



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” - Mt 16:24b-25

PASTOR NOTE

Now that summer is wrapping up, there are lots of things happening in our parish. I share with you some of our activities. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Msgr. Kruse

Embraced By Hope

Last week, I announced a new ministry in our parish, Embraced By Hope. This ministry seeks to offer assistance to people who have suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage, still born, or infant death. This is a one-one ministry where our ministry team is available to provide information, comfort, and assistance for a recent or long-past loss. Please approach me or Susanna Prushinski. Besides offering some comfort and support, we will provide a comfort bag, rose bud prayer and remembrance and an annual memorial Mass. Please mark your calendar for the Memorial Mass on Monday, October 16th, 6pm. Over the next few weeks, we will provide more information.

Annual Diocesan Appeal

Last weekend, I held the in-pew drive for our annual ADA. Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge to help the good work of our Diocese. You may still complete a pledge card and make a donation. The Diocese has mailed out information and additional pledge cards to you. If you have already made a pledge, of course, you do not need to submit an additional pledge. I am confident that if we all pull together we will meet our goal of \$104,829. Thank you for your participation.

Tolton: Slave to Priest

Fr. Augustus Tolton was recently declared Venerable and is buried in Quincy, IL. He was the first black priest of the United States. Also, he was born into slavery. St. Luke Productions created a movie about his life. And, they provide a one-man, multi-media, live stage production based upon the movie. This production will be held at St. Bede Academy auditorium on Sunday, September 10th at 7pm. This show is very inspiring, well-done and has traveled the nation. This is a wonderful opportunity to attend this production. A free-will offering is requested.

Happily, one of our own parishioners, Michael Lee, played one of the priests in the movie. He is featured in the videos used in the live stage show. What a special grace that we have a national actor within our parish who helped bring this holy priest's life to the national scene.

I encourage you to attend this live stage production. It is also being offered at Notre Dame High School in Peoria on Saturday, September 9th, 7pm.

Fall Small Groups

Our parish has enjoyed small group gospel reflections during Lent and last Fall. Once again, we will have Fall Small Groups. These weekly Fall Small Group meetings will discuss the previous Sunday's Gospel guided by the reflection questions. The group will follow a type of *lectio divina*, which is reflective meditation on the Scriptures. Through this process, each member will have an encounter with Jesus through the Scriptures, through the small group members and through personal reflection. This process has helped many people grow in holiness and friendship with Jesus. The small group meetings require no preparation and no "homework," just the one-hour meeting. Of course, I hope that the small group experience will inspire each participant to personally go deeper in their relationship with Jesus through personal prayer, daily Mass, adoration, or other personal devotions

The Fall Small Groups will meet beginning the week of September 24th and continue through the week of October 29^h. Each meeting will be at the same time and will have the same members each week. I have scheduled the Fall Small Group meetings throughout the week as follows: Mon. 11am.; Mon., 6pm; Tue. 6pm; Wed. 3:30pm; Thur. 11am; Thur. 1pm; Fri. 9am.

Next week's bulletin will have a sign-up sheet as well as a Flock Note sign up.

Men's Study Group will begin meeting again on Thursday, September 7th, 6pm at the St. Jerome Room. All men are invited to attend this study group. We will be studying the theology of Salvation in Christ.

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stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 4 Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am +Michael Bickett by Melissa Struck

Tuesday, September 5 Weekday in Ordinary Time

5:15pm +Ed & Mary Jo Sims by Jim Whitmore

4-5:00p Holy Hour

Wednesday, September 6 Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00am +Dennis Arch by the Arch Family

Thursday, September 7 Weekday in Ordinary Time

5:15pm +Connie Wilcox by Norm & Marie Merkley

4-5:00p Holy Hour

Friday, September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00am +Dr. Louis Foley by Dan & Cynthia Tracy

Saturday, September 9 Vigil of the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm +Bill Strunk by Joanne Stocking

Sunday, September 10 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am +Beth Uher

9:00 am People of the Parish

10:30am +Christine Jordan Kalil by Corcoran Cousins



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!

