



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19

PASTOR NOTE

On our parish feast day, August 25th, I announced that our parish would work towards building an outdoor Stations of the Cross Prayer Garden. Since then, I have been doing a lot of planning and getting advice. This planning touches upon some diocesan requirements involving parish administration. A pastor can do many things in a parish based on his own authority. But, a pastor's authority is limited whenever a project's cost is greater than \$15,000. For this larger expense, a pastor must obtain approval from the Bishop. A respectful and dignified Stations of the Cross Prayer Garden costs more than \$15,000. Thus, it requires his approval.

Earlier this week, the priests of the Diocese received a letter from Bishop Tylka. Through this letter, he announced a recent decision. He explained that for about the next year he will not grant permission for non-emergency expenditures over \$15,000. This decision is directly connected to the diocese-wide project "Growing Disciples." Through this ongoing project, the diocese is discerning a path forward towards a more sustainable, mission-driven Church for the future. At this time, the diocese is examining all of its various institutions in order to determine how they may be reconfigured for the future. The Bishop stated: "While [this decision] may be disappointing for some, I believe we can all agree that beginning major work without knowing the future status of a parish, church or school in the next couple of years is an unnecessary risk to take at this time." I believe that this is a prudential decision by our Bishop.

As a result, we will not be able to complete our Stations of the Cross Prayer Garden at this time. Over the next year, I will continue to plan for our Stations of the Cross Prayer Garden. Whenever the Bishop will allow for large non-emergency expenditures, we will be ready to go ahead with our beautiful garden. At the right time, I will request approval from the Bishop for our project. I know that this may be a disappointment, but in the big picture, a year or so is not very long.

I caution you against reading too much into the Bishop's decision this week. It is not directed specifically towards our parish or our Stations' project. His decision applies to the entire diocese. This decision does not directly call into question the future status of our parish. Instead, our parish, along with all the other parishes and institutions, is involved in this discernment process. At this time no decisions have been made regarding any institution's status. The Bishop will publish his decisions in about a year or so. I am confident that our parish will not be affected in a significant way. Please contact me if you have any questions.
Thank you.

NOURISHED IN SPIRIT

When God commanded couples to be fertile and multiply, He did not demand for them to have as many children as is humanly possible. Regretfully, many people wrongly believe that this is what the Church teaches. Instead, a couple must use their reason and ask a simple question: can we use our sexual gift honestly and fully comply with God's intended purpose? Many times the answer can be "no," we cannot fully express the true meaning of sex. This can be for a variety of reasons: illness, marital stress, money problems, the demands of work, the demands of previous children, and so on. When a couple cannot fully embrace the sexual goodness of pleasure, bonding and openness to children, then the couple should not embrace sex. They should refrain from sex and express their love in different ways. This is the hallmark of Natural Family Planning, which is one of the only morally acceptable methods of regulating the size of a family.

Natural Family Planning is a scientifically based practice of monitoring the natural signs of fertility within a woman. When these signs are present, a couple wishing not to have children refrain from having sex. They cannot honestly embrace God's meaning of sex, so they refrain. They do not use this gift and express their love in other creative ways. This is a wonderful practice that promotes the virtues of marriage and never violates God's plan.

Children are the culmination of marriage. They are a living expression of the marriage bond and they perfect marital partnership. Married couples need to be open to the gift of children. This includes using sex according to God's plan. His plan includes a threefold goodness within sex: pleasure, bonding and openness to children. Only when all three are fully embraced can sex reach its true dignity. Anything that denigrates these goods, renders sexual activity immoral and sinful. A proper understanding of the gift of sex leads to a proper and correct understanding of the goodness of children. At times, God's plan may seem difficult, but His grace is ever present. He is always ready to help us live the gifts He has given. This is especially true in the sacramental dignity of marriage. In our next time together, I will outline marriage as a sacramental gift. This gift helps the couple live the exalted goodness of marriage.

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<u>Mass Intentions</u>	
Monday, October 10 <u>Weekday</u>	
7:00 am	+Marlene Savio
Tuesday, October 11 <u>St. John XXIII, Pope</u>	
5:15pm	+Elizabeth Nease by Former St. Louis Staff
4-5:00	Holy Hour
Wednesday, October 12 <u>Weekday</u>	
7:00 am	+Dick and Elaine Olds by Teresa Sokalski
Thursday, October 13 <u>Weekday</u>	
5:15pm	+Brother Leo (Francis) Keigher by Susan Haley
4-5:00	Holy Hour
Friday, October 14 <u>St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr</u>	
7:00 am	+Shelia Brown by the Brown, Stone, Nester & Weber families
Saturday, October 15 <u>Vigil of the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
4:00 pm	+ Stephanie Colby-Aburto by Karen & Rooney O'Neill
Sunday, October 16 <u>The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:00 am	+ Gene Stocking by Joanne Stocking
10:30am	+ Kathy Mosz by Antoni & Danuta Maciczak

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 10th in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.
Daily Mass will be at the normal 7am time.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Ten lepers were cured. Only one returned to give thanks. When we fall victim to entitlement, we diminish our capacity to love. Never satisfied, we walk around with outstretched arms, eagerly searching for the next thing we want so that we can acquire it ourselves. Very rarely do entitled hands hold anything to freely give away to others. Entitled hands also find it challenging to reach toward heaven in a gesture of gratitude and praise. We are often more obsessed with celebrating our victories, securing our assets, safeguarding our futures, and stacking the deck of life in our favor rather than relishing and absorbing the gift of the moment and blessings received.

