



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Well done, my good and faithful servant.” – Mt 25:21

PASTOR NOTE

We are about to begin some of the busiest times of the year. It is only fitting that we begin with our Thanksgiving celebration later this week. Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9am. The usual 4pm Adoration and 5:15pm Mass is canceled. I hope that you will enjoy time with your family.

This week always gives us a chance to pause and give thanks to God for the many blessings that we have received throughout this year and our entire lives. I encourage you to offer thanks for God's many blessings. I am truly grateful to serve as your pastor. I love our parish and love serving all of you. I am grateful for your trust in me especially as we embrace so many parish activities. Thank you.

We enter the Advent Season beginning on Dec. 3rd. This year Advent is a bit short because Christmas falls on a Monday. The fourth week of Advent is simply Dec. 24th. I want to draw your attention to some schedule items so that you are well prepared for these busy days.

Growing Disciples: You may recall that the Diocese is involved in a re-alignment of parishes. In early October we learned the second proposed model for our parish which is the merger of the parishes of St. Louis, Princeton; St. John, Walnut, Immaculate Conception, Ohio, and St. Mary, Tiskilwa. We have had the opportunity to submit feedback to the Bishop regarding this proposal. The period for offering Feedback will end on Nov. 23, 2023. If you wish to offer feedback, please pick up a sheet near the hall. Or, visit the website: <https://www.growingdisciplescdop.org>. Find the upper right button "Submit feedback." Then complete the form.

Altar and Rosary Cookie Walk: Sat. Dec 2nd and Sun. Dec. 3rd.

Parish Bingo: Sat. Dec. 2nd, 6:30pm. In place of the usual wine and cheese we will enjoy a family friendly bingo night. It is completely free with lots of prizes.

Advent Retreat: Sun. Dec. 3rd, 1pm to 6pm. This retreat will focus on the Holy Mass: the mystery of the Mass, an analysis of the Eucharistic prayer, practical tips for praying during Mass, and some reflections on the priest praying at Mass. At the end of the retreat will be Eucharistic Adoration, confessions, evening prayer and Benediction.

Immaculate Conception: Fri. Dec. 8th. Holy Day of Obligation.

Extra Confessions: Mon. Dec. 18. 7-8pm. Tue. Dec. 19. 4pm. Wed. Dec. 20. 5-6pm. Thur. Dec. 21. 6-7pm. Fri. Dec. 22. No extra confessions. Sat. Dec. 23. 3pm

Christmas Mass Schedule : Because Christmas falls on a Monday, some changes for the Sunday Mass schedule needs to change. I need to cancel the Sun., Dec. 24th, 7:30am Mass. I regret any inconvenience. This is the schedule for Christmas days:

Sat. Dec. 23rd: 4pm Mass.

Sun. Dec. 24th: NO 7:30am Mass. 9am Mass and 10:30am Mass

Sun. Dec. 24th: 4pm Mass, 7pm Mass, 10pm Mass

Mon. Dec. 25th: 9am Mass

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

The soul's progress is not always a sustained advance; it is a vital action, with its ebb and flow; at times the soul presses onward, at times it receded; at others, it actually seems but to mark time making no apparent headway.

There is in each of the three ways a number of different degrees. Among beginners, there are those who have a heavy burden of sin to expiate; other there are few sins. It is evident, all things being equal in other respects, that the former must undergo a longer course of penance than the latter. Besides, there are differences arising from temperament, degree of earnestness and constancy. There are souls that eagerly embrace penitential practices, whilst others, on the contrary do so with reluctance; some are generous and would refuse almighty God nothing; some respond to His advances only half-heartedly.

There is a two-fold danger to avoid. Some would, by a forced march, rush through the early stages, the sooner to arrive at divine love; others on the contrary, but mark time and through their own fault tarry in the lower levels because of a lack of generosity or a lack of method. As to those rushing, it must be remembered that the love of God is attained only through self-abnegation and penance. For the slacker, he must be encouraged and stirred into action especially by perfecting their method of prayer and self-examination.

