

SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:35b-37a

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. KRUSE

I hope that you are all doing well. We all know that Covid has been on the upswing. The media has daily reports of all the new restrictions and new cases. I don't know about you, but it can all be a bit depressing. Let us keep being safe and pray for an end to the pandemic.

I decided to provide you with a bit of a distraction from the pandemic. I hope that you will have some fun completing this Bible Brain Teaser. Can you find all 16 books listed below? A priest once found the first 15 books in twenty minutes, but it took him three weeks to find the 16th. Good Luck. Look inside the bulletin to find the answers. But, no cheating!
-- Msgr. Kruse

A Bible Brain Teaser

There are names of 16 books of the Bible mentioned in the paragraph below. See how many you can find.

"I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu, kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help find them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible in this paragraph."

NOURISHED IN SPIRIT BY MSGR. KRUSE

Regretfully, many people begrudgingly follow the ways of Jesus. They see his teachings and moral code as simply following a bunch of "Do's and Don't's." In early stages of perfection morality is all about obeying and following rules. But for the spiritually mature (or maturing), it is about following love. They obey because they love. They recognize that Christ has loved them, so they choose to love in return. Charity begets charity. Love responds to love.

But for the really spiritually mature, they see that it is even more! Perfection in Christ is not simply imitating perfectly his example of love. Instead, it is a real and intimate union with him. Christ came into this world, not only to forgive our sins, not only to show us God's love, not only to be a model of holiness and love; but most importantly, Jesus came to share with us God's very nature and life. From the beginning, followers of Jesus knew that at the heart of Christianity was being in reality united to the very nature of God. Salvation is not simply being freed from sin, but it is being raised up into the very life of God. Christ's mission was not just the cross, but the resurrection. St. Leo once said, "God became man so that man could become like God." In Christ, we can really share in the very nature and power of God. In Christ we become not only redeemed humans, but we become exalted and deified humans. We become so united with God that we can live and do God-like things. Literally, we become godly. St. John captures this when he speaks about becoming a child of God. Just as our human nature was given to us by our parents, divine nature was given to us by our rebirth in Christ. Christ is in me and I am in Christ. We have become temples of God! Sharing in the life of God! Being like God! Real, true, literal, nature-to-nature, union with Jesus. This is what spiritual perfection is really about. As St. Paul says, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

Our spiritual perfection is a perfect union with Jesus. It is a relationship with Jesus that will culminate in the glory of heaven. Our growth towards perfection must include a deeper and deeper intimacy and union with Jesus. This is why the saints never stopped thinking about and talking about Jesus. They were totally focused on him, his teachings, his actions, his sufferings, his glorious resurrection, and his life in heaven. We can do no less.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, September 20 **Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest,
 and Paul Chõng Ha-sang
 and Companions, Martyrs**
 7:00 am + Paul Scoma by Jim Whitmore

Tuesday, September 21 **St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**
 5:15 pm +Robert Walter
 by Dave & Mary Hutchinson
 4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

Wed, September 22 **Weekday In Ordinary Time**
 7:00 am + James & Laura Prendergast
 by Prendergast Family


Thursday, September 23 **St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**
 5:15 pm +Mike Johnson & families
 4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

Friday, September 24 **Weekday In Ordinary Time**
 7:00 am +Mary Miller by Amie Neiman

Saturday, Sept. 25 **Vigil of 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 4:00 pm Deceased family members by Fran Robbins

Sunday, Sept. 26 **The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 7:30 am +Joe DeBrock
 9:00 am +Shelby Welsh by Joanne Stocking
 10:30 am People of the Parish

FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND: Next weekend, September 25 & 26, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. It's not too early to start thinking about filling those Thanksgiving baskets with the ingredients for green bean casserole, corn casserole, yams, cranberries and stuffing mix.. Monetary donations will be used to purchase turkeys. All the high need items are in short supply. Those are: breakfast cereal, peanut butter, mac & cheese, hamburger helper, boxed potatoes and canned pasta, especially ravioli. Thanks to all who donate so generously each month



LIFE CHAIN
 Sunday October 3, 2021

We will meet at Veteran's Park at 2:45 pm. From 3 -4pm we will stand in prayerful silence, reflection and praying for the more than 3,500 unborn Americans who each day lose their lives to abortion. We will also pray for their mothers and fathers, abortionists, clergy, our president and the legislative leaders of America. Pro-life signs will be provided. Everyone and every age is welcome. If you are unable to stand for an hour, you may bring a chair. Please contact Rita Tracey at 879-0308 with questions.

