



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIOCESE OF PEORIA ~ PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

PASTOR NOTE

Growing Disciples: Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Peoria:

Bishop Lou Tylka has established five foundations on which to build the future of the Diocese of Peoria, to become an even more vibrant, mission-driven and sustainable Church. The five foundations are: empower evangelization, so as to share the saving name of Jesus, inspire discipleship in each baptized follower of Jesus, strengthen vocations to the priesthood and religious life, deepen our awareness of the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, and continue the legacy of Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

Growing Disciples is designed to help Catholics build these foundations. It's a multiyear pastoral planning process for the Catholic Diocese of Peoria to renew discipleship and enhance relationships with Jesus Christ. The Bishop has been examining the current structure of parishes in the diocese to evaluate how they can best meet the needs of the faithful and address challenges facing the Church today.

The first round of draft parish models for parish planning areas was designed to gather feedback about which communities it made sense to bring together under one pastor. The Bishop has received feedback from pastors, priests, deacons, Diocesan leaders and local parish leaders.

Based on this feedback, and after review of the parish sacramental trends, building conditions, finances and other parish data from every parish in the Diocese, the Growing Disciples Core Team has refined the first set of draft parish models to create a second set of proposed draft models. These second draft models are the next step in the process and do not represent a final decision. The second draft models propose what current parishes will be merged together and form one new parish. The second draft models also propose the future use of church buildings. Priests have provided their feedback for the proposed second draft models.

Bishop Lou has asked that each parish host a meeting in order for parishioners to learn about the Growing Disciples Program and learn the proposed second draft models. Parishioners will learn how to offer feedback regarding the second draft models. This feedback will assist the Bishop as he makes a final decision that will be announced in May 2024.

Parish Meeting for Growing Disciples Diocesan Renewal Program

Thursday, October 5th, 6:30pm to 8pm

Harkrader Hall

Meeting will present:

Video explaining Growing Disciples Program

Video explaining proposed parish mergers

Explain how to offer feedback

Opportunity for Question and Answers

Childcare will be provided.

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

Interior Means of Perfection: Knowledge of God and self.

Since perfection consists in the union of the soul with God, it becomes evident that in order to effect this union, we must be acquainted with its two terms, God and soul. The knowledge of God will lead us directly to love. The knowledge of self, by asking us to realize the worth of all the good wherewith God has endowed us, will awaken in us a corresponding sense of gratitude; while the sight of our miseries and our faults, by making us conceive a just contempt of self, will engender in us true humility. Divine love will be the result, for it is on the ruins of self-love that the love of God is built.

In order to love God it is necessary to first of all know Him. We must know whatever can render Him admirable and lovable. We must learn of His existence, His nature, His attributes, His works, above all, His inner life and His relations with us. Knowledge of God comes to through right reason and philosophical reflection. Even more, it comes to us through the gift of Divine Revelation.

Knowledge of God comes to us through study of philosophy and theology, meditative prayer and the habit of seeing God in all things. The affective knowledge of God leads us to the holy exercise of the presence of God. This is the constant thinking of God even in everyday life. Knowledge of God is most sanctifying.

The knowledge of self helps us indirectly to love God by disclosing to us the absolute need we have of Him, in order to perfect the qualities with which He has endowed us and to heal our deep miseries. If we lack self-knowledge, it is morally impossible to perfect ourselves. An honest and accurate knowledge of ourselves is an incentive to perfection. The good qualities that we discover move us to thank God and to show our gratitude by cooperation with His grace. Knowing our defects show us how much we need to accomplish. We humbly beg God the grace of advancing each day. Self-knowledge is very hard to attain. It comes through prayer, examination of conscience and confession.

