



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Diocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois
Sunday, January 14, 2024

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

PASTOR NOTE

I enjoyed some vacation time with my friend Fr. Carbonaro. It was nice to be away. But, I love our parish. It is nice to be back. I am ready to get things going for our new year. But first, I want to follow up on our wonderful Christmas season. During the holiday season, our bulletins have to be produced in advance of their corresponding weekend. And so, I have not been able to offer a proper and timely expression of thanks for our wonderful Christmas celebration. So, better late than never, I offer some words of thanks.

As you know Christmas weekend was a bit busy with all of the many required Masses. I offered Deacon John the opportunity to serve at only a few of the Masses. He refused my offer. He served at all of the Masses. I am grateful for his ministry as our parish Deacon, his good service, and our friendship. He is a wonderful asset for our parish.

All of our Christmas Masses required a lot of helpers. I am grateful for everyone who helped at Mass: the many altar servers, lectors, sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and ushers. I know that many did double duty that weekend. Often these helpers go unnoticed and unacknowledged. I am grateful for all of your good work to make our celebrations so worthy and excellent. Thank you.

Also, after the Masses, our team of money counters offer a few hours each week to tally our various collections. They are often unnoticed in their weekly dedicated work. Thank you.

Our Christmas Music was wonderful. I thank Matt Ernat, our organist, his wife, Grace, and all the others who helped with the Masses. I am especially grateful for our new Children's Choir. They did a great job at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass. I look forward to celebrating Mass with them in the future. I am also grateful for Luke Atilano for playing at the 9am Christmas Mass. He practiced extra hard to lead us in some wonderful Christmas hymns. Thank you for all of your dedication.

I hope that you agree with me that our church was absolutely beautiful. The decorations were amazing and helped us enter more deeply into our Christmas celebration. I thank Rita Tracey and all of her helpers who decorated the Church. I also thank them for taking down the decorations this last week. All of this takes many, many hours of work. Thank you.

Thank you for everyone who participated in our Poinsettia Memorials. Thanks to Ginger Murphy for coordinating these beautiful flowers.

I am grateful for our amazing parish staff who did so much extra work for our Christmas celebrations. I hope that you take a moment to thank them for their dedication.

I express my gratitude to each of you. I am grateful for the many kindnesses that you showed me. I thank you for the many gifts, kind cards, words of appreciation and support that you offered to me. Thank you for remembering me at Christmas.

Finally, after Christmas and before my trip, through our parish prayer chain, I requested prayers for my mother. Recently, she was diagnosed with uterine cancer. This last week, she underwent a complete hysterectomy. The surgery went well. It confirmed uterine cancer, but also, revealed that cancer is present in other places. She will undergo more tests and we will learn the next steps of her treatment. I am grateful for the outpouring of your prayers. I kindly ask for your prayers for her complete recovery.

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

Essential Conditions of Prayer:

Having already proved the necessity of actual grace for all the acts bearing on salvation, we must infer its necessity for prayer. St. Paul clearly states this necessity: "Likewise, the Spirit also helps our infirmity. For, we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit himself asks for us with unspeakable groanings." We may add that this grace is offered to all, even to sinners; hence, all are able to pray.

Although the state of grace is not necessary in order to pray, it increases the value of prayer, since it makes us the friends of God and the living members of Jesus Christ.

We shall now inquire into the requisite conditions of prayer on the part of the object of prayer and on the part of the one who prays.

Conditions on the Part of the Object:

The most important condition regarding the object of prayer is to ask for those things only which lead unto life everlasting: for supernatural graces in the first place, and then, for temporal goods, in the measure in which they are conducive to salvation. This rule was laid down by our Lord Himself: "Seek ye therefore first the kingdom of God and his justice: and all those things shall be added unto you." We have said that man's happiness as well as his perfection consists in the possession of God, and as a consequence in the possession of the means necessary to that end. We must, then ask for nothing that is not in harmony with it.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, January 15 Weekday

