



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God
what belongs to God.” - Mt 22:21

PASTOR NOTE

Annual Diocesan Appeal: I am truly grateful for everyone who have made a donation to the ADA. This week we received our first report on our parish's progress. Our goal for the Appeal is \$104,829. We have received \$64,227 in pledges. So, we have a bit to go! But, we are about on track with last year. We have about the same number of pledges and about the same amount pledged. I encourage you to keep up with any remaining payments on your pledges. If you have not yet made a pledge, please make one, even if it is just a little bit. As they say, every little bit counts! Pledge cards are available near the doors of the church. Thank you again for all of your support for the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Priest Assembly Days: This last week I attended a wonderful two-day priest meeting in Peoria. We had further discussion about the Growing Disciples program. We heard a presentation from a pastor from Pittsburg. Recently, Pittsburg went through a similar parish merger process. He is about 65 years old. He is now pastor of one parish that was merged from four parishes of different ethnic and economic backgrounds. He has over 12,000 parishioners! He offered a lot of very practical advice on how to bring four communities into one new community. It was very informative. We then listened to a presentation on evangelization. It provided practical suggestions for evangelizing in a parish, especially in our secular age. Finally, we heard from the various departments of diocesan administration. Overall, it was an excellent meeting giving me a lot of food for thought.

A Happy Thought: There was this young woman, about aged 13 or 14. It can be a difficult age. She was a sweet and pious girl. One day she had a conversation with her grandma. She told her grandma that many times she does not feel that God is close to her. She did not feel like God is present or even that He loves her. She was quite confused.

The grandma asked her to close her eyes and say a prayer. The girl repeated her grandma's words: "Lord Jesus, show me that you are present. Show me your love. Jesus, let me know that you are here with me." As the girl spoke her prayer, the grandma stretched out her old wrinkling hand and grabbed the girl's hand.

The girl immediately opened her eyes. She said, "Grandma when you touched my hand, I felt God's presence. I felt His love." The grandma tenderly said, "Yes dear. You see, God is in me. God is in you. And so as I grabbed your hand, God was grabbing your hand. Remember, where two or three are gathered in prayer, Jesus is present."

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

General Summary, Part I:

We have reached the end of the first part of *The Spiritual Life*. All we have said flows logically from the truths of our faith; all can be reduced to unity: God is our end, Jesus Christ is our Mediator and the Christian life is the gift of God to the soul and the gift of the soul to God.

It is God's gift to the Soul. From all eternity the Most Holy Trinity has loved us and predestined us to that supernatural life which is a participation in the life which is a participation in the life of God. This Adorable Trinity living in our souls is both the efficient and exemplary cause of that life, whilst the supernatural organism that enables us to elicit Godlike acts, is the work of the same Triune God.

The Incarnate Word, however, is the meritorious cause as well as the most perfect model of our supernatural life. Conformed to our weakness, He is man like unto us, without ceasing to be God. He is our friend, our brother, nay, more, the Head of a mystic body whose members we are. Because Mary, associated as she is in the work of our redemption, cannot be separated from her Son, she stands as the first stepping stone to Jesus, just as Jesus is the necessary Mediator with the Father. The Saints and Angels who for part of God's vast family aid us by their prayers and their example.



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!

The Rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men.
- Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

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Readings for the week of October 22

Sunday: Is 45:1, 46/Ps 96:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4, 6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 192:3, 4, 5/Lk 6:12-16
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 182:3, 3, 4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Barbara Sawitoski

and for consolation for her family

*Eternal Rest grant unto her O Lord , and
let perpetual light shine upon her soul.
May her soul, and the souls of all of the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.
Amen*

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 23 *St. John of Capistrano, Priest*
7:00am +Joan Wagner by Marlo Perry

Tuesday, October 24 *St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*
5:15pm +Ray DeMay by Tim & Julie Puhr
4-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, October 25 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*
7:00am +Jean Kelly by Linda Carter

Thursday, October 26 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*
5:15pm +Dane Nicholas Arnold by Joanne Stocking
4-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, October 27 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*
7:00am +Phyllis Sims by Joe Kunkel

Saturday, October 28 *Vigil of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
4:00pm Angie Colby Miller by the O'Neill Kids on behalf
of Karen O'Neill

Sunday, October 29 *30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
7:30am People of the Parish
9:00am +David Etheridge by Mike & Doris Smith
10:30am +Joan Smith by Janice and Tim Baxter



Mass Intentions: Beginning Monday, October 30th, individuals may contact the Parish Office and schedule up to two Masses for the 2024 calendar. As a reminder, additional Masses may be requested but you may only request two specific dates per year. The additional Masses will be recorded in the Mass Intention Book and scheduled at a future date.

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, October 28

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence
EMHC: Dave Boylan, Mandy Robinson
Lectors: Katie Lawrence
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, October 29

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

9:00 am: Sunday, October 29

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry
EMHC: Tim Taylor, Lynn Delaney
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Mario Carlone
Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli
Ushers: Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker, Dan Legner

10:30 am: Sunday, October 29

Altar Servers: Brennan Roden, Sylvie Viger
EMHC: Linda Carter, Mandy Robinson
Lectors: Marcia Obenhaus
Sacristan: Linda Carter
Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

EMHC Homebound Tim Taylor 9/S
Lynn Delaney 9/N

EMHC for Nursing Homes Mary Beth Crowe—
Liberty-Hawthorne; David Lawrence—Aperion; Paula
Lough—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.

STEWARSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through October 15, 2023

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>7,344.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 594.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	
Amount needed to date:	\$ 108,000.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ <u>109,868.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 1,868.00

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS: The Tax of Caesar
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

Too often, I confuse this world with the next.

