



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

PASTOR NOTE

During the Easter Season the Church always celebrates sacraments for our parish youth.



On Sunday, April 21st, at the Cathedral in Peoria, the sacrament of Confirmation will be confirmed on these youth of our parish. I ask you to please pray for these youth of our parish:

Anna Ellis
Morgan Evans
Meiah Glafka
Chloe Moats
Jack Oester
Brady Peach
Yocelynn Robledo

On Saturday, April 27th, 12:30pm, our parish will celebrate First Communion. I ask you to please pray for these youth of our parish:

Maggie Cerra
Amayah Comer
Patrick Dunn
Ruth-Anne Fiocchi
Griffin Gray
Heath Hardy
Gabriel Sarabia
Eva VanDorsten



As these youth grow deeper in their faith, may it help each of us remember our own First Communion and Confirmation. Through these sacraments we are united to our Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit leading us to greater union with our Heavenly Father. The sacraments are our absolute connection to God and empowers us to live holiness of life. May we each be renewed through the sacraments that we have received.

Stations of the Resurrection: We are all familiar with the Stations of the Cross prayed throughout Lent. We are less familiar with the Stations of the Resurrection. These focus on the different events of Christ's 40 days between His Resurrection and Ascension. I encourage you and your family to take time and pray these stations throughout the Easter Season. Copies are also available near the doors of the Church.

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

Obstacles Encountered by Beginners:

The special difficulties encountered by beginners in meditation arise from their inexperience, their lack of generosity and chiefly from the many distractions to which they are subject.

On account of their inexperience beginners are liable to turn their mental prayer into a sort of philosophical or theological thesis, or into a kind of sermon to themselves. This is not, indeed, a complete loss of time, since even this kind of meditation makes them give thought to the great truths of religion and strengthens their convictions. They would, however, derive greater profit if they proceeded in a more practical and a more supernatural way.

The beginner must be taught. He must learn a) that considerations, if they are to bear practical fruit, must be made more personal, be applied to themselves and be followed by an examination in order to see to what extent the truths on which they meditate influence their lives, and what must be done in order to live by these truths during the course of the day; b) that the most important part of meditation is found in the acts of the will: acts of adoration, thanksgiving and love toward God; acts of humility, of sorrow, of firm purpose of amendment; acts of petition to obtain the grace of correcting their faults; and finally, firm and frequently repeated resolutions of doing better throughout the day.

Their lack of generosity exposes them to discouragement when they no longer upheld by sensible consolations God graciously bestowed on them at the outset in order to draw them unto Himself. Obstacles and the first spells of aridity dishearten them, and thinking themselves abandoned by God, they drift into carelessness. Hence, they must be made to see that what God asks is effort and not success, that perseverance in prayer, despite difficulties, is so much the richer in merit, and that God having proved Himself so generous towards them, to turn back when effort is required, would be an act of cowardice. These directions should be tempered by the mildness with which they are given and by paternal words of comfort.

Please pray for the youth of our parish who are preparing for First Communion & Confirmation.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, April 15 <u>Monday of the Third Week of Easter</u>
7:00am +Beverly Nora by Louis Nora
Tuesday, April 16 <u>Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter</u>
5:15pm +Dioscoro C. Soco by Dan & Sue Legner
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour
Wednesday, April 17 <u>Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter</u>
7:00am +Liz Dahlen by Tom & Colleen Yucas
Thursday, April 18 <u>Thursday of the Third Week of Easter</u>
5:15pm +Msgr. Richard Soseman by Leo & Susanna Prushinski
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour
Friday, April 19 <u>Friday of the Third Week of Easter</u>
7:00am +William Woodlief & Lucille Legner by Geraldine Woodlief
Saturday, April 20 <u>Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Easter</u>
4:00pm +Mary A. Sims by Al & Judy Taylor
Sunday, April 21 <u>4th Sunday of Easter</u>
7:30am +Connie Helms by Jim & Linda Carter
9:00am People of the Parish
10:30am Blessing & Health for the Maciczak Family

THE LITURGICAL CORNER

There are some technical terms which we, as Catholics, ought to be familiar with. One of these words is “transubstantiation.” This word explains the Catholic teaching regarding the changing of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. When we take the word apart, we see that it means “a change (trans) in the substance (substantiation).” Every reality is made up of accidents and substance. The accidents are those parts which we can see. For example, when we look at a piece of bread, we can say that it is white or brown, hard or soft, round or square, etc. These are the accidents. The substance is ‘what’ it is - it is bread. Usually, when we change the accidents of something, we also change the substance. For example, when we take a branch of wood, its accidents may be that it is brown, round and maple. The substance is to be wood. If we burn it, the accidents change - now it is dust and black, but so does the substance: it is no longer wood, but now ashes. Transubstantiation is the miracle that occurs at Mass: the accidents of bread remain (it still looks like bread, feels like bread, tastes like bread), but the substance is changed, now no longer the substance of bread, but that of the Body and Blood of Christ. Human eyes do not see this change, but the eyes of faith do, because of the promise of the Lord: “This is My Body; this is My Blood.” Clearly transubstantiation is a miracle, one performed by Christ at each Mass as a gift of love for us.



If angels could be jealous of men,
they would be so for one
reason: Holy Communion.

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4pm Saturday, April 13th

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence
 EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Mandy Robinson
 Lectors: Gene Menard
 Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
 Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, April 21st

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*
 EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Pat Galassi-Carlson
 Lectors: Mary Paula Schmitt
 Sacristan: Joann Bowman
 Ushers: Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey

9:00 am: Sunday, April 21st

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry
 EMHC: Linda Carter, Mandy Robinson
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
 Lectors: Herb Rhees
 Sacristan: Susanna Prushinski
 Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jjim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, April 21st

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Anaisabela Ramirez-Tz
 EMHC: Ciindy Behrends, Tim Smith
 Lectors: Jeff Peacock
 Sacristan: Tim Smith
 Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

EMHC Homebound: Linda Carter 9/N
 Mandy Robinson 9/S

EMHC for Nursing Home: Pat Galassi-Carlson—
 Liberty; Mary Beth Crowe—Hawthorne; Tom Jagers—
 Greenfield; David Lawrence—Aperion

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please contact Rebekah Mead to schedule baptismal prep classes and the ceremony.
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MAGI BABY CHEST



We served 133 families on Saturday! They were all so thankful for our support. **Our next distribution will be Saturday May 4th 9AM to 12PM.** Thank you to all who donate to the Magi Baby Chest! You are dearly loved.

High Need Items for our May Distribution: new girls clothing (sizes 18mo-4T), new children's books (0-4 years), bottles, sippy cups, kids chewable vitamins, prenatal vitamins, toddler socks (sizes 24mo-4T), diaper cream, diapers (size 4, 5, 6, & 7), Enfamil formula, baby food/snacks, baby laundry soap, dish soap, sun hats, baby sunscreen, play pens, baby gates, and infant crib & mattress.

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 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.

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 April 7, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>8,190.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 1,440.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$ 276,750.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ <u>283,048.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 6,298.00

Readings for the week of April 14th

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 /1 Jn 2:1-5/ Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/ Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



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!

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION 2024



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BLOOD DRIVE [BLOODCENTER.ORG](https://www.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.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Totus Tuus is BACK!!! Join us June 16-21 for a week of faith and fun! Open to kids in 1st-12th grade. We will also have a Totus Tots program for kids 3-6. Mark your calendars -- registration coming soon!

Thank you to the St. Louis Altar and Rosary Society for their generous donation to our Youth Ministry! With your support, we are able to continue providing opportunities for faith and fun to the young people of our parish. May God bless you for your charity!