

SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA - PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



[Jesus said,] "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another."

- Jn 13:33a, 34a

PASTOR NOTE

Finally, nicer weather is upon us. Although our lives are filling up with summer fun and a lot of family events, the Church continues to celebrate the holy season of Easter. Today, I wanted to share with you some reflections on some of the rituals at Mass which emphasize the mystery of Easter, our Lord's Resurrection.

After we recite the Our Father at Mass, we transition into the Fraction Rite of the Mass. Many gestures, words and symbols are incorporated into this important part of the Mass. At the start of the Fraction Rite, the priest breaks the consecrated Host. This breaking, "fracture," or "fraction," symbolizes how Christ's sacred Body was broken for us on the Cross in order to take away our sins. At this same time, we sing or recite the "Lamb of God." This prayer emphasizes our forgiveness and salvation in Christ. During this time, the priest or deacon arrange some of the vessels to prepare for distributing Communion.

Here is where you need to pay attention at Mass for an important ritual that is easily missed. Almost immediately after the priest breaks the host, he breaks off an even smaller piece of the host. He drops it into the chalice containing the Precious Blood of Jesus. This quick gesture can easily be missed. I encourage you to watch for this gesture because it is infused with deep meaning.

As the priest drops the small piece of the Host into the chalice, the priest says a short prayer in a very low voice, almost a whisper. It is spoken quietly because the Lamb of God is being spoken/sung by the people. The priest says: "May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it." This mingling of the small piece of the Host and the Precious Blood is a symbol of the resurrection. His Flesh and Blood are reunited. This is a primary moment symbolizing Christ's resurrection.

Next, if you are paying attention, you will see the priest bow before the Sacred Host and Chalice. You might see his lips moving as he recites a private prayer. This is the priestly prayer preparing him to receive Communion. One of two prayers may be recited. Here is the shorter one: "May the receiving of your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgment and condemnation, but through your loving mercy be for me protection of mind and body and a healing remedy." Here, the priest is bowing before our Risen Savior asking for His assistance.

At this time, the people are kneeling in silence. You too are kneeling before our Risen Savior. This is a premier moment for you to beg our Lord for assistance. To draw from the power of His resurrection. I encourage you to offer silent prayers of adoration and ask Him for assistance. Soon, we receive the Holy Eucharist and share in His Death and Resurrection. We enjoy Holy Communion with Him.

NOURISHED IN SPIRIT BY MSGR. KRUSE

For us Catholics, the annual remembrance of Holy Week is also a weekly, and even a daily, remembrance at the Holy Mass. At Mass we gather to remember the works of God. Our scriptures, prayers, homily, rituals, and community all serve to remind us – stir our memory. At the heart of worship is remembrance. But, this remembering is different. Our remembrance at Mass is a unique form of memory. It's different from our regular day to day remembering. From the earliest days of the Church, the saints and bishops have instructed us that when we gather for Mass, we not only remember the works of Jesus; but, they actually become present. The memory of the event is touched with the power of the Holy Spirit and it is transformed. God the Holy Spirit fills the memory with life.

The memory really and truly becomes alive. What is remembered really and truly becomes present. In the singularly unique moment of sacramental worship, memory is transformed into reality. The Church developed a Greek word, *anamnesis*, to describe this holy event.

Long ago in catechism class you learned that during Mass, we remember that events of Jesus dying on the cross and rising to life. But, we also believe that through the mysterious power of anamnesis, those events from long ago really and truly become present and alive. Mary and John stood at the foot of the cross at Calvary. By anamnesis, we stand at the foot of the *same* cross at Mass. It's not just a memory, its real. The Holy Spirit empowers our memory and gives it life. Of course at Mass, anamnesis is closely connected to the power of transubstantiation by which the power of the Holy Spirit changes the bread and wine into the flesh and blood of Jesus. Transubstantiation only occurs during Mass. Anamnesis occurs in all of the sacraments and even in other holy moments. For instance, during baptism we recall the events of Jesus being baptized in the Jordan. By the power of the Holy Spirit our memory – by anamnesis – is transformed into reality. The baptismal water becomes the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is present, the child is being baptized in Christ. You see, our memory is hugely important in the spiritual life of the Church.