Parish Staff

Pastor	Msgr. James E. Kruse, JCL jameskruse1996@gmail.com cell: 309-634-5822
Deacon	John Murphy dcjohnmurphy@icloud.com Cell: 815-878-4723 Hm: 646-4723
Trustees	Dan Legner Mary Paula Schmitt
Admin Assistant	Paula Lough
Business Manager	Renee Toomey
Special Projects/ RCIA Coordinator	Susanna Prushinski stl.susannaprushinski@gmail.com
Religious Ed Coordinator	Rebekah Mead stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com
Maintenance	Tim Hermeyer
Janitors	Aggie Smith, Emily Smith
Magi Baby Chest Director	Jessica Murphy stl.jessicamurphy@gmail.com
Magi Baby Chest Asst. Director	Ashley Gray stl.ashleygray@gmail.com
Music Director	Matthew Ernat stl.matthewernat@gmail.com

Parish Office

616 S Gosse Blvd., Princeton, IL 61356
Office hours: Monday—Friday 8am-1pm
Phone: (815) 879-0181
E-mail: stlparishoffice@gmail.com

Website: www.stlouisprinceton.org
YouTube Channel: youtube.com/user/stlouisprinceton
FaceBook Page: www.facebook.com/stlouisprinceton

Keep in touch with us via email or text
Text SLP To 84576 or
Connect with us online at
stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 25 Weekday in Ordinary Time
7:00 am +Sherry Henkel by Janet & Bill Politsch

Tuesday, September 26 Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
5:15pm +Theresa McNeill by Dan & Cynthia Tracy
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Wednesday, September 27 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
7:00am +Marsha Burrell by Amie Neiman

Thursday, September 28 St. Wenceslaus, Martyr;
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
5:15pm +Barb Heuer by Deanna Foran
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Friday, September 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,
Archangels
7:00am +Hank Skibinski by Bernie Skibinski

Saturday, September 30 Vigil of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm +Joseph Kunkel by Paul & Bridgette Castelein

Sunday, October 1 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am Marie Uher by Joann Bowman
9:00 am +People of the Parish
10:30 am +John Mosz by Antoni & Danuta Maciczak

The Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group
will meet on Tuesday, Oct.3 from 1 - 3 PM at 521 S. First St. Women who have lost a child (children) from an illness, addiction, suicide, accident or miscarriage are welcome and encouraged to attend. We all know and understand each other's grief. Shelley Gorenz, a professional counselor, will also help with this group. Questions? Call Jeanie Gelsomino (815) 866-6571.

GIVE LIFE A CHANCE

Please join in this year's National Life Prayer Chain, a peaceful, and prayerful public witness of Pro-life Americans. **On Respect Life Sunday, October 1st, we will meet at Veterans Park (across from City Hall) at 2:45 pm. From 3-4pm,** we will stand in prayerful and peaceful silence along Main Street reflecting on the thousands of unborn humans lives that are aborted daily and praying for a greater respect for all human life especially the unborn, the weak, and the elderly. Pro-life signs will be provided. Everyone and every age is welcome. If you are unable to stand for one hour, you may bring a chair. Won't you please join us in standing up for All Human Life. Those with questions may contact Rita Tracey, St. Louis Respect Life coordinator, at 815-879-0308. We must "never stop defending life until all our brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all, through Christ our Lord. Amen!"



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!

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, September 30

Altar Servers: Gabby & Gretchen Carden
 EMHC: Dave Boylan, Lynn Delaney
 Lectors: Julie Hassler
 Sacristan: Julie Hassler
 Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, October 1

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 1

Altar Servers: Angelo & Patsy Bystry
 EMHC: David Lawrence, Mandy Robinson
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
 Lectors: Herb Rhees
 Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli
 Ushers: Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker, Dan Legner

10:30 am: Sunday, October 1

Altar Servers: Anna Ellis, Brennan Roden
 EMHC: Linda McCabe, Tim Smith
 Lectors: Marcia Obenhaus
 Sacristan: Tim Smith
 Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

EMHC Homebound David Lawrence 9/N
 Mandy Robinson 9/S

EMHC for Nursing Homes Mary Beth Crowe—Liberty
 Hawthorne; Colleen Harmon—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
----------	---------

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

STEWARSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through September 17, 2023

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>6,622.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	(\$ 128.00)

