

SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

PASTOR NOTE

I am so happy to announce that the Magi Baby Chest is expanding! This past week some work was done to open up a wall between the current Magi Baby Chest and the adjacent Sheen Room. Now we have additional space for our participating families to more comfortably choose their baby supplies. During distribution days the gym will be used as the waiting room. I decided to expand the Magi Baby Chest because our participating families have grown larger than we first imagined. Originally, I thought we would help about 50 families. Now, we are helping about 130 to 160 families each month. I am truly grateful to Dennis Thompson for doing the expansion work. I am thankful to the volunteers: Bill Politsch, Quint Quiram, Jessica Murphy and Ashley Gray. Thank you for your good work.

I am also grateful to all of the volunteers who worked hard to prepare the space for the expansion work and then the hard work of setting up the new Magi Baby Chest room. Thank you for moving all the things out of the room and then back into the room.

I am grateful to all of you for your generosity in making the Magi Baby Chest such a great success. Our next distribution day is Sat. May 4th, 9am-12 noon. Please help spread the word and invite families to participate in the Magi Baby Chest.

Men's Study Group: Every Thursday evening from 6pm to 7:30pm men of the parish join together for a scripture/theology study discussion in the St. Jerome Room. We watch a video and discuss the material. It has helped many men to grow in their faith. All of the men of the parish are invited to attend each week, or whatever Thursday works in your schedule. We are starting a new series which will focus on the Fathers of the Church. The Fathers of the Church were the leaders of the Church immediately after the Apostles. During their time, they developed the Bible as we know it. This series will explore how the Father explained the teachings of Jesus in the earliest days of the Church, which still greatly influence the Church today. Our first meeting of this new series will be on Thursday, April 25th, 6pm, in the St. Jerome Room.

Regina Coeli: Traditionally, our Blessed Mother Mary has been honored in Christ's Resurrection. Throughout the Easter Season, the Church joins in the traditional hymn called the Regina Coeli, Queen of Heaven. You are encouraged to offer this beautiful prayer.

Queen of heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.
For the Son whom you merited to bear. Alleluia.
Has risen as he promised. Alleluia.
Pray for us to God. Alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

Let us pray, O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we beseech you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord.



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.

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Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
our former Pastor

Fr. Ed Harkrader

and for consolation for his family & friends

*Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord, and
let perpetual light shine upon his soul.
May his soul, and the souls of all of the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.
Amen*



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, April 22 Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter
7:00am +Thomas Delaney by Lynn Delaney

Tuesday, April 23 St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert,
Bishop and Martyr
5:15pm +Erlinda Felix by Reynato & Anita Magsino
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, April 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr
7:00am +Sherry Henkel by Janet & Bill Politsch

Thursday, April 25 St. Mark, Evangelist
5:15pm +William Charles Miller by Barbara Bass
4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, April 26 Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter
7:00am +Cassidy Swanson by Jim & Linda Carter

Saturday, April 27 Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Easter
4:00pm +Fr. Ed Harkrader by St. Louis Parish Family

Sunday, April 28 5th Sunday of Easter
7:30am +Beth Uher by Bill and Janet Politsch
9:00am People of the Parish
10:30am +Corso & Robbins Family by Fran Robbins



A Holy Hour for Life

Benediction, Rosary, and other Prayers

Sunday, April 28th 6-7pm

All are welcome to gather in prayer in the Church for the
intention of respect for the sacredness of all human life.



Sing,
choirs of
angels, sing
in exultation!

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Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4pm Saturday, April 27th

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence
 EMHC: David Lawrence, Mandy Robinson
 Lectors: Katie Lawrence
 Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
 Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, April 28th

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*
 EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Pat Galassi-Carlson
 Lectors: Margaret Martinkus
 Sacristan: Lori Atilano
 Ushers: Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey

9:00 am: Sunday, April 28th

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Sylvie Viger
 EMHC: Mandy Robinson
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
 Lectors: Diane Carlone
 Sacristan: Quint Quiram
 Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jjim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, April 28th

Altar Servers: Jackson Mason, Brennan Roden
 EMHC: Tim Taylor
 Lectors: Patty Daluga
 Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
 Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

EMHC Homebound: Mandy Robinson 9/N,S

EMHC for Nursing Home: Pat Galassi-Carlson—
 Liberty; Mary Beth Crowe—Hawthorne; Lynn
 Delaney—Aperion; Paula Lough—Greenfield



Welcome to the newest member of our
 Catholic Christian family!