All fundamental virtues belong to each of the three ways, varying only in degree. Thus, beginners must assuredly, exercise themselves especially in the virtue of penance, but they cannot do so without exercising the other virtues. These same virtues must be practiced in the illuminative way, but to a different degree, in a more positive fashion, and with a view of resembling all the more the Divine Model. The same must be done in the unitive way, but to an even higher degree.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, November 20 Weekday in Ordinary Time
7:00am +Sherry Henkel by Bill & Janet Politsch

Tuesday, November 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:15pm +Theresa McNeill by Mandy Robinson
4-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, November 22 St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
7:00am +Sotero & Germana Rosal by Amie Neiman

Thursday, November 23 St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr;
St. Columban, Abbot;
Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr
***9:00am** +Dave Doty by Family

Friday, November 24 St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
7:00am +Judy Williams by Tim & Julie Puhr

Saturday, November 25 Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
4:00pm +Barb Heuer by Deanna Foran

Sunday, November 26 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
7:30am +Marie Uher by Joann Bowman
9:00am +Kristina Giehl by Dan & Sue Legner
10:30am People of the Parish

***Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Nov 23rd will be at 9:00am and Holy Hour and Confession are cancelled**

Parish “Book of Remembrance”



Near the end of each Mass throughout the month of November, we will remember the “Poor Souls” via suffrages — prayers for a quicker purification process for them. Additionally, please consider providing the names of departed loved ones in the parish “Book of Remembrance” which will be located on a podium by the statue of Mary. Those names provided for the “Book of Remembrance” will be prayed for at all Masses throughout the month of November.

Readings for the week of November 19th

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4, 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 3, 5, 6(1Y) Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-4



Please contact Rebekah Mead to schedule baptismal prep classes and the ceremony. stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com | 815-303-2330

FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND: Next weekend, November 25 & 26, 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 still in short supply due to the large demand. Those include; breakfast cereal, peanut butter, canned fruit, hamburger helper, boxed potatoes and canned soups. While inflation appear to be slowing, we all know prices at the grocery store remain high. Along with recent Food Stamp reductions, there is additional pressure on families to provide meals at home. Christmas is just a few weeks away. Thanks to all who donate so generously each month. God bless you for your continuing support.

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, November 25

Altar Servers: Gretchen & Gabby Carden
EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Gene Menard
Lectors: Sophia Oester
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, November 26

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*
EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey
Lectors: Rita Pacunas
Sacristan: Lori Atilano
Ushers: Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson,
Tom Murphy

9:00 am: Sunday, November 26

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry
EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Tim Taylor
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Steve Harmon
Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli
Ushers: Dave & Judy Moore, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Sunday, November 26

Altar Servers: Jackson Mason, Luke Smith
EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Tim Smith
Lectors: David Roden
Sacristan: Tim Smith
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC Homebound Mandy Robinson 9/N
Tim Taylor 9/S

EMHC for Nursing Homes

Pat Galassi-Carlson—Aperion; Mary Beth Crowe—Liberty Hawthorne; Tom Jagers—Greenfield; Rita Tracey—Liberty



Volunteers Needed For Parish Project Saturday Dec. 2nd 8:30-11:30 AM. The work will be focused on the "youth room" which is getting refreshed to make it a space that is suitable for the youth and for other parish groups to gather. The tasks will consist of moving furniture and shelves out of the room, prep cleaning for painting, removal of adhesive from walls, and if time permits maybe a coat of paint. The room is very large and with very high ceilings, beams, and light fixtures. Please contact Susanna (815-915-6960) or the parish office to volunteer for we have space for only 5 volunteers.

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 November 12, 2023

Due to the early bulletin submission deadline for the holiday, totals for November 12th were not available at the time of printing. Totals will be provided in the November 26th bulletin.

Help someone in distress and you lighten your own burden; the very joy of alleviating the sorrow of another is the lessening of one's own.

~ Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen

A Gratitude Examen

Gratitude is one of the greatest spiritual practices. It opens our minds, calms our hearts, and rids bitterness of it's power. The "examen" is a spiritual practice to reflect on how we have responded to God's work in our lives. This Thanksgiving, consider your own reasons for thankfulness!

What Gifts have You given me?
How have I Received love from others?
How is grace at work in Aspects of my life story?
Do I Trust You to continue to bless me?
Where have I missed Your movements?
Have I used my Talents at the service of other?
Do I see a purpose for my life Underway?
How can I have the Discipline to thank You daily?
Help me give Everything back to You!

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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!

MAGI BABY CHEST



Save the Date: Mom's Night Out will be held Friday, December 1st from 6-8PM. Childcare will be provided. Come have some drinks, appetizers, and shop in the Magi Baby Chest!

A BIG thank you to Advanced Asphalt for their very generous donation, and to the Knights of Columbus who donated \$300 worth of winter coats! We'd also like to thank the Evangelical Covenant Church, St. Patrick's in Sheffield, and United Methodist for doing their Christmas giving programs for us this year. Another big thank you to everyone who came out to Culver's to celebrate our 1 year. It truly is a blessing to be surrounded by so many charitable Christians!

***For our December distribution, we are collecting new child/toy nativity sets along with new children's toys and winter coats. The nativity sets were a big hit last Christmas. We gave out 13! *Please note, we cannot accept used toys/stuffed animals.**

High Need Items for December 2nd: new toys (baby & toddler), new children's nativity sets, prenatal vitamins, diapers (size 5, 6, and 7), winter coats (sizes 12 mo - 4T), baby laundry detergent, kids toothpaste, kids vitamins, sippy cups, dish soap, toddler winter hats/gloves, winter coats (sizes 12mo - 4T), winter clothing sizes (NB - 4T), warm baby blankets, high chairs, baby gates, toddler socks. We also need gently used clothing boys & girls (sizes 12 months - 4T).



Attention parents: we have started a children's choir! All children age 7-17 are welcome to join. Rehearsals will be on Mondays from 4 to 5 PM in the church. Please come to the door by the choir-loft stairs. The first performance will be at the 4 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Ernat at stl.matthewernat@gmail.com. Thank you so much for helping us to build the music ministry!

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Our next Altar & Rosary Society meeting is **Tuesday, November 28th at 6pm (corrected date)**. Our guest speaker will be our very own pastor, Msgr. Kruse. All women of the parish are welcome! Bring a friend and join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship, dinner and a great presentation!

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

The Parish Office will be closed for Thanksgiving from Wednesday, November 22nd through Friday, November 24th. We will reopen on Monday, November 27th at 8:00 AM.



Thanksgiving Prayer

God our Father,
Graciously accept from your humble people
a thankful heart and spirit.
Everything we have and are able to share with others
ultimately comes from your love of your creations.
Often we think that everything we have
is our own creation;
we ask you this day to create in us
a spirit of gratitude,
that we may always know
that all good gifts come from you.
Amen

23rd Annual

Free Thanksgiving Dinner

An invitation is extended to you, your family, friends, neighbors, & senior citizens.
~ PICK-UP or DELIVERY Orders ONLY ~ ~ ~ RESERVATION REQUIRED ~

**Thursday, November 23rd
11:00 AM — 1:00 PM**

Evangelical Covenant Church | 24 N. Main St. - Princeton, IL
A free-will offering will be taken & will benefit Magi Baby Chest.

To RSVP for Delivery or Carry Out,

Visit www.eccprinceton.org/thanksgiving by 5pm on November 22nd OR
contact Tad Smith at 815-878-5473 if you do not have access to a computer.

*Reservations will be accepted **November 6th—22nd**.*



Only 250 meals will be served this year.

Sponsored by Evangelical Covenant, New Hope Nazarene, & St. Louis Catholic Churches

Free Thanksgiving Dinner Donations: Thank you to all who signed up to donate item(s)! All donated items will need to be dropped off by **Wednesday, November 22nd at the Evangelical Covenant Church, 24 North Main St., Princeton.**