

SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Diocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Sunday, November 26th, 2023

PASTOR NOTE

I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving. It is always a great time to give thanks to God. I also hope that you are enjoying a relaxing weekend.

I am grateful for everyone who helped with the community Thanksgiving dinner at the Evangelical Church. Thank you for your generosity.

We enter the Advent Season next Sunday. 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 issues so that you are well prepared for these busy days.

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. Mass times will be Thursday, December 7th at 5:15pm; Friday, December 8th at 7am & 6pm.

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

End of the Year Giving: Many people consider making charitable gifts near the end of the year in order to assist with tax obligations. As you consider these gifts, I invite you to remember many opportunities here in our parish. A gift to the ADA will help us reach our parish goal. The Magi Baby Chest always welcomes gifts for helping the children and needy families. Also, we welcome gifts to defray the costs of the replacement of the Harkrader Hall air conditioning units, which are scheduled to be replaced next Spring. Thank you for considering an end of the year gift to the parish.

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

The Purgative Way: Introduction

The characteristics of the purgative way, or the state of beginners, is the purifying of the soul in view of attaining to intimate union with God. We shall therefore explain what is meant by beginners, and the end these must strive to attain.

Essential Characteristics of Beginners. In the spiritual life, beginners are those that habitually live in the state of grace and have a certain desire for perfection, but who have still attachments to venial sin and are exposed to fall now and then into grievous faults. We shall explain these three characteristics.

Beginners live habitually in the state of grace; hence, they generally struggle successfully against grave temptations. We therefore rule out the class of beginners those that frequently commit mortal sin and do not avoid its occasions; who would no doubt wish to be converted, but lack the necessary firm and efficacious purpose. Such are not on the way to perfection. They are sinners, worldlings, who must first of all be helped to sever their attachment to mortal sin and to part with the occasions of sin.



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!



Youth Group Night
Sunday, November 26th 6-7:30 pm

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

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stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com

Readings for the week of November 26th

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2:3, 5, 6(1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 198:9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19a/64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 13:9/Mk 13:33-3

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 27 Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00am +Todd Hermeyer by Tim & Julie Puhr

Tuesday, November 28 Weekday in Ordinary Time

5:15pm +All names written in our Book of Remembrance

4-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, November 29 Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00am +Fr. James Murray by Leo & Susanna Prushinski

Thursday, November 30 St. Andrew, Apostle

5:15pm Tom & Patty Daluga for their 25th Anniversary
by Paul & Bridgette Castelein

4-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, December 1 First Friday

7:00am +Thomas Delaney by Lynn Delaney

Saturday, December 2 First Saturday Devotion;

Vigil of the 1st Sunday of Advent

7:00am +Ken Henkel by Bill & Janet Politsch

4:00pm +Jack & Theresa McNeill

by Paul & Bridgette Castelein

Sunday, December 3 1st Sunday of Advent

7:30am +Dennis Arch by the Arch Family

9:00am +Eric Collins by Dan & Cynthia Tracy

10:30am People of the Parish

DIOCESE OF PEORIA 2023-24 Seminarians

John Assaf	Jonathan Puckett
Andrew Bilgri	Jarod Raber
Deacon Nicholas Conner	Justin Ramza
Brady Depoorter	Isaac Sanders
Nate Devlin	Benjamin Schoonmaker
Jared Hernandez	Peter Schoonmaker
Deacon Jacob Martini	JohnPaul Stedwill
Blake Miller	Francis Strong
Luke Olson	Deacon Jack Swoik
Mateo Pascual	Jack Watt
Robert Pitts	Anthony Will

A prayer for seminarians:

Oh God, hear our prayer for the men you have chosen to follow in your Son's footsteps.

Teach them humility and fidelity to unselfishly help others.

May their devotion to Our Blessed Mother, Queen of

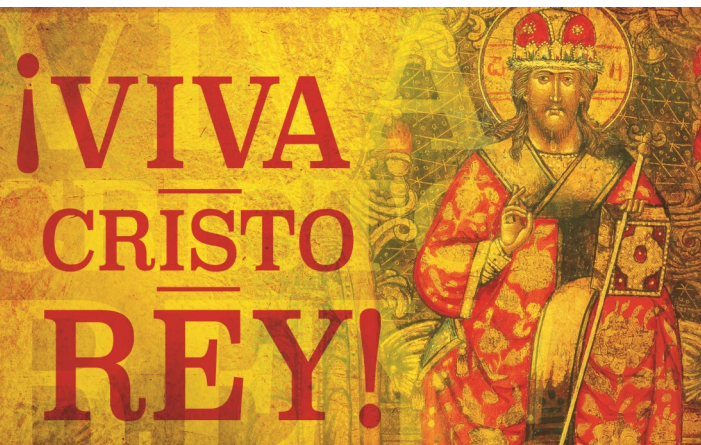
Vocations, increase, enabling them to do your will.

