

SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 27, 2021



“Do not be afraid; just have faith.”

Mark 5:36

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. KRUSE

Each week I look forward to sharing some thoughts with you in this section of the bulletin. They may take a variety of forms and touch upon a variety of topics. This week is a mix of different unrelated items. I hope you will take some time each week and read my notes. You can always contact me if you have any questions or need to discuss anything. Thank you. – Msgr. Kruse

Oath of Fidelity: Whenever a priest takes on a new assignment as Pastor, the Church requires that he make a public Profession of Faith and offer the Oath of Fidelity. This is an opportunity for the new pastor to give public witness to the tenets of the faith as well as express his unity with the magisterium and authority of the Church. Next Saturday, July 3rd, I will offer this public witness before Bishop Jenky's representative, Fr. Gary Blake, who serves as the Vicar Forane of the Illinois Valley. The Vicar Forane is a local pastor who helps assist with diocesan administration in a local area. I will renew my Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity at the other parish Masses. I hope that this public witness will be seen as my commitment to serving the people of St. Louis Parish. By the way, the ritual takes only a few minutes!

New Church Air Conditioner Units: I am happy to report that this week new air conditioner units were installed in the Church. The others have served well for a few decades and the new ones will serve us for many years to come.

Updated Covid Policies: Remember that last week I issued some new policies regarding Covid. Please contact the Parish Office to obtain a copy of these changes which were printed in last week's bulletin.

Garage Sale: Many thanks to the CCW and volunteers who worked this year's garage sale. I heard that it was a great success. Thanks to all of those who stopped by and bought a few items.

Nourished in Spirit: Some years ago, I wrote and published a bi-weekly spiritual newsletter called *Nourished in Spirit*. Excerpts from this newsletter will be printed in the weekly bulletin. It seeks to help "average Joe" Catholics grow in their personal spiritual life by offering practical and down to earth advice. It draws from the Scriptures, writings of the saints, Church teachings and my own personal ideas. I hope that it will serve as another tool to help you go deeper in your friendship with Christ and life of holiness.

NOURISHED IN SPIRIT

One of the primary responsibilities of a pastor is to direct God's people towards spiritual perfection. This takes place during the Sunday homily, confession and one to one teaching moments. But, few priests have the time, and few people can easily find the time for regular one-on-one spiritual direction. Therefore, I offer something new – a spiritual newsletter – "Nourished in Spirit." I plan to offer suggestions for you to take more seriously your spiritual life and friendship with Christ. I plan to offer both theoretical and practical advice.

I wish to begin our time together by reflecting on the title of our newsletter– *Nourished in Spirit*. I chose this title as a teaching tool. First, we must never forget that we must be nourished. God has created us to be incomplete, dependent, imperfect, and very needy. Look at an infant, without Mom and Dad, they can do virtually nothing. Energetic young adults still needs parents and friends. Adults need friendship and love. Even the aged need care. You will never be totally self-sufficient. Regardless of your wealth, status, job or power – you will always need things, need people, and need God. You need to be nourished.

Take a moment and reflect on this need for nourishment in the broadest sense of the term. What are your needs? How are they satisfied? What are those things – wants, desires, hopes, needs – that are not satisfied? How is this dissatisfaction a source of anxiety, fear, anger or anticipation? So much of our life is spent trying to satisfy our needs and to fill in the gaps. Do your pursuits in life bring the satisfaction you so much desire? How are you un-nourished, malnourished or undernourished? How are you empty and need to be filled? Is it time for a change?

When young St. Augustine reflected upon his life, he possessed lots of education, lots of money, lots of promiscuity, lots of power – and lots of emptiness. This realization helped move his heart to conversion in Christ. St. Augustine realized that even after so many of his physical needs were satisfied, he still had a sense of emptiness and dissatisfaction. He described this emptiness by saying, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, my God." After years of struggle, St. Augustine finally turned from the things of this world to the things of God. He surrendered to God. As he worked towards holiness of life, he began to know true satisfaction and wholeness. He learned that he had spiritual needs that only God could nourish. We are no different.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, June 28 **St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr**
7:00 am + Gwen Peacock by the Peacock Family

Tuesday, June 29 **Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles**
5:15 pm +Mike Bickett
by Pat McCauley & Colleen Sailer
4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, June 30 **The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**
7:00 am + Joan Smith by Bill & Pam Wroblewski

Thursday, July 1 **St. Junipero Serra, Priest**
5:15 pm +Shorty & Gerty Fundell by Jim Whitmore
4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

Friday, July 2 **First Friday**
7:00 am +Ron Hulslander by Annette Hulslander

Saturday, July 3 **Vigil of The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00 pm + Stacey Brown Ryan by Al & Judy Taylor

Sunday, July 4 **The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am + Helen Burgess by Joan Shea
10:30 am +Iola Carlson by Joanne Stocking

Please return your Baby Bottles!

As we celebrate Father’s Day this weekend, it is time to return the baby bottles distributed over Mother’s Day weekend, that you have been filling with your checks, dollars and spare change to support Abigail Women’s Center in Mendota. Abigail Women’s Center is the local resource which provides assistance to women in crisis pregnancy situations. It offers tangible and emotional support that empowers individuals to make decisions consistent with the sanctity of human life. This fundraiser has been a long-standing tradition of the St. Louis Parish Right To Life Committee, and – thanks to the generosity of our parishioners – the Abigail Women’s Center considers our support to be among their greatest!

