



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow.” - Mt 5:33

PASTOR NOTE

Last weekend our parish enjoyed Bingo Night. I was overwhelmed with joy seeing the participation of over 100 people. About one third of them were youth. It was a good time for everyone. There were wonderful prizes and good food. Sometime in the future we will have another Bingo Night, as well as Trivia Night.

Our Diocese has a wonderful newspaper, *The Catholic Post*. At this time of year, the Diocese holds a subscription drive. *The Catholic Post* is an award-winning diocesan newspaper. It is a valuable resource for Catholic living and unity across the 26 counties of central Illinois. I strongly encourage support and readership by all of our parishioners. And, don't forget to follow *The Catholic Post* on Facebook to get breaking news and stories of faith to share with your family and friends. Envelopes for subscribing for *The Catholic Post* are available near the doors of the church. Current subscribers will receive renewal forms through the mail.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. Our parish will hold a Lenten Retreat on Sunday, February 26th from 1pm to 6pm. Susanna Prushinski and I will offer some reflections to help us have a good and holy Lent. At 4:30, we will have Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions and Evening Prayer. Come and join us for the whole day or part of the day.

During Lent, we will once again have Small Group meetings reflecting on the Sunday Gospel. These small groups will follow the same format as last fall and Lent. I invite you to consider joining a small group, especially if you have not participated in the past. Small Groups will meet at these times: Monday, 11am; Monday, 6pm; Tuesday, 6pm; Wednesday, 3:30pm; Thursday, 11am; Thursday, 1pm; Friday, 9am. You may sign up for a Small Group time by completing the form below, signing up through Flocknotes, our website stlouisprinceton.org or calling the Parish Office.

Our parish will enjoy a Fish Fry on Friday, March 10th. This year we return to "in room" dining as well as carryout. More details later.

Friday, March 17th is the Feast of St. Patrick's Day. Bishop Tylka has dispensed the requirement of refraining from eating meat on Friday, March 17th. So, enjoy some corn beef and cabbage!

ST. LOUIS CHURCH 2023 LENTEN SMALL GROUP

Please complete the information below. Cut it out. Return it to the collection or mail it to the office no later than February 20th. You will be notified to confirm your meeting time.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Meetings are from the week of February 26th to the week of April 2nd. Please mark your choice for the Small Group meetings.

☐ Monday, 11am

☐ Monday, 6pm

☐ Tuesday, 6pm

☐ Wednesday, 3:30pm

☐ Thursday, 11am

☐ Thursday, 1pm

☐ Friday, 9am

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Keep in touch with us via email or text
Text SLP To 84576 or
Connect with us online at
stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 13 **Weekday**

7:00 am +Jeannie Donahoe
by Mike & Renee Toomey

Tuesday, February 14 **Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius,
Bishop**

5:15pm +Hershel and Darlene Lampkin
by JoAnne Stocking
4-5:00 Holy Hour

Wednesday, February 15 **Weekday**

7:00am +Mary Martin & Karen Swanson
by Chuck & Pam Hanson

Thursday, February 16 **Weekday**

5:15pm +Virginia Phalen by Bill & Susan Phalen
4-5:00 Holy Hour

Friday, February 17 **The Seven Holy Founders of the
Servite Order**

7:00 am +Stevie Puhr by Paul & Bridgette Castelein

Saturday, February 18 **Vigil of Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm +Cecil Harrison by Brad Harrison & family

Sunday, February 19 **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am +John Michael Bystry, Jill Bystry Thompson
by Jeff & Rachel Bystry and family
10:30am +Herb Zurliene
by Sue Zurliene and Tammy Hill and Family

NOURISHED IN SPIRIT

Throughout the Gospels and in the writings of the saints, vengeance has always been prohibited. Jesus tells us to turn the other cheek, to show mercy and leave the weeds with the wheat. He will exact justice in His own terms. In a similar way, our Lord does not want us to keep the pain “bottled up.” He tells us if your brother wrongs you that you should seek him out. Of course, Jesus constantly speaks about forgiveness. In a special way, we see forgiveness shown to the woman caught in adultery. Notice that the accusing men dropped their stones as they turned away. They dropped their burden as they forgave the woman. They let it go.

Not only does He demand that we forgive; but also, Jesus regularly unites being forgiven by God with actively forgiving one’s neighbor. This unity has been forever sealed in the *Lord’s Prayer*: forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. In a spiritual way, I see this symbolized on our Lord’s cross. There on the cross, His stretched out arms represent our two personal pains. The first arm is the pain we inflict upon others by our sin. For this, we seek the mercy of Jesus. His second arm represents the pain that is inflicted upon us throughout our life. For this, we must offer forgiveness to others. See how Jesus unites our two pains within His own self-sacrifice on the cross. Jesus has taken all human pain and suffering upon Himself on the cross. Both the pain that we give and the pain we have received. We all know that the cross has brought healing to the world. Usually, we limit this healing to that “first arm”— our need to be forgiven of our personal sins.