7:00am +Ken Henkel by Bill & Janet Politsch

Tuesday, January 16 Weekday

5:15pm +Shorty & Gerty Fundell by Jim Whitmore

4:00-5:00 Holy Hour

Wednesday, January 17 St. Anthony, Abbot

7:00am +Henry Carol Bryan by Bethany Brigham

Thursday, January 18 Weekday

5:15pm +Jeanne Austin by Joanne Bowman

4:00-5:00 Holy Hour

Friday, January 19 Weekday

7:00am +Ray DeMay by Vicky DeMay Family

Saturday, January 20 Vigil of 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm +Angie Miller & Stephanie Colby Aburto

By John & Liz Piacenti

Sunday, January 21 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am +Kristina Giehl by Alan & Lynne Weber

10:30am +Edward Miller by Tim Smith Family

Readings for the week of January 14th

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4:7-8, 8:9, 10(8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8, 9(4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-2

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: During the last weekend of December the Knights of Columbus collected 173 nonperishable food items and \$1,245 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. There were many high need items donated and the Pantry was very appreciative. The number of families needing help continues to grow dramatically every month. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 27,876 nonperishable food items and \$158,713 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 all for your continuing generosity!**

Baptism Preparation

Please contact Rebekah Mead to schedule baptismal prep classes and the ceremony.
stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com | 815-303-2330



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!

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Florence (Ann) Taylor

and for consolation for her family

Eternal Rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her soul. May her soul, and the souls of all of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, January 20th

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence
EMHC: David Lawrence, Mandy Robinson
Lectors: Julie Hassler
Sacristan: Julie Hassler
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, January 21st

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*
EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey
Lectors: Rita Pacunas
Sacristan: Lori Atilano
Ushers: Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson,
Tom Murphy

9:00 am: Sunday, January 21st

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Sylvie Viger
EMHC: Linda Carter, Gene Menard
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Tim Kunkel
Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli
Ushers: Tom Giehl, Dave & Judy Moore

10:30 am: Sunday, January 21st

Altar Servers: Mason Jackson, Brennan Roden
EMHC: Pat Galassi-Carlson, Tim Smith
Lectors: Jeff Peacock
Sacristan: Tim Smith
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC Homebound: Linda Carter 9/S
Gene Menard 9/N

EMHC for Nursing Homes:

Mary Beth Crowe – Liberty; Lynn Delaney—
Hawthorne; Paula Lough—Greenfield; Mandy Robin-
son—Aperion

Thank you for serving your parish!

“Your talent is God’s gift to you. What you do
with it is your gift back to God.”

“Faith in action is love, and love in action is service. By
transforming that faith into living acts of love, we put
ourselves in contact with God Himself, with Jesus our
Lord.” — Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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 December 31, 2023

Amount Budgeted	\$	6,750.00
Amount Received	\$	<u>4,770.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	(\$	1,980.00)

Through January 7, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$	6,750.00
Amount Received	\$	<u>6,875.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$	125.00

SOLEMNITY OF MARY **\$ 777.00**

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$	189,000.00
Amount Received to date:	\$	<u>196,374.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$	7,374.00

THE LITURGICAL CORNER

There are three vestments which the priest always wears when he is the celebrant of a Mass: the alb, the stole and the chasuble.

The alb is the long white vestment which the priest puts on first. The very word “alb” comes from the Latin word, alba, which means “white.” It is floor length, covering the priest completely. In a way, it resembles the baptismal garment which is worn as a symbol of the new life of Christ which is ours through baptism.

The stole is that vestment worn around the priest’s neck and hanging down evenly in the front. It is the symbol of sacramental and teaching authority for those in Holy Orders; hence, it is worn only by bishops, priests and deacons. (A deacon also wears a stole, but to distinguish him from the priest, the deacon wears the stole on his left shoulder, crossing it under his right arm.) When you see bishops, priests and deacons giving out Holy Communion, you will see them wearing the stole over their cassock or alb.