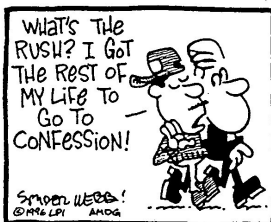
Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$ 81,000.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ <u>81,648.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 648.00

Readings for the week of September 24

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8:9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
 Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4:5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4b, efgh, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
 Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8, 9 (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:15/Mt 21:28-32

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Everyday Stewardship by Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications

As everyday stewards, I hope that each of us try to live daily lives of generosity for the glory of God. I hope that we are all working to cultivate characteristics of a good everyday steward so that we can grow in maturity of faith and draw closer to Christ. But if we could accurately see on a magical computer spreadsheet how everyone else around us was living life would it impact how we lived out our stewardship way of life? If we found out that others weren't trying as hard as we were or they were not nearly as generous would it give us reason to pause?

In the workplace, school, and general life, people can easily look around and choose to adapt what they are doing to match more closely what others are doing. Why give work more hours if no one else is willing? Why give a 20% tip to a waiter if you suspect everyone else is only giving 15%? Why spend hours studying for a test when no one else is taking it that seriously?

Our lives of stewardship should never be measured against that of others. Even though we are all called to give all we are and all we have to God, each one of us is unique in our response to that call. Instead of any type of comparison that may temper our generosity, we should hold to the truth that the more we give of ourselves the more fulfilled we will feel. Also, as we grow in our relationship with God, the more we will want to glorify him. Stewardship is not a competition. It is a call to serve God without counting the cost.

MAGI BABY CHEST



Save the Date! Mom's Night Out will be Friday September 29th from 6-9PM. ALL mothers who attend St. Louis parish and have little children are welcome to attend! We ask for a small \$5 door donation. For reference, clothing sizes range from newborn to 4T. There will be food, drinks, childcare, and shopping in the Magi Baby Chest! We hope to see you there!

We are still in need of childcare volunteers for these Mom's Night Out events! Please contact Jessica Murphy, if you're interested.

High Need Items for Oct. 7th are baby laundry soap, Dawn dish soap, baby food, diapers size 6, unscented wipes, toddler socks, Fall jackets (size 12mo-4T), new children's books (NB to 4 years old), diaper bags, nursing covers, car booster seats, baby playpens. We are also in need of gently used girls and boys clothes (sizes 24mo-4T).

Remember to follow the Magi Baby Chest on Facebook!



Sunday, September 24th

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

“THE PRIESTHOOD IS THE LOVE OF THE HEART OF JESUS. WHEN YOU SEE A PRIEST, THINK OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.”



©LPI



Youth Group Night

THIS Sunday, September 24th 6-7:30 pm

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



A Holy Hour for Life

Benediction, Rosary, and other Prayers

THIS Sunday, September 24th 6-7pm

All are welcome to gather in prayer in the Church for the intention of respect for the sacredness of all human life.

CATHOLIC FORUM - Q&A: Please join us for the next Catholic Forum on this Sunday, October 3rd 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.

St. Louis Parish



Saturday, October 7th - 6:30pm
Harkrader Hall

The cost is \$10 per participant. 10% of all entry fees will be donated to the Magi Baby Chest. The top team will receive 65% of the entry fees. 25% will go to the second place team. Drinks and simple snacks will be provided. Form a team of no more than 8 people. Or, you may come on your own and be assigned to a team.

Come out for this fun evening to raise money for our new Magi Baby Chest and let's see who will be the trivia champs!

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Ladies of St. Louis Parish: our first meeting of the new year will be this Tuesday, September 26th. All are welcome and encouraged to join us for a delicious supper & program. Our guest speaker, Lori Christopherson, will share information about mental health & services.

Bring your friends and make new ones. Let's make this a great year for Altar & Rosary.

Coffee & Donut Sundays! Join us for Coffee & Donuts on the First Sundays of the month after the 7:30am & 9am Masses. Our next one will be Sunday, October 3rd.

God Bless!

~Mandy Robinson, Altar & Rosary Society President