

SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

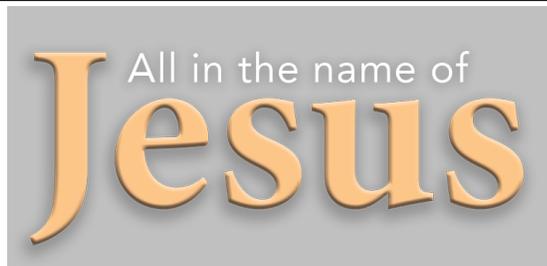
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

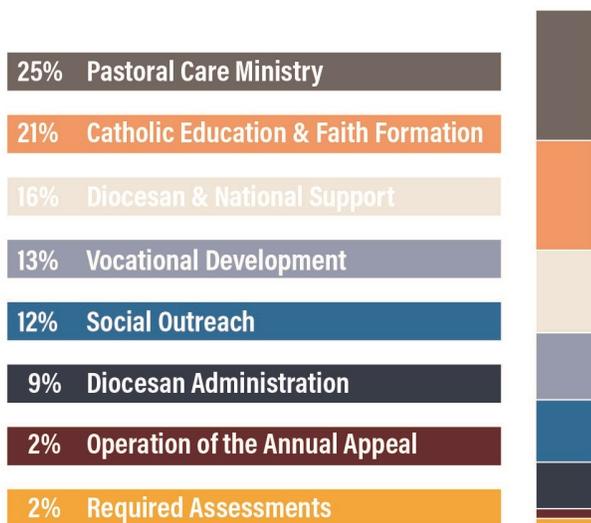
A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. KRUSE



The Diocese of Peoria is made up of 157 parishes and over 52,000 registered Catholic families. There are many ministries and apostolates that the Diocese can offer that we as a single parish cannot. Catechetical training for schools and CCD teachers, recruitment and training of priests, medical care for retired priests, ministry to our students on college campuses, evangelization, administration of many of the details of parish finances... these are just a few of the many services we receive from the Diocese of Peoria. Your support, in prayer and through your sacrificial gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, make it possible to provide these services.

You are encouraged to watch the inspiring ADA video by visiting <https://cdop.org/ada2021/>.

On the weekend of September 18th and 19th, our parish will be participating in the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) for the Diocese of Peoria. As followers of Christ, we are called to respond to God's grace in our lives and to serve one another. The Annual Diocesan Appeal is an opportunity to respond to His grace by sharing our gifts and so transform lives throughout the diocese. Please give generously as God has given to you.



NOURISHED IN SPIRIT BY MSGR. KRUSE

Start living life as if Jesus is truly your savior. Ultimately, you are powerless to heal the problems in your life, your family, or your business. Only Jesus can completely heal. Only he can save us. Stop buying self-help books and open the Bible. Turn off the Oprah-types and make a visit to Church. Put away the pleasures of escape and turn towards the saving works of Jesus. Contemplate what life would be like if you truly lived the truth that Christ is your savior – savior and healer of every wound, imperfection and limitation. Taste the freedom and healing that only Jesus can give.

God has loved you so much that he has sent you a healer – Jesus Christ. Only Jesus can offer you the complete healing that you long for. Our hearts are broken by our sins and our sin's consequences. Self-help books, medicines and other people may give us some help, but ultimately our healing can only come from God, our Savior Jesus Christ. We learned in our last time together that we need a savior and God sent us Jesus. Each week at Mass we publicly proclaim that Jesus alone is our savior as we pray in the creed, "For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven." Jesus has come to us as an offering for our sins, to set us free, to bring us back, to raise us up, and to heal us. What would your life be like if Christ did not offer you healing and forgiveness? Imagine how wretched life would be. In our last letter we learned that our spiritual perfection will only be achieved through our savior, our Lord Jesus Christ. We cannot be perfect if we remain unhealed, unsaved, unforgiven, and unredeemed.

Redemption means "to pay the price" or "to buy and ransom back." In our sin we were stolen by the devil and we became evil. Left to ourselves we could not be set free or pay the price for our freedom. Jesus choose to pay the price and buy us back – by the price of his own blood. Christ's death on the cross paid the price for our sins. He paid the debt on our behalf. The scriptures constantly speak of our redemption in Christ. Long ago we learned this in catechism class. Take time today and truly reflect upon this most basic tenet of our faith: by His blood we have been redeemed and our sins forgiven.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, September 6 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
7:00 am + William & Julie Brichacek by Joan Wagner

Tuesday, September 7 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
5:15 pm +Clarence & Phyllis Pagano
4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

Wed, September 8 **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
7:00 am + Mary Kunkel by Sister Teresa Kunkel

Thursday, September 9 **St. Peter Claver, Priest**
5:15 pm +Arnold McCauley
4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

Friday, September 10 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
7:00 am +Ron Hulslander by Annette Hulslander

Saturday, Sep. 11 **Vigil of 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00 pm + Iola Carlson by Joanne Stocking

Sunday, Sep. 12 **The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 am +Betty & John Murphy
by Tom & Mary Murphy
9:00 am People of the Parish
10:30 am +Helen Burgess by Mary Jo Gustafson

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 6th in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Daily Mass will be at the normal time.



Labor Day Prayer

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.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 279 nonperishable food items and \$995 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. A vast majority of the items were high-need: 50+ boxes of breakfast cereal, 30+ jars of peanut butter and 40+ mac & cheese, along with boxed potatoes and canned pasta. All were desperately needed and will be used immediately. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 22,313 nonperishable food items and \$117,916 in monetary donations. Many thanks to all for you continuing generosity!

