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DIOCESE OF PEORIA - PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

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PASTOR NOTE

It is hard to believe that we are already in the second month of the new year. I am always amazed at how quickly time passes. Later this month on February 22nd, the Church celebrates a unique feast: the Chair of St. Peter. Tradition has long held that St. Peter often sat on a simple wooden chair while he preached the faith. This chair has been honored and preserved by the Church since the days of St. Peter. In fact, since about 1650, this chair has been adorned in a beautiful altar at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Here is a picture of the Altar of the Chair of St. Peter. Housed inside this altar is the small wooden chair used by St. Peter.

Of course, this feast is not about a chair. Instead, the Church has developed a rich understanding that the simple chair represented Peter's teaching authority. Even more, it represents the teaching authority of the Pope, who enjoys supreme, full, immediate and universal authority over the Church, which he can exercise freely. Christ has established the authority of the Pope to be the foundation of the Church's faith and practice.

To mark this important feast, I will provide an interesting and in-depth presentation on Sunday, February 20th, 1pm to 4pm at Harkrader Hall. Everyone is invited to this presentation that I call *The Bones of St. Peter.* This talk will present a virtual tour of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. It will discuss the history and importance of this Basilica. Then, the talk will shift focus, where we will join excavators from the past. I will walk you through the work of the excavators who eventually verified that the bones of St. Peter are truly buried and honored at St. Peter's Basilica. This talk imitates the real tour at St. Peter's called the Scavi Tour, the excavation tour. These tours only allow about fifty visitors a day. So, very few pilgrims to Rome can enjoy this fascinating tour through history. Through my presentation, I hope that you will feel like you are actually visiting the Basilica and enjoying the amazing archeological excavations deep under the Basilica which will bring you face to face to the Bones of St. Peter. Hopefully, you will also have a greater appreciation of the importance of the Pope.

I hope that you can join me for this presentation. I have offered it many times and must admit that it is my favorite presentation. Trust me, it will be well worth your time!

NOURISHED IN SPIRIT BY MSGR. KRUSE

"Why don't you go and take a long walk off a short pier." I remember saying that to my brothers when I was younger and wanted them to go away. The image is pretty vivid: walking along and with the next step, unexpectantly falling into the water and possibly drowning. Of course, I don't use this insult any more. However, lately that phrase has been resonating in my heart during my prayerful reflection on the gift of faith. Let me explain.

Many times life is compared to a long journey. Most of the time we walk on a rock-solid path. We have things figured out pretty well. We enjoy security and friendship. We know a lot of things and we have a plan. We are in control. However, there are parts of our journey in life where we do not have a solid footing. We do not have control. We are not certain of the plan. We are insecure. These moments remind me of that next step off that short pier -- will we fall in? Will we drown? Much of life is like taking a long walk off a short pier. But, our faith sustains us. We do not fall in or drown. We walk by faith, not by sight. There are many things in this world that we can know and understand. God has given us a beautiful mind which can comprehend immense knowledge. And when we collectively join together everyone living today and in the past, humanity can achieve great things. We walk on a solid path.

However, even after putting a man on the moon, there are still countless mysteries in life: God, love, sin, death, injustice, forgiveness, etc.. There are so many things beyond our individual and collective intellect. Humanity's mind is limited. The solid path ends, the pier is short. But, yet we are still compelled to journey forward -- to step out in faith.

Faith is a theological virtue which inclines our mind, under the influence of the will and grace, to make a firm assent to revealed truths, because of God's authority. In his love, God meets our limited human knowledge and fills us with his grace. This grace moves our will to take a logical step out into the unknown. His grace moves our mind to accept truth about God and our salvation where there is no human experience to lead us to that truth. In other words, our human intellect reaches an end point of understanding and God prompts us to move forward -- to believe and accept it anyway.

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Readings for the week of February 6, 2022

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

HOMEBOUND VISIT

Msgr. Kruse is putting together a schedule for visits to the Homebound of the parish. If you or your loved ones would like to be placed on the regular schedule, please contact the Parish Office. These short visits include conversation, Holy Communion, and confession or anointing as requested. Generally, the visits will be Tuesday mornings after he offers Mass at the Nursing Homes.

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 7 ***Weekday***
7:00 am + Joan Wagner by Jason Pallara

Tuesday, February 8 ***St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin***
5:15 pm +Joanne Brown-Oberheide by Mary Paula Schmitt
4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, February 9 ***Weekday***
7:00 am +JoAnn Legner by Mike and Doris Smith

Thursday, February 10 ***St. Scholastica, Virgin***
5:15 pm + MaryAnn Nink by Tim & Paula Anderson
4-5:00 pm Holy Hour

Friday, February 11 ***Our Lady of Lourdes***
7:00 am + Marsha Burrell by Amie Neiman

Sat, February 12 ***Vigil of the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time***
4:00 pm + Ray DeMarlie by Teresa DeMarlie

Sunday, February 13 ***6th Sunday in Ordinary Time***
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am +Edward Sims by Family
10:30 am +Kay Browning by Liz Dahlen

SEMINARIAN SPOTLIGHT

Ignacio Cardenas Morán

Born: 4-9-93. Class of 2022
Mount St. Mary's Seminary
16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd.,
Emmitsburg, MD 21727
Background: Grew up in Mexico. He says, "In high school I attended Adoration. I asked God, 'Why, did you make me?' God responded, 'Have courage. Come follow me.' And, everyday I have had happiness.

