



# SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth.” - Jn 14:16-17a

## PASTOR NOTE

Happy Mother's Day! I pray that God will bless all of the mothers in our parish. I encourage everyone to offer a special prayer for your mother, especially if she has gone before us in faith. Mother's Day is such a special day to honor our Mother. And, let's not forget to honor our spiritual Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.



**Deacon John Celebration:** On Sunday, May 21, 2023, Deacon John Murphy celebrates the 35th Anniversary of his deacon ordination. This is truly a cause for celebration and an opportunity for our parish to express our gratitude for Deacon John's ministry and service. On the weekend of May 20/21, after each Mass, we will have a light reception to show our appreciation and thanks for Deacon John. I am truly grateful for his work in the parish.

**Vacation:** Beginning the afternoon of Sunday, May 21st, I will be on vacation. I will return to the parish on Wednesday, May 31st. I have arranged for Fr. Schaab to cover the regular schedule of Masses while I am away. I am grateful for his help. Regretfully, after many attempts, I could not find any priest to cover Saturday, May 27th. Therefore, I have decided to cancel the 3pm confessions and the 4pm Mass on Saturday, May 27th. Please attend one of the morning Masses on May 28th at St. Louis Church. Or, please attend one of the Saturday evening Masses in the area such as Spring Valley, 4:30pm; Walnut, 5:30pm; or, Tiskilwa, 6pm. I am sorry for any inconvenience. This inconvenience is a good motivation to pray for an increase in priestly vocations.

**Eucharistic Revival:** As you know our Diocese has been participating in a national Eucharistic Revival. Over the last few weeks, we have enjoyed hearing some reflections from parishioners. I invited them to reflect on different Eucharistic devotions. I thank these parishioners for offering reflections: Tim Taylor, Rita Tracey, Bethany Brigham, Rachel Bystry, Cynthia Tracy, Bridgette Castelein, Steve Harmon and Jeff Peacock. They all offered a wonderful reflection. I am especially grateful considering that public speaking is not very easy. I hope that their reflection inspired you to embrace deeper Eucharistic devotion.

I asked our speakers to reflect upon one of four areas of Eucharistic devotion: Daily Mass, Holy Hours, Chapel Visits, and the Men's Holy Hour. Only a few people heard all of these reflections. So, over the next few weeks I will summarize these devotions. I hope this will help you go deeper in your devotion to our Lord Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

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

**Role of God in Christian Life:**

God acts in us either directly, by Himself, or through the Incarnate Word [Jesus], or through the mediation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Angels, and the saints.

The first cause of the supernatural life is the Blessed Trinity, or by appropriation, the Holy Spirit. True, the life of grace is a work common to the Three Divine Persons, for it is a work outside of Himself, yet, because it is a work of love, it is attributed especially to the Holy Spirit. The Most Adorable Trinity contributes to our sanctification in two ways: the Three Divine Persons come to dwell in our souls; there they create a supernatural organism which transforms and elevates them thus enabling them to perform Godlike acts.

Since the Christian life is a participation in God's own life, it is evident that none but God Himself can confer it upon us. This He does by coming to dwell in our souls and by giving Himself wholly to us in order that we may first of all render Him our homage, enjoy His presence and allow ourselves to be led with docility to the practice of Christ's virtues and into the dispositions of His holy soul.

God is in all creatures in a threefold manner: by His power, inasmuch as all creatures are subject to His dominion; by His presence, because He sees all, even the most secret thoughts of the soul; by His essence, since He acts everywhere and since every where He is the plenitude of being itself and the first cause of whatever is real in creation, giving continually to creatures not only life and movement, but their very being.

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### ***Belonging Baptism Preparation***

Please contact Rebekah Mead to schedule baptismal prep classes and the ceremony.  
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### Mass Intentions

Monday, May 15 **St. Isidore**  
7:00 am +Shirley Argus  
by Mary Ann Parisot & Susan Blakey

Tuesday, May 16 **Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter**  
5:15pm +Joan Wagner  
by Carl & Sephie Heinz, Bill & Angel Burich  
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Wednesday, May 17 **Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter**  
7:00am +Ken Henkel by Bill and Janet Politsch

Thursday, May 18 **St. John I, Pope and Martyr**  
5:15pm +Joan Smith by Tim and Kathy Hermeyer  
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Friday, May 19 **Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter**  
7:00am +John & Mary Jo Tracey by Tom & Rita Tracey

Saturday, May 20 **Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
4:00 pm For healing for Angela Miller by Betty Brokaw

Sunday, May 21 **Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
7:30 am +Darlene Hartwig by Tom & Mary Murphy  
9:00 am People of the Parish  
10:30am +Ray DeMarlie by Family

### **Schedule Cancellations**

**Men's Holy Hour is cancelled for Sat. May 27th.**  
**Vigil Mass & Confession for Saturday May 27th is cancelled**



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!**

### **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, "I will not leave you orphans." God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope.

