



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

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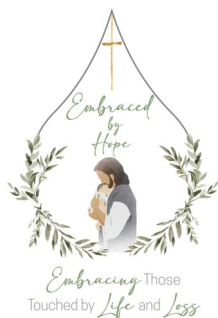
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” - Mt 16:19

PASTOR NOTE

This last Friday we celebrated our parish feast day in honor of St. Louis. The Mass was a wonderful celebration. We enjoyed a delicious dinner provided by the Altar and Rosary Society. I thank them for providing such a wonderful dinner. Our celebration praised God for the many blessings that we have received in our parish and begged His blessing on some new activities in our parish. At our annual celebration I announced a new ministry in our parish: Embraced by Hope.



Embraced by Hope is a new ministry which seeks to assist a very real issue that quietly and sadly affects many people in our parish. Embraced by Hope is a ministry for mothers, fathers, couples, grandparents, siblings, and friends who have experienced, recently or long ago, the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant loss, infertility or other fertility related grief. It is estimated that 1 in 4 pregnancies end in miscarriage. Many people quietly suffer and are isolated in their grief of the loss of their child. Embraced by Hope wants to offer help.

Embraced by Hope is a parish-based ministry that seeks to offer individual pastoral assistance by providing prayer, support, educational resources, and compassion during this time of grief and loss. There can be many questions during the time of miscarriage, still birth or infant loss: Why is this happening? Where can I go for support and answers? Can we have a funeral or memorial service? Should we name the baby? How do we talk to friends and family who have lost a child? Along with all of the questions, grief is surrounded by mystery. In our grief we continue to love deeply, to give gratitude for the gift of life, celebrate the life of the little child that has been lost, and place our hope in God's promise of peace and reunion in eternal life. Embraced by Hope helps those grieving by offering answers, comfort and hope.

Embraced by Hope is not a support group where grieving families gather together at regular meetings. Instead, Embraced by Hope includes a ministry team that provides one-on-one assistance to families. The ministry team will include me, Susanna Prushinski and other parishioners. I invite you to approach us to begin the process of healing. The team assists by sharing prayer, resources and emotional support. At the time of loss, we can discuss options for a funeral, memorial, burial and other ways of remembrance. God has given the gift of life to the child and their life needs to be honored and remembered. Their loss must be grieved and supported.

Embraced by Hope will provide to each family a comfort bag which includes resources for the parents and siblings, a memorial cross, prayer card, and information for offering an appropriate means of honoring the child through a funeral, memorial, burial or other way.

Embraced by Hope will host a special Memorial Mass on October 16th, at 6pm. During this Mass, we will remember our lost children in a special way, pray for grieving families and ask for God's support. More details will be provided later. Everyone is welcome to attend this special Memorial Mass.

Embraced by Hope will also begin the Rosebud Prayer and Remembrance. In the alcove near the entrance of the church, a special place of prayer and remembrance will be located. Different colored rosebuds will be available to signify different prayer requests and remembrance. They will signify pregnancy, miscarriage, stillbirth, infant loss and infertility. You are invited to fill out a prayer request card and attach it to the corresponding rosebud. These rosebuds will be displayed as a call for prayer and remembrance. They will be incorporated in our Memorial Mass. You are invited to remember your child through the Rosebud Prayer and Remembrance.

Overtime, Embraced by Hope will provide greater and specific support for couples suffering from infertility. In the future, other grief support ministries will be developed to help families suffering loss of other family members.

I am very happy to begin the Embraced by Hope ministry in our parish. It is a function and expression of the Church's general pro-life ministry. All life is sacred and a gift from God. For mysterious reasons life often ends at the earliest stages of development. These lives should be honored and support should be given to the grieving parents and families. I also believe that the time is right for us to acknowledge and support, in a more formal way, the loss that many families experience. I pray that Embraced by Hope will meet a very real need within our parish. May we join together and pray for the success of this new ministry.

