



# SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter  
every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be  
glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” - Mt 5:10-12a

## PASTOR NOTE

There are some events in the parish in the next couple of weeks that I bring to your attention.

Fri. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> is the First Friday of the month. Come to the 7am Mass and renew your devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Fri. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> is the feast of St. Blaise. Traditionally, on this day the Church blesses throats through the intercession of St. Blaise. During the 7am Mass, this traditional throat blessing will be offered.

Sat. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> is the First Saturday of the month. Come to the 7am First Saturday Devotions to our Blessed Mother Mary.

Sat. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> is the monthly Magi Baby Chest distribution from 9am to 12 noon.

Sat. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm: Bingo Night. Bingo Night is free: no entry fees and no card fees. Bingo Night is family friendly. Everyone is invited, young and old, parishioner or non-parishioner. Wonderful game prizes. Appetizers and drinks provided.

Sun. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm: Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion training. Come and learn to volunteer to help distribute Holy Communion. All current volunteers will be recommissioned.

Sun. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm: monthly Catholic Forum. Question and answer time with Msgr. Kruse.

Sat. Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am in church: Healing Mass on the World Day of the Sick.

This day is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. This feast commemorates the many apparitions of Mary to St. Bernadette in the 1850s. Many people have been healed at this shrine. The Church has designated Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> as World Day of the Sick. The Church offers special prayers for those who are sick, especially those seriously ill. Many traditions have developed to celebrate this important day of prayer.

Our parish will celebrate a special healing Mass at 9am on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for the parish to join together and pray for those who are sick. Everyone is invited to attend, especially those who are sick from any illness. Special prayers for the sick will be offered during this Mass. The sacrament of the anointing of the sick will be offered. Individuals, desiring to receive the anointing of the sick, will come forward and receive the holy anointing.

The sacrament of the anointing of the sick is offered to Catholics. The sacrament is offered to anyone who is seriously sick. "Seriously sick" is not precisely defined but may include anyone suffering a life-threatening illness seriously chronic illness or one facing surgery. It is also for those generally infirm due to advanced age. The priest and individual decide whether the sacrament should be provided. You can always ask me if the anointing of the sick should be provided.

The sacrament of the anointing of the sick is offered by a bishop or priest. He anoints the forehead and hands while saying the prescribed anointing prayer. The sacrament may be received more than once either because of a new illness or at the different stages of the same illness. This sacrament makes Christ's healing power present. It unites the sick person to Christ's Cross and empowers the person to be an instrument of Christ's work of salvation through the mystery of suffering. It always brings healing: sometimes a physical healing, but always a spiritual healing. This spiritual healing calms the heart and strengthens the person to face illness with greater faith, hope and charity. The anointing of the sick prepares the person to face death with greater hope in the final healing of the Resurrection in Christ.

For those not able to attend this Mass and receive the anointing of the sick, please contact me to make arrangements to receive this sacrament.

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### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, January 30 **Weekday**  
7:00 am + Martin McMahon by Loraine McMahon

Tuesday, January 31 **St. John Bosco, Priest**  
5:15pm +Mary “Becky” Peterson  
4-5:00 Holy Hour

Wednesday, February 1 **Weekday**  
7:00am +Mike Bickett  
by Gale and Christine Barneckle

Thursday, February 2 **The Presentation of the Lord,  
World Day for Consecrated Life**  
5:15pm + Ron Hulslander by Annette Hulslander  
4-5:00 Holy Hour

Friday, February 3 **First Friday; St. Blaise, Bishop and  
Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop**  
7:00 am +JoAnn Legner  
by Chuck & Pam Hanson

Saturday, February 4 **First Saturday Devotion;  
Vigil of Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:00 am +Bartlett L. Kassabaum by Patti Shimmin  
4:00 pm +Anthony F. Carr by Chris and Brenda Carr

Sunday, February 5 **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:00 am +Joan Kunkel by Family  
10:30am +Jean Kelly by John & Julie Hassler

