SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

PASTOR NOTE



Today we enter into the most holy week of the year. We recall the saving work of our Lord Jesus. I invite you to enter more deeply into the mysteries of this week. Please join us for the special Masses this week. It is my prayer that the events of this week will draw us more deeply into the death and Resurrection of Jesus.

We see His saving works come alive especially at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 8, 8pm. We see His work come alive as the Church welcomes new members. I am very pleased to announce that our parish will welcome two brothers into the Church: Thomas and Matthew Cook. As children both were baptized Lu-

theran. At the Easter Vigil they will be received into the Catholic Church, receive the sacrament of Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist. These twenty-something brothers already have been involved in many of our parish events. I ask you to please pray for them as they enter the Church. We welcome them to our parish community.

One of the best ways to receive our Lord's saving grace during this Holy Week is by making a good confession. I encourage you to make a good confession during one of these extra Confession times: Mon. 4/3 at 5pm; Tue. 4/4 at 7:30am; Wed. 4/5 at 5pm; Thur. 4/6 at 4pm; Fri. 4/7 after 12pm Stations; Sat. 4/8 at 3pm.

During Holy Week, the church will be unlocked throughout the day. The East door near the Mother's Chapel will be unlocked from about 7 or 8am to about 8pm. You and your family are invited to stop by the church and enjoy a quiet prayerful moment. Booklets for the Stations of the Cross will be available near the first station. There is great beauty and grace while quietly praying the Stations alone or with your family. It is also wonderful to enjoy the peaceful quiet of the church while praying before the Blessed Sacrament bathed in the beautiful windows' light. I encourage you to stop by the Church for prayer during this Holy Week.

Divine Mercy Parish Celebration: Sunday, April 16, 2:30pm Adoration, 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction, family and kids' activities, adult social time, door prizes, and dinner from Los Ranchitos.

Bishops' Document on Transgenderism: On March 20th, the United States Bishops' Conference, Office for Doctrine, issued a document addressing the limits of medical technology. Specifically, they addressed medical procedures related to transgenderism. This document offers tremendous clarity. You may access the document at: www.usccb.org/resources/Doctrinal.

The Spiritual Life

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

Spirituality is a science that is lived. It is important therefore to show historically how it has been carried out in practice. This requires the reading of the biographies of the saints both ancient and modern, who lived in diverse countries and under different conditions. Thus, we make sure of the way in which ascetical rules were interpreted when adapted to different epochs and peoples and to peculiar duties of state. More, since the members of the Church are not all holy, we must be thoroughly acquainted with the obstacles encountered in the practice of perfection and with the means employed to surmount them.

It is further the task of reason enlightened by faith to apply principles and general rules to each person in particular. In this, account must be taken of the individual's temperament, character, sex and age, social standing, duties of state, as well as of the supernatural attractions of grace.

Thus, it is that the saints, who allowed themselves to be led by the Spirit of God, are the best fitted to understand and the best to apply the principles of the spiritual life. They have a sort of instinct for divine things, a kind of second nature, that enables them to grasp them more readily and to relish them more. "Thou has hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them to the little ones."

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Readings for the week of April 2nd

Sunday.Mt21:1-11/ls50;4-7/Ps22;8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24(2a)/Phil2;6-11/ Mt26:14-27:66 Monday.Is42:1-7/Ps27:1,2,3,13-14/In12:1-11 Tuesday.ls49.1-6/Ps71:1-2.3-4a.5ab-6ab.15and 17/ln 13:21-33.36-38 Wednesday. Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25 Thursday.EveningMassoftheLordsSupper.Ex12:1-8,11-14/ Ps116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18(see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/jn 13:1-15 Friday.Is5213-53.12/Ps312,6,12-13,15-16,17,25(Luke 23:46)/ Heb4:14-16;5:7-9/jn 18:1-19:42 Saturday.EasterVigit.Gn 1:1-22 or 1:1,26-31a/Ps 104:1-2,5-6, 10, 12, 13-14,24, 35(30)/Gn221-18 or 221-2.9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps165, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/ Ex14:15-15:1/Ex15:1-2,34,56,17-18(1b)/b545-14/ Ps302,4,56,11-12,13(2a)/s55:1-11/s12:2-3,4,56(3)/ Bar 39-15, 32-4:4/Ps 198, 9, 10, 11 (In 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/

Ps423,5;433,4(422)/Rom63-11/Ps118:1-2,16-17,22-23/Mt28:1-10 NextSunday: Ads 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4/jn 20:1-9



CHANCE TO WIN!

The Altar & Rosary Society is selling 50/50 raffle tickets You can contact members for tickets.

\$10 per ticket—Drawing will be Sunday, May 7th

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 3 Monday of Holy Week 7:00 am +Francis & Lucille Farley by Farley Family

Tuesday, April 4 Tuesday of Holy Week *7:00am +Dioscoro C. Soco by Tim & Julie Puhr

Wednesday, April 5 Wednesday of Holy Week 7:00am +Elizabeth Dahlen by Amie Neiman

Thursday, April 6 Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7pm + Joan Smith by Jim Whitmore

Friday, April 7 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm No Mass-Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 8 Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm + Ray DeMarlie by Family

Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday

7:30 am	People of the Parish		
9:00 am			
9:00 am	+John Michael Bystry & Jill Bystry Thompson		
	by John & Pat Bystry		
10:30am	+Richard Milliron by Mandy Robinson		

*The Mass time for Tuesday, April 4th will be 7am. Confession time will be 7:30am and Adoration 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!

