



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

PASTOR NOTE

There are only a few weeks left in the holy season of Lent. I hope that it has been a time of renewal for you. But, as things go, our good Lenten intentions often fall short. Do not grow discouraged. Instead, get back on track with your penances and Lenten intentions. God can do great things for you in the remaining weeks of Lent. I encourage you to embrace regular routines of prayer, devotions and mortification. Join us for the Stations of the Cross and our parish retreat. Maybe you have never attended the special events of the Holy Triduum. I encourage you to join us for Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Service, and the Easter Vigil. Experience these incredible rituals that are the culmination of our Lenten renewal. Let's finish strong in our Lenten renewal.

Stations of the Cross: I hope that you have taken the opportunity to join us for the Stations of the Cross during Lent. There are only two opportunities left, I hope you will come to one or both. The two remaining Stations are March 22nd, 5pm; and, Good Friday, March 29th, 12 noon.

HVAC Replacement: The HVAC units for Harkrader Hall are original to the building. A few months ago, I announced that the units were breaking down and needed to be replaced. I am happy to announce that last week they were replaced providing up-to-date units. These new units cost about \$50,000. I am grateful for donations that we have received for this repair. I kindly ask for further donations to defray this cost. You may place your donation in an envelope marked HVAC repair. This may be placed in the collection, dropped at the Parish Office or mailed to the Parish Office. Thank you for considering making a donation for our new HVAC units.

Lent Retreat: Our Parish Lenten Retreat will be on Sunday, March 24th from 1pm to 6pm. During this retreat we will enjoy some spiritual reflections focusing on the Stations of the Cross. We will develop our own meditations on the Stations of the Cross. We will have Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 4:30pm which will include confessions, rosary, and evening prayer. Please join us for our retreat or at least Eucharistic Adoration.

Holy Week Schedule: Holy Thursday Mass, 7pm. Good Friday Stations, 12 noon, Service, 3pm. Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass, 8pm. Regretfully, there are no candidates entering the Church at the Easter Vigil. We will still enjoy a party following the Easter Vigil. Easter Sunday, 7:30am, 9:00am (incense free) , 10:30am.

Extra Confessions: One of the best ways to receive our Lord's saving grace during Holy Week is by making a good confession. I encourage you to make a good confession during one of these extra Confession times: Mon. 3/25 at 5pm; Tue. 3/26 at 7:30am; Wed. 3/27 at 5pm; Thur. 3/28 at 4pm; Fri. 3/29 after 12pm Stations; Sat. 3/30 at 3pm.

Divine Mercy Parish Celebration: Sunday, April 7, 2:30pm Adoration, 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction, 3:30 dinner from Los Ranchitos, followed by family and kids' activities, adult social time, and wonderful door prizes.

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

Meditation makes us also practice all the great Christian virtues. It enlightens our faith by bringing before our eyes the eternal truths; it sustains our hope by giving us access to God to obtain His help; it enkindles our love by exposing to our view the beauty and the goodness of God. It makes us prudent by supplying us with considerations to be taken into account before we act; it makes us just by having us conform our will to that of God; it renders us strong by making us share in God's own power; and temperate by cooling the ardor of our passions. There is no Christian virtue which we cannot acquire by daily meditation. Through it we hold fast to the truth, and the truth, freeing us from our vices, makes us practice virtue: "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Meditation therefore initiates our union with God, nay more, our transformation into Him. It is, in fact, a conversation with God which from day to day becomes more intimate, more tender, and longer, since it continues the day long, even in the midst of our activities. By virtue of daily interaction with the Author of all perfection, we drink of His fullness, and are permeated by it, like the sponge by the water. We are transformed like the iron in the furnace that kindles, softens, and assumes the properties of living fire.

THE LITURGICAL CORNER

Perhaps you have noticed that when the priest breaks the Sacred Host right before Holy Communion, he drops a small particle of it into the chalice, which now contains the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, and when he does so, he quietly prays this prayer: "May this mingling of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus bring eternal life to us who receive it." Clearly, this is a wonderful affirmation that what we receive in Holy Communion is truly food for everlasting life.