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!

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Mass Intentions

Monday, May 16 **Monday of the Fifth week of Easter**
7:00 am +Cecilia Hartwig
by Mary and Tom Murphy

Tuesday, May 17 **Tuesday of the Fifth week of Easter**
5:15pm +Stevie Puhr by Leo & Susanna Prushinski
4-5:00 Holy Hour

Wednesday, May 18 **St. John I, Pope and Martyr**
7:00 am + Ron Hulslander by Annette Hulslander

Thursday, May 19 **Thursday of the Fifth week of Easter**
5:15pm +Josephine King by Nancy Scoma
4-5:00 Holy Hour

Friday, May 20 **St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest**
7:00 am +Ken Henkel by Bill & Janet Politsch

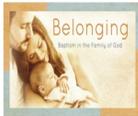
Sat, May 21 **Vigil of the 6th Sunday of Easter**
4:00 pm + Robert & Heidi Jeffery and Brianna
Merkley by Bob & Sandy Jeffery

Sunday, May 22 **6th Sunday of Easter**
7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am +Herb Zurliene
by Norman & Marie Merkley
10:30 am +Joan Smith by Richard & Julie Miller


Baptism

**Welcome to the newest member of our
Catholic Christian family!**
**James Raymond Young, son of James & Kaitlyn
Young, who was baptized on May 8th.**

***Belonging* Baptism Preparation**

 Please contact Rebekah Mead to schedule
baptismal prep classes and the ceremony.
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815-303-2330

St. Louis Parish


Greenhouse Plant Sale

Several varieties of plants grown in our parish greenhouse (vegetables, flowers, herbs & perennials) will be sold this weekend: May 14th 8am -11am and after each weekend Mass: 4pm, 7:30am, 9am & 10:30 am.

Readings for the week of May 15, 2022

Sundays: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29


A Holy Hour for Life
Benediction, Rosary, and other Prayers

All are welcome to gather in prayer
on the fourth Sunday of each month
from 6-7 pm in the Church
for the intention of respect for the
sacredness of all human life.

Please join us this Sunday, May 22nd

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, May 21st

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence
Lectors: Julie Hassler
Sacristan: Julie Hassler
Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, May 22nd

Altar Servers: Brady Peach
Lectors: Mary Murphy
Sacristan: Joann Bowman
Ushers: Gary Blessman, Dennis Thompson

9:00 am: Sunday, May 22nd

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Chris Harmon
Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
Lectors: Mario Carlone
Sacristan: Quint Quiram
Ushers: Dan Legner Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, May 22nd

Altar Servers: Elizabeth Keutzer, Nate Lough
Lectors: Jeff Peacock
Sacristan: Susanna Prushinski
Ushers: Ken Lough, Pat Mason

EMHC for Homebound: Dave Boylan, David Lawrence, Chris Williams, Linda Carter, Colleen Harmon

**Thank you all for your willingness to serve
our Lord and parish family!**

ANSWERS:
1. Jesus 2. St. Therese of Lisieux
3. White and Yellow 4. Chasuble 5. Mathew
6. 50 Days 7. St. Mathias 8. Zaccheus
9. Miter 10. Pectoral Cross 11. 1858
12. Mount Nebo 13. Cardinals. 14. St. Paul VI.
15. 12 years

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



'Change for Life' The St. Louis Respect Life Committee will be hosting a "Baby Bottle Campaign." Baby bottles will be available at the Church entrances beginning on

Mother's Day, May 8th, for individuals or families to take home, fill with change (or cash/checks) and return to the church on Father's Day, June 19th. All funds raised will be given to support the pro-life efforts of Abigail's Women's Clinic in Mendota. The agency expressed their deep appreciation for our continued support and shared that St. Louis Parish is one of their biggest donors!

