

SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022



*Let your face shine upon your servant;
and teach me your laws. -Ps 119:135*

PASTOR NOTE

Recently, I announced that our parish will host weekly Fall Small Group meetings that will discuss the previous Sunday's Gospel guided by the reflection questions. The group will follow a type of *lectio divina*, which is reflective meditation on the Scriptures. Through this process, each member will have an encounter with Jesus through the Scriptures, through the small group members and through personal reflection. This process has helped many people grow in holiness and friendship with Jesus. The small group meetings require no preparation and no "homework," just the one-hour meeting. Of course, I hope that the small group experience will inspire each participant to personally go deeper in their relationship with Jesus through personal prayer, daily Mass, adoration, or other personal devotions

The Fall Small Groups will meet beginning the week of September 25th and continue through the week of October 30th. Each meeting will be at the same time and will have the same members each week. I have scheduled small group meetings throughout the week. Meeting times are: Mon. 11am.; Mon., 6pm; Tue. 6pm; Wed. 3:30pm; Wed. 6pm; Thur. 11am; Thur. 1pm; Thur. 6pm; Fri. 9am.

I invite you to sign up for one of these meetings. Couples and friends may sign up for the same meeting but can also sign up for separate meetings. Below is a sign up sheet. Please complete the information and check off which meeting you would like to attend. Please drop it in the collection or mail it to the Office. You can also sign up through Flock Notes. Soon, you will receive an email about how to sign up through Flock Notes. Please sign up by September 19th. I may need to adjust the schedule since small groups are best with five to ten members. After you sign up, you will be contacted to confirm your meeting time and its location.

I hope that you will make the time and join one of the small groups so that you can go deeper in your relationship with Jesus. Thank you. Msgr. Kruse

Nourished in Spirit

So too, fidelity is essential for marital partnership. Fidelity includes sexual singularity. All of us know that God has intended that sex is only for the married couple. Few things are more damaging to marriage than sexual infidelity. God's grace can overcome this grave sin and restore marital love. Most of us limit our understanding of fidelity simply to sex. However, it is much more than this. Fidelity also embraces a sense of mutual presence and mutual interest. Fidelity is a sense of devotion, cherishing and focused attention. In other words, one's spouse is number one in everything. An attitude of real fidelity takes time and also requires growth and maturity. This broader sense of fidelity is quite fragile. Infidelity can take many forms in which something or someone takes greater priority than one's spouse. People can have an adulterous heart while also being sexually pure. They could be adulterous towards their career, parents, golf, money, status, alcohol, pornography, and even one's children. Almost anything can become a greater priority than one's love and devotion to one's spouse. Throughout the life of marriage, the couple grows in deeper and deeper fidelity. They learn to place their beloved first and foremost instead of other things or people. In this way they grow in deeper partnership and more truly live the mystery of marriage.

God recreates the man and woman in the holy bond of matrimony. This invisible bond begins on the day of marriage. But, it grows and matures through a life of mutual partnership. Partnership embraces all aspects of married life. It aims towards greater friendship through trust, communication and genuine fidelity. Partnership is the daily road towards marital perfection. In our next newsletter, we will learn that this perfection culminates in the goodness of children. God bless.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH 2022 FALL SMALL GROUP

Please complete the information below. Cut it out. Return it to the collection or mail it to the office no later than September 19th. You will be notified to confirm your meeting time.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Meetings are from the week of September 25th to the week of October 30th. Please mark your choice for the Small Group meetings.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, 11am | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, 3:30pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, 11am | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday, 9am |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, 6pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, 6pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, 1pm | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, 6pm | | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, 6pm | |

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Text SLP To 84576 or
Connect with us online at
stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 5 Weekday

7:00 am +JoAnn Legner by Jim & Ann Hunter

Tuesday, September 6 Weekday

5:15pm +Robert J Miller by Amie Neiman

4-5:00 Holy Hour

Wednesday, September 7 Weekday

7:00 am +Phyllis & Clarence Pagano

Thursday, September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:15pm +John Murphy by Tom & Mary Murphy

