



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.” - Mt 18:15

PASTOR NOTE

Annual Diocesan Appeal. I thank everyone who has made a pledge for the ADA. So, far our parish is doing very well. We have collected 114 pledges for a total of \$47,475. I encourage everyone to make a pledge so that we can reach our goal of \$104,829. Pledge cards are available at the door of the church. Your donation helps provide many ministries in the Diocese, especially the formation of future priests.

Tolton: Slave to Priest. St. Bede will host a one-man, multi-media production depicting the life of Venerable Augustus Tolton. The production is Sunday, September 10th at 7pm.

Sidewalk Repair. Some of the sidewalks around the church are in need of repair. Over the next few weeks, some areas of the sidewalks will be removed and replaced. This will temporarily restrict access to some of the doors of the church. The exact schedule of repairs and limited access is yet to be determined. At no time will these repairs completely restrict access to the church. During the repairs, we will maintain our regular schedule of Masses and Holy Hours. When the door to the Eucharistic chapel is restricted, during office hours, you may access the church through the main office door and then enter the church using the door near the confessional. Regretfully, outside of regular office hours, there will not be access to the chapel for a day or so. I ask for your patience as these repairs are being completed.

Rectory Open House. I will host a Rectory Open House on Sunday, September 17th, 1pm to 4pm. This offers another opportunity to walk through the rectory and see the repairs. Remember Boxer the cat will be at the Rectory so be careful if you are allergic to cats.

Cenacle Prayer Groups. Recently, I announced a new opportunity for prayer. Please take a minute to read the enclosed flyer. Throughout this week I will host Cenacle Prayer Groups as an opportunity to experience this new holy hour. Please join me for one of these holy hours this week: Sun. Sept. 10th, 3pm. Mon. Sept. 11th, 7pm. Tue. Sept. 12th, 9am. Wed. Sept. 13th, 7:45am. Thur. Sept. 14th, 7:30pm. Fri. Sept. 15th, 6am. Sat. Sept. 16th, 6:30pm.

Fall Small Groups. Once again, the parish will provide Small Groups that will meet to reflect upon the previous week's Gospel. This will follow the usual format where I will provide a guide for your group's reflection. The groups will meet each week on the same day and time for about one hour. The Fall Small Groups will begin the week of Sept. 24th and continue through the week of Oct. 29th. I encourage you to sign up for one of these Fall Small Groups. You may complete the form below and return it to the collection or contact the Parish Office. Soon, you can also sign up through Flocknote. I hope that these small groups will be a great inspiration and draw us into deeper friendship with Jesus.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH 2023 FALL SMALL GROUP

Please complete the information below. Cut it out. Return it to the collection or mail it to the office no later than September 18th. You will be notified to confirm your meeting time.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Meetings are from the week of September 24th to the week of October 29th. Please mark your choice for the Small Group meetings.

Monday, 11am

Wednesday, 3:30pm

Friday, 11am

Monday, 6pm

Thursday, 11am

Tuesday, 6pm

Thursday, 1pm

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FaceBook Page: www.facebook.com/stlouisprinceton

Keep in touch with us via email or text
Text SLP To 84576 or
Connect with us online at
stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 11	<u>Weekday in Ordinary Time</u> 7:00 am Vince & Jeanie Gelsomino celebrating their 58th Anniversary by Paul & Bridgette Castelein
Tuesday, September 12	<u>The Most Holy Name of Mary</u> 5:15pm +Arline Vander Velpen by Geraldine Woodlief 4-5:00p Holy Hour
Wednesday, September 13	<u>St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</u> 7:00am +June Doyle by the Doyle Family
Thursday, September 14	<u>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</u> 5:15pm +Ray DeMay by Pat Wiggim 4-5:00p Holy Hour
Friday, September 15	<u>Our Lady of Sorrows</u> 7:00am +Joan Smith by Everett and Dee Solon
Saturday, September 16	<u>Vigil of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 4:00pm +Stephanie Colby-Aburto by Linda Carter
Sunday, September 17	<u>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 7:30 am +John Murphy by Tom & Mary Murphy 9:00 am +Richard Anderson by Barbara Bass 10:30 am People of the Parish



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!

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

Obligation to seek Perfection:

We are now to examine whether there is for us a real obligation to advance towards Christian perfection or whether it suffices to keep it as we keep a treasure.

It is certain that one must die in the state of grace in order to be saved, and that this suffices. It would appear then that for the faithful in the world there is no other obligation than that of persevering in the state of grace. However, the question is precisely whether they can preserve the state of grace for a long time without striving to grow in holiness. In the state of fallen nature, one cannot for long remain in the state of grace without striving at the same time to make progress in the spiritual life and to exercise oneself from time to time in the practice of some of the evangelical counsels. It is only in this restricted sense that we maintain the obligation of perfection for ordinary Christians.

We must do more than is strictly commanded in order to triumph over our enemies. We cannot remain stationary on the way that leads to God and to salvation, that we must advance or fall back. Of necessity, one must rise or else will fall. If one tries to stop, one falls of a certainty. All Christians without exception must advance towards perfection – sanctity.

In order not to fall into sin, we must stave off the danger by the performance of generous acts which are not directly prescribed by the law. To strike the target we must aim above it; not to lose grace, we must fortify our will against temptation by works of perfection.

