



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

PASTOR NOTE

I am still basking in the joy of our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Our celebrations required a lot of extra work by our office staff. I am grateful for them doing such good work to help make our celebrations so magnificent. I am also grateful for the large number of volunteers who helped with our celebrations. I thank our musicians, servers, lectors, sacristans, decorators, EMHC's, party coordinators and money counters. We also enjoyed a wonderful Divine Mercy parish celebration. I am grateful for all those who helped. A special thanks to Los Ranchitos. And, of course, our Easter Bunny!

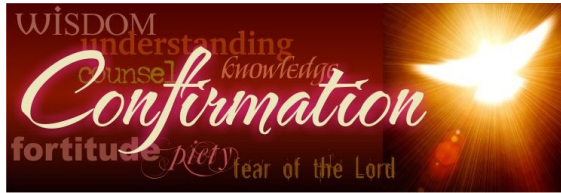
During the Easter Season the Church always celebrates sacraments for our parish youth. On Saturday, April 29th, 12:30pm, our parish will celebrate First Communion. I ask you to please pray for these youth of our parish:

Eva Fredericks
Mason Headley
Taryn Hill
Walter Keutzer
Hudson Saylor
Julio Junior Sandoval
Mack Sandrock
Diego Schirmer
Sophia Schirmer
Sophie Sledgister
Rose Tracey



On Sunday, May 7th, at the Cathedral in Peoria, the sacrament of Confirmation will be confirmed on these youth of our parish. I ask you to please pray for these youth of our parish:

Jack Ellis
Brinley Kleopping
Kayden Kunkel
Abram Longeville
Cruz Rodriguez
Hayden Saylor
Lillian Wray



As these youth grow deeper in their faith, may it help each of us remember our own First Communion and Confirmation. Through these sacraments we are united to our Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit leading us to greater union with our Heavenly Father. The sacraments are our absolute connection to God and empowers us to live holiness of life. May we each be renewed through the sacraments that we have received.

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

The Struggle of Life:

Life is a struggle. Our lower faculties tend lustily towards pleasure, whilst the higher ones are drawn towards moral good. Often conflict goes on between these; what pleases us is not always morally good, and to establish order, reason must fight hostile tendencies and actually conquer. This is the fight of the spirit against the flesh, of the will against passion. This struggle is at times hard and painful. These impulses, nevertheless, are not irresistible. The will helped by the intellect exercises over these moments of passion.

Besides this inward strife, there may be other conflicts between the soul and its Maker. Although it is evident that our plain duty is that of entire submission to our Sovereign Master, yet for this subjection we must pay the price. A lust for freedom and independence ever inclines us to swerve from Divine Authority. The cause lurks in our pride, which cannot be trampled upon, except by the humble admission of our unworthiness and our littleness in the face of those absolute rights the Creator has upon a creature. Thus, it is that even in this purely natural state we would still have a fight to wage against the three fold concupiscence.

The Fall of Man:

Man remained free, and in order to merit heaven he was put to a test. This test consisted in the fulfilment of the divine law. It consisted in particular in the carrying out of a positive command added to the natural law. Genesis expresses it in the form of a prohibition which forbade eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The serpent tempted them. This was a temptation to pride, to revolt against God. Man fell and committed a formal act of disobedience. It was a refusal to submit to God's authority, therefore, a grievous fault. This brought about punishment. As a result of this fall, man has lost the right balance he had as he came from the hands of God. In comparison with his primeval state, he is now injured, unbalanced, as the actual plight of his faculties plainly shows.

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Please join the Illinois Valley Cursillo Community for an evening of Mass, food and fellowship at our May Ul-treya. Saturday, May 13, 2023 at Peterstown. Potluck begins at 6 PM. Laura Lugo will speak on the topic, "Gift and Miracle of Pilgrimage", followed by Mass in the church at 7:30 PM. **June Cursillo weekends at Peterstown:** Men's weekend #2010, June 8-11, 2023 and Women's weekend #2011, 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.

