



# SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA - PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.’” - Lk 16:25

## PASTOR NOTE

I cannot believe that we are about to start the Month of October. The bishops of the United States have designated October as Pro-Life month. This particular month is of great importance considering that the Courts overturned the *Roe* decision earlier this summer. Now is the time for us to re-double our efforts to advance the dignity of life, especially in the State of Illinois. We all know that Illinois has some of the most aggressive laws against the dignity of life. I encourage all of us to work towards overturning our State's general position against the dignity of life.



## LIFE CHAIN

Next Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, I invite you to join me at Veteran's Park at 2:45pm. Our parish will participate in the national life chain beginning at 3pm. After an opening prayer, participants quietly stand on the sidewalk holding signs promoting life until about 4pm.

Last year we had a wonderful turnout, about fifty people. This year I hope we have an even greater turnout. I challenge our parish to double the participants from last year. Now is the time for us to peacefully, quietly and prayerfully, demonstrate our support for an end to abortion in our state. The loud voices promoting abortion must be met by the silent majority of those who do not support the killing of innocent life. Participating in the national life chain is a wonderful way to promote the dignity of life.

During this respect life month, I encourage you to find and view the movie: "Unplanned." This movie came out about a year ago. It chronicles the conversion of Abby Johnson who once worked for Planned Parenthood. This is a very powerful movie that shows the errors of Planned Parenthood and Abby's profound conversion. It is R rated due to some bloody and disturbing images. Other than this, it is generally an unoffensive movie. I encourage you to download this movie. It is truly an inspiring movie and has helped change the debate regarding abortion.

**Prayer for a Good and Safe Harvest:** St. Isidore is the patron saint of farmers. As farmers begin to take in the harvest, all are encouraged to offer a prayer to St. Isidore:

Grant, O Lord, that through the intercession of Saint Isidore, the farmer, may we enjoy a rich harvest. By his intercession, may our farmers be kept safe. May we follow his example of patience and humility, and so walk faithfully in his footsteps that in the evening of life we may be able to present to You an abundant harvest of merit and good works, Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

## NOURISHED IN SPIRIT

Through children we see the bond of marriage come alive. Children also enhance the partnership of marriage. God joined the man and woman together. They fall deeply in love with each other. But, this love must never become narcissistic and self-centered. The good of partnership is the living out of the marriage vows and bond. The partnership calls each person to give love and sacrifice. The man and woman must go out of themselves towards the other. The couple's mutual exchange of sacrificial love must go out of themselves. Through the command, "Be fertile and multiply," God requires the bonded couple to give love to the world. They must let their mutually shared love flow into the world. It must go out of themselves. Of course, this can be done in many ways: service to family, their careers, service to the community and Church. However, this giving away reaches a special climax in the goodness of children.

In a pre-eminent way, children are the perfection of the mutual spousal love reaching out to others. All of us know (far better than I) the constant sacrifice and giving that is required in rearing children. They are extremely needy. And, their neediness is part of God's plan. Imagine if children were not needy and did not grow. What woman would want to give birth to a grown adult? For most women a nine pound baby is hard enough! God's plan requires human growth and maturation. And, this process is not only for the child. It is also for the parents. Children make parents grow and mature. Their neediness forces the parents to be more sacrificial and giving. They force parents to be more responsible. New parents learn this first hand as the baby wakes up throughout the night. In a similar way, the child helps the parents grow in greater partnership. This becomes very evident in the practical care of the child—it's your turn to change the baby. According to God's plan, the child is very integral to the couple's partnership and love growing and maturing. Children are not an intrusion into a young couple's marital love. Instead, it is actually a catalyst towards greater and greater love.

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**stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com**

### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, September 26	<b><u>Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</u></b> 7:00 am +Joseph Michlig, Sr. by Carol Michlig
Tuesday, September 27	<b><u>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</u></b> 5:15pm +Sandy Thomson by Amie Neiman 4-5:00 Holy Hour
Wednesday, September 28	<b><u>St. Wenceslaus, Martyr;</u></b> <b><u>St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs</u></b> 7:00 am + Allyson Murray by Tim & Julie Puhr
Thursday, September 29	<b><u>Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,</u></b> <b><u>Archangels</u></b> 5:15pm + David Doty by Janis Doty & Family 4-5:00 Holy Hour
Friday, September 30	<b><u>First Friday; St. Jerome, Priest</u></b> <b><u>and Doctor of the Church</u></b> 7:00 am +Edgardo Felix by Amie Neiman
Saturday, October 1	<b><u>First Saturday; Vigil of the 27th Sunday</u></b> <b><u>in Ordinary Time</u></b> 7:00 am +Mike Bickett by Nancy Bickett 4:00 pm + Anthony F. Carr by Jim and Peg Sandberg
Sunday, October 2	<b><u>The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b> 7:30 am +Cecilia Hartwig by Tom & Mary Murphy 9:00 am +Hank Skibinski by Bernie Skibinski 10:30 am People of the Parish

## ***NOURISHED IN SPIRIT (continued from inside cover)***

The Church has always understood the importance of children within marriage. Children are the enfleshment of the bond of marriage. And, they are the path to the perfection of marital partnership. Now, to the best of my knowledge, sex is still the leading cause of children. Therefore, the goodness of children is intimately connected to the goodness of sex. So, the Church has always advocated the proper understanding of sex. God has taught us that all sexual activity outside of marriage is gravely sinful. It is only within the context of marriage that the true meaning of sex can be fully expressed. God has created sex with a three-fold purpose, goodness and meaning. He created sex to be for pleasure, for a bonding union and for openness to children. Only when all three of these are present can the full meaning of sex be expressed according to God's plan. In other words, only when all three are present can sex be morally permissible. If one of these three are missing or maligned, then sex is sinful. God wants sex to be for a bonding union. God is a communion of divine persons. So, he has created us to seek communion with others. We do this through our social interactions, family and friendships. The sexual bond is one of the highest forms of inter-personal communion. In fact, the very bodily act speaks a natural language of unity and love. Everyone knows that sex is the greatest way to say, "I love you and give myself to you." That is the natural body language that is spoken. However, the body language and the person's heart do not always match. During sexual union, the body is saying total love. But, many times, the heart is saying something different: "I'm lonely, you're available," "I want to prove myself," "You're better than the last one," "When will this be over," and on and on. The full meaning of sexual union is when the body and the heart say the same thing. And, this can only be done in marriage. Only in marriage has the couple totally, freely, and completely given themselves away in a mutual bond of love. The secret of their hearts have been revealed. Only through the vows of marriage, have they made the promise of future love, even in the midst of sacrifice. Outside of marriage, their hearts always mean something less than total gift of self and total union. Through the body, sex says total love. Only in marriage does the body and heart say the same thing. In all other contexts there is a disconnect – a disunity. Therefore, sex outside of marriage violates God's plan of bonding. Certainly there is physical bonding in non-marital sex. But, it is incomplete and therefore sinful.

## Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

### 4:00 pm: Saturday, October 1st

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence  
EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Dave Lawrence  
Lectors: Sophia Oester  
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson  
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

### 7:30 am: Sunday, October 2nd

Altar Servers: Brady Peach  
EMHC: Elizabeth Peddicord, Rita Tracey  
Lectors: Mary Paula Schmitt  
Sacristan: Joann Bowman  
Ushers: Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey, Bill Uher

### 9:00 am: Sunday, October 2nd

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Sydney Scully  
EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Tim Smith  
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky  
Lectors: Diane Carlone  
Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli  
Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

### 10:30 am: Sunday, October 2nd

Altar Servers: Jackson Mason, Luke Smith  
EMHC: Dave Boylan, Linda Carter  
Lectors: Marcia Obenhaus  
Sacristan: Linda Carter  
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

**EMHC Homebound:** Mandy Robinson 9/S  
Tim Smith 9/N

### EMHC for Nursing Homes:

Cindy Behrends - Greenfield; Mary Beth Crowe -  
Hawthorne; Patty Daluga - Aperion;  
Rita Tracey - Liberty

## ADA CORNER

You should have received a mailing from Bishop Tylka for the Annual Diocesan Appeal. If you did not receive a letter from the Bishop, please pick up a donation card near the doors of the church. Please prayerfully consider your donation and mail the pledge card directly to the Diocese. Your donation will help the Diocese in many ways, this week we focus on: **VOCATIONS**

*Vocation is our individual path to holiness and growing the Kingdom. Following our vocation requires allowing ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit to love and follow Jesus.*

Emmaus Knights is a new program for the formation of young men and their fathers. Go to [www.cdop.org/ada](http://www.cdop.org/ada) to learn more about this program and to watch the ADA videos.

"We have Emmaus Knights once a month and we are calling men from all around the diocese — not only the young men but also their fathers — to come here to be formed, to be trained, to realize what God is asking them to do in their lives." — Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck Vocations Director, Diocese of Peoria

## 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	4:30—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 | 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.



### First Saturday Devotion

In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the salvation of souls and peace in the world  
**Saturday, October 1st 7am**

## STEWARDSHIP

### Church Monetary Support Through September 18, 2022

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	\$ 7,184.00
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 684.00

### Fiscal Period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Amount needed to date:	\$78,000.00
Amount Received to date:	\$79,405.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 1,405.00



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!*

### Readings for the week of September 25

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 89:9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31  
Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50  
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cd, 3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51  
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5, 6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24  
Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 89/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-1

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**Saturday, October 29th - 6:30pm  
Harkrader Hall**

The cost is \$10 per participant. 10% of all entry fees will be donated to the **Magi Baby Chest**. The top team will receive 65% of the entry fees. 25% will go to the second place team. Drinks and simple snacks will be provided. Form a team of no more than 8 people. Or, you may come on your own and be assigned to a team.

**Come out for this fun evening to raise money for our new Magi Baby Chest and let's see who will be the trivia champs!**

**Volunteers are needed  
for our first distribution day  
of the Magi Baby Chest  
on October 1st  
(9AM-12PM)!**

If you are interested please  
contact Jessica Murphy  
stl.jessicamurphy@gmail.com or  
at 217-433-9329.

**Baby Blessings!**



**HARKRADER HALL  
SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 1ST 7PM**



**JOIN US FOR THE FIRST  
PARTY OF FALL!**  
Appetizers, wine, beer and soda  
will be provided.

(must be 21 or older to attend)

### CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A



Please join us for the next Catholic Forum on Sunday, October 2nd at 6:30pm at Harkrader Hall. Everyone is invited to meet for a Question/Answer session about any faith topic. Individuals ask their questions and Msgr. Kruse attempts to provide an answer.

### CCW News

**Fall Kickoff Meeting—  
This Tuesday, September 27th**

The CCW officers invite all women of the parish to participate in the monthly CCW meetings and activities this coming year. The first meeting of the new year will be a **potluck held on Tuesday, September 27th at 6pm**. Our program will be a slideshow presentation of Haiti by Barb Grebner & Lynn Webber. Please bring your favorite dish to pass and join us to kickoff another great year...while we pray together, sing together, & learn together on this great journey of our Catholic faith!

**St. Louis Parish      October 9th  
Pet Blessing                      1PM**



**LIFE CHAIN  
Sunday October 2, 2022**

We will meet at Veteran's Park at 2:45 pm. From 3 -4pm we will stand in prayerful silence, reflection and praying for the more than 3,500 unborn Americans who each day lose their lives to abortion. We will also pray for their mothers and fathers, abortionists, clergy, our president and the legislative leaders of America. Pro-life signs will be provided. Everyone and every age is welcome. If you are unable to stand for an hour, you may bring a chair. Please contact Rita Tracey at 879-0308 with questions. ***We must "never stop defending life until all our brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all, through Christ our Lord. Amen!"***



Peoria Diocesan  
Council of Catholic  
Women  
invites you to our  
**Biennial Convention**  
Saturday, October 8, 2022  
St. Louis Church, Princeton

For more information, go to  
peoriadccw.org.blogspot.com  
or call President Mary Ann Hughes  
at 217-597-1021

*Receive and be Filled with Joy*