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, September 16

Altar Servers: Gabby & Gretchen Carden
EMHC: Dave Boylan, Lynn Delaney
Lectors: Sophia Oester
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, September 17

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, Dennis Thompson, Tom Murphy

9:00 am: Sunday, September 17

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry
EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Lynn Delaney
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Tim Kunkel
Sacristan: Quint Quiram
Ushers: Dave & Judy Moore, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Sunday, September 17

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis & Sylvie Viger
EMHC: Linda McCabe, Tim Taylor
Lectors: David Roden
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC Homebound Cindy Behrends 9/N
Lynn Delaney 9/S

EMHC for Nursing Homes Mary Beth Crowe—
Liberty Hawthorne; Paula Lough—Greenfield; Gene
Menard—Aperion; Rita Tracey—Liberty

The monthly Knights of Columbus meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 11th** with dinner at 6:30, meeting to begin at 7:00. Current members please join us in Harkrader Hall for food and fellowship. If you are a Catholic man age 18 or older and are interested in joining the Knights, or just want more information, feel free to join us for dinner this Monday, call the contact name below, or scan the QR code to the right of this announcement and follow the instructions below.

“Join the Knights of Columbus Online”

1. Enter your home Parish Name
2. Enter Parish Knights Council #5591
3. Enter Promo Code: **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**
FOR FREE MEMBERSHIP



Contact Bob Schabow for more information 815-303-8701

Readings for the week of September 10

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3, 4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

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 September 3, 2023

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ 7,644.00
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 894.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$ 67,500.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ 67,490.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	(\$ 10.00)

Ready to Bring the Love of Jesus

2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Did you know that ADA supports Evangelization?

In 22 parishes of our Diocese, over 1,600 young people were learning about their faith while having a lot of fun this summer. Totus Tuus summer program helped them to understand and grow in their faith in Jesus Christ through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship. This program, which is coordinated through the Office of Vocations, is made available to your parish with the support of ADA.

Give online at www.cdop.org/ada.



Belonging Baptism Preparation

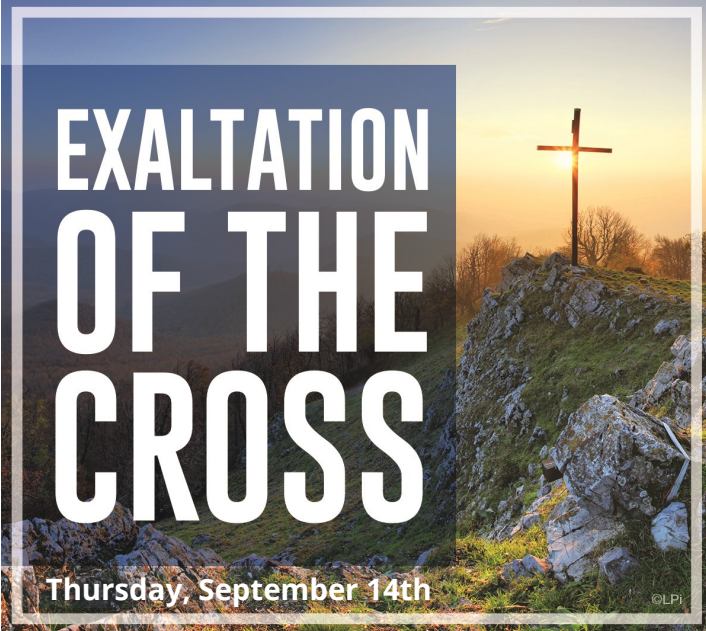
Please contact Rebekah Mead to schedule baptismal prep classes and the ceremony.
stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com | 815-303-2330



“Your name, O Mary, is a precious ointment, which breathes forth the odour of Divine grace. Let this ointment of salvation enter the inmost recesses of our souls.” -St. Ambrose



Powerful God, our refuge and our strength, we turn to you for peace and security as we recall the 9/11 attack. We thank you for the bravery and the sacrifice of those who saved lives as firefighters, rescue crews, or people aboard United 93. Comfort and strengthen the family and friends of those who died.



“The cross is the school of love.”
-St. Maximilian Kolbe

Enrichment of Faith 102: Liturgy and Sacraments Class. Two classes offered on Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:15 PM and 6:00-7:15 PM. We will meet each week (except Thanksgiving week) from Sep. 13th - Nov. 29th. This class will help us to discover or rediscover the power of the Liturgy and Sacraments, the what and why of Church teachings regarding Liturgy/Sacraments and what the Church Fathers have to say about Liturgy/Sacraments. This class is open to all even if you did not attend the Enrichment of Class 101 on the Creed in the Spring. This class is lead by Susanna Prushinski. Please sign-up for class by contacting Susanna at 815-915-6960 or stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office. Please note, the class is 10 sessions but I have built in an extra week due to the chance that class may be cancelled one week upon the birth of my grandchild.

Enrichment of Faith 101: The Creed Class. Two classes offered on Thursdays 1:00 - 2:15 PM and 6:00-7:15 PM. We will meet each week (except Thanksgiving week) from Sep. 14th - Dec. 7th. Please note this is the same class that was offered in the Spring of 2023. This class will help us to discover or rediscover the what and why of our Catholic beliefs as stated in the Creed in order to deepen and enliven our faith in Jesus Christ and all that He has revealed to us through His Church. The class is structured to introduce us to the use of scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, an introduction to the Church Fathers and saints. This class will be lead by Susanna Prushinski. Please sign-up by contacting Susanna at 815-915-6960 or stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com or the Parish Office. Please note, the class is 11 sessions but I have built in an extra week due to the chance that class may be cancelled one week upon the birth of my grandchild.



RCIA, is it for you? Are you seeking answers to life's questions? Are you being inspired to inquire about the Catholic faith? Are you seeking to join the Catholic Church? Are you baptized, but have not received First Confession, First Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation? Do you want to deepen your faith? Do you desire to know the "why" of Church teaching?...**then RCIA is for You!** RCIA will be held every **Tuesday evening from 6:00-7:30 PM** starting **Tuesday Sept. 19th - April 16th**. Please come and join us as our faith seeks understanding. Please contact Susanna Prushinski, RCIA Coordinator, to register and/or with any questions 815-915-6960 or stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com or contact the parish office.