But, His cross also offers the healing of His “second arm” – our need to forgive the sins inflicted upon us. The cross of Jesus offers total healing: our trespasses and those who trespass against us. In the one saving act of the cross, Jesus has healed our personal sin and has healed the sinful pain of others inflicted upon us. From the cross Jesus offers both healings.

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, February 18th

Altar Servers: Emily Jaeger, Dominic Vasquez
EMHC: Dave Boylan, Mandy Robinson
Lectors: Katie Lawrence
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy, Colleen Sissel

7:30 am: Sunday, February 19th

Altar Servers: Brady Peach
EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Rita Tracey
Lectors: Mary Murphy
Sacristan: Lori Atilano
Ushers: Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey, Bill Uher

9:00 am: Sunday, February 19th

Altar Servers: Chris Harmon, Sylvie Viger
EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Tim Taylor
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Steve Bouslog
Sacristan: Quint Quiram
Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, February 19th

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Nate Lough
EMHC: Linda Carter, Paula Lough
Lectors: David Roden
Sacristan: Linda Carter
Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

EMHC Homebound: Mary Beth Crowe 9/N
Tim Taylor 9/S

EMHC for Nursing Homes: Pat Galassi-Carlson—
Liberty; Colleen Harmon—Greenfield; Gene Menard—
Hawthorne; Tim Smith—Aperion

JOB POSTING – Full-Time Staff Writer

The Catholic Post, award-winning newspaper of the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, is seeking a FULL-TIME STAFF WRITER to help us tell the stories of the people, parishes, schools and institutions across 26 counties in Central Illinois. Photography experience helpful. In addition to writing news and feature stories for our print edition, the staff writer would take an active role in expanding our established social media outreach. With pioneering communicator Venerable Fulton J. Sheen as our model, the ideal candidate will be an active participant in the Catholic faith.

FULL-TIME position with some weekends and evenings. Competitive salary, health benefits, vacation and 403(b) Plan are available. Forward resume along with writing samples to: humanresources@cdop.org.

Readings for the week of February 12th

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 45, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 26-10/
Mt 5:17-37/Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc/17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac, 4, 3b and 9c/10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-3, 4, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through February 5, 2023

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	\$ 7,811.00
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 1,311.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Amount needed to date:	\$208,000.00
Amount Received to date:	\$216,346.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 8,346.00

End of Year Contribution Statements BY REQUEST ONLY, 2022 contribution statements are now available. If you desire a statement to prepare your personal income tax return, please call or email the parish office, and one will be provided to you. Please indicate if you would like the statement mailed to your residence, or provided electronically via email. Note: contributions made to the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) will receive a separate statement directly from the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, in compliance with IRS requirements for charitable giving. The faithful sharing of your "treasure" is sincerely appreciated!

Enrichment of Faith 101 Class: **Additional Session: Starting Wed. Feb. 22 2:00-3:15pm until May 17th.** This class will help us to discover or rediscover the what and why of our Catholic belief in order to deepen and enliven our faith in Jesus Christ and all that He has revealed to us through His Church. This class will be lead by Susanna Prushinski. Please sign-up for the class by contacting Susanna or call the parish office. If a better day/time works, please notify Susanna— additional sessions can be added!
815-915-6960 | stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com

Over the weekend, the Magi Baby Chest served 77 families! We gave out 1,440 diapers, 86 packs of wipes, 186 pairs of socks, 46 baby food items, 15 containers of baby laundry soap, and 166 clothing items plus much much more! Thank you to all our volunteers who put so much love and charity into Saturday.



High need items for our March 4th opening are dish soap, baby laundry soap, gummy prenatal vitamins (unopened), sippy cups, bottles, diaper bags, toddler underwear, light spring jackets/rain coats (sizes 18mo - 4T), and size newborn, 5, and 6 diapers. We are also in need of gently used boys and girls clothing sizes 2T-4T. Please check the St. Louis online homepage for details on high need items and other donations. Thank you!

Mom's Night Out is Friday Feb 17th 6PM-9PM. \$5.00 door donation along with free childcare, adult drinks, and appetizers! Clothing sizes range from Newborn to 4T. This is only for mothers who are members at St., Louis Catholic Parish. Come and enjoy some shopping and girl time!

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." (John 15:12)



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Youth Group Night

All High School students are invited to join us on **this Sunday, February 12th from 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!

Ash Wednesday Schedule
7am Mass & Distribution of Ashes
6pm Mass & Distribution of Ashes

FEBRUARY 22ND

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WEDNESDAY



Parish
Lenten Retreat

Sunday, February 26th
1pm to 6pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Save the date! Our next blood drive will be on Thursday, April 13th. Watch the bulletin for more details. Please remember you must wait a minimum of 8 weeks between blood donations.