May
Dennis & Linda Thompson married on 05/25/68*

*First Holy Communion April 29, 2023
 Congratulations to our First Communicants!*



Front Row: Taryn Hill, Sophie Sledgister, Rose Tracey, Eva Fredericks, Sophia Schirmer Back Row: Walter Keutzer, Diego Schirmer, Hudson Sayler, Julio Sandoval, Mack Sandrock, Mason Headley



**St. Louis Parish
 Greenhouse Plant Sale**

Several varieties of plants grown in our parish greenhouse (vegetables, herbs, annual & perennial flowers) will be sold the weekends of **May 6/7 & May 13/14**. Saturday-8-11am & after 4pm mass. Sunday- after each of the 3 masses; 7:30am, 9am & 10:30am. All proceeds to benefit the Magi Baby Chest and the Bureau County Food Pantry.

Schedule Changes & Cancellations

CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A Cancelled for this Sunday
Daily Mass on Tuesday, May 9th will be at 7am and Adoration and Confession are cancelled
 Men's Study Group is cancelled for Thursday, May 11th
 Parish Office will be closed Friday, May 12th
 Men's Holy Hour is cancelled for Sat. May 27th. 7am
Vigil Mass & Confession for Saturday May 27th is cancelled
 Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 29th

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Lunch + Bunch



Calling all Moms, Babies, Toddlers, and Children of St Louis Parish!!!

Join us on Friday, May 12th from 11-2pm at the shelter/playground for some Prayer, Pizza, and Play with The Lunch Bunch!!!
 Pizza and drinks are provided.