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!

Prayer to One's Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day (night) be at my side, to light, to guard, to rule and guide. Amen

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, February 12th
Altar Servers Cameron & Sam Lawrence
Lectors Katie Lawrence
Sacristan Mandy Robinson
Ushers Dan & Cynthia Tracy
(Ushers needed—please contact parish office to volunteer)

7:30 am: Sunday, February 13th
Altar Servers Brady Peach
Lectors Luke Atilano
Sacristan Joann Bowman
Ushers Tom Ballard & Tom Tracey

9:00 am: Sunday, February 13th
Altar Server Patsy Bystry, Elizabeth Keutzer
Camera Operators Marty Makransky
Lectors Diane Carlone
Sacristan Quint Quiram
Ushers Tom Giehl, Dan Legner

10:30 am: Sunday, February 13th
Altar Server Anna Ellis, Nate Lough
Lectors David Roden
Sacristan Linda Carter
Ushers Ken Lough, Pat Mason (Additional Ushers needed—please contact parish office to volunteer)

EMHC for Homebound: Pat Galassi-Carlson, Mary Beth Crowe, Mandy Robinson, Tim Smith, Colleen Harmon, Gene Menard

Parish Greenhouse

We are getting ready for the 2022 growing season & wish to invite anyone interested in helping with the greenhouse operations: planting seeds, transplanting, growing maintenance, sales, & planting flowers on the Parish grounds. **Meeting is planned for Saturday, Feb. 12th @ 9am in Harkrader Hall.**

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 272 nonperishable food items and $1,609 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. Nearly all of the food items were in the high need category. The Pantry staff was impressed with the quantity and quality of what was donated. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 23,577 nonperishable food items and $124,145 in monetary donations since we started in August of 2012. Those in our community who are food insecure offer a sincere thank you.

Belonging Baptism Preparation

Please contact Rebekah Mead to schedule baptismal prep classes and the ceremony.
stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com
815-303-2330

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

(SUN 9:00AM Live-streamed on YouTube & FaceBook)

OUTDOOR DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION
(AT ANDERSON ST ENTRANCE)

SAT	5:00—5:15 PM
SUN	10:00—10:15 AM

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

PRIVATE PRAYER: The Chapel is open for Private Prayer— if you need the access code please contact the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support
Through January 30, 2022

Amount Budgeted	$ 6,500.00
Amount Received	$ 8,413.00
Amount Over (Under)	$ 1,913.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Amount needed to date:	$201,500.00
Amount Received to date:	$201,098.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	($ 402.00)

End of Year Contribution Statements

BY REQUEST ONLY, 2021 contribution statements are now available. If you desire a statement to prepare your personal income tax return, please call or email the parish office, and one will be provided to you. Please indicate if you would like the statement mailed to your residence, or provided electronically via email. Note: contributions made to the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) will receive a separate statement directly from the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, in compliance with IRS requirements for charitable giving. The faithful sharing of your "treasure" is sincerely appreciated!

Bishop Jenky Retirement

On March 3, Bishop Jenky will celebrate his 75th birthday, which is the age when bishops are required by canon law to submit their resignation to the Holy Father. Well wishes on the occasion of his birthday and his retirement may be sent to him at the following address:

Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
Spalding Pastoral Center
419 NE Madison Avenue
Peoria, IL 61603

CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A

Please join us for the next Catholic Forum on this Sunday, February 6th 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.

Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Louis Parish **ALL HOURS** during the weekend of February 25-27, 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/80072

Please sign up early so that we can fill all the hours! For more information, please call the parish office at 815-879-0181.

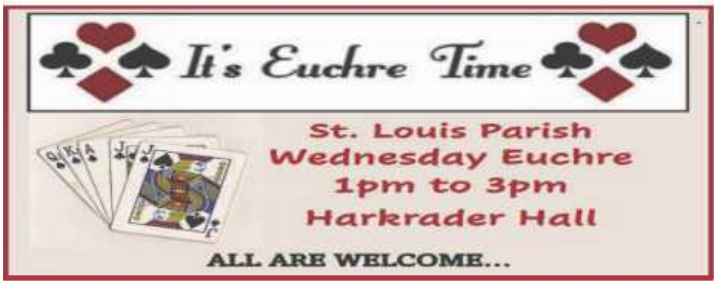
All High School students are invited to Youth Group Night

Sunday, February 13th
6-7:30 pm

We will meet in the Youth Group Room

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Our next meeting will be **this Monday, February 7th**. 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.



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