Here are some of the things that your donations provide for:

- 2 weeks supply of baby formula.....\$25
- 3 weeks supply of diapers.....\$35
- 1 car seat for safe travels.....\$75
- 1 crib for sound sleep.....\$175
- Pregnancy classes.....\$250
- A NEW LIFE.....Priceless

You will notice a cradle placed before our Blessed Mother in the church. Please leave your bottles there. Or, they may be dropped off any time during normal office hours. Checks made payable to Abigail Women’s Center are also gratefully accepted. Our support and prayers can change hearts!



Congratulations

*to Don & Diane Evans celebrating
their 50th Anniversary, July 18, 1971*

Congratulations

to the following couples celebrating 50 plus years!
Richard & Ruth Welte, July 4, 1959
August & Laura Boelli, July 26, 1969
John & Ginger Murphy, July 4, 1970



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!

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, July 3

Altar Servers Colton Maubach, Luke Smith
Lectors Mary Paula Schmitt
Sacristan Mandy Robinson
Ushers Rick Torri, Dave & Katie Lawrence

7:30 am: Sunday, July 4

Altar Servers *Servers needed please check in Sacristy*
Lectors Rita Pacunas
Sacristan Julie Hassler
Ushers Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson

9:00 am: Sunday, July 4

Altar Server Jessica Carlone, David Kunkel
Camera Operators Marty Makransky
Lectors Diane Carlone
Sacristan Quint Quiram
Ushers Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, July 4

Altar Server Anna Ellis, Brennan Roden
Lectors David Roden
Sacristan Tim Smith
Ushers Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC for Homebound: Tim Smith, Dave Lawrence,
Dave Boylan, Madeleine Robinson

ST. LOUIS 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

(SUN 9:00AM Live-streamed on YouTube & FaceBook)

OUTDOOR DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(AT ANDERSON ST ENTRANCE)

SAT	5:00—5:15 PM
SUN	10:00—10:15 AM

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 | jameskruse1966@gmail.com

HOLY HOUR

TUE, THR	4:00 PM
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PRIVATE PRAYER: Chapel is open for Private Prayer— same access code as before - if you need the code please contact the parish office.

Readings for the week of June 27, 2021

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43

Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [7a]/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29

Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6

Confessions: Wednesday and Friday 3pm

Confessions will no longer be offered at 3pm on Wednesday and Friday. Confessions will continue to be heard during the 4pm Holy Hour on Tuesday and Thursday as well as on Saturday at 3pm. Msgr. Kruse is available to hear confessions by appointment. You may call him or text him or email him to set up an appointment. In order to maintain privacy, he will be in the confessional a few moments before the arranged time.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through June 20, 2021

Amount Budgeted	\$6,500.00
Amount Received	<u>\$5,984.00</u>

Amount Over (Under)	(\$516.00)
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Fiscal Period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Amount needed to date:	\$331,500.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$315,710.00</u>

Over/(Under) budget to date:	(\$15,790.00)
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The Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group

will meet on Tuesday, July 6 at 6 pm at 521 S. First (new address). If you have lost a child or children due to an illness, accident, suicide or miscarriage, please plan on joining this group of women who know your pain. You are always welcome to come.....Call Jeanie Gelsomino at (815) 866-6571 for more information.

Haiti Update



Since July 1, 2020, St. Louis Parish has wired \$7,200 US to our sister parish in La Montagne, Haiti: Paroisse Notre Dame du Perpetuel Secours (Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish). Our material support has provided for many of this parish's needs, including increased COVID sanitation supplies, meals for school children, training for catechists, missals for the church, a Youth Retreat for Confirmandi, a photocopy machine, and a generator. The following is a letter of appreciation from the pastor:

Dear Pastor and St. Louis Parishioners:

I hope that you are well by the grace of God. I thank you so much for your help. Without your help, our parish life would be very difficult. Because of your help, the life of parishioners is improved. Many of our children are able to attend school and receive food 2-3 times a week. We have many children receiving the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Your assistance helps us support 6 chapels and the main church. I thank God for the good relationship that exists between us.

Please continue to pray for Haiti. The coronavirus has been very bad for us, and caused a lot of death. There is not a good hospital in our area, but we are grateful for the support you provide to the Medical Mission that serves us. They have saved a lot of people, and they are very important to La Montagne and our parish. I always pray for you.

Blessings for everybody, and peace, Father Deone Aunel

Totus Tuus at St. Louis this summer!

This five-day Catholic program is filled with faith, fun, and friendship. Registration is only \$10 per family. **Grades 1-6 will meet from 9 AM to 2:30 PM, July 26-30.** **Grades 7-12 will meet from 7 to 9 PM, July 25-29.** A shorter daytime "Totus Tots" program will be available for younger children as well. Teens who attend the evening session are also welcome to volunteer during the daytime session for service hours. Register online at <https://forms.gle/JcXSFqW1j83UdUMGA>, or by contacting the office at stlparishoffice@gmail.com, (815-879-0181). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rachel Bystry (815-303-7109).

TOTUS TUUS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer for Totus Tuus! We are looking for volunteers to provide a lunch or dinner for the Totus Tuus Team; volunteers to help prepare and distribute snacks for the children; teen volunteers; and volunteers to be prayer partners! Please consider helping to make this a fruitful experience for our parish children! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rachel Bystry (815-303-7109).

The Twelve Promises of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque for those who practice devotion to His Sacred Heart

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.
5. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.
12. The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; My heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.



www.sacredheartapostolate.com

SUMMER TUESDAY FOOD & FUN!!

Junior High (6th-8th) kids are invited for pizza and games every Tuesday from 11:30—1pm

High Schoolers (9-12th) are invited for pizza and games every Tuesday evening 6-7:30pm

The Men's Bible Study Group will meet on Tuesday, June 29 at 6 pm at the home of Herb Rhees, 1405 S. Church Street, Princeton.