Every day has its set of problems that need dealing with. Some are very easily discernible as problems of this world: I am tired, and I need a nap and a latte. Some are very obviously problems of eternity: I need to ask for forgiveness, but I'm not ready to admit it.

Most problems are a subtle, maddening mix of the two: my body feels tired, obscuring how tired my soul also feels, while making me very cranky, which is keeping me from asking for the forgiveness I need.

It's not that the nap and the latte aren't solutions. Heaven forbid! I would never propose such a thing. Sleep and coffee, I am confident, can fix almost any problem in this world. This world.

Too often, I slap a one-size-fits-all earthly band-aid on all my problems and rush on to the next thing. But if the problem is an issue of my soul, I may as well pay for a parking ticket in Monopoly money.

I render unto Caesar, and I forget about what is owed to God. I apply solutions meant for the here and now to problems that have eternal consequences. The spiritual problems are dismissed, shoved to the back of my mind. For when I have time, I tell myself. For when I am ready.

But the only time we have is now. God is no king of this earth, and he does not ask for a tax offering. He asks for our heart. He doesn't want us for minions but for children.

"I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not." — Isaiah 45:4

MAGI BABY CHEST



The Magi Baby Chest collected \$2,240 from the last two weekends collection! Thank you to all who support our cause!

High need items for our Nov. 4th distribution: baby bottles, diapers (size 5, 6, and 7), winter coats (sizes 12 mo - 4T), baby laundry detergent, baby lotion/wash, infant medicine (tylenol, ibuprofen, orajel etc.), enfamil (purple can) formula, kids vitamins, sippy cups, dish soap, fall clothing sizes (6 mo - 4T), warm baby blankets, pacifiers, high chairs, baby gates, and toddler booster seats. We also need gently used clothing boys & girls (sizes 12 months - 4T).

Attention All Crafty Ladies! The MBC wants to thank you for all the work you put into making such lovely blankets, burp cloths, bibs, towels, stocking hats etc.. The families ADORE them. Especially because they are made with such talent and love. Please note, we are in need of more patterns for boys or gender neutral tones. So, if you're interested in sewing or knitting, please keep us in mind for your beautiful creations!

FOOD PANTRY WEEKEND: Next weekend, October 28 & 29, 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 are still in short supply due to the large demand. Those include; breakfast cereal, peanut butter, canned fruit, hamburger helper, boxed potatoes and diced tomatoes. While inflation appears to be slowing, we all know prices at the grocery store remain high. Along with recent Food Stamp reductions, there is additional pressure on families to provide meals at home. Thanks to all who donate so generously each month. God bless you for your continuing support.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED:

Eucharistic Adoration will be held at St. Louis Parish **ALL HOURS** during the weekend of October 27-29, beginning at 7p.m. on Friday and ending at 7a.m. on Sunday. This extended period of adoration will coincide with **The Living Scripture 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; please sign up early so that we can fill all the hours! You may also sign up electronically on our website: www.stlouisprinceton.org For more information call the parish office, or Colleen Harmon at 815-303-1184.



Youth Group Night
Sunday, October 22nd 6-7:30 pm

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



Saint Bede Academy 8th Grade Open House



Wednesday, November 1st
6:30pm - 8:30pm

- Tour our **newly renovated learning spaces**
 - Meet our **faculty and staff**
 - Speak with **current students**
- Check out our **sports and clubs**
 - Learn about our **Catholic, college preparatory curriculum**

Scan here to RSVP!

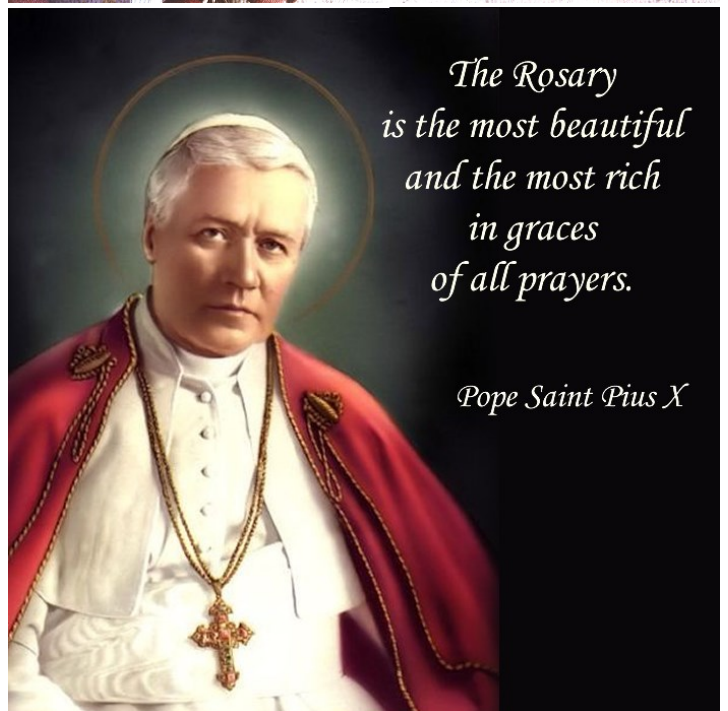


We hope to see you there!
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ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Our next Altar & Rosary Society meeting is this Tuesday, October 24th at 6pm. Our guest presenter will be Father Dominic from St. Bede. He will present a program on stain glass. All women of the parish are welcome! Bring a friend and join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship, dinner and a great presentation!



*The Rosary
is the most beautiful
and the most rich
in graces
of all prayers.*

Pope Saint Pius X