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 (when a volunteer camera operator is available)

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

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support

Totals for the May 8th collection were not available at the time of printing. They will be provided in next weekend's bulletin.

Prayer of St. Theresa of Avila

Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing. God does not change. Patience achieves all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices.

KOC NEWS

SULLIVAN'S COOK-OUT: The Knights of Columbus will be doing the Sullivan's cook-out on Saturday May 21, 2022. Food will be served from 11 AM until 1:30 PM. The menu includes ribeyes, brats, boneless pork chops, hot dogs, chips, soda and water. Please come have lunch and support what the Knights do for our parish.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus hosting the recent blood drive in conjunction with Impact Life. A total of 13 donations were collected. There were 2 first time donors and 6 donors were either Knights or wife of a Knight. Thank you to all who were able to donate.

Catholic Trivia:

1. In John's Gospel, who is called the "Word of God"?
2. Who is called the patron saint of mission even though she never left her French convent?
3. What are the main colors of the papal flag?
4. What is the name of the large, colored vestment the priest wears at Mass?
5. Which is the longest of the four Gospels?
6. How many days after Easter does Pentecost occur?
7. Which Apostle replaced Judas?
8. Who climbed a tree to see Jesus?
9. What is the ceremonial hat of a bishop called?
10. What is the cross worn by a bishop called?
11. In what year did Mary appear to St. Bernadette in Lourdes?
12. Where did Moses die?
13. Who elects a pope?
14. Who was last pope to be canonized a saint?
15. How old was St. Pancras when he was martyred?



POKER NIGHT!

YOU'VE BEEN DEALT AN INVITATION TO...
No Limit Texas Hold 'Em
St. Louis Parish
Harkrader Hall
Sat., May 21
6-9pm

Everyone, aged 21 and older, including non-parishioners, is invited to meet every third Saturday, 6pm to 9pm, at Harkrader Hall. Beginners and experts are welcome. Join us for our next one on Saturday, May 21st.

We will follow standard Tournament Rules for No Limit Texas Hold 'Em. The Buy-in is \$10, with a chance for Re-Buy and Add-on. Rules and payouts will be posted. A portion of the purse will go to charity. No alcohol.

CCW News

Congratulations to Leo and Susanna Prushinski who won our 50/50 Raffle! Thank you to all who purchased tickets! CCW raised \$2000!

Men of our parish please sign up for our special CCW Brunch for Father's and their children/grandchildren on June 4th! Information and Signup sheets are located on the information tables. Don't miss this delicious brunch and door prizes!

Our last meeting of the year will be Tuesday, May 24th at 6pm. All women of the Parish are invited to join us for Brats and Hamburgers and all the trimmings! Our guest speaker will be Father Gifford, our former pastor, who will share his presentation on Mary our Blessed Mother.

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments: Loving as New Creations

"There's something different about you."

Think about the times in your life when this has been said to you. Maybe it was after someone complimented you on a job well done, and you realized that you were walking through life with a little more confidence. Maybe it was after meeting someone special, as you carried the glow of that relationship wherever you went. Chances are, if someone has noticed something different about you, it's because, inwardly, you've been changed by the loving or respectful actions of another person.

Love, you see, can make us into new creations. From the love of God flows the grace to tackle any challenge, including the biggest challenge of all: loving each other well. Christ knows what a big request this is. He was human, too. He came and lived among us. He knew intimately what it was to love people in the chaos of their own flaws. He knew what he was asking of us when he said, "As I have loved you, so you should also love one another."

In essence, this is the call to stewardship: loving as Christ loves, amidst the messiness of everyday reality. Loving with accountability, challenging ourselves and our brothers and sisters to be faithful even when it is hard. Loving with an unflinching sense of hospitality that welcomes even those we do not agree with or understand. Loving with gratitude, giving thanks for the great variety of ways that Christ can make himself known to us through others.

It isn't easy — we all know that. But if we ask God for the grace to remain steadfast in this greatest commandment, we will be given what we need to live as new creations. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI