



# SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

# EASTER SUNDAY



“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” - Mt 28:5b-6

## PASTOR NOTE

Happy Easter!!! This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Today we recall the most marvelous and mysterious events in the life of Christ. The Resurrection is both an historic event and a transcendent event.

The Resurrection is an *historical event* where Christ truly rose to new life. The empty tomb, the burial cloths, the appearances of Jesus and witnesses of the disciples verify the historical event of the Resurrection. It's an historic fact: Christ truly rose from the dead.

And, the Resurrection is a completely *transcendent event* that cannot be seen or comprehended by any human person. The Catechism says: The Resurrection is the entry of Christ's humanity into the glory of God. Therefore, the Resurrection is an object of faith in that it is a transcendent intervention of God himself in creation and history. In it the three divine persons act together as one, and manifest their own proper characteristics. the Father's power "raised up" Christ his Son and by doing so perfectly introduced his Son's humanity, including his body, into the Trinity. Jesus is conclusively revealed as "Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his Resurrection from the dead". St. Paul insists on the manifestation of God's power through the working of the Spirit who gave life to Jesus' dead humanity and called it to the glorious state of Lordship.

As for the Son, he effects his own Resurrection by virtue of his divine power. Jesus announces that the Son of man will have to suffer much, die, and then rise. Elsewhere he affirms explicitly: "I lay down my life, that I may take it again. . . I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." "We believe that Jesus died and rose again."

The Fathers contemplate the Resurrection from the perspective of the divine person of Christ who remained united to his soul and body, even when these were separated from each other by death: "By the unity of the divine nature, which remains present in each of the two components of man, these are reunited. For as death is produced by the separation of the human components, so Resurrection is achieved by the union of the two."

The truth of Jesus' divinity is confirmed by his Resurrection. He had said: "When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will know that I am he." The Resurrection of the crucified one shows that he was truly "I AM", the Son of God and God himself.

The Paschal mystery has two aspects: by his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life. This new life is above all justification that reinstates us in God's grace, "so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Justification consists in both victory over the death caused by sin and a new participation in grace. It brings about filial adoption so that men become Christ's brethren.

Finally, Christ's Resurrection - and the risen Christ himself is the principle and source of our future resurrection: "Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. . . For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."

## The Spiritual Life

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

The Excellence of Ascetical Theology:

Its excellence come from its object, the perfect of Christian life, which is one of the most exalted man can possibly study. It is in fact the divine life present and constantly fostered in the soul of man. If we analyze this notion, we shall readily not how worthy of our attention this branch of theology is.

First of all, we make a study of God in His most intimate relations with the soul. That is, we consider the Most Blessed Trinity dwelling and living in us, giving us a share in the divine life, collaborating in our good works and thus ever aiding us to develop that life; we see the same Triune God helping us to purify and beautify our soul by the practice of virtue, transforming it till it be ripe for the beatific vision. Can we imagine a like grandeur? We cannot think of anything more sublime than this transformation God works in souls in order to unite them to Himself and assimilate them perfectly.

We next study the soul itself cooperating with God. We see it weaning itself little by little from its faults and imperfections, nursing Christian virtues, making efforts to imitate the virtues of its Divine Model in spite of the obstacles it finds both within and without, fostering the gifts of the Holy Ghost, developing a marvelous responsiveness to the least touch of grace, and becoming each day more and more like its Father in Heaven. Today, when life and the questions related thereto are considered the ones most worthy of our attention, we cannot overestimate the import of a science that treats of a supernatural life, of a participation in God's own life, that tells us its origin, its growth and its full development in eternity. Is it not the most noble object of study?

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**Mass Intentions**

Monday, April 10 **Monday in the Octave of Easter**  
7:00 am +Special Intention

Tuesday, April 11 **Tuesday in the Octave of Easter**  
5:15pm +Joan Provost by Mandy Robinson  
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Wednesday, April 12 **Wednesday in the Octave of Easter**  
7:00am + Ray DeMay by Mick & Karen Towns

Thursday, April 13 **Thursday in the Octave of Easter**  
5:15pm + Ron Hulslander by Annette Hulslander  
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Friday, April 14 **Friday in the Octave of Easter**  
7:00am +Helen Rich

Saturday, April 15 **Vigil of Divine Mercy**  
4:00 pm + Grace Miller by Barbara Bass

Sunday, April 16 **Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
7:30 am +Todd Hermeyer by Tim & Julie Puhr  
9:00 am +Joan Kunkel by Family  
10:30am People of the Parish

The parish office will be closed in observance of Holy Thursday (April 6), Good Friday (April 7) and Easter Monday (April 10). Parish business will resume on Tuesday, April 11, at 8:00 am.

**Readings for the week of April 9th**

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 Mt 28:1-10

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 82ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1) Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

**BLOOD DRIVE** **BLOODCENTER.ORG**

**Princeton Knights of Columbus**  
Thursday, April 13  
2:30pm – 6:00pm  
St. Louis Catholic Church – Harkrader Hall  
616 S. Gosse Blvd.

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL. APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED.  
To schedule, please scan the QR code below  
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bschab57@gmail.com.



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**ImpactLife**

**50/50 Raffle** **CHANCE TO WIN!**

The Altar & Rosary Society  
is selling 50/50 raffle tickets  
You can contact members for tickets.

**\$10 per ticket—Drawing will be Sunday, May 7th**

**St Bede Scholarship opportunity for Students:** The Knights of Columbus announces a \$500 Scholarship opportunity per student attending St Bede Academy this fall. However, the amount of an individual scholarship could be lower depending on the number of applicants as there is a limitation on the total amount of scholarships. The annual limitation will be determined by the Council. Scholarships are limited to practicing Catholics who are members of St Louis Parish. Scholarships will only be considered for the student's first year of attendance at St Bede. There is an upper income limitation. Students from families with adjusted gross income, as shown on the most recent federal income tax return for the current year, of \$150,000 or more are not eligible. Scholarship funds will be provided directly to St Bede Academy. Scholarship application forms can be found on the table outside Harkrader Hall and must be returned before May 29, 2023.

### Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

#### **4:00 pm: Saturday, April 15th**

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

#### **7:30 am: Sunday, April 16th**

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

#### **9:00 am: Sunday, April 16th**

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry  
EMHC: Patty Daluga, Tim Taylor  
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky  
Lectors: Herb Rhees  
Sacristan: Quint Quiram  
Ushers: Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker, Dan Legner

#### **10:30 am: Easter Sunday, April 16th**

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Sylvie Viger  
EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Linda Carter  
Lectors: Jeff Peacock  
Sacristan: Linda Carter  
Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

**EMHC Homebound:** Patty Daluga—9N  
Tim Taylor—9S

**EMHC for Nursing Homes:** Mary Beth Crowe—  
Hawthorne; Tom Jagers—Greenfield; Mandy Robinson—  
Aperion; Rita Tracey—Liberty

### ***Belonging* Baptism Preparation**

Please contact Rebekah Mead to schedule baptismal  
prep classes and the ceremony.  
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## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

*to the following couples celebrating their  
50th Plus Wedding Anniversary in April*

*Mike & Lynn Farley married on 4/4/64*

*Dave & Susan Boylan married on 4/4/70*

*Stephen & Sandra Arkels married on 4/22/72*

*Doug & Alice Cook married on 4/26/69*

*Gerald & Michele Neumann married on 4/26/69*

## **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**

Due to the holiday early submission deadline for the  
bulletin, totals for April 2nd were not available at the  
time of printing. They will be provided in next week-  
end's bulletin.

# **Allow Him to lead**

Become the man, husband  
and father God is calling  
you to be.



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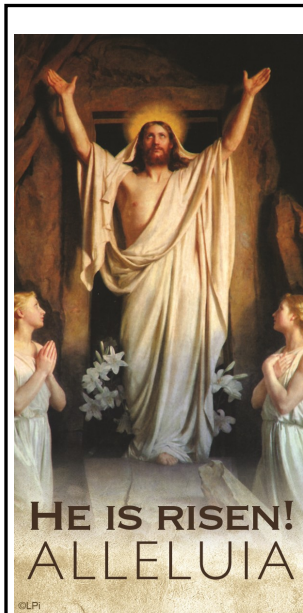




### Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

Good and gracious heavenly Father, we come before you on this Easter Sunday with full and grateful hearts for the gift of the Paschal Mystery that you showed us in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.

Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love. Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you. You are God for all. We ask all this in Christ's name. Amen.



We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through his own pain to the glory of the Resurrection. And we live in the light of his Paschal Mystery - the mystery of his Death and Resurrection. **"We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!"**. We are not looking for a shallow joy but rather a joy that comes from faith, that grows through unselfish love, that respects the "fundamental duty of love of neighbour, without which it would be unbecoming to speak of joy". We realize that joy is

demanding; it demands unselfishness; it demands a readiness to say with Mary: "Be it done unto me according to thy word".  
-St. John Paul II

## DIVINE MERCY PARISH CELEBRATION



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH

2:30pm Adoration  
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction

Family and kids' activities, adult social time, door prizes, and dinner from Los Ranchitos!

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Volunteers Needed** for Divine Mercy Sunday Parish Celebration April 16th: Volunteers are needed in different capacities: set-up, clean-up, help serve food and help with children's activities. The activities will be planned. We are looking for some help at the different stations to assist the children as needed. If you would like to make a dessert for the event, please do so.

Please contact Susanna Prushinski 815-915-6960 to volunteer or bring a dessert.

## MAGI BABY CHEST



We had another very successful opening last Saturday April 1st. **We served 67 families!** We gave out 13 laundry soaps, 1,380 diapers, 58 packs of wipes, 9 spring jackets, 18 sets of baby bottles, 44 baby food items, and 3 car seats plus much much more!

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

*Thank you to everyone who donates to this wonderful cause! You are the reason these families feel loved and supported.*