4-5:00 Holy Hour

Friday, September 9 St. Peter Claver, Priest

7:00 am + Jonathan Dyer

Sat, September 10 Vigil of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm + Gene Stocking by Joanne Stocking

Sunday, September 11 The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am +Beth Uher by Dan and Cynthia Tracy

9:00 am People of the Parish

10:30 am + Sheryl Barnhart

Prayer for Labor Day

Good and Gracious God,
You created human beings in Your image
and likeness

And gave us dominion over creation
to be stewards of the land
and co-creators of Your Kingdom.

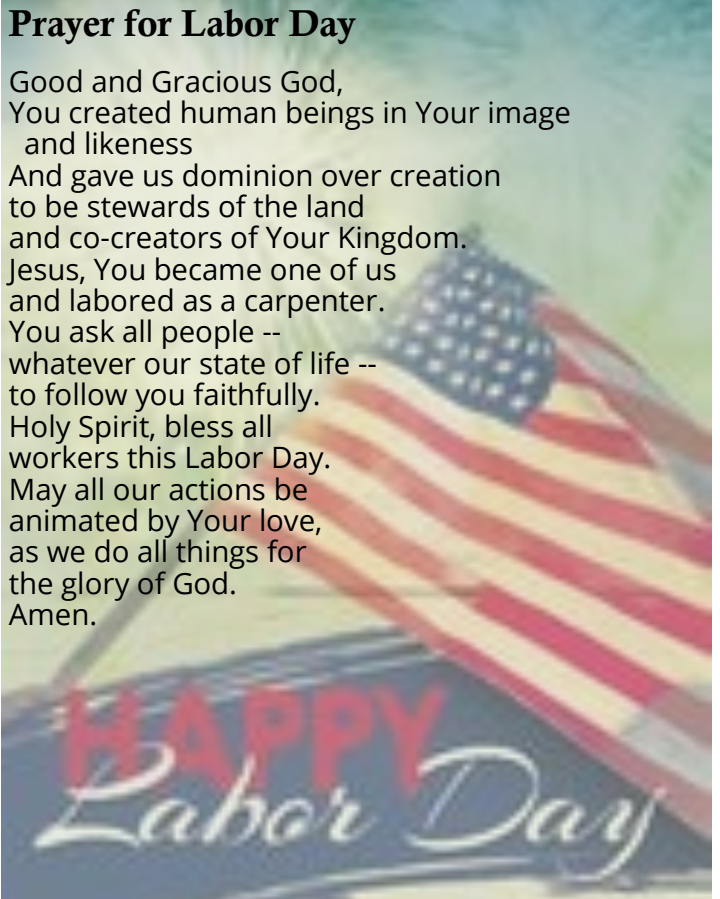
Jesus, You became one of us
and labored as a carpenter.

You ask all people --
whatever our state of life --
to follow you faithfully.

Holy Spirit, bless all
workers this Labor Day.

May all our actions be
animated by Your love,
as we do all things for
the glory of God.

Amen.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Daily Mass will be at the normal 7am time.

Readings for the week of September 4

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5, 6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9:10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 55:6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3, 4, 5, 6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Mt 5:1-4a/Ps 136ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5, 6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tim 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32



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!

