



# SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains  
in me and I in him.” - Jn 6:56

## PASTOR NOTE

I want to thank Elite Landscape for providing some landscaping around the rectory. Their wonderful generosity has helped make our campus even more beautiful. Thank you.

**Diocesan Traveling Monstrance:** As part of the Diocese's participation in the National Eucharistic Revival, Bishop Tylka purchased a special Monstrance. This is a golden vessel that holds the Sacred Host during Eucharistic Adoration. This Monstrance has been traveling around to all of the parishes across the Diocese. It has been traveling between the parishes for about a year and will continue to journey across the Diocese for the next year. This is a wonderful way for the Diocese to join together in Eucharistic Adoration during our National Revival. This Monstrance will be in our parish for a few days beginning June 18<sup>th</sup>. Considering that June 18<sup>th</sup> is Father's Day, I have decided to have a Day of Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. After the usual 7am Mass, there will be Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration in the Church throughout the day. A sign-up sheet will be sent out so that individuals may reserve a time for Adoration. I encourage you to commit to one of the hours. Or, stop at Church anytime during the day for a period of adoration and praise. We will close out the Day of Eucharistic Adoration with a Holy Hour from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. This time will include devotions, quiet prayer time, evening prayer and Benediction. Come for some of the time or the whole hour. This Day of Eucharistic Adoration will be a wonderful way for our parish to participate in our Diocese-wide Eucharistic Revival. It is truly amazing to consider how all of the parishes of our Diocese will offer adoration to our Savior Jesus Christ through this traveling Monstrance. I am confident that it will be a moment of special graces for our parish and for each one of us. I encourage you to clear your calendar and join us for this special time of Adoration.

**Basketball Night:** For some time I have been working on a new parish activity – Basketball Night. Our first night will be on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6pm to 7pm or so. I invite everyone Junior High age and up – men, women, boys, girls, parishioners, non-parishioners – anyone interested in playing a little pick up. Meet at the gym. I might show you a few of my moves! I hope that we will have a wonderful turnout. I hope that we will settle into a regular schedule and have Basketball Night a few times a month.

**New Security Practices:** I have decided to make some changes to provide for greater security for our buildings and staff. These changes are not due to any recent incident but rather simply as a precaution for greater safety. Beginning immediately, the main office door will remain locked during regular business hours. There is an intercom doorbell near the office door. Please use this doorbell and immediately you will be let into the office. This system is very common in parishes. Of course, during bigger parish events, the door will be unlocked. In the future I may share other new security practices. Please contact me if you have any questions.

**Solemnity of the Sacred Heart:** Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. I encourage you to join us for 7am Mass to celebrate this wonderful feast.

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

The three Divine Persons inhabit the sanctuary of our soul, taking delight to fill us with supernatural gifts called the life of grace.

He first communicates to us sanctifying or habitual grace. This grace deifies, as it were, the very substance of the soul and makes it capable, though in a remote way, of enjoying the Beatific Vision and of performing acts that lead to it. God out of His infinite goodness wills to lift us up to Himself in the measure that our weak nature allows, and for this purpose gives us a principle of supernatural life, a Godlike, vital principle, which is sanctifying or habitual grace.

Sanctifying grace is commonly defined as a supernatural quality inherent in the soul, which makes us partakers of the divine nature and of the divine life in a real and formal, but accidental manner. It is a mode of being, a state of soul, a quality inherent in the soul's substance that transforms it and raises it above all natural beings, even the most perfect. It is a permanent quality remaining in the soul as long as we do not forfeit it by mortal sin. It does not make us the equals of God, but it changes us into Godlike beings, makes us like unto God. Nor does it give us the life of the Godhead itself, which is incommunicable, but it imparts to us a life similar to God's.

In the order of nature, we can do nothing to bring power into action without the concurrence of God. The same is true in the supernatural order; without actual grace we cannot set our faculties into operation.

Actual grace is a supernatural, transient help given us by our Lord to enlighten our mind and strengthen our will in the performance of supernatural acts. Its action on our spiritual faculties is direct. Now, grace acts on the mind and the will not simply to raise them to the supernatural order, but to set them in motion and cause them to elicit supernatural acts. Actual grace exerts its influence upon us both in a moral and physical manner. In the moral way, by means of persuasion and attraction. It influences us physically by adding new forces to our faculties, too weak to act on themselves. As an example, while teaching a child to walk, a mother calls a child to come to her (moral manner) or actually takes him by the arms and helps the child take steps (physical manner). Actual grace is necessary for the performance of every supernatural act. We obtain actual grace primarily through prayer and meritorious acts.

