

# SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

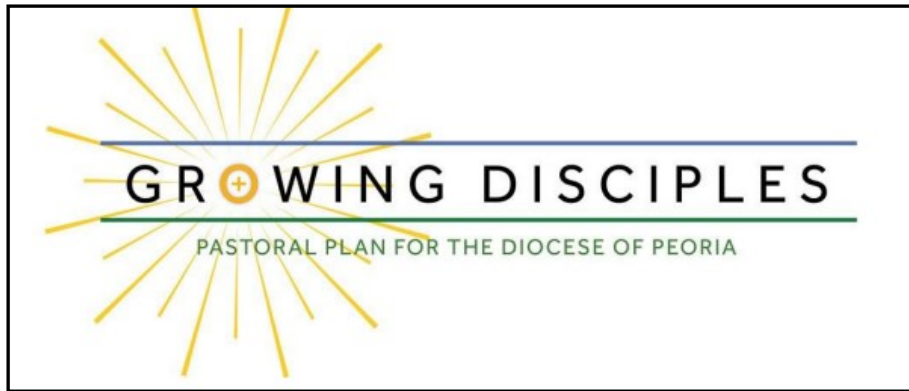
SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

## PASTOR NOTE



We have several updates regarding our Growing Disciples initiative:

- The Growing Disciples Core Team has met with the Pastoral Commission (comprised of parishioners from each vicariate) and the Presbyteral Council (comprised of priests from each vicariate) to review the Round Three models it created based on the feedback from the Round Two models. All the feedback from both meetings has been submitted to the Bishop to consider as part of his discernment.
- The Round Three models recommended to the Bishop by the Core Team will be made public. The Bishop wanted you to see the information he is discerning for several reasons:
  - He is committed to transparency in the Growing Disciples process.
  - There are changes from the Round Two models based on the feedback the Core Team received.
  - It will help all of us begin to work within our parish community and nearby parishes to prepare hearts and minds for change. Regardless of what may happen to our parish, everyone will experience a change, whether it is a new structure for our parish or the parish we grew up in, a new priest, or a renewed commitment and focus to evangelization and growing disciples.

The Round Three models will be posted on [growingdisciplescdop.org](http://growingdisciplescdop.org) on Sunday, March 10 at 6 pm.

The time for the Bishop's discernment has begun. He will take everything he has heard and seen, revisit notes and letters, and bring it all to prayer. Please pray that the Holy Spirit continues to guide him and the Growing Disciples process.

Please email [growingdisciples@cdop.org](mailto:growingdisciples@cdop.org) with any questions or concerns you may have.

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

Mental Prayer of Beginners: Advantages

Meditation, as we have described it, is most helpful for the attainment of salvation and perfection.

It detaches us from sin and its causes. – When we sin, it is through thoughtlessness and lack of will power. This twofold defect, however, is corrected by meditation.

It enlightens us as to malice of sin and its fearful consequences, by showing it to us in the light of God, or eternity, and of what Jesus Christ did in order to atone for it. It is meditation that leads us in spirit into the hallowed solitudes wherein we find God alone – in peace, in calm, in silence, in recollection. The same it is that in spirit makes us descend to hell, therein to see our place; that brings us before the grave to see our last abode; that takes us up to Heaven to see our throne of glory; that carries us to the Valley of Josaphat to see our Judge; to Bethlehem to see our Savior; to Mount Tabor to see our Love and to Calvary to see our Model. Meditation, likewise, detaches us from the world and its false pleasures. It reminds us of the instability of worldly goods, the anxiety they bring, the void, the ennui in which they plunge the soul. It forearms us against a false and corrupt world and makes us realize that God alone can constitute our bliss. Above all it detaches us from our pride and from our sensuality, by placing us before God who is the fulness of being, and before our nothingness; by making us understand that sensual pleasure reduces to the level of the brute, whilst godly ennoble us and make us sour unto God.

Meditation strengthens our will, not merely by providing us with strong convictions, as we have just said, but also by gradually healing our languor, our cowardice, and our fickleness. God's grace alone, our own efforts helping, can cure such infirmities. Now, meditation makes us ask for this grace all the more insistently, as it brings home to us through reflection our helplessness; whilst the acts of sorrow, of contrition that we perform, the firm purpose of amendment we conceive during meditation, together with the resolutions we take, already constitute an active co-operation with grace.



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## Mass Intentions

Monday, March 11	<u>Lenten Weekday</u> 7:00am +Mary Kunkel by Gary and Sara Kunkel
Tuesday, March 12	<u>Lenten Weekday</u> 5:15pm +John Michael Bystry by Bernie Skibinski 4:00-5:00 Holy Hour
Wednesday, March 13	<u>Lenten Weekday</u> 7:00am +Judy Williams by Dan & Sue Legner
Thursday, March 14	<u>Lenten Weekday</u> 5:15pm +Jason Stocking by Joanne Stocking 4:00-5:00 Holy Hour
Friday, March 15	<u>Lenten Weekday</u> 7:00am +Ray DeMay by Tim & Julie Puhr
Saturday, March 16	<u>Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent</u> 4:00pm +Theresa McNeill by Barbara & Margie Bass
Sunday, March 17	<u>Fifth Sunday of Lent</u> 7:30am People of the Parish 9:00am +JoAnn Legner by Joe & Jill Kunkel 10:30am + John Stirniman by the St. Louis Parish family

## *THE LITURGICAL CORNER*

Imagine if you received a letter from a very important, world renowned person. You would probably show that letter to all of your friends, and certainly you would not treat it like any other piece of mail. You might even have it framed or laminated as a way of showing it special respect. At every Mass we hear proclaimed to us the word of God. God Himself speaks to us through His inspired word. That is why there are all kinds of marks of respect for the word of God: we carry it in procession and place it on a pulpit. All Scripture is inspired, but the four gospels have always had a special place in the formation of the Christian people, because they recount the words and deeds of Jesus. So to give special honor to the Gospel, we stand, and sometimes the gospel is incensed and surrounded by two candles as marks of respect.

