



# SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIocese OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023

## 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” - Mt 13:43a

## PASTOR NOTE

**Totus Tuus.** Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, our parish will host Totus Tuus for our youth. Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship. We host three programs: (1) Totus Tots for age 3 to Kindergarten, which meets 9am to 11am, Monday to Friday; (2) Grades 1 to 6, which meets 9am to 3pm, Monday to Friday; (3) Grades 7 to 12, which meets 6:30 to 8:15, Sunday to Thursday. Registration is still available at the Parish Office. We host an extra daily Mass at 11:15am. Everyone is welcome. We host a parish family pot luck on Wednesday at 5pm. I ask you to please pray for our parish youth and all of our volunteers for the success of our parish Totus Tuus. Please welcome our Totus Tuus leaders: John Assaf (Leader), Isaac Castaneda, Jackie Perez-Rivas, Chelsea Sanchez.

I ask that throughout this week you offer this prayer for the youth of our parish.

### Prayer for Our Children

Lord our God, look with kindness upon these children whom we commend to your tender love and care. Your Son, born of the Virgin Mary, gladly welcomed little children. He took them into His arms, blessed them, and held them up as an example for all. We pray that you, Father, will send a blessing upon them so that they may grow in Christian maturity and by the power of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's witnesses in the world. Amen.

**Praise and Worship Holy Hour.** On Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, at the church, we will enjoy a holy hour of praise and worship. During this Eucharistic Holy Hour, we will offer contemporary, reflective and easy to sing songs and hymns. The praise and worship will be led by Matt Ernat, our organist, along with some of his family and friends. Praise and worship holy hours are very popular at college Newman Centers and are growing in popularity across the nation. The Holy Hour will end with Benediction. Come and check out this wonderful time of prayer.

**Sound of Freedom Movie.** This new movie has been doing very well at the box office. It has been produced by Angel Studios, who also produced *The Chosen*. I usually do not publicly endorse a movie. But, I must make an exception for this movie. Over a week ago, I watched this movie. I continue to think about its message. I highly recommend that you take some time and see *Sound of Freedom*. It raises awareness regarding the horrible injustice of child trafficking – an \$18 billion racket, which ensnares millions of kids each year. The movie addresses a very serious and difficult topic. But, it does so in a very approachable and respectful manner by avoiding anything salacious or extreme violence. It is also a wonderful and engaging true story. The movie is rated PG-13 and is now available at our local theater. I look forward to hearing your reactions to this movie. I hope it will help bring an end to this horrible injustice.

**Youth Pool Party.** As a follow up to Totus Tuus, there will be a pool party hosted at the Bystry home on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. This pool party is for junior high and high school youth (and their families). Please mark your calendars. More details later.

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

#### Enemy of the World:

The world we speak of here is not the total aggregate of men upon the earth, among whom are found both choice souls and irreligious men; but the sum-total of those who oppose Jesus Christ and are the slaves of the three-fold concupiscence. These are: unbelievers, those hostile to religion; the indifferent, who do not want religion; hardened sinners, who love sin because they love pleasure; worldlings, who may practice religion but combine it with love of pleasure, luxury and ease. The world worms its way into the heart of the Christian and constitutes a great obstacle to the attainment of salvation and perfection. It stirs up the fires of concupiscence. It seduces and terrorizes us.

It seduces us with its maxims, with the show of vanities and with its perverse examples. It holds up maxims directly opposed to those of the Gospel. It actually extols the happiness of the wealthy, of the powerful, of the ruthless, of the upstart, of the ambitious, of all those who know how to enjoy life. The world seduces us with the show of its vanities and pleasures. Most worldly gatherings cater to curiosity, to sensuality and even to lust. The world seduces us with its evil examples.

When the world fails to seduce us, it attempts to terrorize us. At times this takes the form of an actual organized persecution against the faithful. At other times, the world turns timid souls from the discharge of their religious duties by mockery or jest. It refers to them as hypocrites and dupes believing still in antiquated dogmas. Sometimes the world resorts to threats.

The remedy: to resist successfully this dangerous trend of one must have the courage to look upon life from the point of view of eternity, and regard the world in the light of faith. Then the world will appear as the enemy of Jesus Christ.

