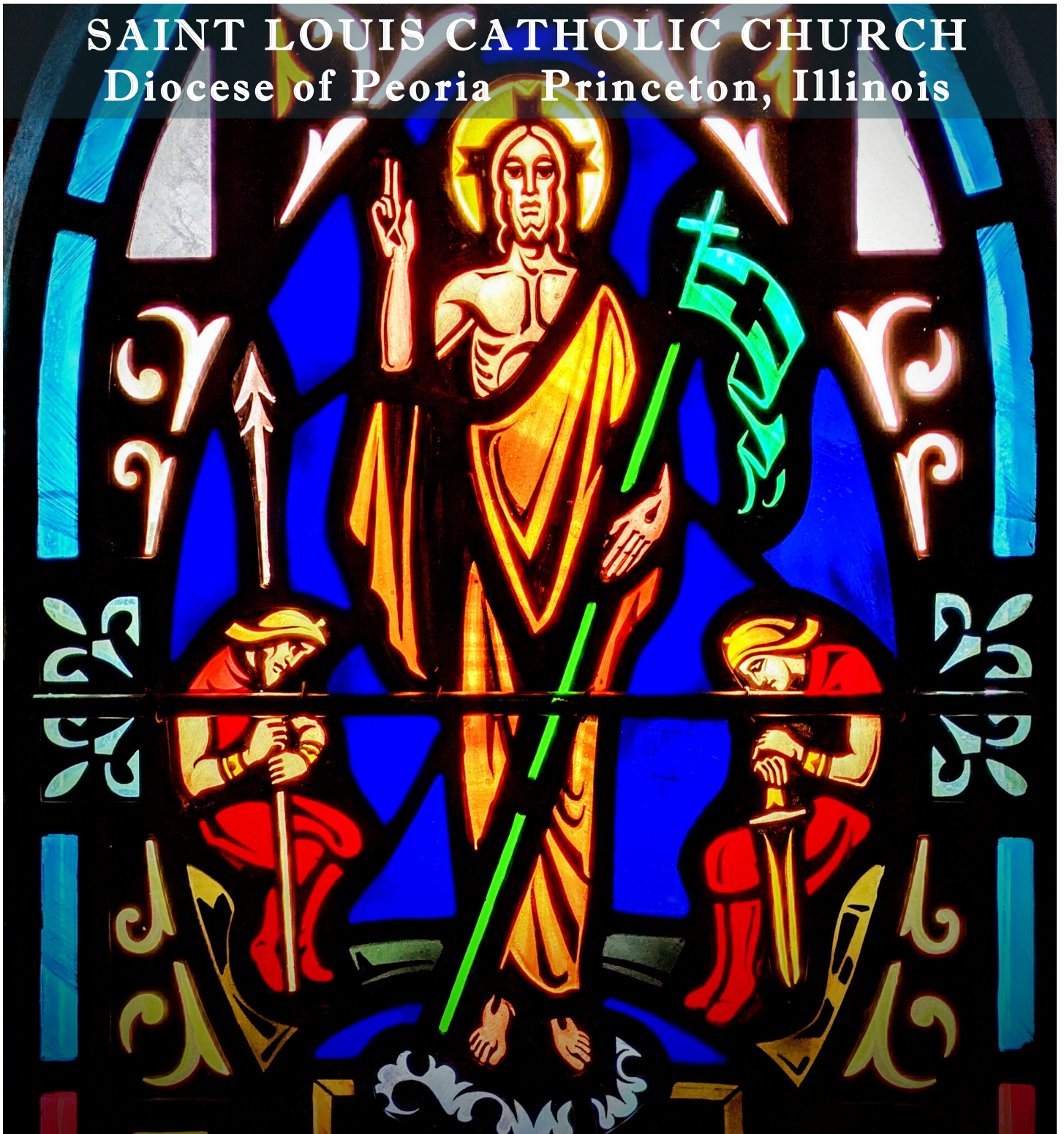


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Diocese of Peoria Princeton, Illinois