The chasuble is the outer vestment worn by the priest to symbolize his role in the Mass as the celebrant. The word chasuble comes from the Latin, “casula,” meaning “little house.” That is because of the manner in which it covers the priest. It represents the charity of Christ which St. Paul says “covers all things.” (Colossians 3:14)

MAGI BABY CHEST

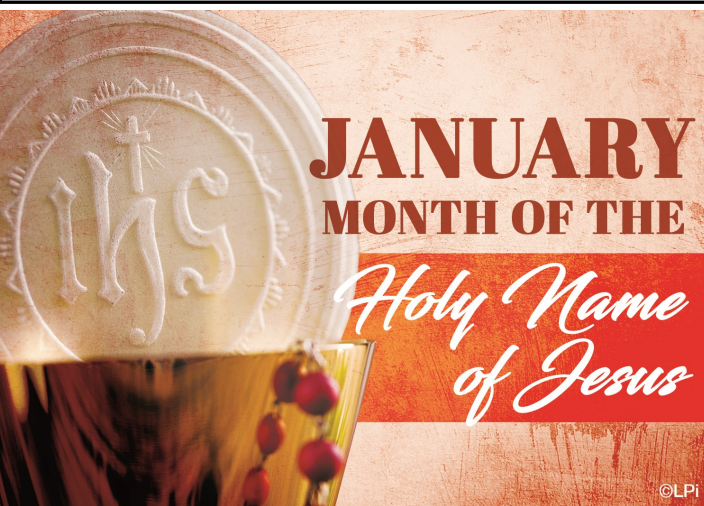


We had a very successful distribution last Saturday! We served 133 families! These families were so grateful and many even asked if they could volunteer in order to give back! How blessed we truly are to love our fellow neighbor the way we do through this ministry. Allelujah! Isn't God beautiful?

A big thank you to ALL who donate their money and time to this ministry. I would especially like to thank all our volunteers. You spread the love of Christ with your welcoming presence and your radical hospitality. What exactly is radical hospitality? It's the core of our mission at the MBC and it's much more than manners and offering goods. It is a total relinquishing of one's own needs to attend to the needs of another. It's opening our hearts to the stranger, welcoming them, listening to them, and recognizing Christ within them.

Our next distribution is Saturday February 3rd 9AM to 12PM.

High Need Items for February: Dish soap, baby laundry soap, unscented wipes, bottles, baby food, infant medicine, new children's books (ages 0-4), kids vitamins, baby wash, baby lotion, pacifiers, toddler socks, toddler underwear, and new winter clothing (sizes NB to 4T). We are also in need of gently used clothing for boys & girls (sizes 12mo to 4T). If you are ready to ring in the new year with cleaning out the kids' closets, please keep the Magi Baby Chest in mind!



"The name of Jesus is the purest, and holiest, the noblest and most indulgent of names, the name of all blessings and of all virtues; ... it is the name of the God-Man, of sanctity itself." - St. Bernard of Clairvaux 2

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY Monday, January 15th

"Our lives begin to end the day
we become silent about things that matter"
-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

2024 First Saturday Socials

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

All events begin at 6:30pm
in Harkrader Hall

February 3rd - Wine and Cheese
March 2nd - Trivia Night
April - No Saturday Social Event for April
May 4th - Wine and Cheese
June 1st - Bingo
July 6th - Wine and Cheese
August - No Saturday Social Event for August
Sept. 7th - Trivia Night
Oct. 5th - Wine and Cheese
Nov. 2nd - Wine and Cheese
Dec. 7th - Bingo

Do you like to play cards? Looking for fun and fellowship this winter? Join us for some friendly rounds of Euchre every Wednesday! 1pm to 3pm, at Harkrader Hall.



ALL ARE WELCOME...
parishioners and non-parishioners, beginners and experts! Cost is \$1 per person and to add to the fun there will be a high/low payout

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Our next Altar & Rosary Society meeting is **Tuesday, January 23rd** and will be a **potluck** so please bring your favorite dish to share. Our guest speaker will be Susan Glassman from the University of Illinois extension office. Susan's presentation will be on nutrition and wellness tips for living a healthy lifestyle. All women of the parish are welcome! Bring a friend and join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship, dinner and a great presentation! - Mandy Robinson, President

Parish Schedule Changes

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.