



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Lord, Lord, open the door for us!” But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’” - Mt 25:11-12

PASTOR NOTE

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.

Presentation on Moral Issues at the End of Life: Almost every family will face a medical issue which can be a very confusing and stressful time. These issues raise many moral questions which the Church has provided guidance for making a correct decision. It is good for us to be prepared for these issues if they should arise in our life. As you know, Deacon John Murphy was chaplain at St. Margaret's Hospital. He has received extensive training in Catholic medical ethics and is very qualified for providing information regarding end of life issues. He is a tremendous resource for our parish.

Deacon John will provide a presentation addressing moral issues at the end of life. **Please join him on Thursday, November 16th, 6:30pm at Harkrader Hall.** This presentation will discuss issues regarding difficult moral questions related to serious illness and the end of life. Questions such as: Am I required to apply all medical assistance? What is the distinction between ordinary and extraordinary care? Can I withdraw food or water from my loved one? Can I remove a ventilator? What is euthanasia and why is it immoral? What is a medical power of attorney? And much more will be addressed. Please come out for this very important and informative presentation.

When to Call for a Priest? Priests are ordained to provide the sacraments and the prayers of the Church, especially when people become sick. Some people are confused about when a priest should be called at the time of sickness. At the time of illness, it is important for the person to receive the sacraments and prayers of the Church. Certainly, not all illnesses require calling for a priest. But, a priest should be called whenever someone is hospitalized, diagnosed with a serious illness, prior to serious surgery, or suffering from advanced age. But, most especially, a priest should be called in an emergency, life-threatening, situation. This may include a sudden heart issue, stroke, accident, or whenever death may be immanent.

I encourage you to make sure that your family knows to call for me to visit whenever you are hospitalized or suffer a serious illness. Make sure the staff at the hospital or nursing home know that you want me to visit. Often this staff can assist in calling me. The best way to contact me is by calling my cell phone, (309) 634-5822, especially in emergency situations. When the illness is not life-threatening, we can arrange for a visit to the hospital, nursing home or one's home. Prior to a serious surgery, we can arrange for me to offer the anointing at your home or at Church. If it is a life-threatening situation, immediately call for me. In most cases, day or night, I will drop everything and come to those near death. Please do not hesitate to call me.

During my visit, I try to size up the situation and determine the best way to assist the person. For less serious situations, I may offer confession, prayers and, if possible, offer Holy Communion. For more serious situations, I also offer the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. For life-threatening situations, I can offer absolution, the Apostolic Pardon, anointing of the sick, Holy Communion (if possible), prayers for the dying or the dead, and more. Please remember that the sacraments and prayers can be offered even if the person is unconscious. I also offer support and comfort to the family. The Church has always offered special care for the sick and those near death. I make this a priority in my priestly service. So, depending on the situation, call to arrange for a visit for a less serious illness or before surgery. But, for a life-threatening emergency, call me immediately. If you have questions about a visit, please contact me.



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.



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!

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Mass Intentions

Monday, November 13 *St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*
7:00am +Helen Rich

Tuesday, November 14 *St. Albert the Great, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church*

5:15pm +Kathleen Hall by Geraldine Woodlief
4-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, November 15 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*
7:00am +Special Intention

Thursday, November 16 *St. Margaret of Scotland;
St. Gertrude, Virgin*

5:15pm +Ray DeMay by Mick & Karen Towns
4-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, November 17 *St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*
7:00am +JoAnn Legner by Tim and Julie Puhr

Saturday, November 18 *Vigil of the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
4:00pm +Mike Bickett by Nancy Bickett

Sunday, November 19 *33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am +Beth Uher by John & Julie Hassler

9:00am People of the Parish

10:30am +Helen Burgess by Don and Diane Evans

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.

Readings for the week of November 12th

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2,3,4,5,6,7,8(2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3,4,6,7,8,9-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23—39/Ps 34:2,3,16-17,18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3,4,6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89,90,91,130,135,175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 192:3,4,5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3,36-37,42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Pvr 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2,3,4,5(see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/
Mt 25:14-30

My soul
is thirsting
for you,
O Lord.

PSALM 63



Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, November 18

Altar Servers: Anaisabela Ramirez-Tz, Sylvie Viger
 EMHC: Dave Boylan, Mandy Robinson
 Lectors: Patty Daluga
 Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
 Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, November 19

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*
 EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey
 Lectors: Mary Paula Schmitt
 Sacristan: Joann Bowman
 Ushers: Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson,
 Tom Murphy

9:00 am: Sunday, November 19

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Elizabeth Keutzer
 EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Linda Carter
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
 Lectors: Diane Carlone
 Sacristan: Quint Quiram
 Ushers: Dave & Judy Moore, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Sunday, November 19

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Brennan Roden
 EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Tim Taylor
 Lectors: Marcia Obenhaus
 Sacristan: Linda Carter
 Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC Homebound Cindy Behrends 9/N
 Linda Carter 9/S

EMHC for Nursing Homes

Mary Beth Crowe—Liberty Hawthorne; Tom Jagers—Greenfield;
 Tim Smith—Aperion; Rita Tracey—Liberty

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 November 5, 2023

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>7,879.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 1,129.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$ 128,250.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ <u>129,721.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 1,471.00

All Saints Day Collection	\$ 945.00
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The Spiritual Life: Excerpt from *The Spiritual Life* by Adolphe Tanquerey, Descelee and Co., Belgium, 1951.