## ***NOURISHED IN SPIRIT***

*Myth #6: Forgiveness will fix the person.* God has endowed each of us with the powers of knowing and choosing. These powers allow us to change and shape our lives and the world around us. We all make good choices and bad choices. We all have habits – good and bad. And, we all change slowly. It is very hard to fix the problems in our lives. And, it is even harder to fix the problems in other people’s lives. We cannot change other people. We can invite, coax, influence and entice. But, we cannot change people. God changes them as they cooperate with His grace. Our acts of forgiveness cannot change bad habits within another person. Our forgiveness cannot fix people. Forgiveness only opens doors for the other person to change. Forgiveness is not so much a matter of changing or fixing the other person, but changing ourselves. In fact, our lives would be much better off if we spent less energy trying to change other people, and instead, invested our energies into changing ourselves.

*Myth #7: Forgiveness means that I should no longer hurt and have pain any more.* Obviously, the very things and people that need forgiving have caused us various degrees of pain. Usually, our pain stands as an obstacle towards offering forgiveness. And, many times we believe that only when the pain is gone can we begin to forgive or is the person worthy of forgiveness. Many believe that forgiveness and pain cannot co-exist. This is not true. Forgiveness and pain are connected, but they are distinct. Remember, Jesus offered forgiveness while He was experiencing the pain of crucifixion. Both were simultaneously present. Our hurt and pain is not a barometer measuring our forgiveness. Pain is a physical feeling and emotion. Forgiveness is a choice of the heart. Forgiveness opens the way to the healing of our pain. Later, we will learn how to pierce through the pain and choose forgiveness. We’ll learn how to progress towards forgiveness while also enduring the presence of pain.

## Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

### 4:00 pm: Saturday, February 4th

Altar Servers: Gretchen & Gabby Carden  
EMHC: David Lawrence, Mandy Robinson  
Lectors: Sophia Oester  
Sacristan: Mandy Robinson  
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy, Colleen Sissel

### 7:30 am: Sunday, February 5th

Altar Servers: Brady Peach  
EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Rita Tracey  
Lectors: Rita Pacunas  
Sacristan: Lori Atilano  
Ushers: Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey, Bill Uher

### 9:00 am: Sunday, February 5th

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Sydney Scully  
EMHC: Patty Daluga, Tim Taylor  
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky  
Lectors: Tim Kunkel  
Sacristan: Quint Quiram  
Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

### 10:30 am: Sunday, February 5th

Altar Servers: Nate Lough, Jackson Mason  
EMHC: Linda Carter, Gene Menard  
Lectors: Marcia Obenhaus  
Sacristan: Linda Carter  
Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

**EMHC Homebound:** Patty Daluga 9/S  
Tim Taylor 9/N

**EMHC for Nursing Homes:** Mary Beth Crowe—  
Hawthorne; Colleen Harmon—Greenfield; Rita  
Tracey—Liberty; Tim Smith—Aperion

## Great Thank You to Allegion LCN Employees

Before Christmas the employees of Allegion LCN took up a collection of baby supplies and monetary donations for the Magi Baby Chest. Their generosity donated a huge amount of supplies and a record \$4,600 in monetary support. We are truly grateful for their generosity. Please offer a word of thanks to these employees. Their generosity represents how our parish outreach is more and more extending to the wider community and how the wider community is assisting our parish efforts. This is truly a cause of celebration.

## Readings for the week of January 29th

Sunday: Zep 23; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a  
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6  
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 22:40 or 22:32  
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29  
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b, 4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34  
Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16



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!**

## ST. LOUIS PARISH SCHEDULE

### MASS SCHEDULE

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|---------------|-----------------------|
| 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

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| 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

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| 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 January 15, 2023

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| Amount Budgeted     | \$ 6,500.00  |
| Amount Received     | \$ 5,814.00  |
| Amount Over (Under) | (\$ 686.00 ) |

### Through January 22, 2023

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| Amount Budgeted     | \$ 6,500.00 |
| Amount Received     | \$ 8,803.00 |
| Amount Over (Under) | \$ 2,303.00 |