### Parish Staff

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### **AVAILABLE GRIEF SUPPORT SERVICES GROUP OR ONE-ON-ONE SUPPORT MEETINGS - 2023**

Many people find grief support groups very helpful as they move through the grieving process.

- Emotional and physical support
- Permission to grieve
- Somewhere safe to talk
- Sharing your own experience
- Coping skills
- Companionship

### **Benefits of attending grief support groups:**

Grief is a person's natural reaction to loss. It can cause conflicting feelings caused by the end of or change in what's familiar. Grief can show up after experiencing a normal loss after a minor setback. If interested in a group environment I facilitate groups in Streator, Ottawa, La Salle, Mendota and Princeton. Following is a list of some leading causes of grief outside of a loved one's death: Holidays, Illness, Relationship Loss, Multiple Losses, Financial Loss, Career Loss/Stress, Injury, Death of a Pet, Estrangement, Divorce, Relinquishment, Institutional Loss. I am also available for one-on-one meetings to start if that environment would be more comforting for someone. These can be done in the home or one of the OSF hospitals. There is no cost to attend group or one-on-one meetings. Please contact: Kathy Steinz MHA, B. Sc(Psych), GC-C | Bereavement Coordinator OSF Healthcare | 4106 Veterans Drive | Ottawa, IL | Cell: 815-343-5891



### Mass Intentions

Monday, July 24 St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest  
7:00 am +Harvey P and May E Neiman by Amie Neiman  
\*11:15am +Mary "Becky" Peterson

Tuesday, July 25 St. James, Apostle  
\*11:15am For the Youth of our Parish  
5:15pm +Christine Jordan Kalil by Nancy Faber  
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Wednesday, July 26 Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
7:00am +Joan Wagner by Carl and Sephie Heinz, Bill and Angel Burich  
\*11:15am For an Increase of Vocations

Thursday, July 27 Weekday in Ordinary Time  
\*11:15am For our Parents and Family  
5:15pm For Healing for Paula Anderson  
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Friday, July 28 Weekday in Ordinary Time  
7:00am +Mary Kunkel by Gary & Sara Kunkel  
\*11:15am Thanksgiving for Leaders and Volunteers of Totus Tuus

Saturday, July 29 Vigil of the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00pm +Tom Lutz by Betty & John Brokaw

Sunday, July 30 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:30 am +Virginia Phalen by Bill & Sue Phalen  
9:00 am People of the Parish  
10:30am +Antoni Maciczak by Antoni & Danuta Maciczak

**\*Extra Daily Mass for Totus Tuus—all are welcome to attend!**



### **A Holy Hour for Life Benediction, Rosary, & other Prayers**

**This Sunday, July 23rd**

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

**OUR TABLE:** St. Louis will be providing and serving the meal for Our Table on Monday, July 24 at the Methodist Church. All food requests have been filled and we have volunteers who will be serving. I am so grateful for all who said yes. Just a reminder, food drop off is at the Methodist Church in the afternoon or when you come to . I have a large box that is marked, "Our Table" that will be in the hallway. Because of the kitchen construction, please use the doors on the east side. If you have any questions, please call Marcia Oberhaus 815-878-1812. Thank you again for all your help with this project.

## Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

### **4:00 pm: Saturday, July 29th**

Altar Servers: Anaisabella Ramirez-Tz, Dominic Vasquez  
EMHC: Dave Boylan, David Lawrence  
Lectors: Julie Hassler  
Sacristan: Julie Hassler  
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

### **7:30 am: Sunday, July 30th**

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

### **9:00 am: Sunday, July 30th**

Altar Servers: Elizabeth Keutzer, Luke Smith  
EMHC: Pat Galassi-Carlson, Lynn Delaney  
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky  
Lectors: Mario Carlone  
Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli  
Ushers: Dave & Judy Moore, Tom Giehl

### **10:30 am: Sunday, July 30th**

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Jackson Mason  
EMHC: Patty Daluga, Tim Taylor  
Lectors: Jeff Peacock  
Sacristan: Susanna Prushinski  
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

**EMHC Homebound** Pat Galassi-Carlson 9/S  
Lynn Delaney 9/N

### **EMHC for Nursing Homes**

Mary Beth Crowe—Liberty Hawthorne; Gene Menard—  
Greenfield; Rita Tracey—Liberty; Tim Smith—Aperion

**August Ultreya:** Please join the Illinois Valley  
Cursillo Community in an evening of Mass, food, and  
fellowship at our August Ultreya. Saturday, August 12,  
2023 at Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Spring Valley. Mass  
begins at 4:30 PM with a potluck to follow.

**FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND:** Next weekend,  
July 29 & 30, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting nonper-  
ishable food items and monetary donations for the Bureau  
County Food Pantry. All of the high need items are in short sup-  
ply. 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 Food Stamp reductions,  
this adds to the pressure on families to provide meals at home.  
Thanks to all who donate so generously each month. God  
bless you for your continuing support.

Precious Blood, ocean of divine mercy: Flow upon  
us! Precious Blood, most pure offering: Procure us  
every grace! Precious Blood, hope and refuge of  
sinners: Atone for us! Precious Blood, delight of  
holy souls: Draw us! Amen – St. Catherine of Siena

## **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.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

### **Church Monetary Support**

#### **Through July 2, 2023**

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ 8,913.00

#### **Through July 9, 2023**

Amount Received	\$ 5,893.00
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#### **Through July 16, 2023**

Amount Received	\$ 6,720.00
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Amount Over (Under)	\$ 1,276.00
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Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$ 20,250.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ 21,526.00

Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 1,276.00
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### **Readings for the week of July 23rd**

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/  
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom  
8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

*Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ,  
save us and the whole world!*

**TOTUS TUUS**

**POTLUCK**

The parish will provide pulled pork, hot dogs & drinks.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26TH 5PM**  
**HARKRADER HALL**

Please bring a side dish or dessert to add to the meal.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

**MAGI BABY CHEST**



High need items for our August 5th opening are diapers (sizes 3, 4, and 7), wipes (unscented preferred), bottles (all types), diaper bags, diaper cream, pacifiers, nursing pillows, nursing covers, baby/toddler bibs, gently used boys/girls clothes (sizes 12mo-4T), and gently used maternity clothes. Thank you for your support!



**STS. JOACHIM & ANNE**  
GRANDPARENTS OF JESUS—JULY 26


Most Holy St's Anne and Joachim, come close to us and guide our hand and our hearts in the way of virtue. Help us to parent our children and grandchildren with a gentle heart as you did. Show us how to raise our children in faith and bring our families into the Light of Jesus.

**WINE AND CHEESE PARTY**  
**HARKRADER HALL**  
**SATURDAY**  
**AUGUST 5TH 7PM**  
Appetizers, wine, beer and soda will be provided.  
(must be 21 or older to attend)



**Holy Hour for Vocations:** Fr. Chase Hilgenbrink will be the guest homilist for St. Mary's Church (303 S. Division St., Utica) Eucharistic Holy Hour **on Tuesday, July 25th**. He currently serves as the Director of Vocations for the Peoria Diocese. All are encouraged to attend this special Holy Hour, which **begins at 7:00 p.m.** Fr. Hilgenbrink is an energetic, faith-filled, and passionate speaker. In addition to adoration, gospel reading, and reflection, there will also be a time for confessions.


**Baby Bottle Collection for Abigail Women's Center in Mendota**




St. Louis Parish has been supporting this pregnancy resource center since 2014, and this year the parishioners have really outdone themselves in generosity. **The 2023 Baby Bottle Campaign has raised \$2300!** In an era when many who are "pro-life" are criticized for being only "pro-birth," resource centers such as the Abigail Clinic are more important than ever. They not only offer free ultrasounds and pregnancy tests, but they also offer free parenting classes. They exist to assist women in crisis pregnancy situations by providing compassionate care and guidance that respects the sanctity of life, as they walk with them on their journey as parents. Many thanks and blessings to all who work to build a culture of LIFE! - Rita Tracey

**Praise and Worship Holy Hour**

**Sunday, July 30th 6-7 PM**



During this Eucharistic Holy Hour, we will offer contemporary, reflective and easy to sing songs and hymns. Holy Hour will end with Benediction. Come and check out this wonderful time of prayer.



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!*