Distinction of the Three Ways

The three ways of spiritual perfection are the purgative, illuminative and unitive. We may use of the expression, the three ways, to conform to traditional usage. We must note however that it is not a question here of three parallel or divergent ways, but rather of three different stages, of three marked degrees, which souls who generously correspond to divine grace traverse in the spiritual life. Each way in turn has many degrees which spiritual directors must take into account, the most notable of which we shall indicate. Likewise, there are in the various stages many forms and variations dependent upon the character, the vocation, and the providential mission of each soul. We may reduce these degrees to three, accordingly as a soul begins, advances, or reaches the goal. This is the general sense in which we make a threefold division based upon authority and reason.

The following words of Our Lord which sum up Christian spirituality as described in the Gospels: “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.” Self-denial, self-renouncement – let him deny himself – behold the first degree. The carrying of one’s cross already presupposes the positive practice of virtue, or the second degree. Follow me is, in reality, intimate union with Jesus, union with God, and hence the unitive way. Here, again, we have the basis for a real distinction, but not a rigorous proof of the three stages.

To make right use of this distinction, great tact and intelligence are required: one must indeed study the principle explained here, but still more, study each soul in particular, with its characteristic traits. There can be nothing absolute or mathematical in the distinction of the three ways. A soul passes imperceptibly from one to the other, for there are no well-defined boundary lines dividing one sharply from the other. It is often impossible to detect when one crosses from one degree to the other.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Attention parents: we are starting a children's choir! All children age 7-17 are welcome to join. Rehearsals will be on Mondays from 4 to 5 PM in the church, starting on November 13. Please come to the door by the choir-loft stairs. The first performance will be at the 4 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Ernat at stl.matthewernat@gmail.com. Thank you so much for helping us to build the music ministry!

Free 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 homebound contact Tad Smith at 815-878-5473. Dinners will be limited so reserve as soon as possible. A free-will offering will be accepted.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner Donations:

Thank you to all who signed up to donate item(s)! All donated items will need to be dropped off by Wednesday, November 22nd at the **Evangelical Covenant Church, 24 North Main St., Princeton.**

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Welcome to the newest members of our Catholic Christian family!

Claira Joyce Standley & Lewis Robert Standley,
children of John & Beth Standley,
who were baptized on November 5, 2023

Boyd's Grove United Methodist Church
Live Nativity Drive Thru—15594 300 N. Ave. Bradford
November 25, 2023 5pm-7pm

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

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

We had a wonderful distribution this past weekend with 119 families coming through our doors! Thank you to all who volunteer and donate!

THIS MONDAY November 13th from 5-8PM come on out to Culver's! The Princeton Culver's is hosting a Share Night for the Magi Baby Chest. A percentage of the proceeds will go towards helping babies! We hope to see you there!



*Please note for our December distribution, we will start collecting new child/toy nativity sets along with new children's toys and winter coats. The nativity sets were a big hit last Christmas. We gave out 13! *Please note, we cannot accept used toys/stuffed animals. High Need Items for December 2nd: new toys (baby & toddler), new children's nativity sets, prenatal vitamins, diapers (size 5, 6, and 7), winter coats (sizes 12 mo - 4T), baby laundry detergent, kids toothpaste, kids vitamins, sippy cups, dish soap, toddler winter hats/gloves, winter coats (sizes 12mo - 4T), winter clothing sizes (NB - 4T), warm baby blankets, high chairs, baby gates, toddler socks. We also need gently used clothing boys & girls (sizes 12 months - 4T).

THANK YOU:

From a participant of the recent Living Scripture Retreat for healing after abortion:

"I want to thank you all for the sacrifices that made this past weekend possible. I truly felt the love of Christ through everyone involved in the program in a way that I have not felt that strongly anywhere else. We are blessed beyond comprehension here in the Diocese of Peoria to have extraordinary people who give so much of themselves as a witness to the faith and love of Christ for His Church."

To each of you who recently prayed and sacrificed your time, and perhaps your sleep, for the healing of those attending the Living Scripture Retreat, this thanks goes to you! Your prayers are vital to the success of each retreat, and we are so grateful for your faithful support. May God pour out His blessings on St. Louis parish in return for your faithfulness!

Sincerely,
The Living Scripture Retreat Ministry Team