Fiscal Period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

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| Amount needed to date:       | \$195,000.00 |
| Amount Received to date:     | \$203,609.00 |
| Over/(Under) budget to date: | \$ 8,609.00  |

**End of Year Contribution Statements** BY REQUEST ONLY, 2022 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!

**Parish Greenhouse** Looking ahead to SPRING, we will meet to plan for the 2023, Parish greenhouse plant sale. If you enjoy planting seeds and nurturing their growth, please consider attending. We will meet at 6pm, January 31st, in Harkrader Hall.

## Invitation to Become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

During Mass, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) are an important ministry in the parish. I am grateful to the many volunteers who assist during Mass and bring Holy Communion to the homebound. We need more volunteers to help at Mass and visit our homebound.

I invite you to consider volunteering as an EMHC. This is a tremendous service to the parish and can help you grow closer to our Eucharistic Lord. Considering that this volunteering is directly related to the Eucharist, there are some requirements to volunteer. The Diocese summarizes these requirements as: being at least aged 18 and a "Catholic of excellent character and obvious spiritual devotion and who live their faith in harmony with the Gospel and the laws of the Church." EMHC's must attend a training session; serve at least two Masses a month; bring Communion to the homebound at least one time a month; and, receive a mandate from the Bishop.

There will be a training session of Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the church. During this session I will explain the requirements in more detail as well as explain the manner of distributing Holy Communion. This session may be about 90 minutes. Anyone interested in becoming an EMHC is invited to attend.

I ask that all current volunteers also attend this training session. At this meeting I will discuss some aspects of distributing Communion and visiting the homebound. Also, at this meeting I will lead a prayer and re-commissioning for our volunteers. I hope that you can attend.

Please contact me if you have any questions.  
Thank you. Msgr. Kruse



## First Saturday Devotion

In reparation to the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary for the  
salvation of souls and peace in the world  
**Saturday, February 4th 7am**

## CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A

Please join us for the next Catholic Forum on Sunday, February 5th 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.

**Sat. Feb. 4th. 6:30pm**  
**Harkrader Hall**

Bingo Night is free: no entry fees and no card fees. Bingo Night is family friendly. Everyone is invited, young and old, parishioner or non-parishioner. Wonderful game prizes. Appetizers and drinks provided.

## Collections for MBC

*Please consider giving to this wonderful cause!*

We helped 82 families in January! Our next opening is Saturday, February 4th. We are in need of baby laundry soap, dish soap, baby and toddler socks, baby blankets, diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6, and 7), new clothing (sizes 2T-4T), baby bottles, pacifiers, and booster car seats. We are in high need of gently used clothing sizes 18 month - 4T (boys and girls). Thank you to everyone for your support!



\*Note on diapers...The purchase size does not matter because we open all the diapers and rubber band them into individual packs of 15 to give out to families. We do not give out whole boxes of diapers.

## First Reconciliation

Please pray for our nine students who made their First Reconciliation this weekend. What a great gift for them to receive God's forgiveness and mercy!! Keep them in your prayers as they continue to prepare for First Communion at the end of April.

## Enrichment of Faith 101 Class: Starting

**Wednesday Feb 1st 6:00-7:15** and held on most Wednesdays until April 26th. This class will help us to discover or rediscover the what and why of our Catholic belief 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 and even give a taste of some of the Church Fathers and saints and to be able to linger and move forward at a pace set by the participants. **Additional Session: Starting Wed. Feb. 22 2:00-3:15pm until May 17th.**

If you are interested in the class and the date/ time don't work for you, please let me know I would be happy to set up other sessions. This class will be lead by Susanna Prushinski. Please sign-up for the class by contacting Susanna or call the parish office.

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## Coffee & Donut Sundays!

Join us for Coffee & Donuts on the First Sundays of the month after the 7:30am & 9am Masses sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society (formerly known as CCW). **Our first one will be next Sunday, February 5th.**