The origin of this practice takes us all the way back to the very early days of the Church in Rome. It was the custom at the pope's Mass for the deacon and other ministers to take particles of the Host consecrated by the Pope to various other Masses being held elsewhere in outlying districts in the city of Rome. These particles were called "fermentum." When the deacon arrived at the other Masses, that particle was then dropped into the chalice at the time we do so now, right before Holy Communion. It was meant to serve as a symbol of the unity of that local gathering with the papal celebration, and we can imagine that it must have had quite an effect on those who witnessed this ritual, since they knew that this 'fermentum' came from the Pope's Mass. Though now the gesture of the commingling, as it is called, no longer evokes the same sentiments, it can still be a reminder that those who partake of the Eucharist express their unity of faith with the Church, whose visible head is the Supreme Pontiff in Rome.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, March 18	<u>St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</u> 7:00am +Todd Hermeyer by Steve & Colleen Harmon
Tuesday, March 19	<u>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u> 5:15pm +Ray DeMarlie by Family 4:00-5:00 Holy Hour
Wednesday, March 20	<u>Lenten Weekday</u> 7:00am +Josephine King by Amie Neiman
Thursday, March 21	<u>Lenten Weekday</u> 5:15pm +Phyllis Sims by Donna Brown 4:00-5:00 Holy Hour
Friday, March 22	<u>Lenten Weekday</u> 7:00am +John Thomson by the Lough & Thomson Families
Saturday, March 23	<u>Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</u> 4:00pm +Carl Edward and Inga Aurora Magnuson by Mike & Doris Smith
Sunday, March 24	<u>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</u> 7:30am People of the Parish 9:00am +Mary Beckhart Hall by the former St. Louis School Staff 10:30am +Nadine Turnquist by Fran Robbins

Did you Know? Your child can attend a Catholic School—Financial Assistance Is Available

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2024-2025 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.

Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under **Catholic Education** and then under **Financial Assistance**. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents must apply online at: online.factsmgt.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2024-2025 school year must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application is **April 26, 2024**. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2024.

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I FEAR
NOTHING,
BECAUSE
OF THE
PROMISES
OF HEAVEN.
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- ST. PATRICK

APOSTLE OF IRELAND



Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, March 23rd

Altar Servers: Gabby & Gretchen Carden
 EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Tim Taylor
 Lectors: Katie Lawrence, Julie Hassler—Passion Narrator
 Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
 Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, March 24th

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

9:00 am: Sunday, March 24th

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Sylvie Viger
 EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Mandy Robinson
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
 Lectors: Herb Rhees, Tim Kunkel—Passion Narrator
 Sacristan: Mary Beth Crowe
 Ushers: Tom Giehl, Dave & Judy Moore

10:30 am: Sunday, March 24th

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Anaisabela Ramirez-Tz
 EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Tim Smith
 Lectors: Patty Daluga, Marcia Obenhaus—Passion Narrator
 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—
 Hawthorne; Linda Carter—Aperion; Paula Lough—
 Greenfield; Rita Tracey—Liberty



If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary this year, please contact the parish office so we can include your anniversary in the bulletin and ensure you receive an invitation to the Diocese's Special 25th & 50th Anniversary Mass which is held at St. Mary's Cathedral in September.

Readings for the week of March 17th

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15(12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
 Tuesday: 2Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
 Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24(2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47

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 March 10, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ 11,588.00
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 4,838.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$ 249,750.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ 259,291.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 9,541.00

Knights of Columbus

FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND: Next weekend, March 23 & 24, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. This is a week earlier than usual. After consulting with Msgr. Kruse, it was decided not to do the Food Pantry collection on Easter, which is the last weekend of the month. 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 and a new one, canned chicken. 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 LENTEN RETREAT

March 24th | 1:00 - 6:00 PM

"GRANT, ALMIGHTY GOD, THROUGH THE YEARLY OBSERVANCES OF HOLY LENT, THAT WE MAY GROW IN UNDERSTANDING OF THE RICHES HIDDEN IN CHRIST AND BY WORTHY CONDUCT PURSUE THEIR EFFECTS"

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

"We adore you
O Christ and we
praise you,
Because by your
holy Cross you
have redeemed
the world."