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

Growth through the Sacraments:

We grow in grace and perfection by the reception of the sacraments. Sensible signs instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, they symbolize and confer grace. God, knowing how easily man is drawn to external things, willed in His
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| <u>Mass Intentions</u> | |
| Monday, August 28 | <u>St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</u> 7:00 am +Irene Agarao by Amie Neiman |
| Tuesday, August 29 | <u>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</u> 5:15pm +Manuel & Myrna Ascano for their Anniversary by Paul & Bridgette Castelein 4-5:00p Holy Hour |
| Wednesday, August 30 | <u>Weekday in Ordinary Time</u> 7:00am +Bartlett L. Kassabaum by Tim & Julie Puhr |
| Thursday, August 31 | <u>Weekday in Ordinary Time</u> 5:15pm +Diane Engels Ray by Leo & Susanna Prushinski 4-5:00p Holy Hour |
| Friday, September 1 | <u>First Friday</u> 7:00am +Martin McMahon by Loraine McMahon |
| Saturday, September 2 | <u>First Saturday Devotion;</u> <u>Vigil of the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 7:00am +Charles & Jean Kelly by Family 4:00pm +Carlene Siltman by Jim & Gina Wilkinson |
| Sunday, September 3 | <u>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 7:30 am +Richard Bartman by Annette Hulslander 9:00 am +Ray DeMarlie by Louise Beel 10:30am People of the Parish |

(Growth through the Sacraments continued) infinite goodness to attach His grace to material objects and visible actions. It is a matter of faith that our sacraments contain the grace they symbolize and that they confer it on all those who place no obstacle in the way; and this not solely in virtue of the recipient's dispositions, but ex opere operato, that is, in virtue of the sacramental rite itself. The sacraments are instrumental causes of grace, God ever being the principal cause, and our Lord the meritorious cause. Besides sanctifying grace, each sacrament produces a special grace which is called sacramental grace. Sacramental grace assists us in each stage of life. For instance, baptism confers regeneration, the eucharist nourishes us on our journey, anointing prepares us for death.

The sacraments received with right fervent dispositions, add to our personal merits a rich bound of grace which proceeds from Christ's own merits. Jesus Christ came and still comes to us to communicate with largess His life to us: "I have come that they may have life and may have it more abundantly."

Enrichment of Faith 102: Liturgy and Sacraments Class. Two classes offered on Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:15 PM and 6:00-7:15 PM. We will meet each week (except Thanksgiving week) from Sep. 13th - Nov. 29th. This class will help us to discover or rediscover the power of the Liturgy and Sacraments, the what and why of Church teachings regarding Liturgy/Sacraments and what the Church Fathers have to say about Liturgy/Sacraments. This class is open to all even if you did not attend the Enrichment of Class 101 on the Creed in the Spring. This class is lead by Susanna Prushinski. Please sign-up for class by contacting Susanna at 815-915-6960 or stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office. Please note, the class is 10 sessions but I have built in an extra week due to the chance that class may be cancelled one week upon the birth of my grandchild.

Enrichment of Faith 101: The Creed Class. Two classes offered on Thursdays 1:00 - 2:15 PM and 6:00-7:15 PM. We will meet each week (except Thanksgiving week) from Sep. 14th - Dec. 7th. Please note this is the same class that was offered in the Spring of 2023. This class will help us to discover or rediscover the what and why of our Catholic beliefs as stated in the Creed in order to deepen and enliven our faith in Jesus Christ and all that He has revealed to us through His Church. The class is structured to introduce us to the use of scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, an introduction to the Church Fathers and saints. This class will be lead by Susanna Prushinski. Please sign-up by contacting Susanna at 815-915-6960 or stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com or the Parish Office. Please note, the class is 11 sessions but I have built in an extra week due to the chance that class may be cancelled one week upon the birth of my grandchild.

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, September 2

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

7:30 am: Sunday, September 3

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*
 EMHC: Tom Jagers, Rita Tracey
 Lectors: Rita Pacunas
 Sacristan: Lori Atilano
 Ushers: Gary Blessman, Dennis Thomson, Tom Murphy

9:00 am: Sunday, September 3

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry
 EMHC: Linda McCabe, Tim Taylor
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
 Lectors: Steve Harmon
 Sacristan: Quint Quiram
 Ushers: Dave & Judy Moore, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Sunday, September 3

Altar Servers: Anaisabella Ramirez-Tz, Sylvie Viger
 EMHC: Patty Daluga, Mandy Robinson
 Lectors: Jeff Peacock
 Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
 Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC Homebound Linda McCabe 9/S
 Tim Taylor 9/N

EMHC for Nursing Homes Mary Beth Crowe—
 Liberty Hawthorne; Lynn Delaney—Greenfield;
 Colleen Harmon—Aperion; Rita Tracey—Liberty

OUR TABLE: We have been asked to host Our Table three more times this year. Because of the Health Department regulations, most of the food has to be prepared by a certified kitchen or come prepackaged. We are asking for donations for the next two weeks that will cover the cost of the main food dishes. Please place your donations in an envelope marked Our Table and drop them in the weekly collection or in the office. Checks can also be made to Our Table. Our next dinner is scheduled for September 11. Thank you for your continued support with Our Table. As a reminder, High School students needing service hours, may volunteer to help serve and receive credit. If you have any questions, please contact Linda McCabe or Marcia Obenhaus.