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, September 10th

Altar Servers: Gabby & Gretchen Carden
EMHC: Gene Menard, Mandy Robinson
Lectors: Mary Paula Schmitt
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Ushers: Ushers Needed—Please volunteer

7:30 am: Sunday, September 11th

Altar Servers: Brady Peach
EMHC: Elizabeth Peddicord, Rita Tracey
Lectors: Margaret Martinkus
Sacristan: Joann Bowman
Ushers: Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson

9:00 am: Sunday, September 11th

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Luke Smith
EMHC: Tim Taylor, Chris Williams
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Mario Carlone
Sacristan: Quint Quiram
Ushers: Dave & Judy Moore, Tom Giehl

10:30 am: Sunday, September 11th

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Jackson Mason
EMHC: Dave Boylan, Tim Smith
Lectors: Marcia Obenhaus
Sacristan: Tim Smith
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC Homebound: Tim Taylor 9/S
Chris Williams 9/N

EMHC for Nursing Homes: Linda Carter—
Hawthorne; Colleen Harmon—Aperion; Mandy
Robinson—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	4:30—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 August 28, 2022

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	<u>\$ 7,513.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 1,013.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Amount needed to date:	\$58,500.00
Amount Received to date:	<u>\$58,031.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	(\$ 469.00)

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love. Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult.

There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. "Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor)." "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over her soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble.

The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. "A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta)." Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don't feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God's love and seek it above all other things! ©LPI

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Religious Education: Helps to build a strong foundation



Last chance to register for religious education!

Classes for 3-year-olds through 8th graders begin the week of September 11. Registration forms are available on the parish website and in the main office. Please submit registration forms as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly for the year ahead.

Mandatory Parent Meeting

There will be a mandatory parent meeting at 6 PM on Tuesday, September 6th. There will be a volunteer meeting for those interested in assisting with our religious education program at 6 PM on Thursday, September 8th. Contact Rebekah Mead (815-303-2330, stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com).

Magi Baby Chest

We have established the Magi Baby Chest, a baby supply center. We need your help to fill up the Baby Chest for the grand opening on Saturday, October 1st. Please drop off your donations of supplies to cash near the doors of the Church. Thank you.



All High School students are invited to Youth Group Night

September 11th
Sunday from 6-7:30 pm

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

Knights of Columbus News

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Last weekend, the Knights of Columbus collected 142 nonperishable food items and \$1,302 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. A majority of the items were "high need." The Pantry staff was very pleased with all the breakfast cereal, peanut butter, mac & cheese, boxed potatoes and canned vegetables. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 24,738 non-perishable food items and \$134,131 in monetary donations since we started collecting in August of 2012. The food insecure in our area say Thank You!

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Our first meeting for 2022-23 will be **Monday, September 12th**. All prospective Knights, men of the parish (18 and older), are welcome to join us for fellowship and dinner, served at 6:30pm in Harkrader Hall. Our business meeting will commence at 7.

You should have received a mailing from Bishop Tylka for the Annual Diocesan Appeal. If you did not receive a letter from the Bishop, please pick up a donation card near the doors of the church. Please prayerfully consider your donation and mail the pledge card directly to the Diocese. Your donation will help the Diocese in many ways, this week we focus on:

EVANGELIZATION

When we experience the love and joy that comes with knowing and loving Jesus, we want to proclaim the difference Christ has made in our life and help bring others to him.

Ministries and programs include support for all our Catholic grade schools and high schools, Totus Tuus - the summer parish program for youth, Newman Centers outreach to college students, Catholic Charities programs and more. Go to www.cdop.org/ada to learn more about the ministries supported by ADA and to watch the ADA videos.

Eucharistic Adoration: will be held at St. Louis Parish **ALL HOURS** during the weekend of September 23-25, beginning at 7p.m. on Friday and ending at 7a.m. on Sunday. This extended period of adoration will coincide with the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for healing after abortion that will be taking place during the same hours, at a separate location. **Please consider spending an hour with our Lord in prayer asking for God's healing graces for the men and women attending this retreat.**



Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer of Harkrader Hall and on FlockNote at stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com/signup/97439. Please sign up early so that we can fill all the hours! For more information, please call the parish office at 815-879-0181.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to

William & Janet Politsch

celebrating their 50th on September 29th!

Congratulations to couples celebrating 50 plus years!

Tom & Sharon Ballard - September 6, 1958

Terry & Sherry DeSalle - September 7, 1968

Vince & Jeanie Gelsomino - September 11, 1965