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

Perfection of the Christian Life:

All life must perfect itself. This is true, above all, of the Christian life. It is by its very nature a progressive life, its completion being achieved only in heaven. We must examine, then in what its perfection consists, in order that we direct our steps more surely along its way.

Any being is perfect in the natural order when it is finished, completed, hence, when it has attained its end or purpose. This constitutes absolute perfection. However, there is also a relative and progressive perfection which consists in the approach towards that end by the development of all one's faculties and the carrying out in practice of all duties, in accordance with the dictates of the natural law as manifested by right reason.

The end of man, even in the natural order, is God. Created by Him we are of necessity created for Him since He is the fulness of Being. God being infinite perfection and thereby the origin of all perfection, man is the more perfect as he approaches closer to God and shares in His divine perfections. This is the reason why man cannot find in creatures anything that can fully satisfy his legitimate aspirations. All our actions then must be referred to God – to know, love and serve Him and thereby glorify Him, this is the end of life, the source of all perfection.

In the supernatural order this is so all the more. Raised by God to a state that surpasses all our needs and all our capabilities, destined one day to contemplate Him through the Beatific Vision, possessing Him even more through grace, and endowed as we are with a supernatural organism that we may unite with Him by the practice of the Christian virtues, we cannot evidently perfect ourselves unless we unceasingly draw closer to Him. This, however, we cannot effect this except by uniting ourselves to Jesus.

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, September 9

Altar Servers: Gabby & Gretchen Carden
 EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Mandy Robinson
 Lectors: Patty Daluga
 Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
 Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, September 10

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*
 EMHC: Tom Jagers, Rita Tracey
 Lectors: Mary Murphy
 Sacristan: Joann Bowman
 Ushers: Gary Blessman, Dennis Thomson, Tom Murphy

9:00 am: Sunday, September 10

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Elizabeth Keutzer
 EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Tim Taylor
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
 Lectors: Mario Carlone
 Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli
 Ushers: Dave & Judy Moore, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Sunday, September 10

Altar Servers: Anaisabela Ramirez-Tz, Sylvie Viger
 EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Tim Smith
 Lectors: Marcia Obenhaus
 Sacristan: Tim Smith
 Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

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

EMHC for Nursing Homes Pat Galassi-Carlson—
 Liberty Hawthorne; Gene Mendard—Aperion; Nancy
 Scomas—Greenfield; Rita Tracey—Liberty

OUR TABLE: We have been asked to host Our Table three more times this year. Because of the Health Department regulations, most of the food has to be prepared by a certified kitchen or come prepackaged. We are asking for donations for the next two weeks that will cover the cost of the main food dishes. Please place your donations in an envelope marked Our Table and drop them in the weekly collection or in the office. Checks can also be made to Our Table. Our next dinner is scheduled for September 11. Thank you for your continued support with Our Table. As a reminder, High School students needing service hours, may volunteer to help serve and receive credit. If you have any questions, please contact Linda McCabe or Marcia Obenhaus.

Readings for the week of September 3

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
 Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
 Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5
 Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-2

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 August 27, 2023

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ 8,472.00
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 1,722.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	
Amount needed to date:	\$ 60,750.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ 59,846.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	(\$ 904.00)

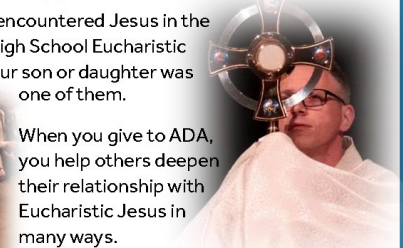
Assumption Collection **\$ 683.00**

Ready to Bring the Love of Jesus

2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Did you know that ADA supports Eucharistic Revival?

Over 1,600 high school students encountered Jesus in the Eucharist in a special way at the High School Eucharistic Conference this spring. Maybe your son or daughter was one of them.



When you give to ADA, you help others deepen their relationship with Eucharistic Jesus in many ways.

www.cdop.org/ada

Little Lending Library

Dear patrons of our Library: Please return all books or videos as we start a new year of religious education. Notice also this year there will be a check-out log for all the children's books. Happy Reading!

