



# SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIocese OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

**SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023**

## 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

## PASTOR NOTE

We had a wonderful Totus Tuus youth program this last week. I loved watching our youth grow in faith while having some fun. This wonderful program required so many volunteers. I am grateful for the Carlone and Mason families for hosting our four leaders. Thank you for opening your homes and providing hospitality. I thank our many volunteers including our youth who helped with the Totus Tots and our first through sixth grade session. Thank you to those who provided snacks and meals. I thank Bethany Brigham for leading the Totus Tots program. Thanks to the leadership of our parish staff, especially Matt Ernat and Rebekah Mead. So many others helped with this wonderful program that I regret not being able to thank so many. But, please know of my gratitude for all of your hard work.

I came across this story and thought you might enjoy it. Divine Providence is amazing!

“Throw them out! Throw them out!” The year was 1770. In a small Italian church, two young altar boys were preparing for Benediction. Annibale Della Genga and Francesco Castiglioni entered the sacristy, put on their cassocks, and grabbed the heavy brass candlesticks. And then they began to bicker, arguing over who would stand on the priest’s right for the procession. Their quibble escalated into a shouting match. Alarmed parishioners turned their heads to the back of the Church to see the commotion, and that’s when it happened: Castiglioni cracked Della Genga over the head with his candlestick! Blood dripped from Della Genga’s injury, and both boys began shoving each other. Shocked parishioners screamed, “Throw them out! Throw them out!” So, the embarrassed priest grabbed the boys, led them to the door, and tossed them out of the Church.

Now fast-forward fifty-five years to 1825. Half a million-people have gathered in Rome for the great Jubilee celebration. The Jubilee occurs every 25 years, and its grand climax is the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter’s Basilica. Traditionally, the Pope knocks on the door three times with a large silver hammer and sings, “Open unto me the gates of justice!” On the third knock, the door swings open, and the Pope leads his people through. The symbolism is rich: pilgrims from all over the world coming back home to the Church, follow their leader through the great porta fidei, the “door of Faith.”

In the 1825 Jubilee year, in front of thousands of pilgrims, Cardinal Della Genga made his way to the door. It was fifty-five years after the candlestick incident. Cardinal Della Genga, now Pope Leo XII, neared the door. Turning to the Cardinal beside him—Cardinal Castiglioni, the Pope said, “Let me have the hammer.” With a sly grin, Castiglioni replied, “Just like I gave you the candlestick?” Amazingly, four years later Castiglioni succeeded his friend and became Pope, taking the name Pius VIII.

Now if you had told any of those pew sitters back in 1770 that they had two future-Popes in the back of their church, they’d have laughed you out of the building: “Those two boys? The ones shoving and whacking each other with candlesticks?” God can change naughty boys into future popes!

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

Enemy of the Devil:

Since the Fall of Man, the devil has not ceased to attack the children of Adam or to lay snares for them. The Evil One cannot act directly on our higher faculties, the intellect and the will. God has kept these as a sanctuary for Himself. The devil can act directly on the body, on our exterior and interior senses, and particularly on the imagination and the memory as well as on the passions [i.e. emotions] which reside in the sensitive appetite. The devil acts indirectly on the will, soliciting its consent through the various movements of the sensitive appetite. The will remains ever free to give or refuse consent. No matter how extensive the power of the devil over our faculties, there are nevertheless limits set to it by God, who will not allow him to tempt us beyond our strength.

We must not believe that all temptations we experience are the works of the devil. Concupiscence, stirred up by habits formed in the past and by imprudences committed in the present, is sufficient to account for a great number of them. On the other hand, it would be rash to assert and contrary to Scripture and Tradition, that there is no diabolical influence in any of our temptations. How then will diabolical temptation be recognized? This is no easy matter for our concupiscence itself may sufficiently account for the violence of temptation. However, when a temptation is sudden, violent, and protracted beyond measure, the devil is largely responsible for it.

The remedy: The first is humble and confident prayer to secure the help of God and His holy Angels. Second, using the sacraments, especially, confession. Finally, the last remedy is an utter contempt of the devil.

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**Mass Intentions**

Monday, July 31 **St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**  
7:00 am +Zelda M. Neiman by Amie Neiman

Tuesday, August 1 **St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
5:15pm +John Michael Bystry by Tim and Julie Puhr  
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Wednesday, August 2 **St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**  
7:00am Special Intention

Thursday, August 3 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
5:15pm +Joan Smith by Jim Whitmore  
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Friday, August 4 **First Friday; St. John Vianney, Priest**  
7:00am + Ron Hulslander by Annette Hulslander

Saturday, August 5 **First Saturday Devotion; Vigil of The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
7:00am +Michael Bickett by John Bickett  
4:00pm Antoni & Danuta Maciczak for their Anniversary

Sunday, August 6 **The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am +Shirley Balensiefen by Sally Donnelly  
10:30am +Kenneth & Susanna Stremiau  
by Leo & Susanna Prushinski

**August Ultreya:** Please join the Illinois Valley Cursillo Community in an evening of Mass, food, and fellowship at our August Ultreya. Saturday, August 12, 2023 at Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Spring Valley. Mass begins at 4:30 PM with a potluck to follow.