Perhaps you notice a special gesture made by the priest before he proclaims the gospel, or a special blessing given to the deacon before he proclaims the Gospel. The priest bows his head and silently prays: "Almighty God, cleanse my heart and my lips that I may worthily proclaim your gospel." In the case of the deacon, the priest blesses the deacon and prays the same prayer for him. This reminds us of something that happened to the prophet Isaiah in the Old Testament, when an angel touched his tongue with a hot coal so as to purify him for his service as one who would speak God's word. Since all of God's ordained ministers are unworthy, they pray this prayer before proclaiming the gospel, a sure reminder not only of their unworthiness, but also of the holiness of the word which they are about to proclaim.



**Join the Trinity Catholic Academy for the Living Stations of the Cross, on Wednesday March 27, at 6:00pm, or Holy Thursday at 10:00am at St. Patrick Church in LaSalle. It is a powerful performance by the Trinity students and will be a fruitful addition to your Lent!**

## Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

### 4:00 pm: Saturday, March 16th

Altar Servers: Gabby & Gretchen Carden  
 EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Tim Taylor  
 Lectors: Gene Menard  
 Sacristan: Julie Hassler  
 Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

### 7:30 am: Sunday, March 17th

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

### 9:00 am: Sunday, March 17th

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Dominic Vasquez  
 EMHC: Patty Daluga, Lynn Delaney  
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky  
 Lectors: Steve Harmon  
 Sacristan: Quint Quiram  
 Ushers: Tom Giehl, Dave & Judy Moore

### 10:30 am: Sunday, March 17th

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry  
 EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Linda Carter  
 Lectors: David Roden  
 Sacristan: Linda Carter  
 Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

**EMHC Homebound:** Patty Daluga 9/S  
 Lynn Delaney 9/N

**EMHC for Nursing Homes:** Mary Beth Crowe—  
 Hawthorne; Colleen Hamon—Aperion; Tom Jagers—  
 Greenfield; Rita Tracey—Liberty

*All you can eat*

## **PANCAKE & SAUSAGE**

*Breakfast*



**Sunday, March 10th 7:30am to 12:30pm**

**DINE IN OR CARRY OUT**

**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH HALL IN SHEFFIELD  
 (NEXT TO CHURCH)**

**\$10 FOR ADULTS, \$5 FOR KIDS 6-12, UNDER 6 EAT FOR FREE  
 SPONSORED BY THE SHEFFIELD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

## Readings for the week of March 10th

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-6 /Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21  
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30  
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47  
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53  
 Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-15/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-3

## 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 March 3, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ 8,373.00
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 1,623.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$ 243,000.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ 247,703.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 4,703.00

## Altar & Rosary Society

The Altar & Rosary will have a Culver's FUNdraiser Night **this Monday, March 11th from 5- 8 pm**. Bring your appetite and your friends! Let's fill the restaurant and the drive thru with our wonderful St. Louis parishioners to raise money to help The Altar & Rosary Society continue to help support our Church and local charities.



**Our next Altar & Rosary Society meeting will be this Tuesday, March 12th.** It will be a potluck so bring your favorite dish to share! Our guest speaker will be Denise Ihrig from the Bureau County Senior Center.

**The Easter Memorial Flower Forms** are located on the Church information tables. Donations will be used to help decorate the Church for Easter. **Deadline is March 24th.**



## MAGI BABY CHEST



We had a wonderful distribution last Saturday! We served 147 families!

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



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.

Chelsea Sanchez aka "Chelsea Gives Back" on Facebook is hosting an online Facebook fundraising event for the Magi Baby Chest called "40 Days of Giving" for Lent. **We are so grateful to her. We've already received so many items, it's amazing!** Please join her group "40 Days of Giving for the Magi Baby Chest" on Facebook and share it with your friends. We'd like to get the word out into the Princeton community in order to reach those beyond our parish. Fundraising ends March 14th. Thank you Chelsea for supporting local families! It means so much.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus welcomed their new member, Ian Legner, at their meeting on Monday. If you are a Catholic man age 18 or older and are interested in joining the Knights, or just want more information, feel free to join us for dinner at our next meeting on Monday, April 1st at 6:30pm or contact Bob Schabow at 815-303-8701.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS FEBRUARY 16TH — MARCH 22ND FRIDAYS 5PM



"We adore you  
O Christ and we  
praise you,  
Because by your  
holy Cross you  
have redeemed  
the world."



GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH  
AT NOON



\$15 per person  
Kids 5 and under  
eat for free!

Dinner Includes:  
Baked or Fried Fish  
French Fries/Baked Potatoe  
Coleslaw; Mac & Cheese;  
Bread; Dessert & Drink

The perfect Lenten Friday Night Out! Pray the Stations of the Cross at 5pm followed by a delicious fish dinner at the St. Louis Fish Fry!



## Save the Date! PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

March 24th | 1:00 - 6:00 PM

"GRANT, ALMIGHTY GOD, THROUGH THE YEARLY OBSERVANCES OF HOLY LENT, THAT WE MAY GROW IN UNDERSTANDING OF THE RICHES HIDDEN IN CHRIST AND BY WORTHY CONDUCT PURSUE THEIR EFFECTS"