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

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Prayer for Labor Day

Good and Gracious God, You created human beings in Your image and likeness
And gave us dominion over creation to be stewards of the land and co-creators of Your Kingdom.
Jesus, You became one of us and labored as a carpenter. You ask all people -- whatever our state of life -- to follow you faithfully.
Holy Spirit, bless all workers this Labor Day.
May all our actions be animated by Your love, as we do all things for the glory of God.
Amen.

MAGI BABY CHEST



A BIG thank you to the Covered Bridge Quilt Guild for donating beautiful handmade quilts to the MBC. Thank you for your generosity!

If anyone is interested in volunteering, we are always needing the help and would love to have you on board! Please contact Jessica Murphy. Her contact information is in the bulletin. Many baby blessings to you!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to couples celebrating 50 plus years!

Tom & Sharon Ballard - September 6, 1958

Terry & Sherry DeSalle - September 7, 1968

Vince & Jeanie Gelsomino - September 11, 1965

William & Janet Politsch September 29, 1972

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 189 nonperishable food items and \$1,568 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. Thanks to all for your continuing generosity as we start our eleventh year of support for the Food Pantry. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 27,053 nonperishable food items and \$152,719 in monetary donations since we started collecting for the Food Pantry in August of 2012. The food insecure in our area are most appreciative. God bless you!

Register now for religious education!

Classes for 3-year-olds through 8th graders begin the week of September 10. Registration forms are available on the parish website and in the main office, and are **due by September 2.**

Volunteers are needed at all levels, no experience necessary. This is a great way to experience the joy of working with children, see your faith from a new perspective, and serve our church community. Contact Rebekah Mead for more info. 815-303-2330 | stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com

Enrichment of Faith 102: Liturgy and Sacraments Class. Two classes offered on Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:15 PM and 6:00-7:15 PM. We will meet each week (except Thanksgiving week) from Sep. 13th - Nov. 29th. This class will help us to discover or rediscover the power of the Liturgy and Sacraments, the what and why of Church teachings regarding Liturgy/Sacraments and what the Church Fathers have to say about Liturgy/Sacraments. This class is open to all even if you did not attend the Enrichment of Class 101 on the Creed in the Spring. This class is lead by Susanna Prushinski. Please sign-up for class by contacting Susanna at 815-915-6960 or stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office. Please note, the class is 10 sessions but I have built in an extra week due to the chance that class may be cancelled one week upon the birth of my grandchild.

Enrichment of Faith 101: The Creed Class. Two classes offered on Thursdays 1:00 - 2:15 PM and 6:00-7:15 PM. We will meet each week (except Thanksgiving week) from Sep. 14th - Dec. 7th. Please note this is the same class that was offered in the Spring of 2023. This class will help us to discover or rediscover the what and why of our Catholic beliefs as stated in the Creed in order to deepen and enliven our faith in Jesus Christ and all that He has revealed to us through His Church. The class is structured to introduce us to the use of scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, an introduction to the Church Fathers and saints. This class will be lead by Susanna Prushinski. Please sign-up by contacting Susanna at 815-915-6960 or stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com or the Parish Office. Please note, the class is 11 sessions but I have built in an extra week due to the chance that class may be cancelled one week upon the birth of my grandchild.

RCIA, is it for you? Are you seeking answers to life's questions? Are you being inspired to inquire about the Catholic faith? Are you seeking to join the Catholic Church? Are you baptized, but have not received First Confession, First Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation? Do you want to deepen your faith? Do you desire to know the "why" of Church teaching?...**then RCIA is for You!** RCIA will be held every **Tuesday evening from 6:00-7:30 PM starting Tuesday Sept. 19th - April 16th.** Please come and join us as our faith seeks understanding. Please contact Susanna Prushinski, RCIA Coordinator, to register and/or with any questions 815-915-6960 or stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com or contact the parish office.

CATHOLIC FORUM - Q&A: Please join us for the next Catholic Forum on this Sunday, September 3rd at 6:30pm at Harkrader Hall. Everyone is invited to meet for a Question/Answer session about any faith topic. Individuals ask their questions and Msgr. Kruse attempts to provide an answer.