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

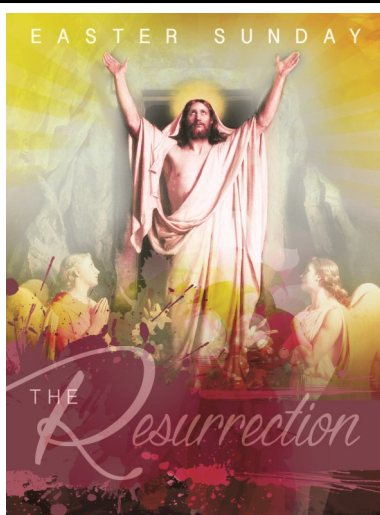
March 31, 2024

*“YES, CHRIST MY HOPE IS ARISEN”*

SEQUENCE



## PASTOR NOTE



Happy Easter! Jesus Christ is truly risen! This is the most important feast of the entire Church year. We remember and celebrate Christ's resurrection. I pray that each of us will be renewed in our faith in the power and love of Christ. Through the Resurrection, He has opened the gates of Heaven and empowered us to live with Him forever. He has proven that He truly is the Son of God and has given us a share in His divinity, power and love. May each of us be renewed and filled with joy as we celebrate our new life in Christ. Christ has risen! Let us rejoice and be glad!

At that time, people counted any part of a day as a full day. So, Jesus was buried on Friday (day one), silently entombed on the Sabbath, Saturday, (day two), and then early in the morning on Sunday, the first day of the Jewish week, Sunday, (day three). On the third day, Easter Sunday, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The soldiers, who were guarding Jesus' tomb, became shaken with fear of the angel. The guards ran away. A bit later, the women came to the tomb. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. Then, go quickly and tell His disciples" (Matt 28:2-10).

Three days after Jesus was crucified and buried, He truly rose from the dead. Each Gospel includes accounts of Jesus' resurrection. Each tell us that the tomb was empty. Each show us that Jesus was truly alive and demonstrated the signs of life: walking, eating, and talking. The disciples touched Him. He touched them. For forty days after the resurrection, Jesus clearly showed that He was alive – not a ghost and not a fantasy. He was really, truly, absolutely alive! The same Jesus that they knew in His public ministry, the same Jesus they saw crucified, the same Jesus who they buried in the tomb, was the same Jesus standing before them – resurrected from the dead. Jesus did not resurrect into a new body. It was the same body that He always had. But, His body was now glorified. He retained His wounds of crucifixion without pain or bleeding. He could walk through locked doors. He could vanish from their sight. Later, He would ascend into heaven in His glorified body. His resurrection is a promise for our future glorification and entrance into heaven. May these days of Easter renew our faith and devotion to Jesus. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Thank you for all of the many kind cards, well wishes and gifts as I celebrated my birthday last week. You are all very kind. Thank you.

First Saturday Devotions: Saturday, April 6th, 7am, we will enjoy our First Saturday Devotions. It is a great blessing to celebrate this devotion during Easter Week. I encourage you to join us for this devotion which includes Mass, Adoration, Marian procession, the rosary and Benediction.

Divine Mercy Parish Celebration: Sunday, April 7, 2:30pm Adoration, 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction, 3:30 dinner from Los Ranchitos, followed by family and kids'

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

Characteristics of Meditation of Beginners:

We have already said that the mental prayer of beginners is chiefly a discursive prayer, wherein, though the affections have their place, reasoning predominates. We now explain the ordinary subjects of their meditation, and the obstacles they meet.

The beginners must, in general, meditate upon whatever is calculated to inspire them with a growing horror for sin, upon the causes of their own faults, upon mortification that removes such causes, upon the principal duties of their state, upon fidelity to grace and its abuse, upon Jesus Christ, a model for penitent sinners.

In order to acquire a growing horror for sin, they must meditate on the end of man and of the Christian, and hence upon the creation of man, his elevation to the supernatural state, his fall and his redemption; upon the rights of God as Creator, Sanctifier and Redeemer; upon such of the divine attributes as would inspire them with a horror for sin, for instance, God's immensity, whereby He is present to all creatures and especially to the soul in the state of grace; upon His holiness whereby He is bound to hate sin; upon His justice which punishes it; upon His mercy that moves Him to forgive it. All these truths tend to make us flee from sin, the one obstacle to the attainment of our end, the one enemy of God, the destroyer of that supernatural life give to us by God as the great proof of His love for us, and restore to us by the Redeemer at the price of His blood.

