



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA - PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

PASTOR NOTE

Holy Week: Today we enter into the most holy week of the year. We recall the saving work of our Lord Jesus. I invite you to enter more deeply into the mysteries of this week. Please join us for the special Masses this week. It is my prayer that the events of this week will draw us more deeply into the death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Holy Thursday Mass, 7pm. Good Friday Stations, 12 noon, Service, 3pm. Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass, 8pm. Regretfully, there are no candidates entering the Church at the Easter Vigil. We will still enjoy a party following the Easter Vigil. Easter Sunday, 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am.

During Holy Week, the church will be unlocked throughout the day. The East door near the Mother's Chapel will be unlocked from about 7 or 8am to about 8pm. You and your family are invited to stop by the church and enjoy a quiet prayerful moment. Booklets for the Stations of the Cross will be available near the first station. There is great beauty and grace while quietly praying the Stations alone or with your family. It is also wonderful to enjoy the peaceful quiet of the church while praying before the Blessed Sacrament bathed in the beautiful windows' light. I encourage you to stop by the Church for prayer during this Holy Week.

Extra Confessions: One of the best ways to receive our Lord's saving grace during Holy Week is by making a good confession. I encourage you to make a good confession during one of these extra Confession times: Mon. 3/25 at 5pm; Tue. 3/26 at 7:30am; Wed. 3/27 at 5pm; Thur. 3/28 at 4pm; Fri. 3/29 after 12pm Stations; Sat. 3/30 at 3pm.

Holy Thursday Church Visits: There is a long-standing tradition of visiting neighboring churches on Holy Thursday night. This imitates Jesus praying in the garden with His disciples. Many graces are received when visiting three churches on Holy Thursday night. Most churches remain open quite late on Thursday night.

Divine Mercy Parish Celebration: Sunday, April 7, 2:30pm Adoration, 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction, 3:30 dinner from Los Ranchitos, followed by family and kids' activities, adult social time, and wonderful door prizes.

Thanks for a Wonderful Fish Fry: We had a wonderful Fish Fry on March 15th. I loved to see all of the people come out and enjoy time together. Many thanks to Laury Mavity and Megan Evans for all of their hard work coordinating the fish fry. I am grateful for all of the volunteers who helped in so many ways. It was a fantastic success. We served 414 meals! We made a profit of over \$2,900. Thank you to all of those who came out to the fish fry.

HVAC Replacement: The HVAC units for Harkrader Hall are original to the building. A few months ago, I announced that the units were breaking down and needed to be replaced. I am happy to announce that last week they were replaced providing up-to-date units. These new units cost about \$50,000. I am grateful for donations that we have received for this repair. I kindly ask for further donations to defray this cost. You may place your donation in an envelope marked HVAC repair. This may be placed in the collection, dropped at the Parish Office or mailed to the Parish Office. Thank you for considering making a donation for our new HVAC units.

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

Mental Prayer of Beginners: Necessity

Systematic meditation is a highly effective means of sanctification; however, it is not necessary for the salvation of most Christians. What is necessary is prayer by which we render homage to God and obtain grace. Evidently, this cannot be done without attention on the part of the mind and desire on the part of the heart. No doubt, to prayer must be joined the consideration of the great Christian truths and of the great Christian duties, together with self-examination. But we accomplish all these without the practice of systematic meditation, by simply listening to the religious instructions given in Church, by pious reading, and by the examination of conscience.

Meditation, however, is most useful and most profitable to all for salvation and perfection; to beginners, as well as to more advanced souls. It may be even said that it is the most effective means of assuring one's salvation. This is the teaching of St. Alphonsus, who gives the following reason, that whilst habitually practicing the other exercises of piety, like the Rosary, the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin, fasting, etc...one may unfortunately, still continue to live in mortal sin, whilst the habitual practice of mental prayer cannot suffer one to remain long in such a state. One either relinquishes mental prayer or relinquishes sin. How could we day by day go into the presence of God, the source of all holiness, while conscious of mortal sin, and not determine, with the help of grace, to break with sin and to seek in the Tribunal of Penance that pardon the supreme need of which we recognize? But, if we have not appointed time and not practical method for the consideration of the great religious truths, we allow ourselves to be carried away by dissipation of mind and the example of the world, until we lapse into sin and live in sin.

If devoted men and women who dedicate part of their time to works of zeal. If they want their apostolate to be fruitful, it must be vivified by the spirit of recollection and by prayer. Let it not be urged that the time consecrated to this exercise is taken from works of zeal. It would be to approach great error to imagine that action is more necessary than grace and prayer, whereas in reality works of zeal are all the more faithful, as they are inspired by a life of greater interior recollection, which is in turn nourished by mental prayer.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, March 25	<u>Monday of Holy Week</u> 7:00am +Mary Dennis by the Mary Dennis Family
Tuesday, March 26	<u>Tuesday of Holy Week</u> *7:00am +Helen Burgess by Dan & Cynthia Tracy
Wednesday, March 27	<u>Wednesday of Holy Week</u> 7:00am +Deb Funfsinn by Steve & Colleen Harmon
Thursday, March 28	<u>Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</u> *7:00pm +Jim & Elsie Collins by Madeleine Robinson
Friday, March 29	<u>Friday of the Passion of the Lord</u> **3:00pm Good Friday Service - No Mass
Saturday, March 30	<u>Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection</u> *8:00pm +Wayne Whalen by Brother Knights of Columbus
Sunday, March 31	<u>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</u> 7:30am People of the Parish 9:00am +Jean Kelly by Family 10:30am +Danny Gelsomino by Paul & Bridgette Castelein
	*Change of Mass Times **No Mass—Good Friday Service

The Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group will meet on Tuesday, April 2 from 1 - 3 pm at 521 S. First St. This group is open to women of any age who have lost a child (children) from an illness, accident, over dose, miscarriage, addiction or suicide. We all understand each other's grief and unending pain. Shelley Gorenz, a professional counselor, is on hand to help us. Jeanie Gelsomino facilitates the group. QUESTIONS? Call Jeanie at (815) 866-6571.