Friday, March 22nd at 5pm
Good Friday, March 29th at Noon

MAGI BABY CHEST



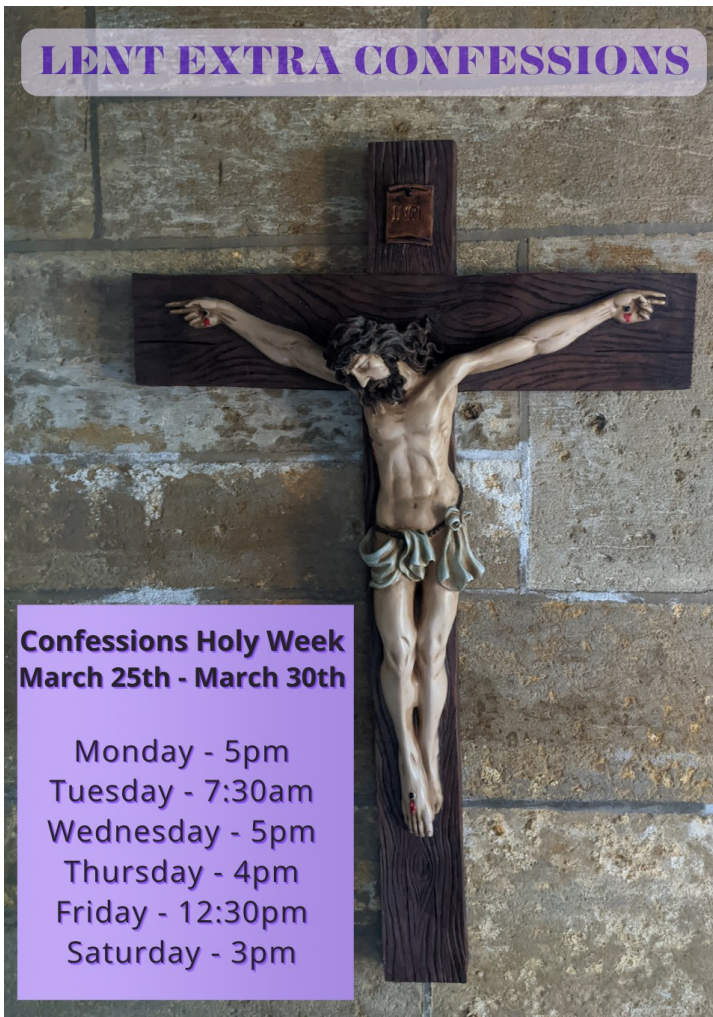
Our next distribution will be Saturday April 6th 9AM to 12PM.

High Need Items: spring jackets/raincoats (sizes 12mo-4T), boys and girls shorts (sizes 12mo-4T), laundry soap, Enfamil Gentlease (purple can) formula, dish soap, diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6,), unscented wipes, pacifiers, new children's books (ages 0-4 years), baby food/snacks, toddler sippy cups, bowls, plates, or utensils, baby gates, toddler socks, nursing covers, and playpens.

A BIG thank you to Chelsea Sanchez for doing her Facebook fundraising for us! We received over \$450 worth of donations! Thank you to all who shared her information on Facebook.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Jessica Murphy or Ashley Gray. We'd love to have you! Just ask any of our volunteers, we have fun!

LENT EXTRA CONFESSIONS



**Confessions Holy Week
March 25th - March 30th**

Monday - 5pm
Tuesday - 7:30am
Wednesday - 5pm
Thursday - 4pm
Friday - 12:30pm
Saturday - 3pm

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 28th
Confession 4pm; Mass at 7pm followed by Eucharistic Procession and Adoration in Harkrader Hall

Good Friday, March 29th
Stations of the Cross at Noon; Confession 12:30pm;
Good Friday Service 3pm

Holy Saturday, March 30th
Confession 3pm; Easter Vigil Mass 8pm; Reception follows

Easter Sunday, March 31st
Mass: 7:30am; 9:00am (incense free); 10:30am