

SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIocese OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

PASTOR NOTE

I am very grateful for everyone who joined me in a Cenacle Prayer Group holy hour this past week. I truly enjoyed praying with you and praying for the parish. The prayer time was so peaceful and inspiring. I encourage you to consider forming a Cenacle Prayer Group. Last week I described these groups and how to form them. May they bring many blessings to each of us and our entire parish.

Rectory Open House. I will host a Rectory Open House on Sunday, September 17th, 1pm to 4pm. This offers another opportunity to walk through the rectory and see the repairs.

Sidewalk Repair. Some of the sidewalks around the church are in need of repair. Over the next few weeks, some areas of the sidewalks will be removed and replaced. This will temporarily restrict access to some of the doors of the church. The exact schedule of repairs and limited access is yet to be determined. At no time will these repairs completely restrict access to the church. During the repairs, we will maintain our regular schedule of Masses and Holy Hours. When the door to the Eucharistic chapel is restricted, during office hours, you may access the church through the main office door and then enter the church using the door near the confessional. Regretfully, outside of regular office hours, there will not be access to the chapel for a day or so. I ask for your patience as these repairs are being completed.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH 2023 FALL SMALL GROUP

Please complete the information below. Cut it out. Return it to the collection or mail it to the office no later than September 18th. You will be notified to confirm your meeting time.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Meetings are from the week of September 24th to the week of October 29th. Please mark your choice for the Small Group meetings.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, 11am | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, 3:30pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 11am |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, 6pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, 11am | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, 6pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, 1pm | |

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

Obligation to seek Perfection:

We are now to examine whether there is for us a real obligation to advance towards Christian perfection or whether it suffices to keep it as we keep a treasure.

It is certain that one must die in the state of grace in order to be saved, and that this suffices. It would appear then that for the faithful in the world there is no other obligation than that of persevering the state of grace. However, the question is precisely whether they can preserve the state of grace for a long time without striving to grow in holiness. In the state of fallen nature, one cannot for long remain in the state of grace without striving at the same time to make progress in the spiritual life and to exercise oneself from time to time in the practice of some of the evangelical counsels. It is only in this restricted sense that we maintain the obligation of perfection for ordinary Christians.

We must do more than is strictly commanded in order to triumph over our enemies. We cannot remain stationary on the way that leads to God and to salvation, that we must advance or fall back. Of necessity, one must rise or else will fall. If one tries to stop, one falls of a certainty. All Christians without exception must advance towards perfection – sanctity.

In order not to fall into sin, we must stave off the danger by the performance of generous acts which are not directly prescribed by the law. To strike the target we must aim above it; not to lose grace, we must fortify our will against temptation by works of perfection.

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Text SLP To 84576 or
Connect with us online at
stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 18 Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am +Stevie Puhr by Tim & Julie Puhr

Tuesday, September 19 St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

5:15pm +Jo King & Joan Smith (Prayer Warriors)
by Chuck & Pam Hanson

4-5:00p Holy Hour

Wednesday, September 20 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn,
Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

7:00am +Elpidio A. Humilde Jr. by Amie Neiman

Thursday, September 21 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

***7:00am** +Liz Dahlen by Leo & Susanna Prushinski

Friday, September 22 Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00am +John Thomson by Paul & Bridgette Castelein

Saturday, September 23 Vigil of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm +Robert and Heidi Jeffery and Brianna Merkley
by Bob & Sandy Jeffery

Sunday, September 24 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:00 am +David Doty by Family

10:30 am +Terry Madsen by Amie Neiman

***Mass time for Thursday, September 21st is changed to
7am; Holy Hour and Confession are cancelled.**



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!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid *owed* me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He *remembers* — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, September 23

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence
 EMHC: Pat Galassi-Carlson, Mandy Robinson
 Lectors: Katie Lawrence
 Sacristan: Julie Hassler
 Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, September 24

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*
 EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey
 Lectors: Margaret Martinkus
 Sacristan: Joann Bowman
 Ushers: Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson, Tom Murphy

9:00 am: Sunday, September 24

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Luke Smith
 EMHC: Patty Daluga, Tim Smith
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
 Lectors: Steve Bouslog
 Sacristan: Quint Quiram
 Ushers: Dave & Judy Moore, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Sunday, September 24

Altar Servers: Jackson Mason, Dominic Vasquez
 EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Tim Taylor
 Lectors: Jeff Peacock
 Sacristan: Tim Smith
 Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC Homebound Patty Daluga 9/S
 Tim Smith 9/N

