



SAINT LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Diocese of Peoria ~ Princeton, Illinois
Sunday, February 11, 2024

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

PASTOR NOTE

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Masses will be at 7am and 6pm.

It is a truly rare thing for Ash Wednesday to fall on St. Valentine's Day. Although it happened in 2018, its last time was back in 1945. It will happen again in 2029, but then not again until well into the next century. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the two premiere days of fasting and abstinence in the Church's year. The rules for Ash Wednesday are not dispensed – even for St. Valentine's Day. So, I recommend that you be creative this year. Maybe simply celebrate your loving relationship on Tuesday or next weekend. But, for Ash Wednesday, maintain the rules! Let's keep Lent in VaLENTine's Day!

Norms for Lenten Observance:

1. Everyone of 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, and Good Friday, March 29, 2024.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.

Lent Small Groups: We will once again have Small Group meetings reflecting on the Sunday Gospel. These small groups will follow the same format as last fall and Lent. I invite you to consider joining a small group, especially if you have not participated in the past. Lent Small Groups will begin the week of February 18th. Small Groups will meet at these times: Monday, 11am; Monday, 6pm; Wednesday, 3:30pm; Thursday, 1pm; Friday, 9am. You may sign up for a Small Group time by completing the form below, signing up through Flocknotes, or calling the Parish Office.

Lenten Companion: Walking with Jesus to Jerusalem from Ascension Press. As you know, our parish uses Flocknote to communicate and grow in faith. Flocknote provides a free series of Lenten reflections. Each week these five-minute video reflections will be emailed to those who participate in Flocknote. Please contact the Parish Office to sign up for Flocknote and receive parish messages and these Lenten reflections.

Ascension Press describes these reflections: Relationship with God grown stale? Plagued by a particular sin you just can't shake? Tired of the day-to-day grind of your life? This Lent, experience deeper peace and healing as Fr. Mark Toups immerses you in Christ's final journey to Jerusalem, inviting you to reflect on Jesus' suffering and death and celebrate in his resurrection.

Other Lenten Resources: Our parish participates in Formed, which provides Catholic educational resources. Formed offers a daily Lenten Scripture reflection series called Daily Bread which provides Eucharistic reflections. Formed also offers a kids focused Lenten reflection using sacred art. You can sign up for both programs by visiting: formed.org.

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday of Lent on Friday, 5pm. I hope that you can join us for at least one time, if not all.

Parish Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, 6:30pm. Start pulling your team together.

Parish Fish Fry will be held on Friday, March 15th — details to follow in next weekend's bulletin.

Parish Lent Retreat will be held on Sunday, March 24th, 1pm to 6pm.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH 2024 LENT SMALL GROUP

Please complete the information below. Cut it out. Return it to the collection or mail it to the office no later than February 12th. You will be notified to confirm your meeting time. Meetings are from the week of February 18th to the week of March 24th.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Monday, 11am

Wednesday, 3:30pm

Friday, 9am

Monday, 6pm

Thursday, 1:00pm

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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, February 12 Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00am +Garrett C. Miller by Barbara Bass

Tuesday, February 13 Weekday in Ordinary Time

5:15pm +Seth Arnold by Joanne Stocking

4:00-5:00 Holy Hour

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

7:00am +John & Betty Murphy by Tom & Mary Murphy

6:00pm +Jill Bystry Thompson by John & Pat Bystry

Thursday, February 15 Thursday after Ash Wednesday

5:15pm +Mary Kunkel by Bob and Erin Kunkel

4:00-5:00 Holy Hour

Friday, February 16 Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:00am +Helen Burgess by Dan and Cynthia Tracy

Saturday, February 17 Vigil of First Sunday of Lent

4:00pm +Karen O'Neill by Mandy Robinson

Sunday, February 18 First Sunday of Lent

7:30am +Liliana Maeve Sutton by Jim & Connie Sutton

9:00am +JoAnn Legner by Tim & Aggie Smith

10:30am People of the Parish

THE LITURGICAL CORNER

As Catholics, our faith rests on the one Word of God as it comes to us in Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition and the Magisterium (that is, the teaching office of the Church). Because the sacred Scriptures are a source of revelation, these words from the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy from Vatican II make complete sense: "The treasures of the Bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy Scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years." (Article 51). The way the Church has responded to this need for an increased use of Scripture in the Liturgy is to provide what is known as a cycle of readings. There are two cycles: one for Sundays and one for weekdays.

The Sunday cycle is a three-year cycle, known simply as Years A, B and C. It was determined to develop the Sunday cycle by using the gospels of Matthew (Year A), Mark (Year B) and Luke (Year C). We are presently in Year B, so Mark is the gospel used. What about the gospel of John? It was decided not to have a whole year for John, but to use portions of the gospel of John for the Easter season. Also, since Mark's gospel is the shortest, passages from the Gospel of John are also used during Year B. The First and Second Reading, as well as responsorial psalm, also change with each year.

The weekday cycle is a two-year cycle, known simply as Year One and Year Two. Year One are odd-numbered years, and Year Two are even numbered years. Since a good portion of the gospels are read during the three year cycle, the gospel remains the same for both Year One and Year Two, but the first reading and responsorial psalm are different, in order to provide a broader use of other parts of the Scriptures beside the gospels.

MARDI GRAS

Sponsored by
The Altar & Rosary Society
Tuesday, February 13th at 6pm

All women of the parish are invited!

Join us for delicious food,
fun & fellowship AND surprises!



Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4:00 pm: Saturday, February 17th

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence
 EMHC: Lynn Delaney, Mandy Robinson
 Lectors: Gene Menard
 Sacristan: Mandy Robinson
 Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, February 18th

Altar Servers: *Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy*
 EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Tom Jagers
 Lectors: Rita Pacunas
 Sacristan: Lori Atilano
 Ushers: Tom Tracey, Bill Uher, Tom Ballard

9:00 am: Sunday, February 18th

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Dominic Vasquez
 EMHC: David Lawrence, Mandy Robinson
 Camera Operator: Marty Makransky
 Lectors: Herb Rhees
 Sacristan: Chris Romagnoli
 Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, February 18th

Altar Servers: Jackson Mason, Anaisabela Ramirez-Tz
 EMHC: Pat Galassi-Carlson, Linda Carter
 Lectors: Marcia Oberhaus
 Sacristan: Linda Carter
 Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

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

EMHC for Nursing Homes: Mary Beth Crowe—
 Liberty; Lynn Delaney—Hawthorne; Nancy Scoma —
 Greenfield; Tim Taylor—Aperion

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

Church Monetary Support Through February 4, 2024

Amount Budgeted	\$ 6,750.00
Amount Received	\$ 8,830.00
Amount Over (Under)	\$ 2,080.00

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date:	\$ 216,000.00
Amount Received to date:	\$ 222,651.00
Over/(Under) budget to date:	\$ 6,651.00

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

CONGRATULATIONS

*to the following couples celebrating their
 50th Plus Wedding Anniversary in February*

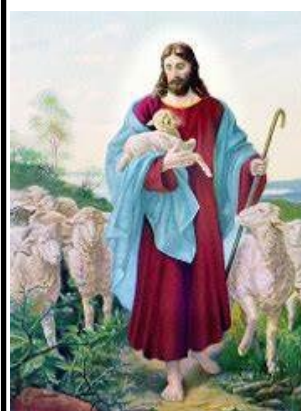
Thomas & Peggy Carr married on 2/2/72

Jim & Linda Carter married on 2/21/70

Alan & Gwen Hoenig married on 2/24/68

Readings for the week of February 11th

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45
 Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14,17/
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
 Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on January 27th.

**Maggie Cerra, Amayah Comer,
 Patrick Dunn, Ruth-Anne Fiocchi,
 Griffin Gray, Heath Hardy,
 Gabriel Sarabia, Eva VanDorsten**

Please pray for them as they prepare for their First Communion on Saturday, April 27th.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

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

MAGI BABY CHEST



We had a very successful distribution day this past Saturday and served 155 families! That was our second highest distribution EVER! We are so happy to be able to serve these young children and families. The families we serve are so grateful to us and they tell us when they come through our doors.

Our next distribution is Saturday March 2nd, 9AM-12PM.

High Need Items: unscented wipes, baby bottles, baby food, toddler socks, diapers (size newborn, 3, 5, 6, and 7), spring rain jackets/windbreakers (sizes 12mo-4T), spring clothing (sizes NB to 4T), baby wash/lotion, diaper cream, baby laundry soap, dish soap, pacifiers, sippy cups/bowls/baby utensils, crib sheets, high chairs, potty training seats, car seats/toddler booster seats.

Thank you all so much for your support!

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

To this persevering confidence we must join attention, or at least the serious effort to realize and to mean what we say to God. Involuntary distractions do not constitute an obstacle to prayer as long as we strive to overcome them or reduce their number, for by these very efforts our soul keeps on its course toward God. They constitute, indeed, a loss though not a sin, but this loss may be made good in a measure by our efforts to pray attentively. On the contrary, voluntary distractions, those we freely and deliberately entertain, or which we but faintly repel, or the causes of which we are unwilling to suppress, are venial sins, since they constitute a lack of due respect towards God. Prayer is an audience which our Creator is kind enough to grant us: a conversation we hold with our Heavenly Father, wherein we beg Him to vouchsafe to hearken to our words and heed our request: "Give ear, O Lord to my words...Hearken to the voice of my prayer." Through voluntary distractions we do no less than refuse to make serious effort to understand what we say and to be attentive to the divine voice; and this, at the very moment we ask the Almighty to hear us and to speak to us! Do we not deserve the reproach our Lord cast upon the Pharisees: "This people honors me with their lips: but their heart is far from me?" Does this not constitute a glaring inconsistency as well as a lack of religion?

We must, then, strive seriously to repel promptly and firmly the distractions that present themselves to our mind; we must readily humble ourselves when they occur and unite again our prayer with the perfect prayer of Jesus. We must, likewise, reduce the number of such distractions by a vigorous fight against their causes: habitual dissipation of mind, the habit of day dreaming, the preoccupations and attachments that absorb the mind and the heart. We must also accustom ourselves little by little to recall frequently to mind God's presence, by offering up to Him our actions, as well as ardent ejaculatory prayers. Once we have taken these means, there is no cause for worry concerning such involuntary distractions as run through our minds or disturb our imagination. These are but trials, not faults, and once we have learned to profit by them, they but increase our merit and the value of our prayers.

Youth Group Night

This Sunday, February 11th 6-7:30 pm

Short bible study, followed by games and prayer time.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Sunday, February 11th



Join Us for a Special Healing Service on Sunday, February 11th at 1pm

Special prayers for the sick will be offered and the sacrament of the anointing of the sick.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for Us!



A S H

W E D N E S D A Y

February 14th
Mass Times & Distribution of Ashes
7am & 6:00pm

"By the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread, Until you return to the ground, from which you were taken; For you are dust, and to dust you shall return." - Genesis, 3:19

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FEBRUARY 16TH — MARCH 22ND

FRIDAYS 5PM



"We adore you O Christ and we praise you, Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world."



GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH
AT NOON