Strengthen their prayer life that they may grow spiritually without worldly distractions.

Give them courage and perseverance in their studies.

May the Holy Spirit lighten their struggles with their vocations, until they know the joy of being a priest.

We ask this through Christ your Son. Amen.



Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, December 2nd

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence
EMHC: Patty Daluga, Mandy Robinson
Lectors: Katie Lawrence
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, December 3rd

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*
EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey
Lectors: Mary Murphy
Sacristan: Joann Bowman
Ushers: Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey, Bill Uher

9:00 am: Sunday, December 3rd

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Sylvie Viger
EMHC: Patty Dalgua, Gene Menard
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Herb Rhees
Sacristan: Quint Quiram
Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, December 3rd

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Brennan Roden
EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Mandy Robinson
Lectors: Jeff Peacock
Sacristan: Tim Smith
Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

EMHC Homebound: Patty Daluga 9/S
Gene Menard 9/N

EMHC for Nursing Homes: Mary Beth Crowe—
Liberty Hawthorne; Tom Jagers—Greenfield; David
Lawrence—Aperion; Rita Tracey—Liberty

**Thank you for serving your parish! "Your talent is God's gift to
you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."**

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**

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ 5,513.00
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 1,237.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$ 135,000.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ 135,234.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 234.00

*Due to the holiday deadline, totals for November 19th
were not available at the time of printing. Totals will be
provided in the December 3rd bulletin.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS—The King Comes Holding a Mirror By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI

Of all the many wonderful, thorough examinations of conscience I have come across, the one I normally utilize is very simple, and perfectly suited to someone like me who is not capable of profound thought at the end of the day.

It's just one very short question: Which Christs did I not recognize today?

The King always comes in disguise, and I know I miss him in so many ways every single day. I miss him in people ignored or dismissed. I miss him in opportunities avoided and in moments that could have turned into prayer but instead turned into phone-scrolling. I miss him when he is right in front of me, holding up a mirror and calling my name, begging for my conversion of heart.

The Christian life calls us to constant self-scrutiny. It's not a comfortable life, always thinking about what you could do better, but the Lord shepherds us rightly. His pastures have nothing to offer those who are perfect and strong.

He has gone in search of the lost. He has reclaimed those who have strayed, healed those who were injured, given rest to those who were weary.

We can't be followers of Christ if we are not willing to own our sins. God's mercy does not dismiss our sins, as if they never existed and were not important.

No, it does something far, far better — God's mercy absolves our sins. It sets us free from them. But to be truly free, you have to understand the tyranny of what once enslaved you.

"And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." — Matthew 25:32

MAGI BABY CHEST



Our next opening is Saturday December 2nd from 9AM-12PM. Come on out and get your much needed baby supplies! *Don't forget to follow us on Facebook!*

"Mom's Night Out" will be held Friday, December 1st from 6-8PM. This event is only for members of St.

Louis parish. Childcare will be provided. Come have some drinks, appetizers, and shop in the Magi Baby Chest!

Looking for a place to volunteer and get involved? Consider the Magi Baby Chest! We are always looking for volunteers to help organize baby items, work on our distribution days, and help with all sorts of odds and ends. We are also in need of more men to work on our distribution days. Contact Jessica Murphy for more information. We'd love to have you! ♥

*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), kids toothpaste, kids vitamins, sippy cups, toddler winter hats/gloves, 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).



A Holy Hour for Life

Benediction, Rosary, and other Prayers

Sunday, November 26th 6-7pm

All are welcome to gather in prayer in the Church for the intention of respect for the sacredness of all human life.



First Saturday Devotion

In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the salvation of souls and peace in the world

Saturday, December 2nd 7am



Sat. December 2nd 6:30pm
Harkrader Hall

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

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!



The annual Christmas Cookie Walk will be held in Harkrader Hall **after** all Masses Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday December 3rd.

All parishioners are invited to donate 3 dozen homemade Christmas cookies. **All cookies should be dropped off at Harkrader Hall on that Saturday by 2pm.** Cookies **will not be sold until after** 4pm Mass. And again **after** all Sunday Masses.

Join us for donuts & coffee after the Sunday, 9am Mass. Please join us to start the Holiday Season. We are so blessed to have such a generous parish community!

Pat Galassi-Carlson, Chairman Christmas Cookie Walk
815-719-2752

St. Louis Parish Advent Retreat

The Mystery of the Mass

December 3, 2023

1:00 - 6:00 pm

Harkrader Hall

Featuring talks by Msgr. Kruse and Susanna Prushinski

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 reflections on the priest praying at Mass.

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