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 teachings?...then RCIA is for YOU! **RCIA will be held on Tuesday evening at 6pm beginning Tuesday, September 14th.** We will meet in the St. Jerome Room. Please come and join us as our faith seeks understanding. Please forward any questions/comments to Susanna Prushinski (RCIA Coordinator) 815-915-6960 | stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, September 11

Altar Servers Cameron & Sam Lawrence
 Lectors Mary Paula Schmitt
 Sacristan Mandy Robinson
 Ushers Rick Torri, John Cotter **(Additional Ushers needed—please contact parish office to volunteer)**

7:30 am: Sunday, September 12

Altar Servers Brady Peach
 Lectors Luke Atilano
 Sacristan Joann Bowman
 Ushers Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson

9:00 am: Sunday, September 12

Altar Server Jessica Carlone, David Kunkel
 Camera Operators Marty Makransky
 Lectors Steve Harmon
 Sacristan Mary Beth Crowe
 Ushers Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, September 12

Altar Server Anna Ellis, Sara Ruiz
 Lectors David Roden
 Sacristan Tim Smith
 Ushers Ken Lough, Pat Mason **(Additional Ushers needed—please contact parish office to volunteer)**

EMHC for Homebound: Dave Boylan, Colleen Harmon, Dave Lawrence, Mandy Robinson

ST. LOUIS 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

(SUN 9:00AM Live-streamed on YouTube & FaceBook)

OUTDOOR DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(AT ANDERSON ST ENTRANCE)
 SAT 5:00—5:15 PM
 SUN 10:00—10:15 AM

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

PRIVATE PRAYER: The Chapel is open for Private Prayer— if you need the access code please contact the parish office.



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!

ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to couples celebrating 50 plus years!

Tom & Sharon Ballard - September 6

Terry & Sherry DeSalle - September 7

Vince & Jeanie Gelsomino - September 11

William & Mary Simon - September 30

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Helen Prostko

and for consolation for her family

*Eternal Rest grant unto them
 O Lord, and let perpetual light
 shine upon their soul.*

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through August 29, 2021

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>5,042.00</u>

Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 1,458.00)
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Fiscal Period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Amount needed to date:	\$58,500.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ <u>54,185.00</u>

Over/(Under) budget to date:	(\$ 4,315.00)
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Readings for the week of September 6, 2021

Sunday: Is 35:4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
 Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 /Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49
 Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Louis Parish **ALL HOURS** during the weekend of September 24-26, beginning at 7p.m. on Friday and ending at 7a.m. on Sunday. This extended period of adoration will coincide with the **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** for healing after abortion that will be taking place during the same hours, at a separate location. Please consider spending an hour with our Lord in prayer asking for God's healing graces for the men and women attending this retreat. Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer of Harkrader Hall and on FlockNote. Please sign up early so that we can fill all the hours! For more information, please call the parish office.

**Pilgrimage Nov. 6th/7th to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help and the National Shrine of St. Joseph
Signup Deadline—October 4th**

Where: Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, Champion, WI (only approved apparition site of our Blessed Mother in the US) and the National Shrine of St. Joseph in Depere, WI. Tentatively, a visit to the gravesite of Servant of God, Fr. Stephen Eckhert, Capuchin Friar (Mount Calvary WI)

When: Saturday Nov. 6th/Sunday Nov. 7th

Cost: \$125/Double Occupancy.

Included in cost: 1 night at Hampton Inn Greenbay, donuts and muffins for Saturday AM, Saturday dinner and Sunday Breakfast, water and snacks in each vehicle for travel and travel costs. Departure: Sat. Nov. 6th 5:45 AM (pulling out of St. Louis Church parking lot 6:10AM to meet the rest of the pilgrims at Flying J LaSalle)

Contact: Susanna Prushinski for more information, to get an itinerary, and/or to sign up stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com/815-915-6960



Please join us for the next Catholic Forum on September 5th 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.

Seminarian Spotlight

Seminarian Spotlight is a new section for our parish bulletin. The Diocese of Peoria has 21 young men studying for the priesthood. Occasionally, the bulletin will include a profile of each seminarian. It will include background information and their address. Seminarians love to receive a note of encouragement. Please pray for these men as they discern a call to the priesthood.



Jack Watt

Born 12-7-96. Class of 2025
Mount St. Mary's Seminary
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Background. He grew up in Normal. He studied architecture at the U of I hoping to help design theme parks. As a junior in college he asked God what He wanted him to do in his life. He says, "The unexpected answer came while I was attending Mass. It was if a spark had ignited within my heart and deep down I knew that the Lord was pulling me towards the priesthood."

The Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group

will gather on Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 6 PM at 521 S. First, Princeton. This group is for women who have lost a child or children because of suicide, miscarriage, illness or an accident. For more information, please call Jeanie Gelsomino at 815 866-6571. The door is always open to anyone who could benefit by this ministry.

Men's Bible Study Group

Steve Harmon will be hosting a men's study group on the Chosen series. It will run for eight weeks and meet on Tuesdays, from 6 pm - 7:30 pm, beginning Sept. 14, at his barn on Lover's Lane. Contact Steve at 815-866-6543 for more info. **All are welcome.**

Men's Holy Hour Every Saturday at 7am - read the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday and spend time in silent meditation. Enter through the Chapel door.

Second Sunday



JOIN US!
Sunday, Sep. 12th
after 10:30 Mass in
the Gym -
Enjoy a donut and
spend a little time
with you
parish family.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Prayer to The Guardian Angel by Padre Pio

"Angel of God, my guardian, to whom the goodness of the Heavenly Father entrusts me. Enlighten, protect and guide me Now and forever. Amen."