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

John Thomson

and for consolation for his family

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

Belonging Baptism Preparation

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

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

8:00 pm: Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday, April 8th Altar Servers: TBD EMHC: Mandy Robinson, Tim Taylor Lectors: Patty Daluga, Julie Hassler Sacristan: Mandy Robinson Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy, Colleen Sissel

7:30 am: Sunday, April 9th

Altar Servers: TBD EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Rita Tracey Lectors: Rita Pacunas Sacristan: Joann Bowman Ushers: Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey, Bill Uher

9:00 am: Sunday, April 9th

Altar Servers: TBD EMHC: Linda Carter, Mandy Robinson Camera Operator: Marty Makransky Lectors: Steve Bouslog Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli Ushers: Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker, Dan Legner

10:30 am: Easter Sunday, April 9th Altar Servers: TBD

EMHC: Cindy Behrends, Tim Smith Lectors: Marcia Obenhaus Sacristan: Susanna Prushinski Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

EMHC Homebound: Linda Carter 9N Mandy Robinson 9S

EMHC for Nursing Homes:

Mary Beth Crowe—Hawthorne; Lynn Delaney— Greenfield; David Lawrence—Aperion; Rita Tracey— Liberty

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 237 nonperishable food items and \$1,486 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. The Pantry staff was amazed with all the breakfast cereal, mac & cheese, peanut butter, canned fruit and boxed potatoes they received, all high need items. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 26,341 nonperishable food items and \$145,319 in monetary donations since the Knights started collecting for the Food Pantry in August of 2012. Thanks to all for your great support. The food insecure in our area appreciate all you have done for them.

ST. LOUIS PARISH SCHEDULE

MASS SCHEDULE

MON,WED, FRI TUE, THR SAT SUN 7:00 AM 5:15 PM 4:00 PM 7:30, *9:00, 10:30 AM

First S turday 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

PRIVATE PRAYER: The Chapel is open for Private Prayer— Contact the Parish Office for access code.

STEWARDSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through March 26, 2023

Amount B	udgeted	\$	6,500.00
Amount R	eceived	<u>\$</u>	<u>5,465.00</u>
Amount C	ver (Under)	(\$	1,035.00)

 Fiscal Period July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

 Amount needed to date:
 \$253,500.00

 Amount Received to date:
 \$262,382.00

 Over/(Under) budget to date:
 \$8,882.00



St Bede Scholarship opportunity for Students: The Knights of Columbus announces a \$500 Scholarship opportunity per student attending St Bede Academy this fall. However, the amount of an individual scholarship could be lower depending on the number of applicants as there is a limitation on the total amount of scholarships. The annual limitation will be determined by the Council. Scholarships are limited to practicing Catholics who are members of St Louis Parish. Scholarships will only be considered for the student's first year of attendance at St Bede. There is an upper income limitation. Students from families with adjusted gross income, as shown on the most recent federal income tax return for the current year, of \$150,000 or more are not eligible. Scholarship funds will be provided directly to St Bede Academy. Scholarship application forms can be found on the table outside Harkrader Hall and must be returned before May 29, 2023.

Baptism

Welcome to the newest members of our Catholic Christian family!

Sawyer Allan Carrico, son of Dominic & Tiffiany Carrico, who was baptized on March 5, 2023

Colter Wayne Friel, son of Aaron & Lindsey Friel, who was baptized on March 18, 2023



St. Louis Catholic Little Lending Library

Book Review

"Margaret's First Holy Week" Margaret is a cat that belongs to the Pope. Read about this charming <u>cat</u> as she sticks close to our Holy Father during this most important week!

Volunteers Needed for Holy Saturday Reception following Mass April 8th: Volunteers are needed to help set-up on Saturday morning, and to help clean-up after the event. If anyone would like to bring an appetizer or dessert for the event you may do so. Please contact Susanna Prushinski 815-915-6960 to volunteer and to let her know if you are bringing an appetizer or dessert.

Volunteers Needed for Divine Mercy Sunday Parish Celebration April 16th: Volunteers are needed in different capacities: set-up, clean-up, help serve food and help with children's activities. The activities will be planned. We are looking for some help at the different stations to assist the children as needed. If you would like to make a dessert for the event, please do so. Please contact Susanna Prushinski 815-915-6960 to volunteer or bring a dessert.

MAGI BABY CHEST



A big thank you to the Krolicki family for hosting a fundraiser on Facebook for the Magi Baby Chest! We received so many beautiful baby items and Krolicki daughters, Arabella and Chloe, were so excited to support the cause. Thank you for all the show to young families!

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Holy Week Schedule

Monday, April 3rd: 7am Mass & 5pm Confessions Tuesday, April 4th: 7am Mass & 7:30am Confessions Wednesday, April 5th: 7am Mass & 5pm Confessions

Holy Thursday, April 6th 4pm Confessions 7pm Mass followed with procession and Adoration in Harkrader Hall

Good Friday, April 7th 12 Noon Stations of the Cross 12:30pm Confessions 3pm Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday, April 8th 3pm Confessions 8pm Easter Vigil Mass; Reception follows

Easter Sunday, April 9th 7:30am Mass (Incense Free) 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday, April 7th - 12pm



SAVE THE DATE! DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PARISH CELEBRATION APRIL 16TH

2:30pm Adoration 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction

Family and kids' activities, adult social time, door prizes, and dinner from Los Ranchitos. ALL ARE WELCOME!