



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

PASTOR NOTE

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please join us at Mass as listed in the bulletin.

St. Louis Patronal Feast Day: Everyone is invited to join together for a special Mass on Friday, August 25th, at 5:15pm. This is the feast day of our parish. After Mass we will enjoy a dinner hosted by the Altar and Rosary Society. After dinner you are invited to tour the building and see the repurposed rooms, especially the Atriums used in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Check out the parish library and coffee bar. And take a moment to look over the Magi Baby Chest. **During this Mass I will make some important announcements about exciting new projects in the parish. Big things are happening!** Please come out for this special parish event. I hope we have a huge crowd to honor our patron, St. Louis.

Rectory Open House. Last year I hosted a Rectory Open House to show off the many changes in the rectory. Recently, some parishioners lamented missing the Open House last year. So, I have decided to host another Rectory Open House on Sunday, September 17th, 1pm to 4pm. More details later.

Back to School. This time of year our parish youth begin returning to school. I encourage everyone to offer a prayer for our kids. Let's pray that they have a good and successful year. Let's also pray for all of their teachers.

Prayer Before Study

Merciful God, you are the source of all that is good and true. Grant that the light of your divine wisdom may brighten the darkness of my mind and raise me from my ignorance. Give me understanding, memory, ease in learning, and grace in speaking. Show me where to begin, how to proceed and lead me to fulfillment.

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

Summary Continued:

This warfare is constant, for in spite of all our efforts we can never fully divest ourselves of the Old Adam, the flesh. We can weaken him, bind him, while at the same time we fortify the New Man against his attacks. At the outset the fight is keener, more obstinate, and the counter-attacks of the enemy more numerous and more volent; but as we be earnest and persevering efforts gain one victory an then another, our enemy weakens, passions subside, and except for certain moments of trial willed by God to lead us to a higher degree of perfection, we enjoy a relative calm, owe to the grace of God. We must not forget that the grace given us is the grace for struggle and not the grace of peace; that we are warriors, athletes, ascetics; that like St. Paul we must fight on to the end if we would merit the crown. "I have fought the good fight: I have finished my course: I have kept the faith." This is the means of perfecting in us the Christian life and the acquiring many merits.

We progress by the fight we wage against our enemies, but more still by the meritorious acts which we perform day by day. Every good act freely done by a soul in the state of grace and with a supernatural intention, advances our perfection and fight against our enemies. This growth also comes through merit and the sacraments.

The Assumption: A Sign of Hope

Is the resurrection a concept or reality? For many of us, the resurrection of the dead may be a stray idea recite in the Nicene Creed. Heaven we discuss. But resurrection? The feast of the Assumption is a reminder to us that heaven gets even better! We pray that the souls of the faithful departed would soon be united to God in heaven. The truth is, the separation between our souls and our bodies was not God's original plan for things. It's one of the results of the Fall, of original sin. At the end of time and Jesus' second coming, our bodies and souls will be reunited. Lest we forget, Mary's Assumption is the reminder. Today, we celebrate that Mary is enjoying what we, too, hope to participate in — complete joy in heaven with our God, experienced body and soul. Today and every day, let's pray for those who have died and that we may meet them again in the heavenly kingdom. ©LPi

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Mass Intentions

Monday, August 14 **St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr;**
Vigil of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 am +Helen Rich
***6:00 pm** +Jill Bystry Thompson by John & Pat Bystry

Tuesday, August 15 **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
***7:00am** +People of the Parish
***5:15pm** +Mary Josephine Miller by Barbara Bass
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Wednesday, August 16 **St. Stephen of Hungary**
7:00am +Brendan Puhr by Tim & Julie Puhr

Thursday, August 17 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
5:15pm +Ray DeMay by Linda Carter & Bernetta Wood
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Friday, August 18 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
7:00am +Helen Burgess by Mary Jo Gustafson

Saturday, August 19 **Vigil of the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00pm +Gary Hoelle by Tim and Julie Puhr

Sunday, August 20 **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am + Shirley Balensiefen by Betty Fundel
10:30am +Bill Strunk by Paul & Bridgette Castelein

***Masses for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—
Holy Day of Obligation**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, August 15th, in recognition of the Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



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!