Thanks from Fr. Mike: Thanks for all the cards, prayers and best wishes sent my way during my recent knee replacement surgery as well as at the time of my 80th birthday. I'm happy to report that I'm recovering from both nicely. I look forward to seeing you again from time to time beginning in April. May you and your loved ones have a Blessed Holy Week. Be assured of my continuing prayers for you and for the whole community of St. Louis Parish.

THE LITURGICAL CORNER

Today begins what is appropriately called "Holy Week." In some countries and languages, this week is known as "Great Week," and it is not difficult for us to see why. One of the prayers of the liturgy this week reminds us that we are celebrating "the great events which gave us new life in Christ." There is so much one could say about Holy Week, and especially about the heart of it, namely the Sacred Triduum, that is, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. Triduum means "three days." From a liturgical point of view, we notice that on each of the days of the Triduum there is a procession, which is very significant to worship:

- On Holy Thursday, the procession is with the Eucharist to the Place of Reservation, commonly called the Repository. What is being celebrated during this procession is the exaltation of Christ. He is with us "on the way," which is why we have a procession.
- On Good Friday, the procession is with the Cross. Again, the "way" of Christ was one of suffering love.
- On Easter Vigil, the procession is with the Easter Candle, and in fact the candle is at the head of the procession. Christ our Light leads the way, and where He leads us is into His sanctuary, the closest place to heaven on earth.

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

7:00pm Thursday, March 28th Mass of the Lord's Supper

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry, Anaisabela Ramirez

EMHC: Tim Taylor, Gene Menard

Lectors: Julie Hassler

Sacristan: Mandy Robinson

Ushers: Jeff & Michael Ellis

3:00pm Friday, March 29th Good Friday Service

Altar Servers: Angelo Bystry, Cameron & Sam Lawrence, Anaisabela Ramirez

EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey

Lectors: Steve Harmon

Sacristan: Mandy Robinson

Ushers: Ushers needed —please contact parish office

8:00 pm: Saturday, March 30th

Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry, Jackson Mason, Anaisabela Ramirez, Luke Smith

EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Tim Smith

Lectors: Patty Daluga, Gene Menard

Sacristan: Mandy Robinson

Ushers: Ushers needed —please contact parish office

7:30 am: Sunday, March 31st, Easter Sunday

Altar Servers: Brady Peach

EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey

Lectors: Margaret Martinkus

Sacristan: Lori Atilano

Ushers: Gary Blessman, Tom Murphy, Dennis Thompson

9:00 am: Sunday, March 31st, Easter Sunday

Altar Servers: Sylvie Viger

EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Lynn Delaney

Camera Operator: Marty Makransky

Lectors: Mario Carlone

Sacristan: Quint Quiram

Ushers: Tom Giehl, Dave & Judy Moore

10:30 am: Sunday, March 31st, Easter Sunday

Altar Servers: Dominic Vasquez

EMHC: Linda Carter, Tim Smith

Lectors: Jeff Peacock

Sacristan: Linda Carter

Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC Homebound: Mandy Robinson 9/N;
Lynn Delaney 9/S

EMHC for Nursing Home: Patty Galassi-Carlson —
Aperion; Mary Beth Crowe—Hawthorne; Tim Taylor—
Greenfield; Rita Tracey—Liberty

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 March 17, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ 5,408.00
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 1,342.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$ 256,500.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ 264,699.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 8,199.00

Readings for the week of March 25th

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 /Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps
116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 /1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 /Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14,
24, 35/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
(1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps
30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15,
32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5;
43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col
3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7



ST. LOUIS PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

March 24th | 1:00 - 6:00 PM

"GRANT, ALMIGHTY GOD, THROUGH THE YEARLY OBSERVANCES OF HOLY LENT, THAT WE MAY GROW IN UNDERSTANDING OF THE RICHES HIDDEN IN CHRIST AND BY WORTHY CONDUCT PURSUE THEIR EFFECTS"

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

"We adore you
O Christ and we
praise you,
Because by your
holy Cross you
have redeemed
the world."

Good Friday, March 29th at Noon

Little Lending Library

BOOK REVIEW
"The Wordless Weaver"

Set in the time of Jesus, the 'Wordless Weaver' is a fictionalized story of the origins of the Shroud of Turin. This is a story of deep compassion and miracles. Ages 8-12. Perfect for Easter.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

Thursday, April 18th 2pm—7pm
Harkrader Hall

To schedule, please contact Bob Schabow at bschab57@gmail.com or scan the QR code

Appointments preferred. Walk ins are welcome.

LENT EXTRA CONFESSIONS

Confessions Holy Week
March 25th - March 30th

Monday - 5pm
 Tuesday - 7:30am
 Wednesday - 5pm
 Thursday - 4pm
 Friday - 12:30pm
 Saturday - 3pm

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 28th
Confession 4pm; Mass at 7pm followed by Eucharistic Procession and Adoration in Harkrader Hall

Good Friday, March 29th
Stations of the Cross at Noon; Confession 12:30pm; Good Friday Service 3pm

Holy Saturday, March 30th
Confession 3pm; Easter Vigil Mass 8pm; Reception follows

Easter Sunday, March 31st
Mass: 7:30am; 9:00am (incense free); 10:30am