Upon sin: its origin, punishment, malice and frightful consequences; upon the causes leading to sin: the world, the flesh and the devil.

Upon the means of expiating and preventing sin: penance, and the mortification of our different faculties, of our evil tendencies, and chiefly of the seven capital vices. From our meditations on these points, we shall draw the conclusion that there is no safety as long as we have not uprooted or at least controlled all of these disordered inclinations.

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Keep in touch with us via email or text

Text SLP To 84576 or

Connect with us online at

[stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com](http://stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com)

### Mass Intentions

Monday, April 1 Monday within the Octave of Easter

7:00am +Barb Heuer by Deanna Foran

Tuesday, April 2 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

5:15pm +Ron Hulslander by Annette Hulslander

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, April 3 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

7:00am +Francis Farley by the Family

Thursday, April 4 Thursday within the Octave of Easter

**\*7:00am** +Peter Fiocchi by Dick Fiocchi

Friday, April 5 Friday within the Octave of Easter

7:00am +Joan Smith by Jim B Miller

Saturday, April 6 First Saturday Devotion;

Vigil of the Sunday of Divine Mercy

7:00am +Eva Mae Williamson

by Paul & Bridgette Castelein

4:00pm +Joseph Kunkel by Barbara Bass

Sunday, April 7 Sunday of Divine Mercy

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am +Dave Doty by the family

10:30am +Alton Hughes by Ken & Paula Lough

**\*Thursday, April 4th Mass time will be 7am; Adoration  
& Confession in the afternoon are cancelled.**

The Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group will meet on Tuesday, April 2 from 1 - 3 pm at 521 S. First St. This group is open to women of any age who have lost a child (children) from an illness, accident, over dose, miscarriage, addiction or suicide. We all understand each other's grief and unending pain. Shelley Gorenz, a professional counselor, is on hand to help us. Jeanie Gelsomino facilitates the group. QUESTIONS? Call Jeanie at (815) 866-6571.

### **THE LITURGICAL CORNER**

"This is our Passover Feast..." These words are sung at the Easter Vigil, during the singing of the Exultet, a great song acclaiming Christ our Risen Lord. When we hear the word 'passover,' we think of our Jewish ancestors, as the angel of death passed over their houses during the last of the 10 plagues. We also think of how they passed through the Red Sea, out of the slavery of Egypt to march forward to the Promised Land.

Jesus Christ both passed through and passed over, in a very unique way. He 'passed through' life, suffering and death, all the while 'passing over' the temptation to be separated from God His Father. Each person must pass through life as well, and experience all that life brings us, both its joys and sorrows. It is such a consolation for us to know that Jesus has done this for us, in our own flesh. What we are trying to do, only possible in union with Jesus, it to live our lives the way He did, to resist the temptation to be separated from God. Of course, unlike Jesus, we are sinners. We do separate ourselves from God, ourselves and one another. But Easter is our great feast of rejoicing, hope and new life, because we are always being offered another chance by God. The sadness which separation brings give ways to the joy which redemption in Christ offers us today.

In many places there will be an Easter parade today. Let each Christian join the best Easter parade, that of all those whom Jesus has saved by His death and resurrection. March through life with hope and confidence that the Risen Lord is with you. There will be children searching for Easter eggs today at various Easter egg hunts. May we experience that unique joy when we find in Jesus Christ what we are all searching for - peace and forgiveness, meaning to life and strength in our trials, joy and love. A HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER TO YOU!

## Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

### 4pm Saturday, April 6th

Altar Servers: Gabby & Gretchen Carden  
EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Mandy Robinson  
Lectors: Katie Lawrence  
Sacristan: Julie Hassler  
Ushers: **Ushers needed**—please contact parish office

### 7:30 am: Sunday, April 7th

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*  
EMHC: Tom Jagers, Rita Tracey  
Lectors: Rita Pacunas  
Sacristan: Joann Bowman  
Ushers: Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey

### 9:00 am: Sunday, April 7th

Altar Servers: Dominic Vasquez, Sylvie Viger  
EMHC: Patty Daluga, Gene Menard  
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky  
Lectors: Steve Bouslog  
Sacristan: Mary Beth Crowe  
Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jiim Whiteaker

### 10:30 am: Sunday, April 7th

Altar Servers: Jackson Mason, Luke Smith  
EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Tim Smith  
Lectors: Julie Hassler  
Sacristan: Tim Smith  
Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

**EMHC Homebound:** Patty Daluga 9/N  
Gene Menard 9/S

**EMHC for Nursing Home:** Pat Galassi-Carlson—  
Hawthorne; Colleen Harmon—Aperion; Paula  
Lough—Greenfield; Rita Tracey—Liberty



*Congratulations to the following couples  
celebrating their 50th Plus Anniversary!*

*Mike & Lynn Farley - April 4, 1964*

*Dave & Susan Boylan - April 4, 1970*

*Stephen & Sandra Ankels - April 22, 1972*

*Doug & Alice Cook - April 26, 1969*

*Gerald & Michele Neumann - April 26, 1969*

If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary this year, please contact the parish office so we can include your anniversary in the bulletin and ensure you receive an invitation to the Diocese's Special 25th & 50th Anniversary Mass which is held at St. Mary's Cathedral in September.

## 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

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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

Due to the early deadline for the Easter bulletin, the totals for the weekend of March 24th were not available and will be provided in the next bulletin.

**FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:** Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 265 nonperishable food items and \$1,505 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. There were many high need items donated (peanut butter, cereal and canned chicken) and the Pantry was very appreciative. The number of families, along with Seniors, needing help continues to grow every month. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 28,627 nonperishable food items and \$164,139 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!

### Readings for the week of March 31st

Sunday: Acts 10:34, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9  
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15  
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18  
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35  
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48  
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14  
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15  
Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



## Altar & Rosary Society

**CHANCE TO WIN! \$2000**  
**\$10 per ticket—Drawing in May**

**Please see a member for tickets or contact Mandy Robinson**



# HAPPY EASTER!



Christ  
is  
Risen!

Alleluia

Where, O Death, is your victory?  
Where, O Death, is your sting?

1 COR 15:55

## PARISH CELEBRATION

DIVINE MERCY  
*Sunday*

April 7th 2:30pm



Adoration will be at 2:30pm; Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm followed by Benediction. Dinner will be at 3:30 pm from Los Ranchitos, followed by family and kids' activities, adult social time, and wonderful door prizes!

## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Mass, Adoration and Rosary  
Saturday, April 6th 7am



In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the salvation of souls and peace in the world

## MAGI BABY CHEST



Our next distribution will be Saturday April 6th 9AM to 12PM.

Mom's Night Out will be Friday April 5th in the church library from 6-8PM. Free child-care will be provided. Please come and join us and do some shopping in the MBC for your little ones!

High Need Items: spring jackets/raincoats (sizes 12mo-4T), boys and girls shorts (sizes 12mo-4T), laundry soap, Enfamil Gentlease (purple can) formula, dish soap, diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6,), unscented wipes, pacifiers, new children's books (ages 0-4 years), baby food/snacks, toddler sippy cups, bowls, plates, or utensils, baby gates, toddler socks, nursing covers, and playpens.

\*\*We are in need of volunteers to work on our 1st Saturday distribution days from 9AM to 12PM. You will not be required to work every month, only when you are able. It is honestly a lot of fun and a good way to boost your morale! Men, that means you too! Please contact Jessica Murphy or Ashley Gray if you're interested.

## Parish Schedule Changes

The Parish Office will be closed for the Holy Triduum and Easter beginning Thursday, March 28th thru Easter Monday, April 1st. The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 2nd.

Thursday, April 4th Mass time will be 7am; Adoration & Confession in the afternoon are cancelled.

CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A Is cancelled for April

EASTER SUNDAY  
AND THEN  
EVERYTHING  
CHANGED



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

Thursday, April 18th 2pm—7pm  
Harkrader Hall

To schedule, please contact Bob Schabow at bschab57@gmail.com or scan the QR code



Appointments preferred. Walk ins are welcome.