



# RESPECT LIFE

SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Diocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Respect Life Sunday, October 1, 2023

## PASTOR NOTE

### Growing Disciples: A Note from Bishop Tylka:

Growing Disciples is a multiyear pastoral planning process for the Catholic Diocese of Peoria to renew discipleship and enhance relationships with Jesus Christ in every corner of our region. The Bishop will be 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. Why are we doing this as a Diocese? We are Growing Disciples. Bishop Tylka chose that title intentionally. The world is different and we have to find new ways of doing things. We have fewer priests. Fewer Catholics. Fewer children. People are moving. We have to reimagine the way we reach people with the Good News.

The Growing Disciples process is designed to provoke conversation, to gather data and receive feedback. Based on the feedback from recent priest meetings, the Diocese is changing the way they release the second draft models. You will be able to see your parish's second draft model with appropriate context and information, online by October 1 at [cdop.org](http://cdop.org). That way, all parishioners have access to all the information at the same time, and can come prepared to their parish meeting. Your input is needed and valued as Bishop Tylka discerns the future footprint of the Diocese of Peoria.

Please check out [cdop.org/pastoral-plan](http://cdop.org/pastoral-plan) for more frequently asked questions, and please continue to pray that all our efforts today will bear fruit for a brighter tomorrow.

### Parish Meeting for Growing Disciples Diocesan Renewal Program

Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Harkrader Hall Air Conditioner Replacement:** The two AC units are original to the parish hall. Over the summer, the AC units required some repairs. I have been advised that the units are on their last leg. They also use outdated and expensive freon. I have decided to replace the two units at a cost of \$48,000. This is an unforeseen expense and is outside our usual operational budget. I kindly ask, if possible, for you to assist in defraying these costs. I invite you to make a donation towards replacing the AC units. You can place a donation in an envelope marked "AC Repair." You may place it in the Sunday collection or bring it to the parish office. Thank you for assisting in replacing our AC units.

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

**Interior Means of Perfection: Conformity to the Divine Will**

The knowledge of God not only unites our mind to that of God, but is also leads to love because all in God is loveable. By showing us the need we have of God, the knowledge of self makes us ardently long for Him and throws us into His arms. Conformity to the divine will, however, unites us even more intimately and directly to Him who is the source of all perfection. In fact, it subordinates and unites our will to God, thus placing our ruling faculty at the service of the Sovereign Master. It may be said that our degree of perfection corresponds to the extent to which we conform to the will of God.

By conforming to the divine will we understand the absolute and loving submission of our will to that of God. Conforming to God's will means doing God's will and submitting to God's will. Doing His will incorporates fulfilling His commandments and counsels. Submitting to His will incorporates accepting all providential event willed or allowed by God for our own greater good and chiefly for our sanctification.

God, being Sovereign Lord, has the right to give us commands. Since He is infinitely good, He commands nothing that is not conducive at once to His glory and our own happiness. We must, then, willingly and unquestioningly submit ourselves to His laws: the natural law, the positive divine law, ecclesiastical laws, or a just civil law. The closer to adhering to His law, the closer is our approach to God. Sanctification is impossible without the observation of the commandments.

Submission to God's will includes submitting ourselves to God in all the events of life, happy or unhappy – even suffering. Submitting to God's will unites our entire self to God. Through submission we obtain all the virtues and perfections of God.

## Parish Staff

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Keep in touch with us via email or text  
Text SLP To 84576 or  
Connect with us online at  
[stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com](http://stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com)

## Mass Intentions

Monday, October 2 **The Holy Guardian Angels**  
7:00 am +Christine Jordan Kalil by Corcoran Cousins

Tuesday, October 3 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
5:15pm +Ron Hulslander by Annette Hulslander  
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Wednesday, October 4 **St. Francis of Assisi**  
7:00am +Julie & Dennis Webber by Bill & Janet Politsch

Thursday, October 5 **St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin;**  
**Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest**  
5:15pm +Mathai Mathew by Anita Magsino  
4-5:00p Holy Hour

Friday, October 6 **First Friday; St. Bruno, Priest;**  
**Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin**  
7:00am +Shirley Balensiefen by Sally Donnelly

Saturday, October 7 **First Saturday Devotion;**  
**Vigil of the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:00am +Elpidio A. Humilde Jr. by Amie Neiman  
4:00pm +Dennis O'Brien by the Family

Sunday, October 8 **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:30 am +Susan Welgat by Mary Archer  
9:00 am People of the Parish  
10:30 am +Leo & Genevieve Prushinski  
by Leo & Susanna Prushinski

**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.

## *Rest In Peace*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Mary Dennis**  
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*

