



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIocese OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant.” - Mt 23:8-11

PASTOR NOTE

Surrender Novena: Last weekend I introduced the Surrender Novena. I hope that you have been offering the daily prayers for the Novena. It continues until Nov. 7th. I hope that you received many blessings from this powerful prayer. If you missed participating, please pick up a pamphlet near the doors of the Church. May we regularly pray: Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything.

Book of Remembrance: The month of November is traditionally dedicated to praying for the dead. Earlier we celebrated All Souls Day on November 2nd. Near the front of the Church, you will find the Book of Remembrance. You are invited to write the names of deceased family and friends. Throughout the month prayers will be offered for those listed in the Book of Remembrance. This is a powerful way to pray for those who have died asking God that they may enter the joy of Heaven.

Altar Server Training: The youth of the parish are invited to become an Altar Server at Mass. Any youth, boy or girl, from Fourth Grade and up are invited to be an Altar Server. Training will take place on Saturday, Nov. 18th, 10am at the Church. It will last about an hour. One parent is requested to be present and must complete a registration form. Generally, youth serve twice a month and we will do our best to accommodate the Mass time requested. For special cases, alternative training may be possible. Please contact the Office.

Fall Small Groups: Our Fall Small Groups ended this past week. I hope that all of the participants enjoyed their time of prayerful reflection. I thank all of the facilitators of the Fall Small Groups. I am grateful for your dedication. I thank these facilitators: Rachel Bystry, Mario Carlone, Steve Harmon, Rebekah Mead, Mandy Robinson, and Chris Williams. We will join again for Lent Small Groups in a few months.

Later this week we celebrate Veterans Day. I thank all of those who served in our military. I praise God for your sacrifice that has provided our freedom. I provide these prayers for you as we anticipate Veterans Day.

Prayer for Those in Military Service

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever.

Prayer of a Parent for a Soldier

Father all-powerful and ever-loving God, from before we were born, your love has nurtured and sustained us. Hear my prayer for N., my son/daughter. Keep him/her safe in time of battle and faithful to you, day in and day out. Bring him/her safely home to those who love him/her. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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

Introduction, Part II of *The Spiritual Life*:

The general principles explained in Part I of this book apply to all souls, and already constitute a body of motives and of means calculated to lead us to the highest form of perfection. But, there is a diversity of degrees in the spiritual life – different stages to traverse. Hence, the importance of adapting the general principles to the individual needs of souls, taking account not only of their peculiar characters, their various attractions and their different callings, but also of the degree of perfection they have so far attained.

The purpose of this second part is to follow a soul in its gradual ascent from the moment it first conceives a sincere desire of advancing in the spiritual life, on to the loftiest heights of perfection – a long road indeed, but one wherein the soul tastes the sweetness of the choicest consolations.

Perfection here on earth has degrees and limits. There are three principal stages, or commonly called the three ways of perfection: 1) the beginners – the purgative way; 2) advanced – the illuminative way; 3) the perfect – the unitive way.

The chief care of beginners is that of preserving charity. Their efforts are directed towards avoidance of sin, above all, mortal sin, and towards the conquest of evil inclinations, of the passions, and of all that could make them lose the love of God. This is the purgative way, the end of which is the purification of the soul.

The chief concern of those already advanced is progress in the positive exercise of the virtues and growth in charity. The heart, already purified, is all the more open to divine light and to the love of God. The soul wishes to follow Jesus and to imitate His virtues, and since by following Him one walks in the Light, this is called the illuminative way. Here the soul strives to avoid not only mortal, but even venial sins.

Perfect souls have but one concern – to cling to God and to take their delight in Him. Ever seeking to unite themselves to God, they are in the unitive way. Sin fills them with horror, for they fear to displease God and to offend Him. The virtues that most attract them are the theological virtues, which unite them to God. Hence, the earth seems to them an exile, and like St. Paul, they long to die to be joined to Christ.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, November 6 Weekday in Ordinary Time
7:00am +Special Intention by Geraldine Woodlief

Tuesday, November 7 Weekday in Ordinary Time
5:15pm +John Thomson by Tim & Kathy Jean Hermeyer
4-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, November 8 Weekday in Ordinary Time
7:00am +Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
by Dr. & Mrs. Ascano

Thursday, November 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
5:15pm +Bert and Mildred Whitmore by Jim Whitmore
4-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, November 10 St. Leo the Great, Pope and
Doctor of the Church
7:00am +Dr. Louis Foley by Amie Neiman

Saturday, November 11 Vigil of the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm +Richard Bartman by Norm & Marie Merkle

Sunday, November 12 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am +Susan Welgat by Mary Archer
9:00am +John Michael Bystry by John & Pat Bystry
10:30am People of the Parish

Parish “Book of Remembrance”



Near the end of each Mass throughout the month of November, we will remember the “Poor Souls” via suffrages — prayers for a quicker purification process for them. Additionally, please consider providing the names of departed loved ones in the parish “Book of Remembrance” which will be located on a podium by the statue of Mary. Those names provided for the “Book of Remembrance” will be prayed for at all Masses throughout the month of November.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 249 nonperishable food items and \$1,602 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. There were many high need items donated and the Pantry was very appreciative. The number of families needing help has grown dramatically in the past few months. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 27,478 nonperishable food items and \$155,670 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!

The Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group will meet on **Tuesday, November 7 from 1 - 3 pm at 521 S. First Street, Princeton.** Women who have lost a child (children) due to an illness, suicide, accident, addiction or miscarriage are welcome. This gathering affords the fellowship, support and understanding of other women who know the grief involved in losing a child. The door is always open. Please, if you know someone who could use this kind of help, please pass this information on to that woman. Questions? - Call Jeanie Gelsomino at (815) 866-6571 Thank you

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, November 11

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence
EMHC: Dave Boylan, Mandy Robinson
Lectors: Julie Hassler
Sacristan: Julie Hassler
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, November 12

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

9:00 am: Sunday, November 12

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry
EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Mandy Robinson
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Steve Bouslog
Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli
Ushers: Dave & Judy Moore, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Sunday, November 12

Altar Servers: Jackson Mason, Anaisabela Ramirez-Tz
EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Linda Carter
Lectors: Jeff Peacock
Sacristan: Tim Smith
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC Homebound Lynn Delaney 9/N
Mandy Robinson 9/S

EMHC for Nursing Homes

Pat Galassi-Carlson—Liberty Hawthorne; David Lawrence—
Aperion; Nancy Scoma—Greenfield; Rita Tracey—Liberty

Readings for the week of November 5th

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—22b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4, 5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8, 9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8, 9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4, 5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

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 October 29, 2023

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>6,362.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 388.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$ 121,500.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ <u>121,842.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 342.00



*Congratulations to the following couple
celebrating their 25th Anniversary!*

Thomas & Patricia Daluga November 7, 1998

*Congratulations to the following couple
celebrating their 50th Plus Anniversaries!*

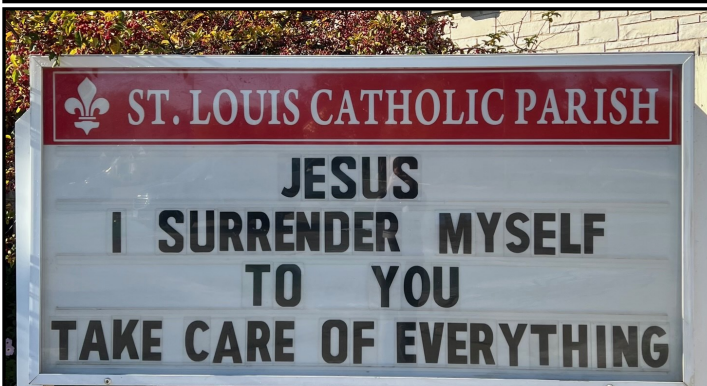
John & Patricia Bystry – November 10, 1956

Dan & Margaret Martinkus - November 23, 1972

Ronald & Patricia Butler - November 27, 1971

*"Love that leads to marriage is a gift from God and a
great act of faith toward other human beings."*

-St. John Paul II





CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A

Please join us for the next Catholic Forum on Sunday, November 5th at 6:30pm at Harkrader Hall. Everyone is invited to meet for a Question/Answer session about any faith topic. Individuals ask their questions and Msgr. Kruse attempts to provide an answer.



Youth Group Night

Sunday, November 12th 6-7:30 pm

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

DONATIONS NEEDED

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

St. Louis Parish will once again join the Evangelical Covenant Church to provide a free Thanksgiving meal for all those in need on Thanksgiving Day. **We are asking for donations of various food items; a donation sign-up link was emailed on October 26th. There is also a paper sign-up on the Information Table in the foyer of Harkrader Hall.**

Thanksgiving Dinner Information: Pick-up or Delivery Orders Only. Curbside pick-up will be provided at the Evangelical Covenant Church, 24 N Main St. To reserve your dinner or request delivery for home-bound contact Tad Smith at 815-878-5473. Diners will be limited so reserve as soon as possible. A free-will offering will be accepted.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Thank you! Thank you to everyone who filled a Box of Joy this year! Thanks to the generosity of so many at our parish, we were able to send a total of 50 boxes packed with toys, clothing, school supplies and other treasured items. Cross Catholic Outreach provides each child who receives a Box of Joy a rosary and a booklet in their own language that tells The Story of Jesus. Box of Joy provides hope to children in need, each gift represents Christ's love, and may be the only Christmas gift they receive! We indeed are a very generous parish! God Bless you all.

—Madeleine Robinson, Box of Joy Chairman

Our next Altar & Rosary Society meeting is Tuesday, November 21st at 6pm. Our guest speaker will be our very own pastor, Msgr. Kruse. All women of the parish are welcome! Bring a friend and join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship, dinner and a great presentation!

MAGI BABY CHEST

Save the Date! Come celebrate our 1 year at Culver's! Culver's is hosting a "Share Night" in honor of the Magi Baby Chest on **Monday, November 13th from 5-8PM!** A percentage of the proceeds will be given back to the MBC. If you need an excuse to eat out, come on by! 😊



High Need Items: baby bottles, diapers (size 5, 6, and 7), winter coats (sizes 12 mo - 4T), baby laundry detergent, baby lotion/wash, infant medicine (tylenol, ibuprofen, orajel etc.), enfamil (purple can) formula, kids vitamins, sippy cups, dish soap, fall clothing sizes (6 mo - 4T), warm baby blankets, pacifiers, high chairs, baby gates, and toddler booster seats. We also need gently used clothing boys & girls (sizes 12 months - 4T).

***Please note for our December distribution, we will start collecting child/toy nativity sets along with children's toys and winter coats. The nativity sets were a big hit last Christmas - we gave out 13!**



VETERANS DAY

WE HONOR YOUR SACRIFICE

Father, bless our veterans and all who serve our nation defending our freedom.

For those who bravely gave their lives, grant them eternal rest.

For those who are serving, give them courage.

For those who served, we offer our gratitude.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

In observance of Veterans Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Friday, November 10th.



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!