Linus Allen Viger,

Son of William Viger and Lydia Henderson,
 who was baptized on Sunday, April 14, 2024

FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND: Next weekend, April 27 & 28, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. All of the high need items are still in short supply due to the large demand. Those include; breakfast cereal, peanut butter, canned fruit, hamburger helper, boxed potatoes, canned chicken and several new ones: pancake syrup, Spaghettios and diced tomatoes. We all know prices at the grocery store remain high. With recent Food Stamp reductions, there are additional pressures on families to provide healthy meals. Thanks to all who donate so generously each month. God bless you for your continuing support.

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 14, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ 7,514.00
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 764.00

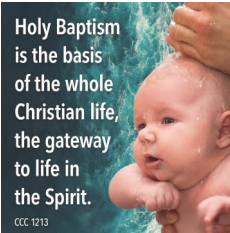
Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$ 283,500.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ 290,562.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 7,062.00

Readings for the week of April 21st

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
 Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

BAPTISM PREPARATION



Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit.

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

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MAGI BABY CHEST



Thank you to all who donated last weekend! We collected \$4,030 and many various baby items. Also, BIG thank you to Vince and Jeanie Gelsomino for raising money for the MBC in honor of their son, Danny. They raised \$3,000 on Facebook! Another BIG thank you to Dennis

Thompson, Bill Politsch, and Quint Quiram for all their hard work and effort expanding the MBC. Our room looks wonderful and now it is nice and big so that we can serve more families. If you'd like to see the room please walk by and take a peek inside. God is good and He always provides!



Mom's Night Out will be Friday May 3rd from 6PM-8PM. Free childcare is provided and a suggested \$5.00 donation to the MBC. There will be shopping, drinks and appetizers, and fun! Please RSVP to Jessica Murphy or Ashley Gray.

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.

THE LITURGICAL CORNER

Last week we relearned a technical term called transubstantiation. This week we refer to another technical term, the ambo. We are all familiar with the term 'pulpit' or 'lectern.' The technical term for these is the 'ambo.' The word 'ambo' comes from the Greek language, meaning "a raised place." At this raised place a lectern was used on which to place the Sacred Scriptures. You may remember in the Tridentine Rite of Mass (the Latin version of Mass which was used prior to the Second Vatican Council), one side of the Church was used for the Epistle, and the other side for the Gospel. Presently we are instructed that all the readings are to be from one place, the ambo. This is because all of Scripture is inspired. The reason the word for 'a raised place' was used was due to the fact that in very large churches, in order that everyone could easily hear the readings and the homily, the place needed to be raised. This is the way it is, for example, in our own Cathedral in Philadelphia. With the invention of the microphone, the necessity for raising the ambo no longer exists. Yet it still remains one of the three most important fixed structures in the sanctuary (the other two being the altar and the chair for the celebrant, sometimes called presidential chair.)

"The entire People of God is responsible for promoting vocations, and does so chiefly by persistent and humble prayer for vocations." St. Pope John Paul II



**World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Sunday, April 21st**

Thank you Lord for the abundant flowers, herbs, & vegetables!



St. Louis Parish

Plant Sale

May 4/5 & May 11/12

Saturday from 8am-11am and after ALL Masses.

There will be a variety of flowers, herbs, and vegetables from our green house.

Proceeds will go to the Magi Baby Chest!

Prayer of the Good Shepherd

Dear Lord,
You are my Shepherd,
a Good Shepherd,
who leads in ways
beyond my understanding.
Guide me in the paths You
would have me go. Amen.



Altar & Rosary Society

Our next Altar & Rosary Society meeting is this **Tuesday, April 23rd**. Dinner will be provided. Our guest speaker will be Susan Glassman from the University of Illinois extension office. Susan's presentation will be on nutrition and wellness tips for living a healthy lifestyle. All women of the parish are welcome! Bring a friend and join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship, dinner and a great presentation!