



ST. LOUIS PARISH
FEAST DAY CELEBRATION
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH
MASS 5:15PM & DINNER

SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Diocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 20, 2023

PASTOR NOTE

St. Louis Patronal Feast Day: Everyone is invited to join together for a special Mass on Friday, August 25th, at 5:15pm. This is the feast day of our parish. After Mass we will enjoy a dinner hosted by the Altar and Rosary Society. After dinner you are invited to tour the building and see the repurposed rooms, especially the Atriums used in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Check out the parish library and coffee bar. And take a moment to look over the Magi Baby Chest. **During this Mass I will make some important announcements about exciting new projects in the parish. Big things are happening!** Please come out for this special parish event. I hope we have a huge crowd to honor our patron, St. Louis.

Ready to Bring the Love of Jesus

2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Next weekend our parish will be participating in the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) for the Diocese of Peoria. As disciples of Christ, we are called to respond to God's grace in our lives and to be ready to bring the love of Jesus to others. The Annual Diocesan Appeal is an opportunity to respond to His grace by sharing our gifts and so help others encounter Christ in a personal way. There are many ministries and apostolates that the Diocese can offer that we as a single parish cannot. Recruitment and training of priests, vocation discernment program for young men, marriage preparation, ministry to our students on college campuses, evangelization, Catholic Charities program...these are just a few of the many services we receive from the Diocese of Peoria. Your support, in prayer and through your sacrificial gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, makes it possible to provide these services.

Next week I will make a presentation about the Annual Diocesan Appeal. You will have the opportunity to complete a pledge card and make a donation. Please take a minute to review the enclosed note from Bishop Tylka. I will offer further information next week. I ask you to prayerfully consider making a contribution to the Annual Appeal. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish, diocese and the work of the Church throughout the world.

Special thanks to the Bystry family for opening their home and hosting last week's pool party for our junior high and high school youth. Thank you.

Thank you to all of the participants at the recent Knights of Columbus fundraiser at Culvers. So many enjoyed a nice meal as they helped the Knights. Thank you.

Basketball Night. We have started hosting open gym for basketball which is held periodically. Please join us on Wednesday, August 30th at 6pm.

Rectory Open House. Last year I hosted a Rectory Open House to show off the many changes in the rectory. Recently, some parishioners lamented missing the Open House last year. So, I have decided to host another Rectory Open House on Sunday, September 17th, 1pm to 4pm. More details later.

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

Growth through Merit:

Merit in general is a right to a reward. Hence, supernatural merit is a right to a supernatural reward, a right to a share in God's life, a right to grace and glory. However, God is in no way obliged to make us share in His life, there must exist a promise on His part that confers upon us an actual title to such supernatural reward. Merit, then, may be defined: a right to a supernatural reward arising both from a supernatural work done freely for God's sake, and from a divine promise to give such a reward.

The general conditions of merit include: It must be free. It must be supernaturally good. It must be performed in the state of grace. It must be done during this life-time.

God is the first and principal cause of our merit. He excites the will to action and giving it new energies that enable it to act supernaturally. Our free will, responding to God's solicitations, acts under the influence of grace and the virtues and thus becomes a secondary, but real and efficacious cause of our meritorious acts, since it truly cooperates with God. Without this free consent there can be no merit.

All of our actions can become a source of merit if done with a supernatural end in view and in union with our Lord. Every act can become a seed of grace and glory since it gives us an increase of sanctifying grace and a right to a higher degree of heavenly bliss.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, August 21 **St. Pius X, Pope**
7:00 am +Judy Williams by Tim & Julie Puhr

Tuesday, August 22 **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
5:15pm +Peter Doyle by Doyle Family
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Wednesday, August 23 **St. Rose of Lima, Virgin**
7:00am +Francis & Lucille Farley by Family

Thursday, August 24 **St. Bartholomew, Apostle**
5:15pm +Dr. Louis Foley by Amie Neiman
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Friday, August 25 **St. Louis Feast Day**
***5:15pm** +JoAnn Legner by Tim & Aggie Smith

Saturday, August 26 **Vigil of the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
4:00pm +Steven Gerdes by Dan & Cynthia Tracy

Sunday, August 27 **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 am +Dennis Arch by Mike & Renee Toomey
9:00 am + Hank Skibinski
by Linda Carter and Bernetta Wood
10:30am People of the Parish

***Mass time for Friday, August 25th is changed to 5:15pm
for the St. Louis Feast Day Celebration**

ENRICHMENT OF FAITH CLASSES

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, August 26th

Altar Servers: Anaisabela Ramirez-Tz, Dominic Vasquez
EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Tim Taylor
Lectors: Katie Lawrence
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, August 27th

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*
EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Mandy Robinson
Lectors: Margaret Martinkus
Sacristan: Joann Bowman
Ushers: Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey, Bill Uher

9:00 am: Sunday, August 27th

Altar Servers: Angelo Bystry, Sylvie Viger
EMHC: Patty Daluga, Tim Smith
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Herb Rhees
Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli
Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, August 27th

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Brennan Roden
EMHC: David Lawrence, Gene Menard
Lectors: David Roden
Sacristan: Susanna Prushinski
Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

EMHC Homebound Patty Daluga 9N
Tim Smith 9S

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

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine & Museum of
St. Therese of Lisieux, Society of the Little Flower
Darien, Illinois
Monday, September 25th, 2023

Sponsored by the PDCCW. You will see the largest collection of Little Flower relics and memorabilia outside of Lisieux, France. During the time of our visit, the Reliquaries of St. Therese and her parents will be at the National Shrine. **Deadline to sign up is August 25th.** Limited seating, sign up now! Sign up forms with more information are located on the information tables.

FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND:

Next weekend, August 26 & 27, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. All of the high need items remain in short supply. Those include; breakfast cereal, peanut butter, canned fruit, hamburger helper, boxed potatoes and diced tomatoes. Anyone who shops knows prices at the grocery store are still very high. Along with Food Stamp reductions, this adds to the pressure on families to provide meals at home. Thanks to all who donate so generously each month. God bless you for your continuing support.

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 August 13, 2023

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ 4,882.00
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 1,868.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$ 47,250.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ 46,282.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	(\$ 968.00)

Readings for the week of August 20th

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8(4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4, 5, 6, 7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8(8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



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!

Belonging Baptism Preparation

Please contact Rebekah Mead to schedule baptismal prep classes and the ceremony.
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St. Louis IX, King of France
Feast Day August 25th

Prayer

O Lord, King of kings, Jesus Christ,
Who didst love Saint Louis and didst
lead him into the heavenly Kingdom:
grant that by his intercession and good
works, we may participate in his
glory for all eternity.

O U R T A B L E

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.

The Illinois Valley Cursillo Community will host a Day of Renewal, Saturday, Sept. 9 at St. Peter and Paul Parish, Peterstown. Registration and Continental breakfast begin at 8:30 AM- program ends at 1PM. Theme for the day is "I Must Be About My Father's Business". Speakers- Deacon Jack Kusek, Grace Rollo, Michael Vaessen, Piety Rollo, Rudy Arteaga, Study Rollo, and Anne Newhalfen, Action Rollo. Sign up is not required. There is no cost to attend. Donations will be accepted.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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.

Religious Education:
Helps to build a strong foundation



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 NEEDED!

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



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!