Entitled people find it difficult to pray properly. When the subject of our prayer is mostly about our needs and wants, we are falling into the trap of deception. We foolishly try to convince God that our tiny worlds are of greater importance than His. In ancient times, people would offer sacrifices to "the gods" to secure protection and favors. Our God desires mercy, not sacrifice, because He is about love and justice, not simply meeting our agendas. Every breath is a gift. Prayer, which is a celebration of that gift, acknowledges the Giver. Prayer strengthens the bond between Giver and receiver, creating a deepening awareness that nothing I am or anything I have can exist apart from His Divine Will. It also reminds us that we have done nothing to merit the unconditional love and mercy God showers upon us. Prayer is not just about getting what I need but celebrating who I am.

For St. Therese of Lisieux prayer is "a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." When our hearts "surge" toward God, we rush to the Source of our restoration and wholeness, knowing our longing for God's Divine embrace. Prayer is a response to God's graciousness with an act of gratitude returned by us. In prayer, we gaze upon each other in that sacred space where I give myself to God as He is, and God gives Himself to me as I am. We cannot take another step without saying thank you. ©LPi

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, October 15th

Altar Servers: Gabby & Gretchen Carden
EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Chris Williams
Lectors: Julie Hassler
Sacristan: Julie Hassler
Ushers: John Brokaw

7:30 am: Sunday, October 16th

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

9:00 am: Sunday, October 16th

Altar Servers: Chris Harmon, Sydney Scully
EMHC: Pat Galassi-Carlson, Tim Smith
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Steve Harmon
Sacristan: Susanna Prushinski
Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, October 16th

Altar Servers: Emily Jaeger, Brennan Roden
EMHC: Linda Carter, Mandy Robinson
Lectors: David Roden
Sacristan: Linda Carter
Ushers: Bart Maciczak, Anthony Maciczak

EMHC Homebound: Pat Galassi-Carlson 9/N
Tim Smith 9/S

EMHC for Nursing Homes: Dave Boylan - Aperion;
David Lawrence -Hawthorne; Paula Lough - Green-
field; 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	4:30—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.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through October 2, 2022

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	\$ 8,342.00
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 1,842.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Amount needed to date:	\$91,000.00
Amount Received to date:	\$93,796.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 2,796.00

THANK YOU
for your prayers

Our thanks to all who prayed in the Adoration Chapel, or prayed at home, for the participants of the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat held on September 23-25th. Our loving and merciful God used those prayers to pour out His abundant mercies on those present. It was a beautiful weekend of restoration for all who attended. May we all continue to pray for all who are affected by the scourge of abortion, in our families, our communities, and our nation. Sincerely, the Peoria Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Team.



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 October 9

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7/
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/
Lk 18:1-8

ST. LOUIS PARISH



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. Child care will be provided.

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!

Pet Blessing this Sunday!



Oct. 4th was the Feast of St. Francis who was known for his love of animals. In the spirit of St. Francis, there will be a **pet blessing this Sunday, October 9th** at 1pm in the parish parking lot. Bring your dogs, cats, gerbils, snakes, lizards, or any other pets. There will be a short blessing lasting about twenty minutes.



Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.

-St. Padre Pio

OCTOBER 15TH

SAINT TERESA
OF Avila



Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.
- St. Teresa of Avila

St. John's Craft Sale & Bake Sale

St. John's Altar & Rosary is sponsoring a Craft & Bake Sale at St. John the Evangelist Church Hall, 204 North Main Street, Walnut on Saturday, October 15th from 9am to 1pm. There will be many homemade items to choose from!



FOR CHILDREN WHO WISH FOR **JUST ONE GIFT**

Your Box of Joy may be the only Christmas gift a child receives!

CCW is participating again in the Box of Joy ministry sponsored by Cross Catholic Outreach (CCO). The ministry sends Christmas gifts to children in developing countries. For many poor children, a Box of Joy - filled with toys, clothing, school supplies, a rosary and the Story of Jesus - was the first Christmas gift they ever received. For more information go to www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy

If you want to donate, please pick up your box at the table in front of Harkrader Hall. **To ensure your Box of Joy arrives in time for Christmas, please return it no later than November 4th.** Boxes can be dropped off by the doors of the Church or the parish office.