Readings for the week of August 27th

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 3-6, 8(8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
 Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3, 4, 5, 6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4, 6/Mt 6:17-29
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7, 8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5, 6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30
 Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9(2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



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!

ST. LOUIS PARISH SCHEDULE

MASS SCHEDULE

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 August 20, 2023

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| Amount Budgeted | \$ 6,750.00 |
| Amount Received | <u>\$ 5,092.00</u> |
| Amount Over (Under) | (\$ 1,658.00) |

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

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| Amount needed to date: | \$ 54,000.00 |
| Amount Received to date: | <u>\$ 51,374.00</u> |
| Over/(Under) budget to date: | (\$ 2,626.00) |

Ready to Bring the Love of Jesus

2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Did you know that ADA supports Vocations?



Your son, grandson or nephew may have attended Emmaus Days this year. Or maybe you have a newly ordained priest or transitional deacon in your parish. Did you know that ADA helps with vocation discernment programs like Emmaus Days and with education of our future priests?

Please consider giving to ADA in gratitude for all the graces received through the hands of your parish priests throughout the years.

Give online at www.cdop.org/ada.

Many thanks to all of the ladies of our wonderful parish that baked and donated the delicious goodies for our bake sale in the park. We made over \$800!!! Thanks also to the fine crew of "experienced" ladies who worked the sale! Blessings to all, Rita Tracey

MAGI BABY CHEST



On our MBC collection weekend, we received \$3,047 and over 50 baby items! **Thank you to all those charitable hearts who support us.** We know Christ is proud of this work and God is good! On our August distribution day, we were able to feed a toddler who hadn't eaten in days. Alleluia they found the Magi Baby Chest and were

able to receive support!

High need items for our September 2nd opening are baby food, Dreft laundry detergent, baby wash and lotion, kids Crest toothpaste and kids toothbrushes, Desitin, infant Tylenol and Ibuprofen, Dawn dish soap, toddler utensils/bowls/sippy cups, new and gently used Fall boys/girls clothes (sizes Newborn-4T), and gently used maternity clothes.

Save the Date: Mom's Night Out will be Friday Sept. 1st from 6-9PM in the Aquinas library. Come get the supplies you need and enjoy time with other moms! Free childcare provided.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook! Find us through the St. Louis Facebook page.



Welcome to the newest member of our Catholic Christian family!

Bennett Andrew Swanson,
son of Jacob & Ariel Swanson,
who was baptized on August 19, 2023

RCIA, is it for you? Are you seeking answers to life's questions? Are you being inspired to inquire about the Catholic faith? Are you seeking to join the Catholic Church? Are you baptized, but have not received First Confession, First Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation? Do you want to deepen your faith? Do you desire to know the "why" of Church teaching?...**then RCIA is for You!** RCIA will be held every **Tuesday evening from 6:00-7:30 PM** starting **Tuesday Sept. 19th - April 16th.** Please come and join us as our faith seeks understanding. Please contact Susanna Prushinski, RCIA Coordinator, to register and/or with any questions 815-915-6960 or stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com or contact the parish office.

CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A

Please join us for the next Catholic Forum on Sunday, September 3rd 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.

Register now for religious education!

Classes for 3-year-olds through 8th graders begin the week of September 10. Registration forms are available on the parish website and in the main office, and are **due by September 2.**

Volunteers are needed at all levels, no experience necessary. This is a great way to experience the joy of working with children, see your faith from a new perspective, and serve our church community. Contact Rebekah Mead for more info. 815-303-2330 | stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com



A Holy Hour for Life

Benediction, Rosary, and other Prayers

Sunday, August 27th 6-7pm

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



Youth Group Night

Sunday, August 27th 6-7:30 pm

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

BASKETBALL NIGHT!

Wednesday, August 30th ~ 6-7ish PM



Junior High & Up—men, women, boys, girls, parishioners, non-parishioners—anyone interested in playing a little pick up!

Meet in the gym!



First Saturday Devotion

In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the salvation of souls and peace in the world
Saturday, September 2nd 7am

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY HARKRADER HALL

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 2ND 6:30PM**

**Appetizers, wine, beer and
soda will be provided.**

(must be 21 or older to attend)

Coffee & Donut Sundays! Join us for Coffee & Donuts on the First Sundays of the month after the 7:30am & 9am Masses sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society. Our first one will be Sunday, September 3rd.