MAGI BABY CHEST



Items needed for the next distribution on May 6th are: summer clothes (sizes Newborn-4T), bucket/sun hats, swimsuits, new baby books (up to age 4), baby gates, wipes & diapers (sizes preemie, newborn, & 6), baby bottles, powdered baby formula, strollers, diaper cream, and baby toys and teethingers.

Please make checks payable to St. Louis Church. Thank you to everyone who donates to this wonderful cause!

Save the Date: The next Mom's Night Out event will be held on Friday, May 5th from 6-9PM. Come and enjoy some adult drinks and shopping, plus free childcare!

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 24 **St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr**
7:00 am +Sister Eloise Marie Pulskamp by Amie Neiman

Tuesday, April 25 **St. Mark, Evangelist**
5:15pm +Pollard Family by Mandy Robinson
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Wednesday, April 26 **Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Easter**
7:00am +Joan Wagner by Dave and Rochelle

Thursday, April 27 **Thursday of the 3rd Week of Easter**
5:15pm +Phyllis and Clarence Pagano
by Tim & Julie Puhr
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Friday, April 28 **St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;**
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
7:00am +Sheryl Barnhart

Saturday, April 29 **Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter**
4:00 pm + Christine Jordan Kalil by Cathy Trowbridge

Sunday, April 30 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
7:30 am +Beth Uher by Colleen Sailer
9:00 am +JoAnn Legner by Jim & Ann Hunter
10:30am People of the Parish



A Holy Hour for Life Benediction, Rosary, and other Prayers

This Sunday, April 23rd 6-7pm
All are welcome to gather in prayer
in the Church for the intention of respect
for the sacredness of all human life.



Youth Group Night Sunday, April 23rd 6-7:30 pm

We will meet in the Youth Group Room for a short bible study, followed by games and prayer time.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The St. Louis Altar and Rosary Society would like to thank all who made contributions to the memorial fund for the Easter sanctuary decorations and flowers. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Our next dinner & meeting will be this Tuesday, April 25th at 6pm. Fr. Hepner is our guest speaker and will discuss keeping kids/children Catholic!! All women of the parish are invited!

If you have sold our 50/50 raffle tickets, please be sure to turn in your raffle stubs and money!

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, April 29th

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence
EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Mandy Robinson
Lectors: Sophia Oester
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy, Colleen Sissel

7:30 am: Sunday, April 30th

Altar Servers: Brady Peach
EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Tom Jagers
Lectors: Margaret Martinkus
Sacristan: Lori Atilano
Ushers: Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey, Bill Uher

9:00 am: Sunday, April 30th

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry
EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Mandy Robinson
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Herb Rhees
Sacristan: Quint Quiram
Ushers: Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker, Dan Legner

10:30 am: Easter Sunday, April 30th

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Brennan Roden
EMHC: Tim Smith & Time Taylor
Lectors: David Roden
Sacristan: Tim Smith
Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

EMHC Homebound: Lynn Delaney 9N
Mandy Robinson 9S

EMHC for Nursing Homes: Pat Galassi-Carlson—
Liberty; Paula Lough—Greenfield; Rita Tracey—
Liberty; Gerry Woodlief—Aperion

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 16, 2023

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	\$ 6,460.00
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 40.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Amount needed to date:	\$273,000.00
Amount Received to date:	\$282,635.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 9,635.00

If you have a Rice Bowl as part of your Lenten almsgiving, please turn it in by April 30th. You may leave it on any of the Information Tables, or place it in the collection basket with your weekly contribution.

Readings for the week of April 23rd

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11(11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6(1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND: Next weekend, April 29 & 30, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. All of the high need items are in short supply. Those include; breakfast cereal, peanut butter, canned fruit, hamburger helper, boxed potatoes and diced tomatoes. It's hard to believe school will be out for the summer in just a few weeks and the pressure that puts on families to provide additional meals at home. Thanks to all who donate so generously each month. God bless.



**Sat. May 6th 6:30pm
Harkrader Hall**

Bingo Night is free: no entry fees and no card fees. Bingo Night is family friendly. Everyone is invited, young and old, parishioner or non-parishioner. Wonderful game prizes. Appetizers and drinks provided.



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!



DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION 2023