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!*

**Readings for the week of July 30th**

Sunday: 1 Kgs 35, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52  
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35  
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43  
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46  
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53  
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3, 4, 5, 6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58  
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12  
Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5, 6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

St. Louis Parish hosted Our Table on July 24th. We served 65 people. Took the few leftover cookies, chips, fruit & croissants to use at Totus Tuus. Everyone enjoyed the meal. Many thanks to all the people who helped make this meal successful. Marcia Obenhaus & Linda McCabe



**Welcome to the newest member of our Catholic Christian family!**

**Felicity Regina Mead,**  
**daughter of Jacob and Rebekah Mead,**  
**who was baptized on July 23rd, 2023**

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## Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

### **4:00 pm: Saturday, August 5th**

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence  
EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Tim Taylor  
Lectors: Gene Menard  
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson  
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

### **7:30 am: Sunday, August 6th**

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*  
EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey  
Lectors: Mary Murphy  
Sacristan: Lori Atilano  
Ushers: Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey, Bill Uher

### **9:00 am: Sunday, August 6th**

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry  
EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Gene Menard  
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky  
Lectors: Steve Bouslog  
Sacristan: Quint Quiram  
Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

### **10:30 am: Sunday, August 6th**

Altar Servers: Brennan Roden, Sylvie Viger  
EMHC: Dave Boylan, Cindy Behrends  
Lectors: David Roden  
Sacristan: Susanna Prushinski  
Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

**EMHC Homebound** Lynn Delaney 9/N  
Rita Tracey 9/S

### **EMHC for Nursing Homes**

Pat Galassi-Carlson - Aperion; Mary Beth Crowe -  
Liberty Hawthorne; Tom Jagers - Greenfield; 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.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

### **Church Monetary Support Through July 23, 2023**

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>5,566.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 1,184.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$ 27,000.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ <u>27,092.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 92.00

## **Everyday Stewardship**

My wife is a big Dave Ramsey fan. She loves when he tells people that in order to pay down their debt they need to sell so many of their possessions that the kids think that even they can be sold for the right price. He definitely sees earthly possessions as simply tools to be used and not "possessed." This is a tough, countercultural message for sure in the eyes of the average American. Too often, our self-worth is derived from our wealth and the items we own. The size of our house, the brand of our car, and the quantity of our belongings are all gauges of success in our world. For Ramsey, not only can you not truly own anything if you owe money to others, it belongs to God anyway and is only given to us as stewards.

Could you sell all you have right now? Could you walk away from all that you have amassed and be truly free? When Jesus speaks of the merchant who sells all he has to obtain a pearl of great price, he calls us to see the pearl as the kingdom of heaven. Nothing on earth can rival the value of the kingdom. If that is true, why is it so hard to surrender everything to God to obtain it? It can be fear that keeps us from stepping out in faith. It can be selfishness that prevents us from letting go. Whatever it is, we must face the fact that we are "possessed" by it. The good news is that God does not expect us to conquer this obstacle on our own. But with God, all things are possible.

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The monthly Knights of Columbus meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 7th** with dinner at 6:30, meeting to begin at 7:00. Current members please join us in Harkrader Hall for food and fellowship. If you are a Catholic man age 18 or older and are interested in joining the Knights, or just want more information, feel free to join us for dinner this Monday, call the contact name below, or scan the QR code to the right of this announcement and follow the instructions below.

*"Join the Knights of Columbus Online"*

1. Enter your home Parish Name
2. Enter Parish Knights Council #5591
3. Enter Promo Code: **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**  
**FOR FREE MEMBERSHIP**



Contact Bob Schabow for more information 815-303-8701

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER

The Knights of Columbus will be doing a cookout on **Saturday, August 5th** at Sullivans from 11am-1pm to support the St. Louis Youth Group.



Pictures of Knights who helped pick sweet corn at the Joe Kunkel farm last Saturday morning. The Knights extend their deepest appreciation to all Parishioners who support this Summer project. All proceeds go to St. Louis Parish, other Catholic charities or local organizations with need. God bless everyone!



Submitted by, Knight Jim Whitmore

# SPLISH SPLASH!!!

## St. Louis Parish Pool & Lawn Bash!!

Junior High & High School Youth & their Families  
Sunday, August 6th 4pm

Bring your lawn chairs, a dish to share, and your drinks and join us for this fun summer event!!

Hosted by the Bystry Family - 17583 1600 North Ave. Princeton



## First Saturday Devotion

In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the salvation of souls and peace in the world  
**Saturday, August 5th 7am**

## WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

**HARKRADER HALL  
SATURDAY**

**AUGUST 5TH 7PM**

Appetizers, wine, beer and soda will be provided.

(must be 21 or older to attend)



**CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A  
for August is cancelled.**

## MAGI BABY CHEST



High need items for our August 5th opening are diapers (sizes 3, 4, and 7), wipes (unscented preferred), bottles (all types), diaper bags, diaper cream, pacifiers, nursing pillows, nursing covers, baby/toddler bibs, gently used boys/girls clothes (sizes 12mo-4T), and gently used maternity clothes. Thank you for your support!

Please follow us and look for recent updates and announcements! You can find us through the St. Louis Church Facebook page.

**PRAISE and WORSHIP  
HOLY HOUR**

**Sunday, July 30th 6-7 PM**

During this Eucharistic Holy Hour, we will offer contemporary, reflective and easy to sing songs and hymns. Holy Hour will end with Benediction. Come and check out this wonderful time of prayer.