“By looking at Mary’s Assumption into Heaven we understand better that even though our daily life may be marked by trials and difficulties, it flows like a river to the divine ocean, to the fullness of joy and peace. We understand that our death is not the end but rather the entrance into life that knows no death. Our setting on the horizon of this world is our rising at the dawn of the new world, the dawn of the eternal day.”- Pope Benedict XVI

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, “Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn’t that dishonest?” Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn’t? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, “What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?” After some silence, he said, “Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it.” I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord’s love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord’s grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust he is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure. — Father John Muir ©LPI

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, August 19th

Altar Servers: Gabby & Gretchen Carden
 EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Gene Menard
 Lectors: Julie Hassler
 Sacristan: Julie Hassler
 Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, August 20th

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*
 EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey
 Lectors: Mary Paula Schmitt
 Sacristan: Lori Atilano
 Ushers: Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey, Bill Uher

9:00 am: Sunday, August 20th

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Elizabeth Keutzer
 EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Pat Galassi-Carlson
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
 Lectors: Diane Carlone
 Sacristan: Quint Quiram
 Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, August 20th

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry
 EMHC: Dave Boylan, Tim Taylor
 Lectors: Marcia Obenhaus
 Sacristan: Tim Smith
 Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

EMHC Homebound Cindy Behrends 9/N
 Pat Galassi-Carlson 9/S

EMHC for Nursing Homes

Mary Beth Crowe—Aperion; Paula Lough—Greenfield; Mandy Robinson—Liberty-Hawthorne; Rita Tracey—Liberty



The Altar & Rosary Society has registered to participate in the Box of Joy Christmas program again this year. If you plan to donate, take advantage of all the sales for summer clothing and other items such as toys, school supplies and essential items to fill your Box of Joy! Your donation will help to spread

joy to underprivileged children! Boxes will be available in September, but it's never too early to start shopping!



Bake Sale - The annual Altar & Rosary Society Bake Sale in the park will be **Friday, August 18th**. Please drop off your delicious baked good(s) at Soldiers and Sailors Park

that morning between 9 and 10:30am or, if needed, you can drop off in Harkrader Hall on Thursday between 8am and 1pm. Due to the heat, please do not donate items with frosting or cream pies. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact Rita Tracey at 815-879-0308.

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 August 6, 2023

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ 7,993.00
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 1,243.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$ 40,500.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ 41,400.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 900.00

Readings for the week of August 13th

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14(8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
 Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27
 Tuesday: Vglt 1 Chr 15:34, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/
 Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/
 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
 Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15
 Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8(4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

ASSUMPTION





**ST. LOUIS PARISH
FEAST DAY CELEBRATION
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH
MASS 5:15PM & DINNER**

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MAGI BABY CHEST



We had another very successful opening last weekend! We served 130 families and gave out 1,845 diapers and 42 packs of wipes.

High need items for our September 2nd opening are baby food, Dreft laundry detergent, baby wash and lotion, kids Crest toothpaste and kids toothbrushes, Desitin, infant Tylenol and Ibuprofen, Dawn dish soap, toddler utensils/bowls/sippy cups, new and gently used boys/girls clothes (sizes Newborn-4T), and gently used maternity clothes.

Thank you everyone who has donated or volunteered! We appreciate you so much and you are helping more than you know!

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook! Find us through the St. Louis Facebook page.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FUNDRAISER**

The Knights of Columbus will be serving at Culvers on Monday August 14th from 4:00-7:00 as a fundraiser to help support the St. Bede Scholarship fund they provide each year. Come out and support the Knights.



**Religious Education:
Helps to build a strong foundation**

Register now for religious education!

Classes for 3-year-olds through 8th graders begin the week of September 10. Registration forms are available on the parish website and in the main office, and are due by September 2.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed at all levels, no experience necessary. This is a great way to experience the joy of working with children, see your faith from a new perspective, and serve our church community. Contact Rebekah Mead for more info. 815-303-2330 | stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com



Holy Day of Obligation

Every Catholic is required to attend Holy Mass on this Solemn Feast unless excused for a serious reason.

Mass Times: Vigil Mass - Monday, Aug 14 6pm
Tuesday, Aug 15 7am & 5:15pm