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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!***

### Mass Intentions

Monday, June 12 Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

Tuesday, June 13 St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and

#### Doctor of the Church

5:15pm Special Intention

4-5:00p Holy Hour

Wednesday, June 14 Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00am For Peregrine Mead on his 2nd birthday  
by Jacob & Rebekah Mead

Thursday, June 15 Weekday in Ordinary Time

5:15pm +Lucille Legner & Leonore Dean

by Chuck & Pam Hanson

4-5:00p Holy Hour

Friday, June 16 Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:00am +Todd Hermeyer by Steve & Colleen Harmon

Saturday, June 17 Vigil of the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm For Joanne Stocking for her 90th birthday

by Jim & Nancy Carlson

Sunday, June 18 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:00 am +Elizabeth Dahlen by Mandy Robinson

10:30am + Herb Zurliene by Loraine McMahan



### **Youth Group Night**

**This Sunday, June 11th 6-7:30 pm**

We will meet in the Youth Group Room for a short bible study, followed by games and prayer time.

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS: The Heart of Stewardship

What else is there to give when one has already given away one's body and one's life? What more can one say or do to demonstrate love for another when all one had has been given to another? This total giving of self to loved ones cannot be trumped by flowery words or material gifts that are fleeting. This is the ultimate in love. This is the love Jesus had for us on the way to his Passion, at the institution of the Holy Eucharist. This is the love he has for us daily in the celebration of the Mass on altars in every church, in every city, in every nation on earth. No one can give more. No one can ask for more. This is the true heart of Christian stewardship.

If you take the time to gaze upon your God in the simplest of forms and begin to reflect on what has actually taken place with bread and wine becoming the presence of the Divine, then you can begin to understand true humility, sacrifice, and love. And when you have the privilege to take that Real Presence into your body at the meal where you are an honored guest, you become one with the One who is the embodiment of stewardship.

Then, you must ask yourself, "How can I even begin to reflect the love that I have encountered at this feast?" The answer is you can begin with the simple actions of the day: where will you go, whom will you meet, and in what work will you partake? Jesus Christ has shown that the greatest gift ever given can be disguised in this world in a piece of bread. By joining your body to his, he can now transform human hearts, not by grand acts, but by everyday acts, by everyday people, practicing Everyday Stewardship. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



## Schedule for Monthly Social Events Harkrader Hall - 6:30pm

July 1st - Trivia Night  
 August 5th - Wine and Cheese  
 September 2nd - Wine and Cheese  
 October 7th - Trivia Night  
 November 4th - Wine and Cheese  
 December 2nd - Bingo Night

### Please return your Baby Bottles!

As we celebrate Father's Day next weekend, it is time to return the baby bottles distributed over Mother's Day weekend, that you have been filling with your checks, dollars and spare change to support Abigail Women's Center in Mendota. **You will notice a cradle placed before our Blessed Mother in the church. Please leave your bottles there.** Or, they may be dropped off any time during normal office hours. **Checks made payable to Abigail Women's Center** are also gratefully accepted. Our support and prayers can change hearts!

**Volunteers needed!** We need a few volunteers to help make Totus Tuus, our summer catechetical program, a success. The program runs July 23-28. If you are interested in...

- helping during Totus Tots (9-11 AM) or the grade school program (9 AM-3 PM) as an adult or teen volunteer, or
- hosting dinner for the Totus Tuus team (2 young men and 2 young women), or
- providing lunch for the Totus Tuus team and staff (5 lunches provided by noon - can be homemade or catered)...

Please contact Rebekah Mead (815-303-2330, stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com) to learn more. We are so grateful for your generosity in making this program a success for the youth of our parish!

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

### CONGRATULATIONS

*to the following couples celebrating their*

*50th Wedding Anniversary in June!*

*Gene & Barbara Menard—June 30, 1973*

*Don & Karen Nosalik—June 30, 1973*

**Calling on all Ladies of the Parish.** We are in need of your delicious pies. **Our Pies in the Park Sale** will be held on **Saturday, June 17th** in conjunction with Beef & Ag Days. Please drop off your pie to Soldiers & Sailors Park between 10 & 12. Early drop offs can be made on Friday at Harkrader Hall Kitchen until 1pm. Questions, call Rita Tracey 815-879-0303. Thanks! (As always, please no cream pies)

## MAGI BABY CHEST

We had another very successful opening on June 3rd! It was our second largest attendance totaling 91 families! We had several new families as well. Some of the comments were, "No one has ever helped me before..." and "This is amazing!" We gave out 2,205 diapers, 86 packs of wipes, and 4 car seats plus much much more!!

High need items for the July 1st opening are diapers (sizes 3, 5, and 6), wipes (unscented preferred), toddler utensils, bowls, and sippy cups, diaper bags, baby wash & lotion, adjustable car seats, boy and girl pjs (sizes 12mo - 4T), gently used boys clothes (sizes 12 month - 4T), and gently used maternity clothes (all sizes).

The Magi Baby Chest is now on Facebook! Please follow us and look for recent updates and announcements! You can find us through the St. Louis Church Facebook page.

Also, a BIG THANK YOU to Thrivent who donated \$250 worth of baby items! If anyone is a Thrivent client and willing to lead an "Action Team" follow this link <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams> or eligible Thrivent clients please consider directing your Thrivent "Choice Dollars" to us. Thank you to Marcia Obenhaus for her efforts in setting up this wonderful opportunity!



O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen. - Priests of the Sacred Heart



**In observance of the Solemnity of The Sacred Heart of Jesus, the parish office will be closed on Friday, June 16th.**