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now. — Father John Muir ©LPi

## Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

### 4:00 pm: Saturday, May 20th

Altar Servers: Anaisabela Ramirez-Tz, Dominic Vasquez  
EMHC: Lynn Delaney, David Lawrence  
Lectors: Katie Lawrence  
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson  
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy, Colleen Sissel

### 7:30 am: Sunday, May 21st

Altar Servers: Brady Peach  
EMHC: Tom Jagers, Rita Tracey  
Lectors: Mary Paula Schmitt  
Sacristan: Joann Bowman  
Ushers: Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson,  
Tom Murphy

### 9:00 am: Sunday, May 21st

Altar Servers: Chris Harmon, Sylvie Viger  
EMHC: Linda Carter, Tim Smith  
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky  
Lectors: Steve Harmon  
Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli  
Ushers: Dave & Judy Moore, Tom Giehl

### 10:30 am: Easter Sunday, May 21st

Altar Servers: Elizabeth Keutzer, Jackson Mason  
EMHC: Patty Daluga, Tim Taylor  
Lectors: David Roden  
Sacristan: Tim Smith  
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

**EMHC Homebound** Mandy Robinson 9N  
Tim Smith 9S

**EMHC for Nursing Homes:** Cindy Behrends—  
Greenfield; Pat Galassi-Carlson Hawthorne; Colleen  
Harmon—Aperion; Rita Tracey—Liberty

## Readings for the week of May 14th

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 16, 20 (1Y) Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21  
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3, 4, 5, 6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20  
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4, 5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28  
Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

## St. Louis Parish Greenhouse Plant Sale

Several varieties of plants grown in our parish greenhouse (vegetables, herbs, annual & perennial flowers) will be sold **this weekend May 13/14**. Saturday-8-11am & after 4pm mass. Sunday- after each of the 3 masses; 7:30am, 9am & 10:30am.

**All proceeds to benefit the Magi Baby Chest and the Bureau County Food Pantry.**

## 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 May 7, 2023

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	\$ 13,854.00
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 7,354.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Amount needed to date:	\$292,500.00
Amount Received to date:	\$308,803.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 16,303.00

## MAGI BABY CHEST

We had another very successful opening last Saturday May 6th. **We served 71 families!** We gave out 9 laundry soaps, 885 diapers and 54 packs of wipes, 31 pairs of socks, 188 clothing items, 15 sets of baby bottles, 2 high chairs, and 2 car seats plus much much more!



Items needed for the next distribution on June 3rd are: summer clothes (sizes Newborn-4T), shorts (sizes Newborn-4T), baby sun block, baby sun hats/bucket hats, baby laundry soap, dish soap, new baby books (up to age 4), wipes & diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6), baby bottles, powdered baby formula, car booster seats, baby/toddler tooth brushes, sippy cups and toddler utensils. *We are also in need of gently used boys clothes (sizes 12mo-4T) and gently used maternity clothes.*

*Thank you to everyone who donates to this wonderful cause! You are the reason these families feel loved and supported.*



Hayden Saylor, Lilly Wray, Brinley Kloepping, Abram Longeville, Kayden Kunkel, Jack Ellis, Cruz Rodriguez



*Confirmation May 7, 2023  
Congratulations to  
our newly Confirmed!*

## A Prayer for Mothers Day

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.



## 35th Diaconate Anniversary Celebration for Deacon John

After each Mass the weekend of May 20/21, we will have a light reception to show our appreciation and thanks for Deacon John!

## St. Louis Respect Life Committee BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN 'Change for Life'



All funds raised will be given to support the pro-life efforts of Abigail's Women's Clinic in Mendota. The Magi Baby Chest and Abigail Women's Center provide different kinds of support to pregnant women in need, so we highly encourage parishioners to prayerfully consider supporting both! The clinic provides pregnancy services and referrals to women who are in a crisis pregnancy, or in a financial crisis that puts their unborn child at risk. They provide ultrasounds and statistics show that once a mother sees an ultrasound of her unborn child, she is 90% more likely to continue her pregnancy.

Baby bottles will be available at the Church entrances beginning on Mother's Day, May 14th, for individuals or families to take home, fill with change (or cash/checks) and return to the church on Father's Day, June 18th.

## ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The winning 50/50 raffle ticket, worth \$2000, was ticket number 0345 belonging to Kim Stemm from Aurora. **Thank you to all who sold and purchased tickets for our fundraiser! The Altar & Rosary Society raised \$2000!**

Our last meeting and dinner of the year will be Tuesday, May 23rd at 6pm. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Dominic Garamone, the Bread Monk from St. Bede Academy!

**ATTENTION ALL DADS!** Mark your calendar: June 10th we will host a special brunch for the Dad's of the parish and their children and/or grandchildren. Please join us whether or not your family is able to!