EMHC for Nursing Homes Mary Beth Crowe—
 Liberty; Lynn Delaney—Liberty -Hawthorne; Paula
 Lough—Greenfield; David Lawrence—Aperion

OUR TABLE

Thank you to all that donated funds and worked in the dining room at Our Table last Monday, September 11. We served 68 men, women, and children. We provided Italian Beef, potato salad, cold slaw, and a variety of dessert bars. We collected \$325 over the last two weeks, which helped pay for the meal. It is never too late to donate. Put your donation in an envelope marked "Our Table" and put them in the collection. We have our next meal scheduled for December 11. Thank you again for helping provide a meal and fellowship for this ministry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Linda McCabe or Marcia Obenhaus.

Readings for the week of September 17

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2,3,4,9-10,11-12(8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
 Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 282:7,8-9/Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab,2cd-3ab,5,6/Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1,2,3,4,5,6/Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: Eph 4:1-7,11-13/Ps 192:3,4,5/Mt 9:9-13
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7,8-10,17-18,19-20/Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2,3,4,5/Lk 8:4-15
 Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3,8-9,17-18(18a)/Phil 1:20c-24,27a/Mt 20:1-16a

ST. LOUIS PARISH SCHEDULE

MASS SCHEDULE

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 September 10, 2023

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| Amount Budgeted | \$ 6,750.00 |
| Amount Received | \$ 7,536.00 |
| Amount Over (Under) | \$ 786.00 |

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

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| Amount needed to date: | \$ 74,250.00 |
| Amount Received to date: | \$ 75,026.00 |
| Over/(Under) budget to date: | \$ 776.00 |

Ready to Bring the Love of Jesus

2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Did you know that ADA supports Discipleship?

Do you worry about our young people losing their faith in college? Newman Centers are places where they can get to know Jesus on a deeper level and accept His invitation to become His disciples. Among our priests and religious are many who found their vocation while at



a Newman Center. Other students experience Catholic Faith for the first time in one of our five Newman Centers and decide to become Catholic. Your ADA gift has no small impact – it helps shape our future generations.

Give online at www.cdop.org/ada.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Our kickoff meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26th at 6pm. Dinner will be provided and our meeting will follow. All women of the parish are welcome!



**THE LORD IS
KIND AND MERCIFUL,
SLOW TO ANGER,
RICH IN
COMPASSION.**

PSALM 103

MAGI BABY CHEST



Thank you so much to all of you who donated to the Magi Baby Chest last weekend! We collected a total of \$3,268.00! What a loving gift it is to help a young family obtain baby and toddler supplies. Thank you!


If you would still like to donate, please remember to make checks payable to St. Louis Church with MBC in the notes. You may drop off any supplies and donations in the collection chests or tubs by the doors, at the church office Monday-Friday 8AM-1PM, or by a scheduled appointment - please contact Jessica Murphy. Donation Reference Guides and brochures are located at the church entrances.


The MBC is in need of childcare volunteers for our "Mom's Night Out" events! These occur only once a month, usually the Fridays before our Saturday distribution days. The event is from 6-9PM and is only for mothers within our own parish. It is such a lovely way to make sure that we are serving not only the public but also the mothers within our parish. We can verify volunteer hours if needed! If anyone is interested, please contact Jessica Murphy for more details.

"I give you a new commandment, says the Lord; love one another as I have loved you."
-John 13:34

SCHEDULE CHANGE

Mass time for Thursday, September 21st is changed to 7am; Holy Hour and Confession are cancelled.
Men's Group for Thursday, September 21st is cancelled.

YOUTH GROUP  **Youth Group Night**
Sunday, September 24th 6-7:30 pm
We will meet in the Youth Group Room for a short bible study, followed by games and prayer time.


 **A Holy Hour for Life**
Benediction, Rosary, and other Prayers
Sunday, September 24th 6-7pm
All are welcome to gather in prayer in the Church for the intention of respect for the sacredness of all human life.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND: Next weekend, September 23 & 24, 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 diced tomatoes. 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. Thanks to all who donate so generously each month. God bless you for your continuing support.

SAVE THE DATE!
BLOOD DRIVE—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Tuesday, October 17th ~ 3:00—6:30PM

St. Louis Parish—Harkrader Hall
To schedule scan this QR Code
or email Bob Schabow at
bschab57@gmail.com

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