## 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!"**

## Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

### 4:00 pm: Saturday, October 7

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence  
 EMHC: Dave Boylan, Mandy Robinson  
 Lectors: Katie Lawrence  
 Sacristan: Mandy Robinson  
 Ushers: John Brokaw

### 7:30 am: Sunday, October 8

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*  
 EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Bernetta Wood  
 Lectors: Mary Murphy  
 Sacristan: Joann Bowman  
 Ushers: Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey, Bill Uher

### 9:00 am: Sunday, October 8

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Elizabeth Keutzer  
 EMHC: Lynn Delaney, David Lawrence  
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky  
 Lectors: Diane Carlone  
 Sacristan: Quint Quiram  
 Ushers: Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker, Dan Legner

### 10:30 am: Sunday, October 8

Altar Servers: Dominic Vasquez, Sylvie Viger  
 EMHC: Linda McCabe, Tim Taylor  
 Lectors: David Roden  
 Sacristan: Mandy Robinson  
 Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

**EMHC Homebound** Lynn Delaney 9/N  
 David Lawrence 9/S

**EMHC for Nursing Homes** Mary Beth Crowe-Liberty;  
 Colleen Harmon—Aperion; Tom Jagers—Greenfield;  
 Mandy Robinson—Liberty Hawthorne

## 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


<b>Church Monetary Support Through September 24, 2023</b>	
Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ <u>6,845.00</u>
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 95.00
Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	
Amount needed to date:	\$ 87,750.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ <u>88,493.00</u>
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 743.00

**FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:** Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 176 nonperishable food items and \$1,329 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. There were many high need items donated and the Pantry was very appreciative. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 27,229 nonperishable food items and \$154,068 in monetary donations since we started collecting for the Food Pantry in August of 2012. The food insecure in our area are most appreciative. God bless you all for your continuing generosity!


**Readings for the week of October 1**  
 Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32  
 Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10  
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56  
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62  
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 198:9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12  
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16  
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24  
 Next Sunday: Is 51:7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

**TEMPORARY SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
 Thursday, October 5th: 10am-2pm  
 Friday, October 6th and Monday, October 9th  
 the parish office will be closed.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS




**KOC - BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Tuesday, October 17th**  
**3:00—6:30PM**  
 St. Louis Parish—Harkrader Hall  
 To schedule scan this QR Code  
 or email Bob Schabow at  
 bschab57@gmail.com



The monthly Knights of Columbus meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 2nd** with dinner at 6:30, meeting to begin at 7:00. Current members please join us in Harkrader Hall for food and fellowship. If you are a Catholic man age 18 or older and are interested in joining the Knights, or just want more information, feel free to join us for dinner this Monday, call the contact name below, or scan the QR code to the right of this announcement and follow the instructions below.

**“Join the Knights of Columbus Online”**

1. Enter your home Parish Name
2. Enter Parish Knights Council #5591
3. Enter Promo Code: **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY**  
**FOR FREE MEMBERSHIP**



## MAGI BABY CHEST



**CORRECTION:** Mom's Night Out is **Friday Oct. 6th** from 6-9PM, not Sept. 29th. Childcare will be provided. This is only for the mothers of St. Louis Parish. We hope to see you there! ♥

**NEWS:** The Magi Baby Chest recently received a grant from the Bureau County United Way of \$1,000! A BIG thank you to the United Way for their generous gift. It will help so many little ones.

**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!

**CATHOLIC FORUM - Q&A:** Please join us for the next Catholic Forum **this Sunday, October 1st 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.



### First Saturday Devotion

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



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!



Please join  
**Bishop Louis Tylka**  
for a Mass for Relief from the Burden of Cancer  
for all within the Diocese of Peoria

### Spirit of Hope Mass for Cancer

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Hymns: 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm \*  
Mass: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

\* Special appearance by tenor John McDermott  
who will sing hymns starting at 3:30 pm.

The Cathedral of Saint Mary  
of the Immaculate Conception  
607 N.E. Madison Ave., Peoria

All are welcome to attend the Mass, regardless of personal faith.  
The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis would embrace the opportunity to see you there.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*Congratulations to couples  
celebrating 50 plus years!*  
Dr. Deofil & Rosemarie Orteza - October 4, 1971  
Edward & Lydia Joehring - October 6, 1956  
Richard & Shirley Steele - October 8, 1966  
Gary & Betty Stocking - October 14, 1967  
Richard & Ellen Kollasch - October 14, 1972  
Norman & Marie Merkle - October 24, 1964  
Dennis & Rose Buchanan - October 27, 1962



## ST. LOUIS PARISH PET BLESSING

Sunday, October 8th 1pm  
Church Parking Lot



We congratulate and rejoice with  
Kyle & Sophia McComber united in marriage  
at St. Louis Parish on Friday, September 22nd