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Jeanne Austin
Laurie Evans

and for consolation for their families
Eternal Rest grant unto them
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon their souls.

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.**

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, September 25

Altar Servers Gretchen & Gabby Carden
 Lectors Katie Lawrence
 Sacristan Mandy Robinson
 Ushers Rick Torri, John Cotter **(Additional Ushers needed—please contact parish office to volunteer)**

7:30 am: Sunday, September 26

Altar Servers Brady Peach
 Lectors Mary Murphy
 Sacristan Joann Bowman
 Ushers Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson

9:00 am: Sunday, September 26

Altar Server Faustina & Patsy Bystry
 Camera Operators Marty Makransky
 Lectors Diane Carlone
 Sacristan Susanna Prushinski
 Ushers Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, September 26

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

EMHC for Homebound: Dave Boylan, Dave Lawrence, Mandy Robinson, Rita Tracey

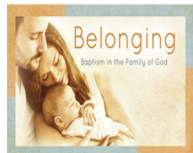


Please remember to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life especially from St. Louis Parish!
St. Therese, Patroness of Vocations, pray for us!

Bible Brain Teaser Answers:

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Belonging Baptism Preparation



Please contact the parish office to schedule baptismal prep classes and the ceremony. 815-879-0181 | stlparishoffice@gmail.com

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through September 12, 2021

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>6,159.00</u>

Amount Over (Under)	\$ (341.00)
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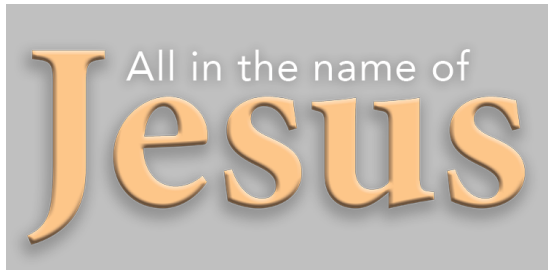
Fiscal Period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Amount needed to date:	\$71,500.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ <u>66,877.00</u>

Over/(Under) budget to date:	(\$4,623.00)
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Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/
 Mk 9:30-37
 Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 /Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 /Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b /Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/
 Lk 9:43b-45
 Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas
 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Today, the 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal begins in our parish and throughout the Diocese of Peoria. It is time for us to do what we can to support not only our Diocese but the programs and ministries that benefit our parish and our Catholic community. The ADA supports the education of our future priests and deacons as well as the Office of Catholic Schools. It supports ministries that change lives for the better. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others.

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

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 at stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com/signup/65929 Please sign up early so that we can fill all the hours! For more information, please call the parish office.

CCW 2021-2022 Fall Kickoff Meeting Tuesday, September 28th 6pm

The CCW officers invite all women of the parish to participate in the monthly CCW meetings/activities this coming year.

The CCW meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month in Harkrader Hall (unless otherwise noted). **The first meeting will be Tuesday, September 28th.** The meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and generally last till 8 p.m. Each month the meeting will have a special theme, ranging from light-hearted to informative to thought-provoking, but always with the goal of sharing time together as sisters in Christ. It's such a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and enjoy the camaraderie of old friendships.

Don't miss these opportunities to be surrounded by genuine loving women who serve God and love their neighbor and one another. Guests are always welcome, so please feel free to bring a friend.

Please join us this year...while we pray together, sing together, and learn together on the great journey of our Catholic faith.

JOIN THE
ROSARY CRUSADE FOR VICTORY
AGAINST THE DARKNESS

"the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." ~Jn 1:5

OCTOBER 7
6:30 pm CENTRAL

Presented by the
AVILA ARMY

REGISTER TODAY AND PRAY WITH US!

Pray the Rosary Against the Darkness

The Avila Foundation invites you to a virtual gathering to pray the Rosary on October 7, 2021 The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary at 6:30 PM Central.

Join Ralph Martin, Fr. Dave Pivonka, Lila Rose, Kimberly Hahn and many more as they lead thousands around the world in claiming Our Lady's promised victory over the current darkness.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt 18:20)

Our Lady of Victory, pray for us!

Register at

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/avilafoundation/568089>

SEMINARIAN SPOTLIGHT

Jacob Martini



Born 6-25-96. Class of 2024
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Background: He grew up in Ottawa and attended Bradley University where he attended the Newman Center. He has a degree in Engineering. He is in the Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, NY. He says, "With the help of the Newman Center, I knew that God was calling me to discern priesthood."